



Records Related to the Capture of Osama bin Laden (22-18616-F)

Finding Aid Type

FOIA

Extent

8,007 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, 2026. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections

- [Photographs captured May 1 through May 3, 2011 \[Osama bin Laden raid\] \(22-16724-F\)](#)
- [Video footage of President Obama captured on May 1, 2011 \[Osama bin Laden raid\] \(24-19013-F\)](#)

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 22-18616-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 22-18616-F requested materials related to the capture and disposal of the body of Osama bin Laden.

This FOIA primarily contains correspondence, memoranda, speeches, and reports.

System of Arrangement

The materials in 22-18616-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 electronic search results lists (SRLs) that were processed in response to FOIA 22-18616-F:

Electronic Records

- *Email_Presidential UPDATED* contains 7,407 assets, of which 2,326 are released in full, 554 are withheld in part, and 4,527 are withheld in full.
- *Email_SIP44 UPDATED* contains 4 assets, of which 0 are released in full, 4 are withheld in part, and 0 are withheld in full.
- *Email_Other UPDATED* contains 367 assets, of which 100 are released in full, 58 are withheld in part, and 209 are withheld in full.
- *Shared Drive CEA* contains 45 assets, of which 18 are released in full, 0 are withheld in part, and 27 are withheld in full.
- *Shared Drive PIAB* contains 1 asset, of which 1 is released in full, 0 are withheld in part, and 0 are withheld in full.
- *Shared Drive OA* contains 183 assets, of which 28 are released in full, 33 are withheld in part, and 122 are withheld in full.