

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-02076-CJN**

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER v.  
TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/02/2021  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/02/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADMINISTRATION ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8641507) filed by HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons to USAG, # <u>3</u> Summons to USAO DC, # <u>4</u> Summons to TSA)(Golden, Deborah) (Entered: 08/02/2021)
08/03/2021	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Lucas Marshall on behalf of HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER (Marshall, Daniel) (Entered: 08/03/2021)
08/03/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (znmg) (Entered: 08/03/2021)
08/03/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmg) (Entered: 08/03/2021)
08/12/2021	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 12, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 08/12/2021)
09/08/2021	<u>5</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 09/08/2021)
09/09/2021	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Blake Weiner on behalf of TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 09/09/2021)
09/09/2021		MINUTE ORDER. After review of Defendant's <u>5</u> Unopposed Motion for an extension of time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the Defendant shall respond to the Plaintiff's Complaint on or before October 13, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on September 9, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 09/09/2021)
09/09/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 10/13/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 09/09/2021)
10/13/2021	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.(Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 10/13/2021)
10/14/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this Freedom of Information Act case are a Complaint and an Answer. According to Local Civil Rule 16.3, the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) are inapplicable. It is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before November 4, 2021. The Joint Status Report shall address: (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); (5) the possibility of prioritizing documents responsive to Plaintiff's request[s] and any discussions regarding whether Plaintiff's request[s] can be narrowed; and (6) whether the Parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 10/14/21. (lccjn2) (Entered: 10/14/2021)
10/14/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/4/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 10/14/2021)

11/04/2021	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 11/04/2021)
11/08/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before December 6, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 8, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 11/08/2021)
11/08/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/6/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 11/09/2021)
12/06/2021	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 12/06/2021)
12/13/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before January 20, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 13, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 12/13/2021)
12/13/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/20/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 12/14/2021)
01/20/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 01/20/2022)
01/21/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before March 7, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 21, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 01/21/2022)
01/21/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/7/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 01/24/2022)
03/07/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 03/07/2022)
03/14/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before April 6, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on March 14, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 03/14/2022)
03/14/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/6/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 03/15/2022)
04/06/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 04/06/2022)
04/11/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before June 6, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 11, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 04/11/2022)
04/11/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/6/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 04/11/2022)
05/05/2022	<u>13</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Darrell C. Valdez on behalf of TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION Substituting for attorney Blake A. Weiner (Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 05/05/2022)
06/06/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER. (Golden, Deborah) (Entered: 06/06/2022)
06/10/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before August 8, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on June 10, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 06/10/2022)
06/10/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/8/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 06/13/2022)
08/04/2022	<u>15</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Kartik Narayan Venguswamy on behalf of TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION Substituting for attorney Darrell C. Valdez (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 08/04/2022)
08/08/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 08/08/2022)
08/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before October 7, 2022, including a proposal for future proceedings. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 16, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 08/16/2022)

08/16/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/7/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 08/16/2022)
10/07/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 10/07/2022)
10/19/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an additional joint status report on or before December 9, 2022, and every 60 days thereafter until either party moves for a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, files a dispositive motion, or the case is terminated. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 19, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 10/19/2022)
10/19/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/9/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 10/21/2022)
12/09/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 12/09/2022)
02/12/2023	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 02/12/2023)
04/11/2023	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 04/11/2023)
06/12/2023	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 06/12/2023)
08/18/2023	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 08/18/2023)
10/17/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 10/17/2023)
12/18/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
12/19/2023	<u>25</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by E.J. Hurst, II on behalf of HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER (Hurst, E.J.) (Entered: 12/19/2023)
12/19/2023	<u>26</u>	MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Hurst, E.J.) (Entered: 12/19/2023)
02/16/2024	<u>27</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Joint Status Report</i> by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 02/16/2024)
02/23/2024	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 02/23/2024)
04/24/2024	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 04/24/2024)
06/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The <u>26</u> Motion to Withdraw is GRANTED. So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on June 13, 2024. (lccjn2) (Entered: 06/13/2024)
06/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The <u>27</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time is GRANTED nunc pro tunc. So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on June 13, 2024. (lccjn2) (Entered: 06/13/2024)
06/24/2024	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 06/24/2024)
08/23/2024	<u>31</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 08/23/2024)