

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

JASON LEOPOLD,)
6824 Lexington Avenue)
Los Angeles, CA 90038)

BUZZFEED INC.,)
111 East 18th Street, 13th Floor)
New York, NY 10003)

Case No. 1:19-cv-00957

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,)
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW)
Washington, D.C. 20530)

DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL,)
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW)
Washington, D.C. 20530)

DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL,)
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW)
Washington, D.C. 20530)

DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL,)
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW)
Washington, D.C. 20530)

Defendants.)

COMPLAINT

1. Plaintiffs JASON LEOPOLD and BUZZFEED INC. file this Freedom of Information Act suit seeking the prompt release of the report of the Special Counsel’s investigation into Russian interference with the 2016 Presidential election and related matters, commonly known as “the Mueller Report.”

PARTIES

2. Plaintiffs JASON LEOPOLD and BUZZFEED INC. are members of the media and made the FOIA request at issue in this case.

3. Defendants are federal agencies subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and components of the U.S. Department of Justice.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. This case is brought under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(c)(i) and presents a federal question conferring jurisdiction on this Court.

5. Venue is proper under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

DEFENDANTS' FOIA VIOLATION

6. On March 21, 2019, Plaintiffs requested from Defendants: “A copy of the FINAL REPORT prepared by the Office of Special Counsel Robert Mueller relating to the Office’s investigation into: any links and/or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump; and (ii) any matters that arose or may arise directly from the investigation; and (iii) any other matters within the scope of 28 C.F.R. § 600.4(a).” Exhibit A.

7. Plaintiffs sought expedited processing of the request.

8. Defendants, through the DOJ Office of Information Policy (OIP), granted expedited processing on March 29, 2019, but asserted that due to “unusual circumstances,” “we will need to extend the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute” for non-expedited requests. Exhibit B.

9. Defendants’ response did not advise Plaintiffs of any right or need to file an administrative appeal of Defendants’ purported extension based on “unusual circumstances.”

10. In a phone call to Plaintiff Leopold on April 1, 2019, Defendants, through OIP, explained that the “unusual circumstances” are simply that the report is not physically housed at OIP, who is processing the request, but instead, at the agency components to whom the request was made.

11. When expedited processing has been granted, the agency must process the request “as soon as practicable.”

12. According to the DOJ’s FOIA Guide, several courts, including this Court, have held that there is a rebuttable presumption that when expedited processing is granted, the request will be processed within twenty business days.

13. That presumptive deadline, in this case, would be April 18, 2019.

14. The fact that the Mueller Report is located in a different physical location than OIP does not rebut the presumptive deadline.

15. Further, the Attorney General has already claimed that the report will be ready for release to Congress and to the public “by mid-April, if not sooner,” and has identified the four categories of information that will be withheld, including, among others, third-party privacy interests that allegedly outweigh the public interest in disclosure. *See* Attorney General Letter to Judiciary Committee, March 29, 2019, *available at* <https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/29/politics/barr-letter-mueller-release/index.html>.

16. Thus, there is no reason Defendants could not immediately have issued to Plaintiffs a substantive determination on the request, and then produced the report, subject to any permissible redactions, within the presumptive twenty-day deadline.

17. To the extent any administrative appeal was required, which Plaintiffs dispute, such appeal would be futile because the highest ranking official in DOJ has already determined, on March 29, the categories of information that will be withheld.

COUNT I – VIOLATION OF FOIA

18. The above paragraphs are incorporated herein.
19. Defendants are agencies subject to FOIA.
20. Plaintiffs made a FOIA request to Defendants for agency records of Defendants.
21. Defendants have failed to produce the requested records.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs ask the Court to:

- i. Order Defendants to produce all non-exempt portions of the Mueller Report;
- ii. Award Plaintiffs attorney fees and costs; and
- iii. Enter any other relief the Court deems appropriate.

DATED: April 4, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Matthew Topic

Attorneys for Plaintiffs

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Bar Nos. IL0037 and IL0042

This is a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552 and the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. This request should be considered under both statutes to maximize the release of records.

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name: Jason Leopold
Affiliation: Senior Investigative Reporter/BuzzFeed News
Address: 1669 Benedict Canyon Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Email: jasonleopold@gmail.com
Phone: [213-270-4334](tel:213-270-4334)

RECORDS SOUGHT

I request disclosure from the Office of Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and the Office of Special Counsel Robert Mueller the following records:

1. A copy of the FINAL REPORT prepared by the Office of Special Counsel Robert Mueller relating to the Office’s investigation into: any links and/or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump; and (ii) any matters that arose or may arise directly from the investigation; and (iii) any other matters within the scope of 28 C.F.R. § 600.4(a).¹

Reasonably Foreseeable Harm. The FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 amended the FOIA as follows (5 USC 552(a)(8)):

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- (A) An agency shall—
- (i) withhold information under this section only if—
 - (I) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption described in subsection (b); or
 - (II) disclosure is prohibited by law; and
 - (ii) (I) consider whether partial disclosure of information is possible whenever the agency determines that a full disclosure of a requested record is not possible; and
 - (II) take reasonable steps necessary to segregate and release nonexempt information. . . .

The Department of Justice and its components should not fail to meet the requirements of Section 552(a)(8) when processing my request and release responsive records to me in full or at least in part.

¹ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/967231/download>

EXPEDITED PROCESSING

This request seeks expedited processing as there is both an urgency to inform the public and it relates to a matter of widespread public interest and actual government activity. For nearly two years, the Office of Special Counsel Robert Mueller has been conducting an investigation into any ties between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump. This investigation has already resulted in the guilty pleas of more than three dozen individuals and charges and leveled against other people. The investigation, Mr. Mueller and his team, have been the subject of harsh criticism by President Trump on a near daily basis over Twitter and by numerous other people working for the president and who retain an official role in his cabinet. They have referred to this investigation as a “witch hunt” and President Trump has referred to the Office of Special Counsel prosecutors as “angry Democrats.” In other words, President Trump has said the investigation is purely partisan. It is crucial that this report be released expeditiously as it would provide the public with insight into whether they can have confidence that the president can satisfactorily execute the duties of his office and would set the record straight as to whether the Trump Campaign had colluded with the Russian government during the presidential campaign.

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING SEARCH

1. *Request for Public Records:*

Please search for any records even if they are already publicly available.

2. *Request for Electronic and Paper/Manual Searches:*

I request that searches of all electronic and paper/manual indices, filing systems, and locations for any and all records relating or referring to the subject of my request be conducted. I further request that the agencies conduct a search of its “soft files” as well as files in its locked cabinets.

3. *Request regarding Photographs and other Visual Materials:*

I request that any photographs or other visual materials responsive to my request be released to me in their original or comparable forms, quality, and resolution. For example, if a photograph was taken digitally, or if the agencies maintains a photograph digitally, I request disclosure of the original digital image file, not a reduced resolution version of that image file nor a printout and scan of that image file. Likewise, if a photograph was originally taken as a color photograph, I request disclosure of that photograph as a color image, not a black and white image. Please contact me for any clarification on this point.

4. *Request for Duplicate Pages:*

I request disclosure of any and all supposedly “duplicate” pages. Scholars analyze records not only for the information available on any given page, but also for the relationships between that information and information on pages surrounding it. As such, though certain pages may have been previously released to me, the existence of those pages within new context renders them functionally new pages. As such, the only way to properly analyze released information is to analyze that information within its proper context. Therefore, I request disclosure of all “duplicate” pages.

5. *Request to Search Emails:*

Please search for emails relating to the subject matter of my request.

6. *Request for Search of Records Transferred to Other Agencies:*

I request that in conducting its search, the agencies disclose releasable records even if they are available publicly through other sources outside the agencies, such as NARA.

FORMAT

I request that any releases stemming from this request be provided to me in digital format (soft-copy) on a compact disk or other like media.

FEE CATEGORY AND REQUEST FOR A FEE WAIVER

I am the senior investigative reporter for BuzzFeed News and formerly senior investigative reporter and on-air correspondent for VICE News. Additionally, my reporting has been published in The Guardian, The Wall Street Journal, The Financial Times, Salon, CBS Marketwatch, The Los Angeles Times, The Nation, Truthout, Al Jazeera English and Al Jazeera America.

I request a complete waiver of all search and duplication fees. If my request for a waiver is denied, I request that I be considered a member of the news media for fee purposes.

Under 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(4)(A)(iii), "Documents shall be furnished without any charge ... if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." Disclosure in this case meets the statutory criteria, as the records sought detail the operations and activities of government. This request is also not primarily in my commercial request, as I am seeking the records as a journalist to analyze and freely release to members of the public.

If I am not granted a complete fee waiver, I request to be considered a member of the news media for fee purposes. I am willing to pay all reasonable duplication expenses incurred in processing this FOIA request.

I will appeal any denial of my request for a waiver administratively and to the courts if necessary.



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Information Policy
Suite 11050
1425 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Telephone: (202) 514-3642

March 29, 2019

Jason Leopold
Senior Investigative Reporter/BuzzFeed News
1669 Benedict Canyon Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
jasonleopold@gmail.com

Re: DOJ-2019-003097
DRH:VAV:ERH

Dear Jason Leopold:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on March 21, 2019, in which you requested a copy of a report submitted to the Department by Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III.

You have asked for expedited processing of your request. Please be advised that we are currently processing other requests seeking records similar to those you have requested, which have already been granted expedited processing. As such, your request will also be processed on an expedited basis.

Although your request is being processed on an expedited basis, to the extent that your request requires a search in another Office, consultations with other Department components or another agency, and/or involves a voluminous amount of material, your request falls within "unusual circumstances." See 5 U.S.C. 552 § (a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii) (2012 & Supp. V 2017). Accordingly, we will need to extend the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute. For your information, we use multiple tracks to process requests, but within those tracks we work in an agile manner, and the time needed to complete our work on your request will necessarily depend on a variety of factors, including the complexity of our records search, the volume and complexity of any material located, and the order of receipt of your request. At this time we have assigned your request to the complex track. In an effort to speed up our process, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records so that it can be placed in a different processing track. You can also agree to an alternative time frame for processing, should records be located, or you may wish to await the completion of our records search to discuss either of these options. Any decision with regard to the application of fees will be made only after we determine whether fees will be implicated for this request.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact the analyst handing your request, Eric Hotchkiss, by telephone at the above number or you may write to him at the above address. You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Douglas Hibbard, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United

Exhibit B

States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642; or facsimile at 202-514-1009.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas R. Hibbard".

Douglas R. Hibbard
Chief, Initial Request Staff

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V. ORIGIN
 1 Original Proceeding
 2 Removed from State Court
 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
 4 Reinstated or Reopened
 5 Transferred from another district (specify)
 6 Multi-district Litigation
 7 Appeal to District Judge from Mag. Judge
 8 Multi-district Litigation – Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.)
 5 U.S.C. 552 - Freedom of Information Act suit

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT	CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 <input type="checkbox"/>	DEMAND \$ _____	JURY DEMAND: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY	(See instruction)	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please complete related case form

DATE: 4/4/2019	SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD: /s/ Matthew V. Topic
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET JS-44
 Authority for Civil Cover Sheet

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and services of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. Listed below are tips for completing the civil cover sheet. These tips coincide with the Roman Numerals on the cover sheet.

- I.** COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT (b) County of residence: Use 11001 to indicate plaintiff if resident of Washington, DC, 88888 if plaintiff is resident of United States but not Washington, DC, and 99999 if plaintiff is outside the United States.
- III.** CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES: This section is completed only if diversity of citizenship was selected as the Basis of Jurisdiction under Section II.
- IV.** CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT: The assignment of a judge to your case will depend on the category you select that best represents the primary cause of action found in your complaint. You may select only one category. You must also select one corresponding nature of suit found under the category of the case.
- VI.** CAUSE OF ACTION: Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of the primary cause.
- VIII.** RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY: If you indicated that there is a related case, you must complete a related case form, which may be obtained from the Clerk’s Office.

Because of the need for accurate and complete information, you should ensure the accuracy of the information provided prior to signing the form.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Jason Leopold and BuzzFeed Inc.

Plaintiff

v.

U.S. Department of Justice, et. al.

Defendant

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Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-00957

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: *(Defendant's name and address)*

DOJ Office of Attorney General
950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20530

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 30 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Matthew V. Topic
Loevy & Loevy
311 N. Aberdeen St., 3rd Fl.
Chicago, IL 60607

If you fail to respond, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

ANGELA D. CAESAR, CLERK OF COURT

Date: _____

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
was received by me on *(date)* _____.

I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* _____
_____ on *(date)* _____; or

I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* _____
_____, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,
on *(date)* _____, and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* _____, who is
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* _____
_____ on *(date)* _____; or

I returned the summons unexecuted because _____; or

Other *(specify):* _____

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ _____ 0.00 _____.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

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DOJ Deputy Attorney General
950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20530

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 30 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

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on *(date)* _____, and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* _____, who is
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Washington, DC 20530

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 30 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Matthew V. Topic
Loevy & Loevy
311 N. Aberdeen St., 3rd Fl.
Chicago, IL 60607

If you fail to respond, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

ANGELA D. CAESAR, CLERK OF COURT

Date: _____

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-00957

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
was received by me on *(date)* _____.

I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* _____
_____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* _____
_____, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,
on *(date)* _____, and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* _____, who is
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* _____
_____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

I returned the summons unexecuted because _____ ; or

Other *(specify):* _____

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ _____ 0.00 _____.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc: