

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01516-CRC**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Date Filed: 06/03/2021
Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper Jury Demand: None
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/03/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8501980) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons for US Attorney for DC, # <u>3</u> Summons for US Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons for U.S. Department of State)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 06/03/2021)
06/03/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 06/03/2021)
06/04/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (znm) (Entered: 06/04/2021)
06/04/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znm)

		(Entered: 06/04/2021)
06/10/2021	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Johnny Hillary Walker, III on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 06/10/2021)
06/16/2021	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/9/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/9/2021. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 06/16/2021)
06/16/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 06/14/21. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 06/16/2021)
06/16/2021	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 6/15/2021 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 06/16/2021)
07/08/2021	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 07/08/2021)
07/09/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall promptly confer and shall file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by July 23, 2021. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 07/09/2021. (lccrc3) (Entered: 07/09/2021)
07/23/2021	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>and Proposed Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 07/23/2021)
07/26/2021		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report and proposed production schedule on or before August 23, 2021. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 07/26/2021. (lccrc3) (Entered: 07/26/2021)
08/23/2021	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>and Proposed Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 08/23/2021)
08/23/2021		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before September 22, 2021. Status Report due by 9/22/2021. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 08/23/2021. (lccrc3) (Entered: 08/23/2021)
09/22/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 09/22/2021)
09/24/2021		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before October 22, 2021. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 9/24/2021. (lccrc3) (Entered: 09/24/2021)
09/24/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/22/2021. (znbn) (Entered: 09/24/2021)
10/22/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 10/22/2021)
10/26/2021		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before December 21, 2021. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 10/26/2021. (lccrc3) (Entered: 10/26/2021)
11/17/2021	<u>13</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Kenneth A. Adebonojo on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Johnny H. Walker (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 11/17/2021)
12/21/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 12/21/2021)

12/22/2021		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before March 25, 2022. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/22/2021. (lccrc3) (Entered: 12/22/2021)
03/25/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/25/2022)
03/25/2022		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before April 29, 2022. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 3/25/2022. (lccrc3) (Entered: 03/25/2022)
04/29/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
04/29/2022		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before July 28, 2022. The Department is encouraged, if possible, to provide an estimate of how many potentially responsive pages are contained within the "approximately 435 potentially responsive unclassified documents" in the next report. Alternatively, the Department is encouraged to provide an estimated completion date of the production of pages in the unclassified system. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/29/2022. (lccrc3) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
07/28/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 07/28/2022)
08/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before October 28, 2022. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/1/2022. (lccrc3) (Entered: 08/01/2022)
10/28/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 10/28/2022)
11/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before January 31, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/01/2022. (lccrc3) (Entered: 11/01/2022)
01/31/2023	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 01/31/2023)
02/01/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before April 28, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 02/01/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 02/01/2023)
04/28/2023	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 04/28/2023)
05/01/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before July 28, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 05/01/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 05/01/2023)
07/28/2023	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 07/28/2023)
08/01/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before October 30, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/1/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 08/01/2023)
10/30/2023	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 10/30/2023)
11/01/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further joint status report by January 31, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/1/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 11/01/2023)
01/31/2024	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 01/31/2024)
02/02/2024		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further joint status report by April 30, 2024. Signed by Judge

		Christopher R. Cooper on 2/2/2024. (lccrc3) (Entered: 02/02/2024)
04/30/2024	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 04/30/2024)
05/01/2024		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>24</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further joint status report by July 31, 2024. In that report, the parties shall specify the number of document productions Defendant has made since the <u>24</u> Joint Status Report. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 5/1/2024. (lccrc3) (Entered: 05/01/2024)
07/31/2024	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 07/31/2024)
08/01/2024		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>25</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further joint status report by October 31, 2024. In that report, Defendant shall specify how many pages remain to be reviewed and when Defendant estimates that review will be completed. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/1/2024. (lccrc3) (Entered: 08/01/2024)