

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-01247-TSC**

WHITE v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/03/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/03/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10044558) filed by KENNETH WHITE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons Summons Defendant DOS, # <u>4</u> Summons Summons USA DC, # <u>5</u> Summons Summons AG)(White, Kenneth) Modified on 5/3/2023 to correct docket text (rj). (Entered: 05/03/2023)
05/04/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zljn) (Entered: 05/04/2023)
05/04/2023	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zljn) (Entered: 05/04/2023)
05/19/2023	<u>3</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 5/8/2023 (White, Kenneth) (Entered: 05/19/2023)
05/19/2023	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 05/08/2023. (White, Kenneth) (Entered: 05/19/2023)
05/19/2023	<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 5/8/2023. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/7/2023. (White, Kenneth) (Entered: 05/19/2023)

06/06/2023	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Brenda A. Gonzalez Horowitz on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 06/06/2023)
06/06/2023	<u>7</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Response to Plaintiff's Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 06/06/2023)
06/07/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Defendant's <u>7</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time is hereby GRANTED. Defendant shall have until July 21, 2023 to file a response to the Complaint. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 6/7/2023. (lcja) (Entered: 06/07/2023)
06/07/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Answer to complaint due by 7/21/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 06/07/2023)
07/19/2023	<u>8</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Response to Plaintiff's Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 07/19/2023)
07/20/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Defendant's unopposed <u>8</u> Motion for Extension of Time is hereby GRANTED. Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Complaint by July 28, 2023. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 07/20/2023. (lcss) (Entered: 07/20/2023)
07/28/2023	<u>9</u>	MOTION to Dismiss <i>in Part, or in the Alternative, for Summary Judgment</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Susan C. Weetman, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 1 & 2 to Weetman Declaration, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda). Added MOTION for Summary Judgment on 7/31/2023 (zjm). (Entered: 07/28/2023)
08/10/2023	<u>10</u>	STIPULATION <i>Voluntary Dismissal in Part</i> by KENNETH WHITE. (White, Kenneth) (Entered: 08/10/2023)
08/11/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the <u>10</u> Joint Stipulation of Voluntary Dismissal in Part, Plaintiff's claims regarding the Freedom of Information Act Requests F-2020-3745 (Relating to Visa Adjudication Standards) and F-2020-3951 (Complaints Relating to Consular Officials) are hereby DISMISSED with prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). Accordingly, Defendant's <u>9</u> Motion to Dismiss, or in the Alternative, for Summary Judgment is hereby DENIED as moot. It is FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's Complaint by September 15, 2023. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 08/11/2023. (lcc) (Entered: 08/11/2023)
08/11/2023		Set/Reset Deadline: Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's Complaint by 9/15/2023. (jth) (Entered: 08/11/2023)
09/15/2023	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 09/15/2023)
10/17/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a Complaint and an Answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues no later than November 28, 2023. The joint status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 10/17/2023. (lcd) (Entered: 10/17/2023)
10/17/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/28/2023. (ztl) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
11/28/2023	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 11/28/2023)

11/28/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report apprising the Court as to the progress in this action by January 30, 2024. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 11/28/2023. (lcd) (Entered: 11/28/2023)
11/29/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties Joint Status Report due by 1/30/2024 (mac) (Entered: 11/29/2023)
01/30/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 01/30/2024)
01/31/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report apprising the Court as to the progress in this action by March 29, 2024. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 01/31/2024. (lcd) (Entered: 01/31/2024)
01/31/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/29/2024. (ztl) (Entered: 03/12/2024)
03/29/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 03/29/2024)
03/29/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report apprising the Court as to the progress in this action by May 31, 2024. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 03/29/2024. (lcd) (Entered: 03/29/2024)
03/29/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties Joint Status Report due by 5/31/2024 (mac) (Entered: 03/29/2024)
05/31/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 05/31/2024)
06/03/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report apprising the Court as to the progress in this action by July 31, 2024. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 06/03/2024. (lcd) (Entered: 06/03/2024)
06/03/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/31/2024. (zcll) (Entered: 06/03/2024)
07/31/2024	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 07/31/2024)
08/01/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>16</u> joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report apprising the Court as to the progress in this action by September 30, 2024. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 08/01/2024. (lcd) (Entered: 08/01/2024)