

*U.S. federal judge names special master and orders DOJ to delay review of documents held by Trump*

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U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon upheld her earlier ruling which bars the Justice Department from further examining the documents — many of which are marked “Top Secret” — until a “special master” has a chance to review more than 11,000 pages. She also formally named retired federal Judge Raymond J. Dearie to the position.

The ruling will add lengthy delays to the Justice Department's criminal probe into Trump's mishandling of government records. Judge Cannon was nominated to the federal bench in 2020 by then-President Trump.

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