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Photographs (and associated metadata) featuring President Obama in the Situation Room (24-09538-F)

Finding Aid Type
FOIA

Collection Date

22-20610-F: Photographs of Richard Hatchett

Extent

5,159 assets

Record Type
Electronic Records
Photographs

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 24-09538-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 24-09538-F requested all photographs of President Obama or Vice President Biden in the Situation Room, as well as associated date/time groups and metadata of the photo. This segment of the FOIA contains photographs from January 21, 2009, through July 31, 2010.

This FOIA primarily contains photographs and photo metadata from meetings in the Situation Room from January 21, 2009, through July 31, 2010. Meetings include terrorism threat briefings; foreign leader phone calls; National Security Council meetings; homeland security briefings; and meetings on Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and North Korea.

It should be noted that many of the photographs in this FOIA have been closed due to National Security classification and/or exemptions of the Freedom of Information Act.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 24-09538-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 24-09538-F:

Electronic Records

- *SRL Situation Room Photos 1/20/2009 – 6/30/2009* contains 748 photographs, of which 543 are released in full and 205 are withheld in full. Includes 543 photo metadata.

- *SRL Situation Room Photos 7/1/2009 – 12/31/2009* contains 1398 photographs, of which 1121 are released in full and 277 are withheld in full. Includes 1121 photo metadata.

- *SRL Situation Room Photos 1/1/2010 – 7/31/2010* contains 3013 photographs, of which 2302 are released in full and 711 are withheld in full. Includes 2302 photo metadata.