BARACK OBAMA
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

Records relating to the 14th Amendment or $1 trillion coin used to circumvent or invalidate the federal debt limit in 2011 (23-39824-F)

Finding Aid Type
FOIA

Extent

4 folders, approximately 1,224 pages / 4 assets

Record Type
Electronic Records
Textual

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Barack Obama Presidential Records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 2201) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552, as amended) and therefore records may be restricted in whole or in part in accordance with legal exemptions.

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Provenance

Official records of Barack Obama's presidency are housed at the Barack Obama Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA)

Processed by

Staff Archivists, 2023. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 23-39824-F are a selective, not necessarily all-inclusive, body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult an archivist about related materials.

FOIA 23-39824-F requested materials related to the 14th Amendment or $1 trillion coin for use on the Debt Ceiling/Debt Limit, and a memorandum from the Office of Legal Counsel to the White House in 2011.

This FOIA primarily contains correspondence with Congress and the Department of the Treasury, case opinions and summaries, published articles, opinion pieces, scholarly papers, and congressional records and testimonies.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 23-39824-F are a systematic body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult an archivist about related materials.

Documents responsive to this FOIA were found in these collection areas – Staff Member Office Files and the Obama Presidential Electronic Records.

Staff Member Office Files are maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. Staff Member Office Files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of

documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area.

The Executive Office of the President (EOP) instance of the Electronic Records Archive (ERA) contains electronic records created or received by Obama administration staff. These records are stored in Search and Access Sets (SAS) that represent their originating computer program, such as Exchange Email or the Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES). In addition to records captured from the White House's electronic systems, EOP-ERA also contains records from the home and shared drives used by White House staff.

Container List

The following is a list of documents, folders, and electronic search results lists (SRLs) that were processed in response to FOIA 23-39824-F:

Textual Records

- **Records Management, White House Office of (WHORM)**
  - *Subject Files - FI001-02 (Federal Spending)*
    - 1061348
- **Counsel's Office, White House (WHCO)**
  - *Gottlieb, Michael - Subject Files*
    - Debt Ceiling - Notes
  - *Hartnett, Kathleen - Subject Files*
    - Debt Ceiling
  - *Rothman, Mika and Steven Croley - Subject Files*
    - [Debt Ceiling/Debt Crisis]
    - Debt Ceiling
  - *Ruemmler, Kathy - Subject Files*
    - [Debt]
    - Debt Ceiling

Electronic Records

- *Shared Drives WHO* contains 4 assets, of which all are withheld in full.