

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-01130-JMC**

US RIGHT TO KNOW v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF STATE

Assigned to: Judge Jia M. Cobb
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/25/2022

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/25/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against STATE DEPARTMENT (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9191673) filed by U.S. RIGHT TO KNOW. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons US Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons US Attorney's Office, # <u>4</u> Summons Dept of State, # <u>5</u> Exhibit A (FOIA Request), # <u>6</u> Exhibit B (Acknowledgement Letter), # <u>7</u> Exhibit C (Correspondence))(Hardin, Matthew) (Entered: 04/25/2022)
04/26/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Jia M. Cobb. (zsb) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
04/27/2022	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 04/27/2022)
05/20/2022	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by April Denise Seabrook on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 05/20/2022)

05/21/2022	<u>4</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 05/21/2022)
05/24/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>4</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer: The Court GRANTS <u>4</u> Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer. Defendant's Answer is now due by June 17, 2022. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on May 24, 2022. (lcjmc3) (Entered: 05/24/2022)
06/17/2022	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 06/17/2022)
06/21/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the Parties confer and submit a joint proposed schedule for further proceedings, which shall include a proposed schedule for the processing and release of responsive records or for briefing dispositive motions, by July 5, 2022. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on June 21, 2022. (lcjmc1) (Entered: 06/21/2022)
07/05/2022	<u>6</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 07/05/2022)
07/07/2022		MINUTE ORDER re <u>6</u> Joint Status Report by United States Department of State:The Court has reviewed the Parties' Joint Status Report and directs the Parties to file another joint status report by August 5, 2022. It is further ORDERED that the Parties shall file joint status reports every 90 days thereafter until further order of the Court. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on July 7, 2022. (lcjmc3) (Entered: 07/07/2022)
08/05/2022	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 08/05/2022)
08/10/2022	<u>8</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Stephanie R. Johnson on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney April Denise Seabrook (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 08/10/2022)
08/15/2022		MINUTE ORDER re <u>7</u> Joint Status Report: Plaintiff has requested that the Court amend its order currently requiring the Parties to file status reports every 90 days to require more frequent reports. Upon consideration of the Parties' arguments, the Court does not believe it is necessary to require the Parties to file more frequent joint reports. However, nothing in the Court's order prevents any Party from bringing matters to the Court's attention or seeking the Court's intervention between status report deadlines. Plaintiff also requested a status hearing. Having resolved the issue regarding Plaintiff's request for more frequent status reports, the Court does not believe a status hearing is necessary. However, if Plaintiff believes that there are issues the Court needs to resolve it can make a request for a status hearing that identifies the specific issues to be addressed. Accordingly, the next status report is due by November 7, 2022. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on August 15, 2022. (lcjmc3) (Entered: 08/15/2022)
08/15/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 11/7/2022. (zgdff) (Entered: 08/16/2022)
11/07/2022	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 11/07/2022)
02/06/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 02/06/2023)
05/08/2023	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 05/08/2023)
08/07/2023	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 08/07/2023)
11/06/2023	<u>13</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Stephanie) Modified on 11/7/2023 at the request of counsel (zjm). (Entered: 11/06/2023)
11/06/2023	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 11/06/2023)
02/05/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 02/05/2024)

05/06/2024	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 05/06/2024)
08/05/2024	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 08/05/2024)