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Records related to the Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative (22-17709-F)

Finding Aid Type
FOIA

Extent

97 folders, approximately 3,732 pages / 3,514 assets

Record Type
Electronic Records
Textual

Access

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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.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 22-17709-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 22-17709-F requested correspondence and financial records related to the Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative.

This FOIA primarily contains correspondence, briefing papers, speeches, remarks, and proclamations. Textual records consist of briefing papers containing the Presidential schedule, memoranda, and background information such as event summaries, guest lists, and participant bios; letters from POTUS to organizations, groups, and members of the public pertaining to the the BRAIN Initiative; and speeches, remarks, and proclamations related to health, mental diseases, the BRAIN Initiative, and science and medicine.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 22-17709-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 – White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files and Obama Presidential Electronic Records.

WHORM Subject and WHORM Alpha Files are processed at the document level.

The WHORM Alpha File was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events.

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.

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 22-17709-F:

Textual Records

- **Records Management, White House Office of**
  - *Subject Files - CM008 (Remote Sensing Devices)*
    - 1179198
  - *Subject Files - FE009 (Proclamations)*
    - 1118464
    - 1124575
    - 1129788
    - 1138883
    - 1154681
    - 1169187
    - 1169386

        - 1190628
        - 1200919
        - 1216013
        - 1218146
    - *Subject Files - FG001 (Administration Accomplishments)*
        - 1166674
        - 1191065
    - *Subject Files - FG001-06 (Meetings with the President)*
        - 1219401
    - *Subject Files - FG001-07 (Briefing Papers)*
        - 1111546
        - 1111548
        - 1111551
        - 1114823
        - 1119821
        - 1125449
        - 1130103
        - 1131484
        - 1166174
        - 1168504
        - 1192037
        - 1197004
        - 1210761
        - 1217192
        - 1217196
        - 1220412
    - *Subject Files - FG006 (Executive Office of the President)*
        - 1150976
        - 1151521
        - 1154729
        - 1196306
    - *Subject Files - FG006-01 (White House Office - Staff - Staff Meetings)*
        - 1166537
    - *Subject Files - FG006-03 (Chief of Staff)*
        - 1150276
    - *Subject Files - FG006-04 (White House Counsel)*

        - 1184560
        - 1199974
        - 1200701
    - *Subject Files - FG006-09 (Office of Science and Technology Policy)*
        - 1142771
        - 1223004
    - *Subject Files - FG006-37 (Senior Advisor - John Podesta)*
        - 1139421
    - *Subject Files - FG010 (Cabinet)*
        - 1112299
        - 1220033
    - *Subject Files - FG025 (Department of Energy)*
        - 1175522
    - *Subject Files - FG031 (Congress of the United States)*
        - 1110636
        - 1114046
        - 1137754
    - *Subject Files - FI004 (Financial Relations)*
        - 1127327
        - 1130030
        - 1155951
        - 1163655
        - 1187241
        - 1191070
    - *Subject Files - GI002 (Gifts to the President)*
        - 1117968
    - *Subject Files - HE (Health)*
        - 1212568
    - *Subject Files - HE001 (Diseases - Disabilities)*
        - 1137929
        - 1166664
    - *Subject Files - HE006 (Medicines - Drugs-Serums)*
        - 1167694
    - *Subject Files - IV016 (Invitations for 2016)*
        - 1192728
        - 1192954

- *Subject Files - LE (Bill Files)*
  - 1217507
- *Subject Files - MA026 (Freedom Awards (All))*
  - 1179013
- *Subject Files - ME001 (Messages - Sent to Individuals)*
  - 1116481
  - 1163672
- *Subject Files - ME001-03 (Messages - Condolence/Death)*
  - 1165348
  - 1165357
  - 1165416
- *Subject Files - ME002 (Messages Sent to Groups/Organizations)*
  - 1132476
  - 1141146
  - 1187211
  - 1194972
- *Subject Files - ME002-04 (Hospitals, Healthcare Institutions)*
  - 1108978
  - 1110107
- *Subject Files - PE (Civil Service Reform - Government Employees - Personnel Management)*
  - 1194303
- *Subject Files - PR005-01 (Computer Administration Unit)*
  - 1112411
- *Subject Files - PU (Publications)*
  - 1202617
- *Subject Files - RE (Amusements)*
  - 1130782
- *Subject Files - SC (Weather)*
  - 1115860
  - 1134419
  - 1182158
  - 1184962
  - 1185506
  - 1192883
  - 1223350

- *Subject Files - SP1707 (Remarks on the Brain Initiative and American Innovation, 04/02/2013)*
  - 1108489
- *Subject Files - SP1709-02 (All Speeches on TR289 in California, 04/04/2013)*
  - 1109152
  - 1109158
- *Subject Files - SP2098 (Remarks at National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD, 12/02/2014)*
  - 1155879
- *Subject Files - SP210-15 (FY 2016 Budget Transmittal Message)*
  - 1160117
- *Subject Files - SP210-16 (FY 2017 Budget Transmittal Message)*
  - 1202952
  - 1202956
- *Subject Files - SP230 (State of the Union Addresses)*
  - 1183446
- *Subject Files - SP230-16 (2016 State of the Union Address)*
  - 1191474
- *Subject Files - SP2544-01 (All Speeches on TR469 in Pittsburgh, PA, 10/13/2016)*
  - 1220940
- *Subject Files - SP2576 (Remarks at the Bill Signing for the 21st Century Cures Act, 12/13/2016)*
  - 1221398

Electronic Records

- *Exchange - Presidential - BRAIN Initiative* contains 1969 assets, of which 999 are released in full, 87 are withheld in part, and 883 are withheld in full.
- *Shared Drive - NSC - BRAIN Initiative* contains 80 assets, of which 11 are released in full and 69 are withheld in full.
- *Shared Drive - OA - BRAIN Initiative* contains 18 assets, of which 10 are released in full and 8 are withheld in full.

- *Shared Drives - CEA - BRAIN Initiative* contains 156 assets, of which 36 are released in full and 120 are withheld in full.
- *Shared Drive - WHO - BRAIN Initiative* contains 1291 assets, of which 218 are released in full and 1073 are withheld in full.