BARACK OBAMA
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

Records related to "Deflategate" (22-21300-F)

Finding Aid Type
FOIA

Extent

1033 assets

Record Type
Electronic Records

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, 2024. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 22-21300-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 22-21300-F requested records related to "deflategate" (e.g. ,the allegation that the New England Patriots football team purposely deflated the footballs used in a 2014 NFL playoff game).

This FOIA primarily contains articles and papers circulated for review, final talking points, memoranda, and email correspondence – all of which reference Deflategate.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 22-21300-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 – Obama Presidential Electronic Records.

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 22-21300-F:

Electronic Records

- *Deflategate Other Email* contains 22 assets, of which 22 are withheld in full.
- *Deflategate Presidential Email* contains 1007 assets, of which 366 are released in full, 23 are withheld in part, and 618 are withheld in full.
- *Deflategate WHO Shared Drive* contains 4 assets, of which 4 are withheld in full.