

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-03388-RDM**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE
Assigned to: Judge Randolph D. Moss
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/31/2021
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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12/31/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8956250) 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 Defense)(Cotca, Ramona)

		(Entered: 12/31/2021)
12/31/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 12/31/2021)
01/06/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (zsb) (Entered: 01/06/2022)
01/06/2022	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 1/6/2022. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 01/06/2022)
01/11/2022	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znm) (Entered: 01/11/2022)
01/28/2022	<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 1/14/2022. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/13/2022. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/28/2022)
01/28/2022	<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 01/21/22. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/28/2022)
01/28/2022	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE served on 1/28/2022 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/28/2022)
02/07/2022	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Madeline McMahon on behalf of All Defendants (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 02/07/2022)
02/14/2022	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.(McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 02/14/2022)
02/15/2022		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that, on or before March 3, 2022, the parties shall confer and file a joint status report addressing (1) any documents still to be produced pursuant to FOIA; (2) an anticipated schedule for processing and producing any such documents; and (3) any substantive areas of disagreement between the parties. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall appear by video for an Initial Scheduling Conference on March 10, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., before Judge Randolph D. Moss. The parties will receive access information for the video conference from the Deputy Clerk of Court prior to the conference. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 02/15/2022. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 02/15/2022)
03/02/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Due to a conflict in the Court's calendar, the video scheduling conference in this matter currently scheduled for March 10, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., is hereby VACATED and RESCHEDULED for March 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. To access the video scheduling conference, the parties are to use the same log-in information previously provided by the Deputy Clerk of Court. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 03/02/2022. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 03/02/2022)
03/03/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 03/03/2022)
03/03/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties joint status report, Dkt. <u>10</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that (1) the initial scheduling conference currently scheduled in this matter for March 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., is VACATED; and (2) the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before April 7, 2022. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 03/03/2022. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 03/03/2022)
04/07/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 04/07/2022)
04/07/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>11</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further status report on or before June 7, 2022. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 04/07/2022. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 04/07/2022)

06/07/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 06/07/2022)
06/08/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further status report on or before July 7, 2022. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 06/08/2022. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 06/08/2022)
07/07/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 07/07/2022)
07/08/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>13</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further status report on or before September 22, 2022. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 07/08/2022. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 07/08/2022)
09/22/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 09/22/2022)
09/23/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>14</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before October 21, 2022. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 09/23/2022. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 09/23/2022)
10/21/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 10/21/2022)
11/03/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>15</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before November 21, 2022. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 11/3/2022. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 11/03/2022)
11/21/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 11/21/2022)
11/21/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>16</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that (1) the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before December 21, 2022; and (2) the parties shall appear for a video status conference on December 22, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. to, if necessary, discuss how best to expedite Defendant's response to Plaintiff's FOIA request. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 11/21/2022. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 11/21/2022)
12/19/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 12/19/2022)
12/19/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>17</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that (1) the video status conference currently set in this matter for December 22, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. is hereby VACATED; and (2) the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before February 6, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/19/2022. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 12/19/2022)
02/06/2023	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 02/06/2023)
02/06/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>18</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before March 8, 2023, updating the Court on the status of Defendant's processing. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 2/6/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 02/06/2023)
03/08/2023	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 03/08/2023)
03/10/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>19</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before April 7, 2023, updating the Court on the status of Defendant's processing and production of records in this case. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 3/10/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 03/10/2023)

04/07/2023	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 04/07/2023)
04/07/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>20</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before May 8, 2023, updating the Court on the status of Defendant's processing and production of records in this case. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 4/7/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 04/07/2023)
05/08/2023	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 05/08/2023)
05/09/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>21</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before June 7, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 5/9/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 05/09/2023)
06/05/2023	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Paul J. Orfanedes on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 06/05/2023)
06/07/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 06/07/2023)
06/09/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>23</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before July 7, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 6/9/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 06/09/2023)
07/07/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 07/07/2023)
07/07/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>24</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before August 15, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 7/7/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 07/07/2023)
08/15/2023	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 08/15/2023)
08/15/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>25</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before September 14, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 08/15/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 08/15/2023)
09/14/2023	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 09/14/2023)
09/14/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>26</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before October 16, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 09/14/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 09/14/2023)
10/16/2023	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 10/16/2023)
10/17/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>27</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before November 16, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 10/17/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 10/17/2023)
11/16/2023	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 11/16/2023)
11/17/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>28</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before December 20, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 11/17/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 11/17/2023)

12/20/2023	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 12/20/2023)
12/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>29</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before January 19, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/21/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 12/21/2023)
01/19/2024	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 01/19/2024)
01/21/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>30</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before February 20, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 1/21/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 01/21/2024)
02/16/2024	<u>31</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 02/16/2024)
02/18/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>31</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before April 1, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 2/18/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 02/18/2024)
04/01/2024	<u>32</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 04/01/2024)
04/01/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>32</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before May 2, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 4/1/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 04/01/2024)
05/02/2024	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 05/02/2024)
05/03/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>33</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before June 3, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 5/3/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 05/03/2024)
06/03/2024	<u>34</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (McMahon, Madeline) (Entered: 06/03/2024)
06/03/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>34</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before July 3, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 6/3/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 06/03/2024)
07/03/2024	<u>35</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Clifford Lee Reeves, II on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 07/03/2024)
07/03/2024	<u>36</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 07/03/2024)
07/03/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>36</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before September 6, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 7/3/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 07/03/2024)
09/06/2024	<u>37</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 09/06/2024)
09/06/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>37</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before November 6, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 9/6/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 09/06/2024)