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# Records related to the Cold Case Initiative and the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act and Reauthorization Act (22-16542-F)

**Finding Aid Type**
FOIA

**Extent**

6 folders, approximately 218 pages / 640 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, 2025. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

## Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 22-16542-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 22-16542-F requested materials related to the FBI and Department of Justice's Cold Case Initiative, the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act, and the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act.

This FOIA primarily contains correspondence, memoranda, reports and asset lists.

## System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 22-16542-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 and White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files

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.

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.

**Container List**

The following is a list of documents, folders, and electronic search results lists (SRLs) that were processed in response to FOIA 22-16542-F:

**Textual Records**

- **Records Management, White House Office of**
  - Subject Files - FG001-07 (Briefing Papers)
    - 1220415
  - Subject Files - FG006-01 (White House Office - Staff - Staff Meetings)
    - 1012058
  - Subject Files - FG006-03A (Chief of Staff - Rahm Emanuel)
    - 1020484
  - Subject Files - FG031 (Congress of the United States)
    - 1139394

- Subject Files - HU010 (Civil Rights)
    - 1009790
- Subject Files - PR012 (Personal Data, Presidential)
    - 1031793

**Electronic Records**

- *Exchange Email - Other - Till Act* contains 3 assets, of which 2 are released in full, and 1 is withheld in part.
- *Exchange Email - Presidential - Till Act* contains 470 assets, of which 161 are released in full, 16 are withheld in part, and 293 are withheld in full.
- *Shared Drive - NSC* contains 7 assets, of which 1 are released in full, and 6 are withheld in full.
- *Shared Drive - OA* contains 6 assets, of which 5 are released in full, and 1 is withheld in full.
- *Shared Drive - WHO* contains 154 assets, of which 71 are released in full, and 83 are withheld in full.