

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01619-RBW**

AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE v. UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE  
Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/15/2021  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/15/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8528140) filed by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A to Complaint, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B to Complaint, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons to Def. ODNI, # <u>5</u> Summons to US Attorney for DC, # <u>6</u> Summons to US Attorney General)(Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/15/2021)
06/15/2021	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Benjamin Paul Sisney on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/15/2021)
06/15/2021	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/15/2021)
06/15/2021	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stuart J. Roth on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Roth, Stuart) (Entered: 06/15/2021)
06/15/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zsb) (Entered: 06/15/2021)
06/15/2021	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 06/15/2021)
06/15/2021	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by John Monaghan on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Monaghan, John) (Entered: 06/15/2021)
06/29/2021	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/17/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/17/2021. (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/29/2021)
06/29/2021	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 06/22/2021. (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/29/2021)
06/29/2021	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE served on 6/17/2021 (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/29/2021)
07/08/2021	<u>10</u>	GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 8, 2021. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 07/08/2021)
07/19/2021	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher Charles Hair on behalf of UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 07/19/2021)
07/19/2021	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.(Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 07/19/2021)

07/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER. To ensure the expeditious resolution of this action, and because this qualifies as an exempted case under Local Civil Rule 16.3(b), it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before August 18, 2021, the parties shall file a joint proposed briefing schedule governing further proceedings. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 20, 2021. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 07/20/2021)
07/21/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 8/18/2021 (hs) (Entered: 07/21/2021)
08/18/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 08/18/2021)
08/26/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before October 18, 2021, and every sixty days thereafter, the parties shall file an additional status report describing the status of the defendant's records production and how this case should proceed. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on August 26, 2021. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 08/26/2021)
08/27/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/18/2021 (hs) (Entered: 08/27/2021)
10/18/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 10/18/2021)
10/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before December 17, 2021, the parties shall file another joint status report describing the status of the defendant's records production and how this case should proceed. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 20, 2021. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 10/20/2021)
10/20/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/17/2021 (hs) (Entered: 10/20/2021)
12/17/2021	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 12/17/2021)
12/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before February 15, 2022, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on December 20, 2021. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 12/20/2021)
12/20/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/15/2022. (adh) (Entered: 12/20/2021)
02/15/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 02/15/2022)
02/15/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before April 18, 2022, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 15, 2022. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 02/15/2022)
02/16/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/18/2022. (adh, ) (Entered: 02/16/2022)
04/08/2022	<u>17</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Sean Michael Tepe on behalf of UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE Substituting for attorney Christopher Hair (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 04/08/2022)
04/18/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 04/18/2022)
04/18/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before June 17, 2022, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 18, 2022. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 04/18/2022)

04/18/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/17/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 04/18/2022)
06/17/2022	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 06/17/2022)
06/17/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before August 16, 2022, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on June 17, 2022. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 06/17/2022)
06/17/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 8/16/2022. (zcdw) (Entered: 06/21/2022)
08/16/2022	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 08/16/2022)
08/17/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before November 14, 2022, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on August 17, 2022. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 08/17/2022)
08/17/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/14/2022 (mac) (Entered: 08/17/2022)
11/14/2022	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 11/14/2022)
11/15/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before February 13, 2023, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on November 15, 2022. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 11/15/2022)
11/15/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/13/2023 (mac) (Entered: 11/15/2022)
02/13/2023	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 02/13/2023)
02/13/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before May 15, 2023, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 13, 2023. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 02/13/2023)
02/14/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/15/2023 (mac) (Entered: 02/14/2023)
05/15/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 05/15/2023)
05/16/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before August 10, 2023, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 16, 2023. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 05/16/2023)
08/10/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 08/10/2023)
08/11/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>24</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before November 8, 2023, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on August 11, 2023. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 08/11/2023)
08/11/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties Joint Status Report due by 11/8/2023 (mac) (Entered: 08/11/2023)

10/24/2023	<u>25</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Kaitlin Kerry Eckrote on behalf of UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE Substituting for attorney Sean M. Tepe (Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 10/24/2023)
11/08/2023	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 11/08/2023)
11/09/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>26</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before February 6, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on November 9, 2023. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 11/09/2023)
02/06/2024	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 02/06/2024)
02/07/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>27</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before April 5, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 7, 2024. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 02/07/2024)
04/05/2024	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 04/05/2024)
04/16/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>28</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before July 5, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 16, 2024. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 04/16/2024)
07/05/2024	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 07/05/2024)
07/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>29</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before October 3, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 8, 2024. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 07/08/2024)