

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00850-TNM**

CENTER TO ADVANCE SECURITY IN AMERICA v. U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/25/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

**CENTER TO ADVANCE SECURITY
IN AMERICA**

represented by **Gary Lawkowski**
DHILLON LAW GROUP, INC..
2121 Eisenhower Avenue
Suite 608
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-574-1654
Email: glawkowski@dhillonlaw.com
ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

V.

Defendant

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

represented by **Douglas C. Dreier**
U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
601 D Street NW
Washington, DC 20053
(202) 252-2551
Email: douglas.dreier@usdoj.gov
LEAD ATTORNEY
ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/25/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10777338) filed by CENTER TO ADVANCE SECURITY IN AMERICA. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit A – FOIA F-2024-01136, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Exhibit B – FOIA F-2024-01135, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons Summons — U.S. Attorney's Office, # <u>5</u> Summons Summons — U.S. Attorney General, # <u>6</u> Summons Summons — State Department Legal Adviser)(Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 03/25/2024)
03/25/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (mg) (Entered: 03/25/2024)
03/25/2024	<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)(mg) (Entered: 03/25/2024)
03/26/2024	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER Establishing Procedures for Cases Before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. The parties are hereby ORDERED to read and comply with the directives in the attached standing order. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 3/26/2024. (lctnm2) (Entered: 03/26/2024)
05/01/2024	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Douglas C. Dreier on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Dreier, Douglas) (Entered: 05/01/2024)
05/01/2024	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Dreier, Douglas) (Entered: 05/01/2024)
05/01/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court are a Complaint and an Answer in this FOIA case. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint

		Status Report proposing a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule should address, among other things, 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 <i>Open America</i> stay is likely in this case, whether a <i>Vaughn</i> index will be required in this case, and a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if required. The parties shall file the schedule on or before June 10, 2024. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 5/1/2024. (lctnm2) (Entered: 05/01/2024)
06/10/2024	<u>6</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Dreier, Douglas) (Entered: 06/10/2024)
06/10/2024		MINUTE ORDER: After considering the <u>6</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS the parties to file another JSR by August 9, 2024, updating the Court on the progress of their resolution efforts. The Court FURTHER ORDERS that after all productions are complete and before parties propose a briefing schedule for summary judgment motions they shall meet in-person to discuss the sufficiency of Defendant's productions. Any request for a briefing schedule must certify this meeting has occurred and that despite good-faith negotiations, no resolution between the parties is possible. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 6/10/2024. (lctnm2) (Entered: 06/10/2024)
08/09/2024	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Dreier, Douglas) (Entered: 08/09/2024)
08/09/2024		MINUTE ORDER: After considering the <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS the parties to file another JSR by November 8, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 8/8/2024. (lctnm2) (Entered: 08/09/2024)