

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:15-cv-00983-ESH**

AIRAJ v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Ellen S. Huvelle  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/23/2015  
Date Terminated: 04/27/2016  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/23/2015	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 0.00) filed by HAMEEDULLAH AMINI AIRAJ. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(jf) (Entered: 06/24/2015)
06/23/2015	<u>2</u>	MOTION to Seal re <u>1</u> Complaint by HAMEEDULLAH AMINI AIRAJ (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(jf) (Entered: 06/24/2015)
06/23/2015	<u>3</u>	MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis by HAMEEDULLAH AMINI AIRAJ (jf) (Main Document 3 replaced on 6/24/2015) (jf). (Entered: 06/24/2015)
06/23/2015		FIAT ORDER granting <u>3</u> Motion for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis. "Leave to file without prepayment of costs GRANTED" Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 06/18/2015. (jf) (Entered: 06/24/2015)
06/23/2015	<u>4</u>	ORDER granting <u>2</u> Motion to Seal. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 06/16/2015. (jf) (Entered: 06/24/2015)
06/23/2015	<u>5</u>	SEALED COMPLAINT filed by HAMEEDULLAH AMINI AIRAJ. (This document is SEALED and only available to authorized persons.)(zjf) (Entered: 06/24/2015)
06/24/2015	<u>8</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (jf). Modified on 6/29/2015 (rd). (Entered: 06/24/2015)
06/24/2015	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Carl Geoffrey Roberts on behalf of HAMEEDULLAH AMINI AIRAJ (Roberts, Carl) (Entered: 06/24/2015)
06/26/2015	<u>7</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Christopher T. Cognato, :Firm- Ballard Spahr LLP, :Address- 1735 Market Street, 51st Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Phone No. - 215-864-8612. Fax No. - 215-864-8999 Fee Status: No Fee Paid. by HAMEEDULLAH AMINI AIRAJ (Roberts, Carl) (Entered: 06/26/2015)
06/26/2015		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>7</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice: Upon consideration of Plaintiff's motion for the admission pro hac vice of Christopher T. Cognato, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion for the admission pro hac vice of Christopher T. Cognato be GRANTED. Signed by Judge Ellen S. Huvelle on June 26, 2015. (AG) (Entered: 06/26/2015)
07/02/2015	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 06/29/2015., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/29/2015. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/29/2015.) (jf) (Entered: 07/06/2015)
07/07/2015	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by April Denise Seabrook on behalf of All Defendants (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 07/07/2015)
07/28/2015	<u>11</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 07/28/2015)
07/29/2015		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>11</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Answer: Upon consideration of the Consent Motion for Enlargement of Time, And Memorandum In Support Thereof, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED; and it is further ORDERED that Defendant's time to respond to Plaintiff's Complaint is hereby extended up to and including September 11, 2015. Signed by Judge Ellen S. Huvelle on July 29, 2015. (AG) (Entered: 07/29/2015)

07/29/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 9/11/2015. (zmm) (Entered: 07/29/2015)
08/24/2015	<u>12</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 8/20/2015 (jf) (Entered: 08/25/2015)
09/10/2015	<u>13</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Answer or Otherwise Respond to Complaint</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 09/10/2015)
09/10/2015		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>13</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time: Upon consideration of the Consent Motion for Second Enlargement of Time, Memorandum In Support Thereof, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is FURTHER ORDERED that: (1) Defendant shall complete its FOIA production of Embassy documents no later than Monday, October 12, 2015; and (2) Defendant's time for filing its responsive pleading to Plaintiff's Complaint is hereby extended up to and including November 12, 2015. Signed by Judge Ellen S. Huvelle on September 10, 2015. (AG) (Entered: 09/10/2015)
09/10/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Defendant's FOIA production due by 10/12/2015. Responsive pleading to complaint due by 11/12/2015. (cdw) (Entered: 09/10/2015)
09/14/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant to complete its FOIA production of Embassy documents by 10/12/2015. Answer due by 11/12/2015. (zmm) (Entered: 09/14/2015)
11/12/2015	<u>14</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 11/12/2015)
11/12/2015		MINUTE ORDER: As the requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are inapplicable to this FOIA case, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall confer and file a joint proposed briefing schedule by November 30, 2015. Signed by Judge Ellen S. Huvelle on November 12, 2015. (AG) (Entered: 11/12/2015)
11/30/2015	<u>15</u>	Joint MOTION for Briefing Schedule by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 11/30/2015)
12/01/2015		MINUTE ORDER re <u>15</u> Joint MOTION for Briefing Schedule and setting status conference: Upon consideration of the parties' motion for a briefing schedule, it is hereby ORDERED that a status conference is scheduled for December 9, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. in Courtroom 23A. Signed by Judge Ellen S. Huvelle on December 1, 2015. (AG) (Entered: 12/01/2015)
12/01/2015		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 12/9/2015 at 12:00 PM in Courtroom 23A before Judge Ellen S. Huvelle. (zmm) (Entered: 12/01/2015)
12/02/2015	<u>16</u>	Consent MOTION to Continue <i>the Status Conference and Memorandum in Support Thereof</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 12/02/2015)
12/03/2015		MINUTE ORDER granting in part and denying in part <u>16</u> Consent Motion to Continue: It is hereby ORDERED that the status conference previously set for December 9, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. is rescheduled for December 16, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. Signed by Judge Ellen S. Huvelle on December 3, 2015. (lcesh2) (Entered: 12/03/2015)
12/03/2015		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 12/16/2015 at 11:00 AM in Courtroom 23A before Judge Ellen S. Huvelle. (zmm) (Entered: 12/03/2015)
12/04/2015		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the Status Conference previously set for December 16, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. is rescheduled for December 16, 2015, at 9:45 a.m. Signed by Judge Ellen S. Huvelle on December 4, 2015. (lcesh2) (Entered: 12/04/2015)
12/04/2015		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 12/16/2015 at 09:45 AM in Courtroom 23A before Judge Ellen S. Huvelle. (zmm) (Entered: 12/04/2015)

12/16/2015		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Ellen S. Huvelle: Status Conference held on 12/16/2015. Summary Judgment motions due by 1/8/2016. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment and any Cross Motion due by 1/22/2016. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment and Response to Cross Motion due by 2/5/2016. Reply to Cross Motion due by 2/19/2016. Defendant is to file the four documents in question in an ex parte, in camera filing with their Motion for Summary Judgment. (Court Reporter Barbara De Vico.) (zsm) (Entered: 12/16/2015)
12/22/2015		MINUTE ORDER terminating <u>15</u> Motion for Briefing Schedule as moot. Signed by Judge Ellen S. Huvelle on December 22, 2015. (AG) (Entered: 12/22/2015)
01/08/2016	<u>17</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment, by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>3</u> Exhibit)(Seabrook, April). Added MOTION to Dismiss on 1/11/2016 (jf). Modified on 1/12/2016 to remove Motion to Dismiss(see <u>19</u> )(jf). (Entered: 01/08/2016)
01/08/2016	<u>18</u>	NOTICE <i>Of Delayed In Camera Submission</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE re Status Conference, Set Deadlines,,,, (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 01/08/2016)
01/11/2016		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>17</u> Motion for Summary Judgment; emailed to april.seabrook@usdoj.gov, cc'd 7 associated attorneys --- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. REMINDER--Counsel is reminded to docket all parts of their motion (jf, ) (Entered: 01/11/2016)
01/11/2016	<u>19</u>	ERRATA <i>To Correct Motion And Memorandum Of Law</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE <u>17</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment MOTION to Dismiss filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Motion (revised), # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Memorandum of Law (reformatted))(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 01/11/2016)
01/11/2016	<u>20</u>	NOTICE <i>Of Ex Parte, In Camera Submission</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE re <u>17</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment MOTION to Dismiss, <u>18</u> Notice (Other) (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 01/11/2016)
01/22/2016	<u>21</u>	MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment <i>and Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by HAMEEDULLAH AMINI AIRAJ (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>4</u> Exhibit A)(Roberts, Carl) (Entered: 01/22/2016)
01/22/2016	<u>22</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>17</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment MOTION to Dismiss filed by HAMEEDULLAH AMINI AIRAJ. (See Docket Entry <u>21</u> to view document). (znmw) (Entered: 01/25/2016)
02/05/2016	<u>23</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>21</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment <i>and Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment</i> filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts Defendant's Disputed Facts)(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 02/05/2016)
02/05/2016	<u>24</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>17</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment MOTION to Dismiss filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts Defendant's Disputed Facts)(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 02/05/2016)
02/18/2016	<u>25</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Constantinos G. Panagopoulos on behalf of HAMEEDULLAH AMINI AIRAJ Substituting for attorney John L. Cuddihy (Panagopoulos, Constantinos) (Entered: 02/18/2016)
02/19/2016	<u>26</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>21</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment <i>and Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment</i> filed by HAMEEDULLAH AMINI AIRAJ. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(Roberts, Carl) (Entered: 02/19/2016)
04/27/2016	<u>27</u>	ORDER denying plaintiff's <u>21</u> Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and granting defendant's <u>17</u> Motion for Summary Judgment. See Order and accompanying <u>28</u> Memorandum Opinion for details. Signed by Judge Ellen S. Huvelle on April 27, 2016. (lcesh2) (Entered: 04/27/2016)

04/27/2016	<u>28</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION re defendant's <u>17</u> Motion for Summary Judgment and plaintiff's <u>21</u> Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. Signed by Judge Ellen S. Huvelle on April 27, 2016. (lcesh2) (Entered: 04/27/2016)
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