



## Inventory for FOIA Request 2018-0106-F

### Records on Grant M. Dixon's Cease-and-Desist Letter to *The Onion* Regarding Their Misuse of the Presidential Seal

#### Extent

1 folder, approximately 128 pages / 46 assets

#### Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to George W. Bush Presidential records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 22, as amended) 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.

#### Copyright

Records in this collection that were prepared by officials of the United States government as part of their official duties are in the public domain. Researchers are advised to consult the copyright law of the United States (Title 17, USC) which governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material.

#### Provenance

Official records of George W. Bush's presidency are housed at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and are administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

#### Processing by

Staff Archivists, 2022. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 09/12/2022

#### Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2018-0106-F are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of records responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult an archivist about related materials.

FOIA 2018-0106-F requested materials related to the drafting and sending of Grant M. Dixon's cease-and-desist letter to the online satirical website, *The Onion*, over their misuse of the Presidential Seal.

This FOIA primarily contains correspondence, memoranda and emails alerting Mr. Dixon to the misuse of the seal by *The Onion*, a copy of the letter sent by Mr. Dixon, and staff discussions concerning *The New York Times* article along with related press on the subject. Included are letters from counsel for *The Onion* Rochelle H. Klaskin and *The Onion* Editor-in-Chief Scott Dikkers to Associate Counsel to the President Grant Dixon in response to his cease-and-desist

letter.

### **System of Arrangement**

The materials in FOIA 2018-0106-F are a systematic body of records responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult an archivist about related materials.

Records responsive to this FOIA were found in these collection areas – Staff Member Office Files and George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records.

Staff Member Office Files are maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity.

Staff Member Office Files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area.

The Executive Office of the President (EOP) instance of the Electronic Records Archive (ERA) contains electronic records created or received by President George W. Bush. 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.

The following is a list of electronic search results lists (SRLs) and folders processed in response to FOIA 2018-0106-F:

#### ***George W. Bush Electronic Records***

Exchange contains 46 assets, of which 41 are released in full and 5 are withheld in part.

#### ***George W. Bush Textual Records***

##### **Box 1**

##### **Staff Member Office Files**

Counsel's Office, White House

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