

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-01167-CKK**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY et al
Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/27/2022
Date Terminated: 08/08/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/27/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE with Jury Demand (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9199547) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons as to US Attorney, # <u>5</u> Summons as to Attorney General, # <u>6</u> Summons as to Central Intelligence Agency, # <u>7</u> Summons as to U.S. Department of State)(Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 04/27/2022)
04/27/2022	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 04/27/2022)
04/29/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (zsb) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
04/29/2022	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
05/03/2022	<u>4</u>	ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 5/3/2022. (DM) (Entered: 05/03/2022)
05/31/2022	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY served on 5/9/2022; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 5/9/2022, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 05/09/2022., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/25/2022. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/24/2022.) (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 05/31/2022)
06/16/2022	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Robert Aaron Caplen on behalf of CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 06/16/2022)
06/16/2022	<u>7</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 06/16/2022)
06/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of Defendants' <u>7</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time. Defendants seek an extension of time until July 29, 2022 to answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint to allow newly-assigned counsel to "familiarize himself with the issues involved, confer with agency counsel, and prepare a responsive pleading." Plaintiff consents to the requested extension. The court GRANTS Defendants' motion and ORDERS Defendants to answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint by no later than JULY 29, 2022. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 6/16/22. (lcckk3) (Entered: 06/16/2022)

06/16/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendants to answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint by no later than 7/29/2022. (dot) (Entered: 06/17/2022)
07/29/2022	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 07/29/2022)
07/31/2022	<u>9</u>	ORDER requiring the parties to meet and confer and file a joint status report by SEPTEMBER 30, 2022. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 7/31/22. (lcckk3) (Entered: 07/31/2022)
07/31/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Meet & Confer Statement due by 9/30/2022. (dot) (Entered: 08/01/2022)
09/29/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 09/29/2022)
09/29/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, in which the parties report that the CIA issued a Glomar response to Plaintiff's FOIA request on September 22, 2022. The State Department's email search for potentially responsive records yielded 84,200 potentially responsive documents. The State Department requested that Plaintiff propose parameters to narrow the request. The parties propose filing a further joint status report by October 31, 2022 to allow additional time to confer about narrowing Plaintiff's request. As proposed, the Court ORDERS the parties to submit a joint status report by no later than OCTOBER 31, 2022, updating the Court on the status of Defendants' response to Plaintiffs FOIA request and proposing next steps for proceeding. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 9/29/22. (lcckk3) (Entered: 09/29/2022)
09/29/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/31/2022, updating the Court on the status of Defendants' response to Plaintiffs FOIA request and proposing next steps for proceeding. (dot) (Entered: 10/01/2022)
10/31/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 10/31/2022)
10/31/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of the <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, in which the parties indicate that discussions between the State Department and Plaintiff about ways to narrow Plaintiff's FOIA request remain ongoing. Per the parties' proposal, the Court ORDERS that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report by NOVEMBER 29, 2022 updating the Court on the status of Defendants' response to Plaintiff's FOIA request and proposing next steps for proceeding. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 10/31/22. (lcckk3) (Entered: 10/31/2022)
10/31/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/29/2022, updating the Court on the status of Defendants' response to Plaintiff's FOIA request and proposing next steps for proceeding. (dot) (Entered: 10/31/2022)
11/23/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 11/23/2022)
11/23/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report. The parties indicate that they "continue to confer about ways to narrow Plaintiff's [FOIA] request" and that "discussions remain ongoing." The Court ORDERS that the parties shall file their next status report by no later than JANUARY 12, 2023 and every 30 days thereafter, updating the Court on the status of Defendant's response to Plaintiff's FOIA request and whether any further proceedings are necessary. If the parties require more immediate attention, they may file a status report between deadlines. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 11/23/22. (lcckk3) (Entered: 11/23/2022)
11/23/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/12/2023 and every 30 days thereafter, updating the Court on the status of Defendant's response to Plaintiff's FOIA request and whether any further proceedings are necessary. (dot) (Entered: 11/30/2022)
01/06/2023	<u>13</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Lshauntee J. Robertson on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Robert A. Caplen (Robertson, Lshauntee) (Entered: 01/06/2023)

01/11/2023	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 01/11/2023)
02/09/2023	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 02/09/2023)
03/13/2023	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 03/13/2023)
04/12/2023	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 04/12/2023)
05/12/2023	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 05/12/2023)
06/12/2023	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 06/12/2023)
06/20/2023	<u>20</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Khahilia Y. Shaw on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Shaw, Khahilia) (Entered: 06/20/2023)
07/11/2023	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 07/11/2023)
08/15/2023	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 08/15/2023)
09/11/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 09/11/2023)
09/11/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of the <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, in which the parties explain that the State Department will continue to make rolling productions of any responsive, non-exempt material every six weeks. The parties state that "[g]iven this production cycle, the parties respectfully request that the Court modify the schedule to allow the parties to file a status report every 60 days, with the next report due by November 10, 2023." Currently, reports are due every thirty days. The Court ORDERS that the parties shall file their next status report by no later than NOVEMBER 10, 2023 and every sixty (60) days thereafter, updating the Court on the status of Defendant's response to Plaintiff's FOIA request and whether any further proceedings are necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 9/11/23. (lcckk3) (Entered: 09/11/2023)
09/11/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/10/2023 and every sixty (60) days thereafter, updating the Court on the status of Defendant's response to Plaintiff's FOIA request and whether any further proceedings are necessary. (dot) (Entered: 09/12/2023)
11/10/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 11/10/2023)
01/10/2024	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 01/10/2024)
02/07/2024	<u>26</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Taylor Stoneman on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Stoneman, Taylor) (Main Document 26 replaced on 2/8/2024) (zjm). (Entered: 02/07/2024)
02/08/2024	<u>27</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. Attorney Mehreen A Rasheed terminated. (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 02/08/2024)
03/11/2024	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 03/11/2024)
05/10/2024	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 05/10/2024)
07/11/2024	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 07/11/2024)

08/08/2024	<u>31</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Stoneman, Taylor) (Entered: 08/08/2024)
08/08/2024	<u>32</u>	ORDER dismissing case without prejudice. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 8/8/2024. (lcckk3) (Entered: 08/08/2024)