U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00861-CRC

SARRAS v. DOJ
Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper
Date Filed: 03/25/2019
Jury Demand: None

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/25/2019	1	COMPLAINT against DOJ (Filing fee \$ 400, receipt number 4616097332) filed by DONATOS SARRAS. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Exhibit)(ztd) (Entered: 03/29/2019)
03/25/2019		SUMMONS (3) Issued as to DOJ, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (ztd) (Entered: 04/03/2019)
04/19/2019	<u>2</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/9/2019. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/9/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/12/19., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DOJ served on 4/9/2019 (ztd) (Entered: 04/23/2019)

05/09/2019	<u>3</u>	ANSWER to 1 Complaint by DOJ.(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by May 24, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 5/10/2019. (lccrc1) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/10/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 5/24/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/20/2019	<u>4</u>	SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM (Exhibits 15 and 16) to re <u>1</u> Complaint filed by DONATOS SARRAS. (ztd) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
05/23/2019	<u>5</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
05/28/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the government's <u>5</u> status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the government shall file a further status report by July 9, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 5/28/2019. (lccrc1) (Entered: 05/28/2019)
05/29/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 7/9/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 05/29/2019)
05/30/2019	<u>6</u>	NOTICE by DONATOS SARRAS (ztd) (Entered: 06/03/2019)
06/03/2019	7	MOTION for Summary Judgment by DONATOS SARRAS (ztd) (Entered: 06/04/2019)
06/06/2019	<u>8</u>	MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by DONATOS SARRAS (ztd). Added MOTION for Order on 6/11/2019 (ztd). (Entered: 06/11/2019)
06/17/2019	9	ENTERED IN ERRORMOTION for Summary Judgment by DOJ (McBride, Patricia) Modified on 6/19/2019 (jf). (Entered: 06/17/2019)
06/19/2019		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Document No. re 2 MOTION for Summary Judgment was entered in error at the request of counsel and will be refiled in the correct event. (jf) (Entered: 06/19/2019)
06/19/2019	<u>10</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>8</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment MOTION for Order, <u>7</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 06/19/2019)
07/02/2019	<u>11</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>7</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by DONATOS SARRAS. (ztd) (Entered: 07/03/2019)
07/12/2019	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER striking as premature 7 Motion for Summary Judgment and 8 Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and Order. If necessary, the Court will set a briefing schedule for summary judgment after the government completes production. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 7/25/2019. (lccrc1) (Entered: 07/25/2019)
07/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the government's <u>12</u> status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the government shall file a further status report by August 29, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 7/25/2019. (lccrc1) (Entered: 07/25/2019)
07/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/29/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 07/25/2019)
07/26/2019	<u>13</u>	PROPOSED PRODUCTION SCHEDULE by DONATOS SARRAS. (tth) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
07/26/2019	14	MOTION to Compel by DONATOS SARRAS. (See Docket Entry <u>13</u> to view document). (tth) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
07/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER denying 14 Plaintiff's Motion to Compel and 13 Proposed Production Schedule. The Court has previously ordered the government to file a further status report by August 29, 2019. That status report will update the Court on the status of processing the approximately 400 pages of potentially responsive documents. The agency has previously represented that it expects to finish processing the potentially responsive documents and issue a response to Plaintiff by November 22, 2019. The Court will set a briefing schedule for summary judgment if necessary

		after the government completes production. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 7/31/2019. (lccrc1,) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
08/29/2019	<u>15</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 08/29/2019)
08/30/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the government's <u>15</u> status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the government shall file a further status report by October 10, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/30/19. (lccrc1) (Entered: 08/30/2019)
08/30/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/10/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 08/30/2019)
10/10/2019	<u>16</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 10/10/2019)
10/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the government's <u>16</u> status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the government shall file a further status report by December 4, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 10/11/19. (lccrc1) (Entered: 10/11/2019)
10/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 12/4/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 10/11/2019)
12/04/2019	<u>17</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 12/04/2019)
12/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the government's <u>17</u> status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the government shall file a further status report by January 16, 2020. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/4/19. (lccrc1) (Entered: 12/04/2019)
12/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 1/16/2020 (lsj) (Entered: 12/05/2019)
12/05/2019	<u>18</u>	MOTION to Compel, MOTION for Briefing Schedule by DONATOS SARRAS (ztd) Modified event on 12/12/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 12/10/2019)
12/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the Defendant's indication that on November 22, 2019, and December 2, 2019, materials were sent to Plaintiff as a result of his Freedom of Information Act request, the Court finds as moot Plaintiff's <u>18</u> Motion to Compel and <u>18</u> Motion to Set a Briefing Schedule. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/12/19. (lccrc1) (Entered: 12/12/2019)
01/15/2020	<u>19</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 01/15/2020)
01/17/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the government's <u>19</u> status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the government shall file a further status report by February 13, 2020. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 1/17/2020. (lccrc1) (Entered: 01/17/2020)
01/17/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Government to file a Status Report by 2/13/2020. (nbn) (Entered: 01/17/2020)
02/12/2020	<u>20</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 02/12/2020)
02/18/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the government's <u>20</u> status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the government shall file a further status report by March 13, 2020. The Court urges agency counsel to respond regarding the status of the referred documents so that this case can be resolved expeditiously. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/18/2020. (lccrc1) (Entered: 02/18/2020)
02/18/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 3/13/2020 (lsj) (Entered: 02/18/2020)
03/17/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Government has not filed the status report due March 13. This case appears to have been stalled since November 2019 pending the receipt of information from the State Department on the status of the documents that were referred to it for processing. Notwithstanding the recent disruptions to the workplace, the Court would appreciate knowing where things stand. It thereby ORDERS that the overdue report be filed within 7 days. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 3/17/20. (lccrc1) (Entered: 03/17/2020)
03/17/2020	<u>21</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 03/17/2020)

03/26/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the government's <u>21</u> status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the government shall file a further status report by April 24, 2020. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 3/26/2020. (lccrc1) (Entered: 03/26/2020)
03/26/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/24/2020 (lsj) (Entered: 03/26/2020)
04/23/2020	<u>22</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 04/23/2020)
04/23/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the government's <u>22</u> status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the government shall file a further status report by May 27, 2020. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/23/2020. (lccrc1) (Entered: 04/23/2020)
04/24/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/27/2020 (lsj) (Entered: 04/24/2020)
05/29/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Having failed to receive the Status Report ordered by the Court's April 23, 2020 Minute Order, the Court ORDERS the Government to file a status report by June 5, 2020. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 5/29/20. (lccrc1) (Entered: 05/29/2020)
06/01/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/5/2020 (lsj) (Entered: 06/01/2020)
06/08/2020	<u>23</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 06/08/2020)
06/09/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the Government's <u>23</u> Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the government shall file a further status report by July 2, 2020, proposing a summary judgment briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 6/9/20. (lccrc1) (Entered: 06/09/2020)
06/10/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 7/2/2020 (lsj) (Entered: 06/10/2020)
06/30/2020	<u>24</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 06/30/2020)
07/02/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the Government's <u>24</u> Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the government shall file a further status report by August 10, 2020. The Court expects the State Department production to be completed expeditiously and, if disputes remain, that the government will propose a briefing schedule in the next status report. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 7/2/20. (lccrc1) (Entered: 07/02/2020)
07/02/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/10/2020 (lsj) (Entered: 07/02/2020)
08/12/2020	<u>25</u>	MOTION for Leave to File by DOJ (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 08/12/2020)
08/13/2020		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>25</u> Motion for Leave to File: Upon consideration of the Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that summary judgment briefing shall proceed according to the following schedule: Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment by September 20, 2020; Plaintiff shall file his opposition by October 20, 2020; and Defendant shall file its reply by November 12, 2020. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/13/20. (lccrc1) (Entered: 08/13/2020)
08/13/2020	<u>26</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (ztd) (Entered: 08/14/2020)
08/14/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 9/20/2020. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 10/20/2020. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 11/12/2020. (lsj) (Entered: 08/14/2020)
09/21/2020	<u>27</u>	MOTION for Leave to File by DOJ (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 09/21/2020)
09/21/2020	<u>28</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by DOJ (Attachments: # 1 Declaration, # 2 Exhibit Vaughn Index, # 3 Declaration)(McBride, Patricia). Added MOTION to Dismiss on 9/22/2020 (znmw). (Entered: 09/21/2020)
09/25/2020	<u>29</u>	MOTION to Clarify, MOTION for Extension of Time to by DONATOS SARRAS (Attachments: # 1 Certificate of Service, # 2 envelope)(ztd) (Entered: 09/29/2020)
09/25/2020	<u>30</u>	NOTICE by DONATOS SARRAS (ztd) (Entered: 09/29/2020)
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09/30/2020		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>27</u> Motion for Leave to File Ex Parte and In Camera Declaration. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 9/30/2020. (lccrc1) (Entered: 09/30/2020)
09/30/2020		MINUTE ORDER re Plaintiff's 30 Notice and 29 Motion to Clarify and for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff's request for an extension of time is GRANTED. Plaintiff shall file his opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment (and, if he wishes, a Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment) no later than December 21, 2020. Defendant shall file its consolidated opposition and reply, if any, no later than January 13, 2021. Plaintiff shall file his reply, if any, by February 15, 2021. Plaintiff is advised that further requests to extend this deadline will be viewed with disfavor. Plaintiff is further advised, regarding his request for an assigned typewriter, that the Court lacks authority over prison officials outside of the District of Columbia. The Clerk shall transmit a copy of the Government's Motion and this Minute Order to Plaintiff. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 9/30/2020. (lccrc1) (Entered: 09/30/2020)
09/30/2020	<u>31</u>	Order advising plaintiff to respond or Court may deem matter as conceded. Response due by 12/21/2020. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 9/30/2020. (lccrc1) (Entered: 09/30/2020)
10/16/2020	<u>32</u>	MOTION to Compel by DONATOS SARRAS (ztd) (Entered: 11/03/2020)
11/09/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's <u>32</u> Motion to Compel by November 16, 2020. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/9/2020. (lccrc1) (Entered: 11/09/2020)
11/16/2020	<u>33</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration (Amanda Marchand Jones))(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 11/16/2020)
11/16/2020	<u>34</u>	NOTICE by DOJ re 33 Status Report (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 11/16/2020)
12/28/2020	<u>35</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>28</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment MOTION to Dismiss filed by DONATOS SARRAS. (ztth) (Entered: 12/30/2020)
01/07/2021	<u>36</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File a Reply</i> by DOJ (McBride, Patricia) (Entered 01/07/2021)
01/13/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>36</u> Motion for Extension of Time: it is hereby ORDEREI that Defendant shall respond to the Plaintiff's opposition by February 17, 2021. Signe by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 1/13/2021. (lccrc1) (Entered: 01/13/2021)
01/13/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 2/17/2021 (lsj) (Entered: 01/13/2021)
02/08/2021	<u>37</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by DONATOS SARRAS. (ztd) (Entered: 02/10/2021)
02/12/2021	<u>38</u>	MOTION for Leave to File <i>Leave to file Exparte</i> by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 02/12/2021)
02/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER denying <u>37</u> Motion for Extension of Time: Plaintiff is advised that because he elected not to file a cross—motion for summary judgment, he is unable to file a reply in support of that cross—motion. Plaintiff is further advised that <u>LCvR 7</u> provides for a motion, an opposition, and a reply. Neither the local nor federal rules provide for a surreply. Plaintiff may, however, seek leave to file a su rreply by filing a motion for such relief along with the proposed pleading. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/12/2021. (lccrc1) (Entered: 02/12/2021)
02/12/2021	<u>39</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>28</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment MOTION to Dismiss filed by DOJ. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Exhibit)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 02/12/2021)
02/16/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting 38 Motion for Leave to File Ex Parte and In Camera Declaration: The Clerk shall accept the Declaration of Amanda Marchand Jones for e parte and in camera review by the Court. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/16/2021. (lccrc1) (Entered: 02/16/2021)
03/02/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Plaintiff has contacted the Clerk's Office and pointed out that certain of DOJ's filings include an incorrect address in the certificate of service. The

		Court has reviewed the docket and the filings therein, and it appears that certain filings include the correct address of record, see, e.g., ECF Nos. 33, 34, whereas others include an incorrect address, see, e.g., ECF No. 28. Although DOJ's Motion for Summary Judgment is among the latter group, it appears that Sarras nonetheless received that motion because he references it explicitly in his 35 opposition and 32 motion to compel. A prior filing from Sarras indicates that he was receiving DOJ's filings directly from the Clerk's Office. See ECF No. 29. Nonetheless, out of an abundance of caution, the Court will provide Plaintiff the opportunity to file a sur–reply adding or amending any arguments that were affected by DOJ's error. Any such sur–reply shall be filed by Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Additionally, the Court advises DOJ to send any further filing to Plaintiff's address of record in Tucson, Arizona. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 3/2/2021. (lccrc1) (Entered: 03/02/2021)
03/02/2021	<u>40</u>	MOTION for Declaratory Judgment by DONATOS SARRAS. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit)(ztd) (Entered: 03/08/2021)
03/11/2021	<u>41</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by DONATOS SARRAS (ztd) (Entered: 03/15/2021)
03/11/2021	<u>43</u>	MOTION for Leave to File by DONATOS SARRAS. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Surreply)(ztd) (Entered: 04/12/2021)
03/30/2021	<u>42</u>	NOTICE by DONATOS SARRAS (ztd) (Entered: 04/01/2021)
08/05/2021	44	OPINION and ORDER granting in part <u>28</u> Motion for Summary Judgment; denying <u>29</u> Motion to Clarify; denying <u>32</u> Motion to Compel; denying <u>40</u> Motion for Declaratory Judgment; and granting <u>43</u> Motion for Leave to File. See full Opinion and Order for details. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/5/2021. (lccrc1) (Entered: 08/05/2021)
08/06/2021		ENTERED IN ERRORSet/Reset Deadlines: Government's Supplemental Declaration due by 10/5/2021. (lsj) Modified on 10/29/2021 (nbn). (Entered: 08/06/2021)
08/06/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Supplemental Declaration due by 9/5/2021. Responses due by 10/5/2021. (nbn) (Entered: 10/29/2021)
10/01/2021	<u>45</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 10/01/2021)
10/04/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting 45 Motion for Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant's Supplemental Declaration is due by 12/15/2021. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 10/4/2021. (lccrc1) (Entered: 10/04/2021)
10/05/2021	<u>46</u>	STATUS REPORT by DONATOS SARRAS. (znmw) (Entered: 10/06/2021)
11/12/2021	<u>47</u>	RESPONSE re <u>45</u> MOTION for Extension of Time to filed by DONATOS SARRAS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(znmw) (Entered: 11/15/2021)
12/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER: The government is hereby directed to file its supplemental declaration, the deadline for which was extended from September 5 to December 15, forthwith. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/20/2021. (lccrc1) (Entered: 12/20/2021)
12/22/2021	<u>48</u>	NOTICE of Filing Supplemental Declaration by DOJ (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Supplemental)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 12/22/2021)
01/11/2022	<u>49</u>	RESPONSE re <u>48</u> Notice of Supplemental Declaration filed by DONATOS SARRAS. (znmw) (Entered: 01/13/2022)
01/11/2022	50	MOTION for Production Schedule by DONATOS SARRAS. (See Docket Entry <u>49</u> to view document). (znmw) (Entered: 01/13/2022)
01/18/2022	<u>51</u>	NOTICE of Receipt by DONATOS SARRAS. (ztth) (Main Document 51 replaced on 1/19/2022) (znmw). Modified event title on 1/19/2022 (znmw). (Entered: 01/19/2022)
01/20/2022		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>46</u> Plaintiff's Status Report, <u>48</u> Defendant's Supplemental Declaration and <u>49</u> Plaintiff's Response, it is hereby ORDERED that the Defendant submit a Status Report in 30 days detailing the remaining searches to be conducted, number of potentially responsive records to be reviewed, and an estimated

		time to complete the production of responsive material to the Plaintiff. Defendant shall also provide Plaintiff will responsive, non–exempt documents on a rolling basis. Given the length of time since Plaintiffs initial FOIA request, the Court hopes the production can be finished without unnecessary delay. Plaintiffs 50 Motion for a Production Schedule is DENIED without prejudice to the refiling of a similar motion after the Defendant provides an estimate of the number of outstanding records to be reviewed and the estimated completion date. SO ORDERED Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 1/19/2022. (lccrc1) (Entered: 01/20/2022)
02/16/2022	<u>52</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 02/16/2022)
02/18/2022		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>52</u> Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Defendant submit a further Status Report by 4/25/2022. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/18/2022. (lccrc1) (Entered: 02/18/2022)
04/19/2022	<u>53</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 04/19/2022)
04/26/2022		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>53</u> status report, the parties shall submit a further status report by May 27, 2022, that includes a proposal for further proceedings in this case, if no stipulation of dismissal has been filed before then. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/26/2022. (lccrc1) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
05/06/2022	<u>54</u>	STATUS REPORT by DONATOS SARRAS. (znmw) (Entered: 05/09/2022)
05/25/2022	<u>55</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/25/2022)
05/31/2022		MINUTE ORDER: In light of <u>54</u> , <u>55</u> status reports, it is hereby ordered that the parties file a status report and proposed schedule for prompt briefing by 7/29/2022. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 5/31/2022. (lccrc1) (Entered: 05/31/2022)
07/05/2022	<u>56</u>	NOTICE by DONATOS SARRAS (zjm) (Entered: 07/07/2022)
07/15/2022	<u>57</u>	NOTICE by DONATOS SARRAS (zjm) (Entered: 07/27/2022)
07/26/2022	<u>59</u>	Plaintiff's STATUS REPORT and Proposed Briefing Schedule by DONATOS SARRAS. (zjm) (Entered: 08/05/2022)
07/28/2022	<u>58</u>	STATUS REPORT by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 07/28/2022)
08/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>58</u> Status Report, the Court hereby sets the following briefing schedule: Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment is due September 30, 2022; Plaintiff's Opposition is due October 30, 2022; Defendant's Reply is due November 30, 2022. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/1/2022. (lccrc1) (Entered: 08/01/2022)
08/05/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon receipt of plaintiff's <u>59</u> Status Report and Proposed Briefing Schedule, the Court hereby MODIFIES the previously entered summary judgment briefing schedule as follows: Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment is due September 30, 2022. Plaintiff's Opposition and any Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment is due October 30, 2022. Defendant's Consolidated Opposition and Reply is due November 30, 2022. Plaintiff's Reply, if any, is due by December 30, 2022.
		The Court is also in receipt of Plaintiffs <u>57</u> Notice, which appears to challenge DOJs responsiveness to three FOIA requests that were initiated after the commencement of this lawsuit. Mr. Sarras must file a new complaint should he wish to address these issues. The Clerk shall transmit a copy of this Minute Order and the docket sheet to Plaintiff. SO ORDERED by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/5/2022. (lccrc1) (Entered: 08/05/2022)
08/05/2022	<u>61</u>	MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>44</u> Order on Motion for Summary Judgment,, Order on Motion to Clarify,, Order on Motion to Compel,, Order on Motion for Declaratory Judgment,, Order on Motion for Leave to File, by DONATOS SARRAS. (Documents are duplicate of Docket Entry <u>60</u>) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(zjm) Modified on 8/10/2022 to terminate motion (zjm). (Entered: 08/10/2022)
08/08/2022	<u>60</u>	MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>44</u> Order on Motion for Summary Judgment,, Order on Motion to Clarify,, Order on Motion to Compel,, Order on Motion for Declaratory Judgment, Order on Motion for Leave to File, by DONATOS SARRAS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(zjm) (Entered: 08/10/2022)

08/16/2022	<u>62</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 08/16/2022)	
08/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>62</u> Motion for Extension of Time. Defendant shall respond to the Plaintiff's motion for reconsideration by August 31, 2022. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/16/2022. (lccrc1) (Entered: 08/16/2022)	
08/30/2022	<u>63</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>file Opposition</i> by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 08/30/2022)	
08/31/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Defendant's <u>63</u> Motion for an Extension of Time is hereby granted. Defendant shall respond to the Plaintiff's motion for reconsideration by September 1, 2022. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/31/2022. (lccrc1) (Entered: 08/31/2022)	
09/01/2022	<u>64</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>60</u> Motion for Reconsideration, <u>61</u> Motion for Reconsideration, filed by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 09/01/2022)	
09/16/2022	<u>65</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>60</u> MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>44</u> Order on Motion for Summary Judgment, Order on Motion to Clarify, Order on Motion to Compel, Order on Motion for Declaratory Judgment, Order on Motion for Leave to File, filed by DONATOS SARRAS. (zjm) (Entered: 09/21/2022)	
09/27/2022	<u>66</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 09/27/2022)	
10/13/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The Court hereby grants Defendant's <u>66</u> Motion to Enlarge Time to File Its Renewed Motion for Summary Judgment. The deadlines listed in the Court's August 5, 2022 minute order are hereby suspended, and Defendant shall file its renewed motion for summary judgment thirty days after the Court has ruled on Plaintiff's <u>60</u> Motion for Reconsideration. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 10/13/2022. (lccrc1) (Entered: 10/13/2022)	
10/31/2022	<u>67</u>	NOTICE by DONATOS SARRAS (zjm) (Entered: 11/03/2022)	
10/31/2022	<u>68</u>	MOTION The Court to Instruct Defendant to Use Certified Mail to Serve Plaintiff with Defendant's Filings by DONATOS SARRAS. (zjm) (Entered: 11/03/2022)	
11/10/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Plaintiff's 60 Motion for Reconsideration is hereby denied without prejudice. However, in light of Plaintiff's pro se status and the ambiguity surrounding his receipt of documents 8 and 37 during the last round of summary judgment briefing, the Court will entertain in the renewed summary judgment briefing Plaintiff's argument that those documents are not subject to the deliberative process privilege, for the reasons set forth in Plaintiff's motion for reconsideration. In its renewed summary judgment briefing, Defendant is directed to address the merits of Plaintiff's argument based on Sluss v. U.S. Department of Justice, 1:17–cv–00064, 2019 WL 2493447 (D.D.C. June 14, 2019), that the Office of Enforcement Operations Director's assent to the International Prisoner Transfer Unit's recommendation based on the same denial codes cited in the Unit's memorandums stripped the documents of their deliberative process privilege status. It is FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to the Court's October 13, 2022 Minute Order, Defendant's renewed Motion for Summary Judgment is due by December 12, 2022. Plaintiff's Opposition and any Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment is due January 12, 2023. Defendant's Consolidated Opposition and Reply is due February 13, 2023. Plaintiff's Reply, if any, is due by February 27, 2023. In light of the concerns about Plaintiff's receipt of filings in this case described in Plaintiff's recent 67 Notice and 68 Motion, and out of an abundance of caution, it is FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant shall serve Plaintiff with its renewed summary judgment briefing by certified mail. SO ORDERED by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/10/2022. (lccrc1) (Entered: 11/10/2022)	
12/11/2022	<u>69</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 12/11/2022)	
12/13/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's 69 Motion to Enlarge Time to File Its Renewed Motion for Summary Judgment. Defendant's renewed Motion for Summary Judgment is due by January 4, 2023. Plaintiff's Opposition and any Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment is due by February 10, 2023. Defendant's Consolidated Opposition and Reply is due by March 30, 2023. Plaintiff's Reply, if any, is due by	

		April 13, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/13/2022. (lccrc1) (Entered: 12/13/2022)
01/04/2023	<u>70</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 01/04/2023)
01/04/2023	71	ERRATA <i>CORRECTION</i> by DOJ re <u>70</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 01/04/2023)
01/05/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>70</u> Motion to Enlarge Time to File Its Renewed Motion for Summary Judgment. Defendant's renewed motion for summary judgment is due by January 9, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 1/5/2023. (lccrc1) (Entered: 01/05/2023)
01/09/2023	<u>72</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by DOJ. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration, # 2 Declaration, # 3 Exhibit)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 01/09/2023)
01/11/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The Court is in receipt of Defendant's renewed motion for summary judgment, filed on January 9, 2023. The certificate of service appended to the motion indicates that Defendant served Plaintiff at Rivers Correctional Institution, rather than his address of record at Tucson United States Penitentiary. Defendant is hereby directed to serve the renewed motion for summary judgment and exhibits on Plaintiff at the correct address, via certified mail. Defendant is further directed to file a new certificate of service after mailing these materials to the correct address. SO ORDERED by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 1/11/2023. (lccrc1) (Entered: 01/11/2023)
01/13/2023	<u>73</u>	ERRATA by DOJ re <u>72</u> Motion for Summary Judgment. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Motion for Summary Judgment (Amended))(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 01/13/2023)
01/13/2023	<u>74</u>	NOTICE (<i>Notice of Filing of Amended Brief</i>) by DOJ re <u>73</u> Errata (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 01/13/2023)
01/31/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of Defendant's delayed filing of an amended renewed motion for summary judgment in this case and Defendant's initial service of the renewed motion for summary judgment to the incorrect address for Plaintiff, the Court hereby extends Plaintiff's deadline to file his Opposition and any Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment to March 1, 2023. The other deadlines set forth in the Court's December 13, 2022 Minute Order remain unchanged. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 1/31/2023. (lccrc1) (Entered: 01/31/2023)
02/06/2023	<u>75</u>	NOTICE by DOJ re Order,, <u>74</u> Notice (Other), <u>72</u> Motion for Summary Judgment, <u>73</u> Errata (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 02/06/2023)
02/14/2023	<u>76</u>	Order advising plaintiff to respond or Court may deem matter as conceded Response due by 3/1/2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/14/2023. (lccrc1) (Entered: 02/14/2023)
03/03/2023	<u>77</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>72</u> Motion for Summary Judgment filed by DONATOS SARRAS. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Exhibits)(zjm) (Entered: 03/10/2023)
03/03/2023	78	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by DONATOS SARRAS. (See Docket Entry <u>77</u> to view document) (zjm) (Entered: 03/10/2023)
03/06/2023	<u>79</u>	ERRATA by DONATOS SARRAS re 78 Motion for Summary Judgment, <u>77</u> Memorandum in Opposition. (zjm) (Entered: 03/13/2023)
03/28/2023	<u>80</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 03/28/2023)
03/30/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>80</u> Motion for Extension of Time. Defendant shall file its consolidated opposition and reply by April 28, 2023. Plaintiff shall file his reply, if any, by May 19, 2023. Defendant's extension request does not explain why the agency has decided to conduct a supplemental search in response to Plaintiff's opposition and cross—motion. But if that search is likely to result in a substantial number of additional responsive documents, potentially narrow the issues in dispute, or alter the legal analysis required to resolve the pending summary judgment motions, then the Court would consider striking the pending motions without prejudice to

		renewal after Defendant has completed its searches once and for all. The Court invites Defendant to opine on that approach on or before April 6, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 3/30/2023. (lccrc1) (Entered: 03/30/2023)
04/06/2023	<u>81</u>	NOTICE by DOJ (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 04/06/2023)
04/27/2023	<u>82</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 04/27/2023)
04/28/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>82</u> Motion to Enlarge Time to File. Defendant shall file its consolidated opposition and reply by May 5, 2023. Plaintiff shall file his reply, if any, by May 26, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/28/2023. (lccrc1) (Entered: 04/28/2023)
05/05/2023	<u>83</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re 78 Motion for Summary Judgment filed by DOJ. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration (Second Declaration of Traci McCoy), # 2 Exhibit A)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/05/2023)
05/05/2023	<u>84</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>72</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/05/2023)
05/08/2023	<u>85</u>	NOTICE OF SERVICE by DOJ (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/08/2023)
06/02/2023	<u>86</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re 78 MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by DONATOS SARRAS. (zjm) (Entered: 06/08/2023)
09/27/2023	<u>87</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER granting in part 72 Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment and denying in part 78 Plaintiff's Cross—Motion for Summary Judgment. The Court also sets the following schedule for supplemental briefing: Defendant's supplemental memorandum in support of summary judgment shall be due by November 13, 2023; Plaintiff's response, if any, shall be due by December 13, 2023; and Defendant's reply, if any, shall be due by January 3, 2024. See full Memorandum Opinion and Order for details. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 9/27/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 09/27/2023)
11/07/2023	<u>88</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 11/07/2023)
11/09/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>88</u> Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court adjusts the schedule for supplemental summary judgment briefing as follows: Defendant's supplemental memorandum in support of summary judgment shall be due by December 13, 2023; Plaintiff's response, if any, shall be due by January 12, 2024; and Defendant's reply, if any, shall be due by February 2, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/9/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 11/09/2023)
12/07/2023	<u>89</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 12/07/2023)
12/07/2023	<u>90</u>	ERRATA <i>TO CORRECT CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</i> by DOJ re <u>89</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 12/07/2023)
12/07/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>89</u> Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court adjusts the schedule for supplemental summary judgment briefing as follows: Defendant's supplemental memorandum in support of summary judgment shall be due by January 31, 2024; Plaintiff's response, if any, shall be due by March 1, 2024; and Defendant's reply, if any, shall be due by March 22, 2024. Further extension requests may not be granted. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/7/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 12/07/2023)
01/29/2024	<u>91</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 01/29/2024)
01/30/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting 91 Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court adjusts the schedule for supplemental summary judgment briefing as follows: Defendant's supplemental memorandum in support of summary judgment shall be due by February 9, 2024; Plaintiff's response, if any, shall be due by March 11, 2024; and Defendant's reply, if any, shall be due by April 1, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 1/30/2024. (lccrc3) (Entered: 01/30/2024)

02/07/2024	<u>92</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 02/07/2024)
02/09/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>92</u> Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court adjusts the schedule for supplemental summary judgment briefing as follows: Defendant's supplemental memorandum in support of summary judgment shall be due by February 16, 2024; Plaintiff's response shall be due by March 18, 2024; and Defendant's reply, if any, shall be due by April 8, 2024. Any further extension requests from Defendant must be accompanied by a statement that the request has the approval of a supervisor in the U.S. Attorneys Office. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/9/2024.(lccrc3) (Entered: 02/09/2024)
02/16/2024	<u>93</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by DOJ. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration, # 2 Exhibit # 3 Declaration)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 02/16/2024)
also sets the following briefing schedule. If Plaintiff chooses to file a cross—moti summary judgment, he shall consolidate that motion with his response due Marc 2024. Defendant's consolidated opposition and reply, if any, shall be due April 2 2024. Plaintiff's reply, if any, shall be due May 6, 2024. Signed by Judge Christo		ORDER advising Plaintiff to respond to <u>93</u> Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment by March 22, 2024, or the Court may deem the matter conceded. The Court also sets the following briefing schedule. If Plaintiff chooses to file a cross—motion for summary judgment, he shall consolidate that motion with his response due March 22, 2024. Defendant's consolidated opposition and reply, if any, shall be due April 22, 2024. Plaintiff's reply, if any, shall be due May 6, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/21/2024. (lccrc3) (Entered: 02/21/2024)
03/11/2024	<u>95</u>	NOTICE by DONATOS SARRAS (zjm) (Entered: 03/14/2024)
03/14/2024	<u>96</u>	NOTICE of Service by DOJ (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 03/14/2024)
03/15/2024		MINUTE ORDER: In light of <u>95</u> Plaintiff's Notice and <u>96</u> Defendant's Notice of Service, the Court adjusts the summary judgment briefing schedule as follows. Plaintiff's combined opposition and any cross–motion for summary judgment shall be due April 19, 2024. Defendant's combined reply and opposition to Plaintiff's cross–motion, if necessary, shall be due May 20, 2024. Plaintiff's reply, if necessary, shall be due June 3, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 3/15/2024. (lccrc3) (Entered: 03/15/2024)
04/22/2024	<u>97</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>93</u> Motion for Summary Judgment filed by DONATOS SARRAS. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Exhibits)(zjm) (Entered: 04/26/2024)
04/22/2024	98	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by DONATOS SARRAS. (See Docket Entry 97 to view document) (zjm) (Entered: 04/26/2024)
05/15/2024	<u>99</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/15/2024)
05/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>99</u> Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time to File. Defendant's combined reply and opposition to Plaintiff's cross—motion shall be due June 7, 2024. Plaintiff's reply shall be due June 21, 2024. Any further extension requests from Defendant must be accompanied by a statement that the request has the approval of a supervisor in the U.S. Attorney's Office. Signed by Judge Christopher R Cooper on 5/17/2024. (lccrc3) (Entered: 05/17/2024)
06/06/2024	<u>100</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by DOJ. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 06/06/2024)
06/10/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting 100 Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply. Defendant's combined reply and opposition to Plaintiff's cross—motion shall be due June 28, 2024. Plaintiff's reply shall be due July 12, 2024. No further extension requests from Defendant will be granted. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 6/10/2024. (lccrc3) (Entered: 06/10/2024)
06/28/2024	<u>101</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>93</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by DOJ (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 06/28/2024)
06/28/2024	102	SEALED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE DOCUMENT UNDER SEAL filed by DOJ (This document is SEALED and only available to authorized persons.)(McBride Patricia) (Entered: 06/28/2024)
07/02/2024	103	NOTICE ERRATA CORRECTING REPLY AND FILING DECLARATION by DOJ re 101 Reply to opposition to Motion (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit, # 2 Exhibit)(McBride,

		Patricia) (Entered: 07/02/2024)
07/02/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting 102 Defendant's Sealed Motion for Leave to File Document Under Seal and Motion for Leave to File an <i>Ex Parte</i> and <i>In Camera</i> Declaration. The Clerk of the Court is directed to accept the Declaration of Michael G. Seidel for <i>ex parte</i> and <i>in camera</i> review by the Court. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 7/2/2024. (lccrc3) (Entered: 07/02/2024)
07/02/2024	<u>104</u>	SEALED DOCUMENT filed by DOJ(This document is SEALED and only available to authorized persons.)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 07/02/2024)
07/15/2024	<u>105</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re 98 MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by DONATOS SARRAS. (zjm) (Entered: 07/24/2024)
09/13/2024	<u>106</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Kimberly Stratton on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Patricia K. McBride (Stratton, Kimberly) (Entered: 09/13/2024)
09/18/2024	107	MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER granting in part <u>93</u> Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment; denying in part 98 Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment. Defendant is directed to file by September 25, 2024 a notice indicating whether it redacted names from certain pages of its production. See full Memorandum Opinion and Order for details. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 9/18/24. (lccrc3) (Entered: 09/18/2024)