

**U.S. District Court  
 District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
 CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00195-CJN**

KOURANI v. EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY et al Date Filed: 01/24/2022  
 Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols Jury Demand: Plaintiff  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Nature of Suit: 550 Prisoner Petition: Civil Rights (Other)  
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**ALI KOURANI**

represented by **ALI KOURANI**  
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V.

**Defendant**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US  
 ATTORNEY**

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**Defendant**

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
 AGENCY**  
*TERMINATED: 09/13/2024*

represented by **Kenneth A. Adebonojo**  
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**Defendant**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
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**Defendant**

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF  
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/24/2022		<b>Initiating Pleading &amp; IFP Application Received on 1/24/2022.</b> A copy of the docket sheet has been mailed to the address of record for the pro se party. (adh, ) (Entered: 02/01/2022)
01/24/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE with Jury Demand filed by ALI

		KOURANI.(adh, ) (Entered: 02/01/2022)
01/24/2022	<u>2</u>	MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis by ALI KOURANI. (adh, ) (Entered: 02/01/2022)
01/24/2022	<u>3</u>	PRISONER TRUST FUND ACCOUNT STATEMENT for period of six months by ALI KOURANI (adh, ) (Entered: 02/01/2022)
02/09/2022	<u>4</u>	PRO SE ORDER directing within 30 days of this Order, unless an extension of time is granted, plaintiff to provide a six month trust fund prisoner account statement and failure to comply will result in dismissal of case. Plaintiff shall provide the requested information specific within this order. Pro Se party has been notified by first class mail. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 02/09/2022. (znmng) (Entered: 02/11/2022)
03/08/2022	<u>5</u>	PRISONER TRUST FUND ACCOUNT STATEMENT for period of six months by ALI KOURANI (znmng) (Entered: 03/10/2022)
04/29/2022	<u>6</u>	MOTION Request for Return of Service re <u>5</u> Prisoner Trust Fund Account Statement by ALI KOURANI. (zmh) (Entered: 05/10/2022)
06/06/2022	<u>7</u>	ORDER directing an initial partial filing fee in the amount of \$35.37 from Prison Account of ALI KOURANI and granting MOTION for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis (see order for full details). Pro Se party has been notified by first class mail. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on 6/6/2022. (zmh) (Entered: 06/09/2022)
06/06/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zmh) (Entered: 06/09/2022)
06/10/2022	<u>8</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on June 10, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 06/10/2022)
07/19/2022	<u>9</u>	MOTION to Appoint Marshall to Serve by ALI KOURANI. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Attachment A)(zed) (Entered: 07/21/2022)
07/26/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of <u>9</u> the Motion to Appoint a Marshall to Serve, it is ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on July 26, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 07/26/2022)
07/29/2022	<u>10</u>	SUMMONS (5) Issued as to All Defendants, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. Sent to U.S. Marshals for service. (zmh) (Entered: 07/29/2022)
08/12/2022	<u>11</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 8/3/2022. (zed) (Entered: 08/15/2022)
09/26/2022	<u>12</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY served on 9/13/2022 (zed) (Entered: 09/27/2022)
09/27/2022	<u>13</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY served on 9/26/2022; FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 9/26/2022, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/26/2022. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/25/2022.) (zed) (Entered: 09/27/2022)
10/19/2022	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kenneth A. Adebonojo on behalf of CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 10/19/2022)
10/26/2022	<u>15</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Defendants' Answer or Other Response to Plaintiff's Complaint</i> by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 10/26/2022)
10/27/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Defendants' <u>15</u> Motion for an Extension of Time, it is ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. Defendants shall answer or

		otherwise respond to the Plaintiff's <u>1</u> Complaint on or before December 9, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 27, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 10/27/2022)
10/27/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 12/9/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 10/27/2022)
11/01/2022	<u>16</u>	Summons Returned Unexecuted by ALI KOURANI as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (zed) (Entered: 11/04/2022)
12/09/2022	<u>17</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 12/09/2022)
12/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this Freedom of Information Act case are a Complaint and an Answer. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 16.3, the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) are inapplicable. It is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before January 20, 2023. The Joint Status Report shall address: (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated dates for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); (5) the possibility of prioritizing documents responsive to Plaintiff's request and any discussions regarding whether Plaintiff's request can be narrowed; and (6) whether the Parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 16, 2022. (lccjn2) (Entered: 12/16/2022)
12/16/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/20/2023. (zcam) (Entered: 12/19/2022)
01/20/2023	<u>18</u>	STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 01/20/2023)
01/31/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of Defendants' <u>18</u> Status Report, it is ORDERED that Defendants shall file an additional status report on or before March 7, 2023. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 31, 2023. (lccjn2) (Entered: 01/31/2023)
02/06/2023	<u>19</u>	MOTION for Order by ALI KOURANI. (zed) (Entered: 02/15/2023)
03/07/2023	<u>20</u>	STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 03/07/2023)
03/16/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Defendants' <u>20</u> Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Defendants shall file another status report on or before June 7, 2023. It is further ORDERED that the Defendants shall make every reasonable effort to communicate with the Plaintiff before filing the next status report. It is further ORDERED that the Clerk shall mail a copy of the docket sheet to the Plaintiff. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on March 16, 2023. (lccjn2) (Entered: 03/16/2023)
03/27/2023	<u>21</u>	STATUS REPORT by ALI KOURANI. (zed) (Additional attachment(s) added on 3/31/2023: # <u>1</u> Exhibit) (zed). (Entered: 03/31/2023)
06/07/2023	<u>22</u>	STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 06/07/2023)
06/16/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of Defendants' <u>22</u> Status Report, it is ORDERED that Defendants' proposal is ADOPTED. It is further ORDERED that Defendants shall file any appropriate motions on or before August 29, 2023. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on June 16, 2023. (lccjn2) (Entered: 06/16/2023)
07/03/2023	<u>23</u>	RESPONSE re <u>22</u> Status Report filed by ALI KOURANI. (zed) (Entered: 07/11/2023)

08/29/2023	<u>24</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 08/29/2023)
09/11/2023		MINUTE ORDER. It is ORDERED that Defendants' <u>24</u> Motion for Extension of Time is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Defendants shall file their Motion for Summary Judgment on or before September 29, 2023. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on September 11, 2023. (lccjn2) (Entered: 09/11/2023)
09/29/2023	<u>25</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 09/29/2023)
10/06/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of Defendants' <u>25</u> Motion for Extension of Time, it is ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. Defendants shall file their Motion for Summary Judgment on or before October 31, 2023. Any future motions for extensions of time to file this Motion for Summary Judgment by Defendants will be disfavored. SO ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 6, 2023. (lccjn2) (Entered: 10/06/2023)
10/30/2023	<u>26</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Defendants' Dispositive Motion</i> by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 10/30/2023)
11/03/2023	<u>27</u>	MOTION to Dismiss , MOTION to Bifurcate by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B, # <u>4</u> Exhibit C, # <u>5</u> Exhibit D, # <u>6</u> Exhibit E)(Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 11/03/2023)
11/14/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>26</u> Motion for Extension of Time, it is ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED nunc pro tunc. So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 14, 2023. (lccjn2) (Entered: 11/14/2023)
01/23/2024	<u>28</u>	MOTION for Sanctions by ALI KOURANI. (mg) (Entered: 01/24/2024)
01/23/2024	<u>29</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by ALI KOURANI. (mg) (Entered: 01/24/2024)
02/16/2024	<u>30</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motions for Summary Judgment and Sanctions</i> by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 02/16/2024)
02/26/2024		MINUTE ORDER. It is ORDERED that the <u>30</u> Motion for Extension of Time is GRANTED IN PART nunc pro tunc. It is further ORDERED that Defendants shall file their oppositions on or before March 4, 2024. So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on February 26, 2024. (lccjn2) (Entered: 02/26/2024)
03/04/2024	<u>31</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>29</u> Motion for Summary Judgment, <u>28</u> Motion for Sanctions filed by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 03/04/2024)
03/28/2024	<u>32</u>	RESPONSE re <u>27</u> MOTION to Dismiss MOTION to Bifurcate filed by ALI KOURANI. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(zdp) (Entered: 04/01/2024)
03/28/2024	33	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>29</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by ALI KOURANI. (See docket entry <u>32</u> to view document) (zdp) (Entered: 04/01/2024)
04/08/2024	<u>34</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File a Reply to Plaintiff's Response to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss and Bifurcate</i> by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 04/08/2024)

04/24/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The <u>34</u> Motion for Extension of Time is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the government shall file its reply brief on or before May 8, 2024. So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 24, 2024. (lccjn2) (Entered: 04/24/2024)
05/08/2024	<u>35</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File a Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Bifurcate and Dismiss</i> by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 05/08/2024)
05/10/2024	<u>36</u>	MOTION for Telephone Conference by ALI KOURANI. (zdp) (Entered: 05/15/2024)
05/17/2024	<u>37</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>27</u> MOTION to Dismiss MOTION to Bifurcate filed by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 05/17/2024)
05/19/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The <u>35</u> Motion for Extension of Time is GRANTED nunc pro tunc. So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on May 19, 2024. (lccjn2) (Entered: 05/19/2024)
09/13/2024	<u>38</u>	ORDER granting <u>27</u> Motion to Dismiss; granting <u>27</u> Motion to Bifurcate; denying <u>28</u> Motion for Sanctions; and denying <u>29</u> Motion for Summary Judgment. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on September 13, 2024. (lccjn2) (Entered: 09/13/2024)
09/20/2024	<u>39</u>	STATUS REPORT by EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 09/20/2024)