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Records related to the "Beer Summit" Meeting, July 30, 2009 (22-16972-F)

Finding Aid Type
FOIA

Extent

19 folders, approximately 795 pages / 308 assets

Record Type
Photographs
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, 2024. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections

Additional segments of this FOIA request:

- 22-16972-F.2 [Segment 2]

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 22-16972-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 22-16972-F requested materials related to briefing notes, transcripts, readouts, photographs, and any other records mentioning or related to the July 30, 2009, meeting between President Obama, Vice President Biden, Henry Louis Gates Jr., and James Crowley. This meeting has been referred to as the "Beer Summit."

This FOIA primarily contains photographs, planning materials, and correspondence related to the meeting between President Obama, Henry Louis Gates Jr., and James Crowley on July 30, 2009. Photographs include the President and Vice President meeting with the Gates and Crowley families in the Oval Office and Rose Garden.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 22-16972-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 – White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files, Staff Member Office Files, and Obama Presidential Electronic Records

WHORM Subject and WHORM Alpha Files are processed at the document level.

The WHORM Alpha File was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events.

The WHORM Subject File was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and consists of a series of documents assigned a letter/number combination and filed in a subject category. A complete listing of the subject categories, including a detailed description of each category, is available on the National Archives Catalog.

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.

White House Communications Agency records are processed at the folder/videotape level. While this method maintains folder/videotape integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of videotapes that are not wholly responsive to the subject area.

Container List

The following is a list of documents, folders, and electronic search results lists (SRLs) that were processed in response to FOIA 22-16972-F:

Textual Records

- **Records Management, White House Office of**
  - *Subject Files - WH004-01*
    - 1014789

- *Subject Files - FG001-07*
  - 1013215
  - 1013222
  - 1035817
  - 1212793
- *Subject Files - FG006-01*
  - 1061147
  - 1012060
- *Subject Files - FG006-03A*
  - 1025035
- *Subject Files - PR012*
  - 1098478
  - 1032126
- *Subject Files - PR003*
  - 1219646
- *Subject Files - FG001*
  - 1011810
- *Subject Files - FG031*
  - 1011860
- *Subject Files - GI001*
  - 1012585
- *Subject Files - ME001*
  - 1183791
  - 1209215
  - 1210966
  - 1210972

- **Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs**
  - *Witt, Abigail "Abby" - Subject Files*
    - Beer Summit

Electronic Records

- *AV_22-16972-F* contains 308 photographs, of which 308 are released in full