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White House photographs taken November 8-9, 2016 (25-65956-F)

Finding Aid Type
FOIA

Extent

2443 assets

Record Type
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).

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Staff Archivists, 2026. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 25-65956-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 25-65956-F requested all photographs taken on November 8 and 9, 2016, by any White House photographer.

This FOIA primarily contains photographs from those two days. Photos from November 8 include photographs of President Obama receiving the Presidential Daily Briefing, meeting with David Axelrod, talking with the Fall White House interns, meeting with senior staff, and participating in an interview with Bill Plante of CBS News. Photos from November 9 include President Obama speaking with staff about the presidential election, receiving the Presidential Daily Briefing, talking separately on the phone with Senator Mitch McConnell and Merrick Garland, delivering a statement regarding the election in the Rose Garden, meeting with artist Shepard Fairey and family, and delivering remarks at a mix and mingle with current and former Cabinet Members in the Grand Foyer.

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 25-65956-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.

Obama Presidential Electronic Records are a unique segment preserved in an electronic system separate from the Electronic Records Archive (ERA). The records are processed by topic, printed, and filed in folders. Folders are arranged by data set and thereunder by date.

Container List

The following is a list of documents, folders, and electronic search results lists (SRLs) that were processed in response to FOIA 25-65956-F:

Electronic Records

- *Photos from 11-8-2016* contains 849 photographs, of which 448 are released in full and 401 are withheld in full.

- *Photos from 11-9-2016* contains 1596 photographs, of which 1466 are released in full and 128 are withheld in full.