



## Inventory for FOIA Request 2016-0050-F

# Records of FOIA Request Documentation and Responsive Materials Related to White House Visitors

### Extent

18 folders, approximately 1,775 pages / 474 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, 2023. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 05/22/2023

### Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2016-0050-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 2016-0050-F requested materials related to FOIA request documentation and responsive materials related to White House visitors.

This FOIA primarily contains White House visitor database printouts, drafts of memoranda and memoranda of understanding (MOUs) documenting how the Secret Service saves and transfers visitor data to the White House, as well as discussion on whether such data should be treated as federal or presidential record. There are also printed emails involving administration, Secret Service, and National Archives staff on those two subjects. Additionally, there are copies of

FOIA requests received by the Office of Administration (OA) with OA's response, plus copies of responsive records, if there were any. This FOIA also contains court filings (and drafts thereof) concerning requests from public advocacy groups for White House visitor data.

Electronic records in this FOIA consist of court briefs, filings, and opinions, articles and news media reports, emails, night notes, lists, memoranda, draft responses, draft Q and As, a barcode scanning sheet, invitations, schedules, and briefings. The bulk of the material consists of email exchanges between representatives of the United States Secret Service (USSS), the United States Department of Justice, the National Archives and Records Administration, and the White House Office of Legal Counsel discussing several legal cases, executive privilege, and the transfer of White House Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES) data from the USSS to the White House records management system; records related to several legal cases involving the organization Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington; several exchanges between White House Counsel Harriet Miers and White House staff regarding the legality of releasing WAVES records; emails discussing the constitutional status of the Vice President and how that status relates to the records of the Vice President; the memorandum of understanding between the White House Office of Records Management and the USSS Records Management Program Governing Records Generated by the White House Access Control System (included as an exhibit in legal filing); a memorandum entitled, "Revised Interim Authority to Operate Major Applications Hosted on the Executive Office of the President Network;" and several draft White House Office of Legal Counsel opinions on various legal cases related to White House visitor records.

### **System of Arrangement**

The materials in FOIA 2016-0050-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 – White House Office of Records Management (WHORM), Staff Member Office Files, and George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records.

The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Subject Files and Alpha Files were compiled by staff in the White House Office of Records Management and are a series of documents assigned a letter/number combination and filed in a series of categories by subject. WHORM Subject Files and WHORM Alpha Files are processed at the document level.

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 2016-0050-F:

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

ARMS contains 15 assets, of which 15 are released in full.

Exchange contains 280 assets, of which 176 are released in full, 62 are withheld in part, and 42 are withheld in full.

OA contains 3 assets, of which 3 are released in full.

RNC\_PST contains 143 assets, of which 87 are released in full, and 56 are withheld in part.

WHO contains 33 assets, of which 21 are released in full, 5 are withheld in part, and 7 are withheld in full.

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

**Box 1**

**Records Management, White House Office of**

Droege, Philip (Phil) - Subject Files

CREW (Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington)/WAVES [1]

CREW (Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington)/WAVES [2]

CREW (Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington)/WAVES [3]

Search and File Unit Files - WAVES Files

Jack Abramoff WAVES Search 08/29/2006

**Staff Member Office Files**

Counsel's Office, White House

Coffina, Scott - Investigations and Litigation Files

Jack Abramoff - WAVES Records from Judicial Watch Litigation [1]

Jack Abramoff - WAVES Records from Judicial Watch Litigation [2]

Jack Abramoff - WAVES Records from Judicial Watch Litigation [3]

Jack Abramoff - WAVES Records from Judicial Watch Litigation [4]

**Box 2**

Counsel's Office, White House

Hoyt, Robert (Bob) - Subject Files

WAVES - CREW (Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington)  
Demand Letter

Kelley, William (Bill) - Subject Files

WAVES

Klingler, Richard - FOIA Files

USSS (US Secret Service)/ FOIA

O'Donoghue, R. Graham - Subject Files

OLC Opinions: WAVES

Oprison, Christopher (Chris) - Litigation Files

CREW v. DHS (USSS [US Secret Service]) "WAVES" FOIA Request

CREW WAVES - Morrissey (5th Declaration)

Oprison, Christopher (Chris) - Subject Files

WAVES/ACR Records [1]

WAVES/ACR Records [2]

Office of Administration - Office of the General Counsel

Adams, Wendy - FOIA Files

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests & Responses 06/01/2006 -  
09/19/2006 [1]

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests & Responses 06/01/2006 -  
09/19/2006 [2]

# Container List for Previously Opened Folders:

## Staff Member Office Files

Counsel's Office, White House

Kavanaugh, Brett - Subject Files

FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) Status of OA

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FOIA Matters

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