BARACK OBAMA
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

Records related to John Podesta's responses about UFOs and UAPs (22-18746-F)

Finding Aid Type
FOIA

Extent

50 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, 2025. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 22-18746-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 22-18746-F requested materials related to all files on from John Podesta dealing with UFOs, UAPs, UFO disclosure.

This FOIA primarily contains email correspondence, news articles, and tweets. The bulk of the electronic records proposed for release are related to John Podesta’s comments on UFO disclosure.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 22-18746-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 22-18746-F:

Electronic Records

Exchange Email - Presidential contains 6 assets, of which 4 are released in full and 2 are withheld in full.

Shared Drive - NSC contains 1 asset, of which 1 is released in full.

Shared Drive - WHO contains 43 assets, of which 5 are released in full and 38 are withheld in full.