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Photographs and Audio Clips related to Ukraine, Crimea, Russia, and Putin, dated January 1 through May 1, 2014 (22-27458-F)

Finding Aid Type
FOIA

Extent

6,549 assets / 1 audio clip

Record Type
Audio
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, 2026. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections

25-79126-F: Photographs from the meeting between US officials and the delegation from the country of Georgia that visited the White House on February 24, 2014.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 22-27458-F (Segment 1) 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 22-27458-F requested emails, letters, memos, reports, presidential correspondence, transcripts of national security and daily briefings held for President Barack Obama and photographs and audio clips referring to or mentioning Ukraine, Crimea, Russia, and Putin. The timeframe for this search is January 1, 2014 through May 1, 2014.

This FOIA primarily contains photographs of President Obama participating in meetings, foreign leader phone calls, signings, and press briefings about the situation in Russia and Ukraine. There are photos of President Obama taping a remote interview with Bob Costas for NBC’s coverage of the 2014 Winter Olympic Games on February 20; holding a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk of Ukraine on March 12; attending a G7 Leaders Meeting in The Hague, Netherlands, on March 24; and meeting with President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan at the U.S. Ambassador's residence in The Hague on March 25. There

are also photos of First Lady Michelle Obama attending the International Women of Courage Awards at the Department of State on March 4.

It should be noted that many of the documents 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 22-27458-F (segment 1) 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 Communications Agency.

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.

White House Communications Agency records are processed at the folder/videotape level. While this method maintains folder/videotape integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of videotapes that are not wholly responsive to the subject area.

Container List

The following is a list of documents, folders, and electronic search results lists (SRLs) that were processed in response to FOIA 22-27458-F (segment 1):

Electronic Records

- *AV_22-27458-F January 2014 Photos* contains 295 photographs, of which 235 are released in full and 60 are withheld in full.

- *AV_22-27458-F February 2014 Photos* contains 593 photographs, of which 579 are released in full and 14 are withheld in full.
- *AV_22-27458-F 3-1-2014 - 3-15-2014 Photos* contains 3306 photographs, of which 3173 are released in full and 133 are withheld in full.
- *AV_22-27458-F 3-16-2014 - 3-31-2014 Photos* contains 1748 photographs, of which 1627 are released in full and 121 are withheld in full.
- *AV_22-27458-F 4-1-2014 – 5-1-2014 Photos* contains 607 photographs, of which 497 are released in full and 110 are withheld in full.

Audiovisual Records

- **Communications Agency, White House (WHCA)**
  - *Audio*
    - Tape 3842 – POTUS Delivers a Statement on Ukraine 03/20/2014 (1 clip; 1 released in full): President Obama delivers a Statement on Ukraine, March 20, 2014