

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:95-cv-01755-CRR**

MASTER, et al v. FBI  
Assigned to: Judge Charles R. Richey  
Demand: \$0  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/14/1995  
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Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/14/1995	1	COMPLAINT filed by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX; attachments (1) (JMF) (Entered: 09/18/1995)
09/14/1995		SUMMONS (3) issued to federal party(s) federal defendant FBI , and non-parties: U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (JMF) (Entered: 09/18/1995)
09/14/1995		MAILED CJRA brochure, Meet and Confer list, and Notice regarding dismissal to plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX . (JMF) (Entered: 09/18/1995)
09/15/1995	2	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : directing counsel to appear for a Rule 16 scheduling conference at 10:15 9/27/95; directing Clerk of Court to telephone parties and inform them of contents of this order (N) (dbw) (Entered: 09/18/1995)
09/25/1995	3	MOTION (CONSENT) filed by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX, federal defendant FBI to continue schedule conference on September 26, 1995 (JMF) Modified on 09/26/1995 (Entered: 09/26/1995)
09/25/1995	4	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : moving scheduling conference to September 26, 1995 at 2:00 [3-1]; status hearing set for 2:00 9/26/95 (N) (dbw) (Entered: 09/26/1995)
09/26/1995		STATUS HEARING before Judge Charles R. Richey : plaintiff's pleading, re: Open America, due by 4:00 10/6/95 ; defendant's responsive pleading and answer due 4:00 10/20/95. Reporter: Susan Tyner (dbw) (Entered: 09/26/1995)
09/27/1995	5	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : memorandum addressing defendant's right to process plaintiff's FOIA request in first-in, first-out basis pursuant to Open America and any motion to compel defendant to produce Vaughn index due by 4:00 10/6/95 ; defendant's answer together with any opposition to plaintiff's memorandum and/or motion due by 4:00 10/20/95 (N) (dbw) (Entered: 09/27/1995)
10/06/1995	13	MOTION filed by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX for a Vaughn index ; Exhibits (6) (dbw) (Entered: 11/08/1995)
10/11/1995	6	SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX in support of order of September 27, 1995 [5-2] (JMF) (Entered: 10/12/1995)
10/13/1995	7	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of summons and complaint executed on 9/19/95 upon federal defendant FBI (JMF) (Entered: 10/18/1995)
10/17/1995	8	TRANSCRIPT filed for status hearing held on date(s) of October 17, 1995. Reporter: Susan Page Tyner (JMF) (Entered: 10/18/1995)
10/20/1995	9	ANSWER TO COMPLAINT [1-1] by federal defendant FBI . (JMF) (Entered: 10/23/1995)
10/20/1995	10	MOTION filed by federal defendant FBI to dismiss complaint [1-1] , or in the alternative, to stay case as to federal defendant FBI ;declarations (1); exhibits (5) (JMF) (Entered: 10/23/1995)
11/03/1995	11	MEMORANDUM by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX in opposition to motion to dismiss complaint [1-1] [10-1] and motion to stay case as to federal defendant FBI [10-2] by FBI; exhibits (3) (JMF) (Entered: 11/06/1995)
11/07/1995		SCHEDULING NOTICE: status hearing set for 3:00 11/9/95 before Judge Charles R. Richey. (hearing set by telephone) (dbw) (Entered: 11/08/1995)
11/08/1995	12	MEMORANDUM OPINION by Judge Charles R. Richey (N) (dbw) (Entered: 11/08/1995)
11/08/1995	14	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : denying motion to dismiss complaint [1-1] [10-1] by FBI; denying motion to stay case as to federal defendant FBI [10-2] by FBI; granting motion for a Vaughn index [13-1] by JOHN H. NIX, JOHN R. MASTER; defendant shall produce requested documents and produce Vaughn index

		of any documents or portion of documents withheld by 4:00 12/15/95 ; Rule 16 status hearing set for 3:00 11/9/95 (N) (dbw) (Entered: 11/08/1995)
11/09/1995		STATUS HEARING before Judge Charles R. Richey : parties to advise Court as to status by 4:00 11/15/95 Reporter: Laura Beasley (dbw) (Entered: 11/09/1995)
11/09/1995	15	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : counsel for parties shall meet and confer by 11/13/95 and advise the Court by 4:00 11/15/95 as to when a Vaughn Index can be made available, after which time the Court will rule promptly (N) (dbw) (Entered: 11/13/1995)
11/14/1995	16	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : setting status hearing for 11:30 11/16/95 ; Court's order of 11/9/95 shall remain in full force and effect ; directing Clerk of Court to contact counsel and notify them as to contents of this order (N) (dbw) (Entered: 11/14/1995)
11/14/1995	17	STATUS REPORT by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX (JMF) (Entered: 11/16/1995)
11/15/1995	18	STATUS REPORT by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX (JMF) (Entered: 11/17/1995)
11/15/1995	19	STATUS REPORT by federal defendant FBI (JMF) (Entered: 11/17/1995)
11/16/1995		STATUS HEARING before Judge Charles R. Richey : Reporter: Anneliese Thomson (dbw) (Entered: 11/16/1995)
12/15/1995	20	STATUS REPORT by federal defendant FBI; Declaration, Exhibits(7) (ted) (Entered: 12/18/1995)
12/19/1995	23	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : canceling hearing set for 2:00 1/2/96 ; status hearing set for 2:00 1/3/96 (N) (dbw) Modified on 12/20/1995 (Entered: 12/20/1995)
12/19/1995	22	REQUEST by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX for status conference ; Exhibits(3) (ted) (Entered: 12/20/1995)
12/19/1995	21	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : directing parties to appear before the Court for a Rule 16 status conference at 2:00 1/2/96 (N) (dbw) Modified on 12/20/1995 (Entered: 12/20/1995)
12/21/1995	24	RESPONSE by federal defendant FBI to request for status conference. (ted) (Entered: 12/22/1995)
01/03/1996		STATUS HEARING before Judge Charles R. Richey : transcript of videotape due 1/5/96 by 4:00; order to be entered Reporter: William McAllister (dbw) (Entered: 01/04/1996)
01/04/1996	25	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : within 10 days of the end of government furlough, counsel for defendant shall file pleading addressing aforesaid issue; plaintiff's may respond within 5 days of said filing; defendant may reply within 5 days of said response; plaintiffs shall file among the records of this case and shall serve on defendant a transcript of aforesaid videotape by 4:00 on 1/5/96 (N) (dbw) (Entered: 01/04/1996)
01/11/1996	26	NOTICE OF FILING by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX of videotape transcript of deposition of Detective Richard Petrencsik (JMF) (Entered: 01/16/1996)
01/11/1996	27	NOTICE OF FILING by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX of videotape transcript of deposition of Sue A. Sazima (JMF) (Entered: 01/16/1996)
01/11/1996	28	NOTICE OF FILING by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX of videotape transcript of deposition of Arlene Hill (JMF) (Entered: 01/16/1996)
01/16/1996	29	MOTION filed by federal defendant FBI to extend time to 1/26/96 to present its response to the briefing presented the plaintiffs' at the status conference on 1/3/96 , and for additional 30 days in which to file its Vaughn Index (JMF) Modified on 01/18/1996 (Entered: 01/17/1996)

01/23/1996	30	RESPONSE (PARTIAL) by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX in opposition to motion to extend time to 1/26/96 to present its response to the briefing presented the plaintiffs' at the status conference on 1/3/96 [29-1] and motion for additional 30 days in which to file its Vaughn Index [29-2] by FBI; attachments (2) (JMF) (Entered: 01/24/1996)
01/25/1996	31	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : defendant shall have until 1/26/96 to present its response to the briefing presented by the plaintiff at the status conference on 1/3/96 [29-1]; defendant shall have until and including 2/14/96 in which to file its Vaughn Index [29-2]; response to briefing presented by plaintiff at status conference on 1/3/96 due by 1/26/96 (N) (dbw) (Entered: 01/25/1996)
01/26/1996	32	MOTION filed by federal defendant FBI for summary judgment ; exhibits (3) (JMF) (Entered: 01/29/1996)
01/29/1996	33	NOTICE OF FILING by federal defendant FBI of declarations to their motion for summary judgment; declarations (2), exhibits (6). (JMF) Modified on 01/31/1996 (Entered: 01/31/1996)
01/30/1996	34	MOTION filed by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX to clarification of Court's Order for a Vaughn Index ; exhibits (1) (JMF) (Entered: 01/31/1996)
02/08/1996	35	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : denying motion to clarification of Court's Order for a Vaughn Index [34-1] by JOHN H. NIX, JOHN R. MASTER; defendant shall hand-deliver Vaughn Index to plaintiffs by 4:00 2/14/96; granting plaintiffs' motion for extension of time; response to motion for summary judgment due 4:00 2/19/96; reply to motion for summary judgment due by 4:00 2/26/96 (N) (dbw) (Entered: 02/09/1996)
02/08/1996	36	MOTION filed by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX to extend time to 2/19/96 to file their response to defendant's motion for summary judgment (JMF) (Entered: 02/09/1996)
02/14/1996	37	NOTICE OF FILING by federal defendant FBI of Vaughn index; Declaration, Exhibit (ted) (Entered: 02/15/1996)
02/20/1996	39	MOTION filed by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX to extend time to 3/1/96 to file their response to defendant's motion for summary judgment (JMF) (Entered: 02/21/1996)
02/21/1996	38	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : granting plaintiffs' motion for extension of time to file response to defendant's motion for summary judgment; plaintiffs' response to motion for summary judgment due 3/1/96 (N) (dbw) (Entered: 02/21/1996)
02/29/1996	40	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX to extend time to 3/21/96 to file repsonse to defendant's motion for summary judgment (JMF) (Entered: 03/01/1996)
03/01/1996	41	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : granting motion to extend time to 3/21/96 to file repsonse to defendant's motion for summary judgment [40-1] by JOHN H. NIX, JOHN R. MASTER; response to motion for summary judgment due 3/21/96 (N) (dbw) (Entered: 03/01/1996)
03/21/1996	42	MOTION filed by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX to stay consideration of defendant's motion for summary judgment, for discovery, and in camera inspection of documents withheld by defendant ; exhibits (11) (JMF) (Entered: 03/22/1996)
04/04/1996	43	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by federal defendant FBI to extend time to 4/11/96 to file opposition to plaintiffs' motion to stay consideration of defendant's motion for summary judgment, for discovery, and in camera inspection of documents (JMF) (Entered: 04/05/1996)
04/11/1996	44	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : extending time to 4/11/96 for defendant to file opposition to plaintiffs' motion to stay consideration of defendant's motion for summary judgment, for discovery, and in camera review [43-1]; opposition due 4/11/96 (N) (dbw) (Entered: 04/12/1996)

04/11/1996	45	RESPONSE by federal defendant FBI in opposition to motion to stay consideration of defendant's motion for summary judgment, for discovery, and in camera inspection of documents withheld by defendant [42-1] by plaintiffs; exhibits (3) . (JMF) (Entered: 04/12/1996)
04/22/1996	46	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX to extend time to file reply to Defendant's opposition to Plaintiffs' motion to stay consideration of Defendant's motion for summary judgment, for discovery, and for in camera inspection of documents to and including 4/25/96 (lkn) Modified on 04/25/1996 (Entered: 04/23/1996)
04/23/1996	47	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : granting motion to extend time to file reply to Defendant's opposition to Plaintiffs' motion to stay consideration of Defendant's motion for summary judgment, for discovery, and for in camera inspection of documents to and including 4/25/96 [46-1] by JOHN H. NIX, JOHN R. MASTER (N) (adc) (Entered: 04/24/1996)
04/25/1996	48	REPLY by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX to defendant's opposition to plaintiffs' motion to stay consideration of defendant's motion for summary judgment, for discovery, and in camera inspection of documents withheld by defendant [42-1]; exhibits (3) (JMF) (Entered: 04/26/1996)
05/14/1996	49	MEMORANDUM OPINION by Judge Charles R. Richey (N) (dbw) (Entered: 05/15/1996)
05/14/1996	50	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : granting motion for summary judgment [32-1] by FBI; denying motion to stay consideration of defendant's motion for summary judgment, denying motion for discovery, and denying motion for in camera inspection of documents withheld by defendant [42-1] by plaintiffs; plaintiffs shall pay costs of duplicating the released material responsive to their FOIA request in the amount of \$114.10 within 30 days of the date of this Order ; any and all other outstanding motions in the case shall be, and hereby are, declared moot (N) (dbw) (Entered: 05/15/1996)
05/29/1996	51	MOTION filed by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX for reconsideration of order dated May 14, 1996 granting defendant, FBI motion for summary judgment and denying plaintiffs' motion for stay, motion for discovery, and motion for in camera inspection [50-1], order [50-2] , and for evidentiary hearing (JMF) (Entered: 06/03/1996)
06/07/1996	52	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for federal defendant FBI by Kathryn Good (JMF) (Entered: 06/10/1996)
06/20/1996	53	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : response to motion for reconsideration and for evidentiary hearing due 4:00 7/1/96; reply due 4:00 7/8/96 (N) (dbw) (Entered: 06/21/1996)
06/27/1996	54	SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX in support of motion for reconsideration of order dated May 14, 1996 granting defendant, FBI motion for summary judgment and denying plaintiffs' motion for stay, motion for discovery, and motion for in camera inspection [50-1], order [50-2] [51-1] and motion for evidentiary hearing [51-2]; exhibits (1) (JMF) (Entered: 06/28/1996)
07/01/1996	55	MOTION filed by federal defendant FBI to extend time to 8/12/96 to file a response to plaintiffs' motion for reconsideration and for an evidentiary hearing and a response to plaintiffs' supplement to their motion for reconsideration and for an evidentiary hearing (JMF) (Entered: 07/02/1996)
07/02/1996	56	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : granting motion to extend time to 8/12/96 to file a response to plaintiffs' motion for reconsideration and for an evidentiary hearing and a response to plaintiffs' supplement to their motion for reconsideration and for an evidentiary hearing [55-1] by FBI; response to motion(s) due by 8/12/96 (N) (dbw) (Entered: 07/02/1996)
08/12/1996	57	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for federal defendant FBI by Richard E. Hurst (JMF) (Entered: 08/13/1996)

08/12/1996	58	RESPONSE by federal defendant FBI in opposition to motion for reconsideration of order dated May 14, 1996 granting defendant, FBI motion for summary judgment and denying plaintiffs' motion for stay, motion for discovery, and motion for in camera inspection [50-1], order [50-2] [51-1] and motion for evidentiary hearing [51-2] by JOHN H. NIX, JOHN R. MASTER; exhibits (6) . (JMF) (Entered: 08/13/1996)
08/26/1996	59	REPLY by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX to defendant's opposition to motion for reconsideration of order dated May 14, 1996 granting defendant, FBI motion for summary judgment and denying plaintiffs' motion for stay, motion for discovery, and motion for in camera inspection [50-1], [50-2] [51-1] and motion for evidentiary hearing [51-2] (JMF) (Entered: 08/27/1996)
09/11/1996	60	ORDER by Judge Charles R. Richey : denying motion for reconsideration of order dated May 14, 1996 [50-1][50-2] [51-1] by JOHN H. NIX, JOHN R. MASTER (N) (dbw) (Entered: 09/11/1996)
11/06/1996	61	NOTICE OF APPEAL by plaintiff JOHN R. MASTER, plaintiff JOHN H. NIX from order [60-1] , entered on: 09/11/96. \$5.00 filing fee and \$100.00 docket fee paid. Copies mailed to Larry E. Klayman, Cynthia A. Schnedar, Kathryn Good and Richard E. Hurst. (JMF) (Entered: 11/07/1996)
11/07/1996		TRANSMITTED PRELIMINARY RECORD on appeal [61-1] by JOHN H. NIX, JOHN R. MASTER to U.S. Court of Appeals (JMF) (Entered: 11/07/1996)
11/20/1996		USCA # 96-5325 assigned for appeal [61-1] by JOHN H. NIX, JOHN R. MASTER (JMF) (Entered: 11/21/1996)
01/16/1997	62	TRANSCRIPT filed for status hearing held on date(s) of January 03, 1996. Reporter: William D. McAllister (JMF) (Entered: 01/17/1997)
07/22/1997	63	CERTIFIED COPY of order filed in USCA dated 5/15/97, on appeal [61-1] , affirming the judgment of USDC . USCA # 96-5325 (cjp) (Entered: 07/22/1997)