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Records related to Laquan McDonald or the FBI and DOJ investigation into the shooting of Laquan McDonald (22-16553-F)

Finding Aid Type
FOIA

Extent

3 folders, approximately 304 pages / 1,360 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, 2024. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 22-16553-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 22-16553-F requested materials related to Laquan McDonald or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Department of Justice (DOJ) investigation into the shooting of Laquan McDonald.

This FOIA primarily contains briefing papers, draft and final talking points, questions and answers (Q&A) sessions, draft and final press releases, email correspondence, and articles and papers circulated for review.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 22-16553-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 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.

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 22-16553-F:

Textual Records

- **Records Management, White House Office of**
  - *Subject Files - FG001-07 (Briefing Papers)*
    - 1194872
    - 1200980
  - *Subject Files - FG006 (Executive Office of the President)*
    - 1187380

Electronic Records

- *Exchange Email – Presidential* contains 1,135 assets, of which 13 are released in full, 1 is withheld in part, and 1,121 are *withheld in full.*
- *Exchange Email – SIP_044* contains 7 assets, of which 1 is withheld in part and 6 are withheld in full.
- *Shared Drives CEA* contains 12 assets, of which 12 are released in full.
- *Shared Drives OA* contains 2 assets, of which 2 are withheld in part.

- *Shared Drives WHO* contains 204 assets, of which 1 is released in full, 2 are withheld in part, and 201 are withheld in full.