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Correspondent: JOHN CARLIN

Subject/Description: DISPOSAL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC MAIL BULK MAIL



National Archives at College Park

8601 Adelphi Road College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

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Harriet Miers
Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Miers:

In accordance with the authority granted to me by the Presidential Records Act, Section 2203(c) (2), I approve of disposal of the two (2) categories of textual Presidential bulk mail described in your letter of March 28, 2001. Those categories are:

- (1) Certain categories of public mail to the President, the First Lady and their staffs including anonymous correspondence, correspondence with an incomplete address, mail from prolific writers, and public opinion mail. Samples, when appropriate, will be retained.
- (2) Publications, brochures, clippings and other types of enclosures in public mail, when there is no immediate or historical importance to the materials.

As in the past, I recommend that representatives of the National Archives and Records Administration, in coordination with the White House Office of Records Management, review these materials before disposal and take samples when appropriate. These samples will be retained permanently. If groups of materials that should not be destroyed are identified during sampling, the National Archives will inform you.

I do not intend to take any Congressional action with regard to this request as provided for by Section 2203(e) of the Presidential Records Act.

I support your effort to continue the disposal of Presidential bulk mail. This practice has been very successful since it began in 1982, and, as you point out, has been mutually beneficial for both the White House and the National Archives and Records Administration.

Sincerely,

JOHN W. CARLIN

Archivist of the United States

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 28, 2001

Dear Mr. Carlin:

In accordance with the requirements of the Presidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C (c) (1), I propose to dispose periodically of the following categories of Presidential records:

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The White House Office of Records Management will dispose of these materials only after representatives of the National Archives have reviewed, approved and, when appropriate in their opinion, sampled it.

This would continue a policy initiated under President Reagan and agreed to by the National Archives. This policy has allowed the disposal of over 65,000 cubic feet of materials since its inception. The amount disposed of during each Administration has approximately equaled the volume of documents transferred to each Library. It is a policy that has benefited both the White House and the National Archives by allowing significant savings in space, maintenance, and budget, in the short term for the White House, and in the long term for the National Archives.

Sincerely,

Harriet Miers

Assistant to the President and

Staff Secretary

The Honorable John Carlin Archivist of the United States 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, Maryland, 20740-6001 This letter was given to Doug Thurman on March 29, 2001. Doug will hand-deliver to the Archivist.

Lee R. Johnson

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Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- P1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
- P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [a)(5) of the PRA]
- P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

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Honorable John D. Podesta Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Podesta:

In accordance with the authority granted to me by the Presidential Records Act, Section 2203(c)(2), I approve of disposal of the three (3) categories of Presidential bulk mail described in your letter of April 22, 1993. Those categories are:

- (1) Certain categories of public mail to the President, the First Lady and their staffs including anonymous correspondence, correspondence with an incomplete address, mail from prolific writers, and public opinion mail.
- (2) Copies of press releases, press conference and briefing transcripts, personnel announcements, mass mailings and other internal publications that are distributed widely. As you stated in your letter, a record copy of each of these items should be retained in the originating White House office.
- (3) Publications, brochures, clippings and other types of enclosures in public mail, when there is no immediate or historical importance to the materials.

As in the past, I recommend that representatives of the National Archives and Records Administration, in coordination with the White House Office of Records Management, review these materials before disposal and take samples when appropriate. These samples will be retained permanently. If groups of materials that should not be destroyed are identified during sampling, the National Archives will inform you.

I do not intend to take any Congressional action with regard to this request as provided for by Section 2203(e) of the Presidential Records Act. I support your effort to continue the disposal of Presidential bulk mail. This practice has been very successful since it began in 1982, and, as you point out, has been mutually beneficial for both the White House and the National Archives.

Sincerely,

TRUDY HUSKAMY PETERSON Acting Archivist

of the United States

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 22, 1993

Dear Dr. Peterson:

In accordance with the requirements of the Pesidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C. (c) (1), I propose to dispose periodically of the following categories of Presidential records:

- o certain categories of public mail to the President, the First Lady and their staffs including anonymous correspondence, correspondence with an incomplete address, mail from prolific writers, and public opinion mail. Samples, when appropriate, will be retained.
- o copies of press releases, press conference and briefing transcripts, personnel announcements, mass mailings and other internal publications that are distributed widely. Record copies of each is retained by the originating office within the White House.
- o publications, brochures, clippings and other types of enclosures in public mail, when there is no immediate or historical importance to the materials.

The White House Office of Records Management will dispose of these materials only after representatives of the National Archives have reviewed, approved and, when appropriate in their opinion, sampled it.

This would continue a policy initiated under President Reagan and agreed to by the National Archives. This policy has allowed the disposal of over 35,000 cubic feet of materials since its inception. It is a policy that has benefitted both the White House and the National Archives by allowing significant savings in space, maintenance, and budget, in the short term for the White House, and in the long term for the National Archives.

Sincerely,

John D. Podesta

Assistant to the President

and Staff Secretary

Dr. Trudy H. Peterson Acting Archivist of the United States Room 111 National Archives and Records Administration 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20408

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April 15, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN PODESTA

FROM:

TERRY GOOD

RE:

DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PUBLIC MAIL

Since the Reagan Administration, this office has had in place a process to dispose of that portion of the public mail that has received either a form response or no response. The National Archives (NARA) agreed to this in 1982. (See attachments) We have continued to follow these guidelines ever since.

The process is fairly straightforward. Before disposal, we ask NARA to review the boxes of mail for a "second opinion". Its staff will pull a very small number as selected samples. The boxes will then be given to the Office of Administration which has a maceration facility in the NEOB. Initially, NARA contracted with a commercial operation to dispose of the material. Later, and until quite recently, we used the services of NSA at Fort Meade. NSA remains a fall-back option.

Typically, we will hold the mail for 30 to 90 days before disposal. However, the current volume is such that we do not have storage space to retain it for even 30 days. Since January we have received approximately 1300 boxes and have disposed of almost 600. Our available space will hold 600 which allows for a small amount of working area. At the moment our working area has disappeared and we are expecting more boxes this week.

Evidently, NARA is reviewing many of its policies at the request of its new Acting Archivist, Dr. Trudy Peterson. Thus, NARA's Office of Presidential Libraries has asked if the White House would submit a memorandum explaining that it would like to continue this policy. To accommodate this request, I have prepared a draft letter taking into account the requests cited in Dr. Warner's letter of March 30, 1982. I omitted reference to the Presidential Libraries Liaison Office which was later reduced to a staff of one working in and under the Office of Records Management. As we have discussed we hope that this position can be filled in the near future. However, in the meantime, the reviewing and sampling can be done by a NARA team that visits frequently to assist in performing this function.

I defer to you as to whose signature should appear on it.

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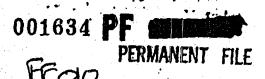
Dear Dr. Peterson:

In accordance with the requirements of the Pesidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C. (c) (1), the President proposes to dispose periodically of the following categories of Presidential records:

- certain categories of public mail to the President, the First Lady and their staffs including anonymous correspondence, correspondence with an incomplete address, mail from prolific writers, and public opinion mail. Samples, when appropriate, will be retained.
- o copies of press releases, press conference and briefing transcripts, personnel announcements, mass mailings and other internal publications that are distributed widely. Record copies of each is retained by the originating office within the White House.
- o publications, brochures, clippings and other types of enclosures in public mail, when there is no immediate or historical importance to the materials.
- o unsuccessful and unsolicited applications for employment, including correspondence, resumes, letters of recommendation and other similar materials no longer under review by the Office of Presidential Personnel.

The White House Office of Records Management will dispose of these materials only after representatives of the National Archives have reviewed, approved and, when appropriate in their opinion, sampled it.

This would continue a policy initiated under President Reagan and agreed to by the National Archives. This policy has allowed the disposal of over 35,000 cubic feet of materials since its inception. It is a policy that has benefitted both the White House and the National Archives by allowing significant savings in space, maintenance, and budget, in the short term for the White House, and in the long term for the National Archives.





THE WHITE HOUSE

March 8, 1982

Dear Dr. Warner:

AIn accordance with the requirements of the Presidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C. 2203 (c) (1), the President proposes to dispose periodically of the following categories of Presidential records:

- o public mail to the President, the First Lady and their staffs including anonymous correspondence, correspondence with an incomplete address, mail from prolific writers, and public opinion mail. A sample will be retained by Records Management.
- o copies of press releases, press conference and briefing transcripts, personnel announcements, mass mailings and other internal publications that are distributed widely. One copy will be retained by Records Management.
- o publications, brochures, clippings and other types of enclosures in public mail, when there is no immediate or historical importance to the materials.
- o unsuccessful and unsolicited applications for employment, including correspondence, resumes, letters of recommendation and other similar materials.

I would like to obtain your views on this proposal. I would suggest that as a means of carrying out this plan on a continuing basis that members of the Office of Records Management would work with your designee in reviewing sample boxes of the materials involved. The materials would then be turned over to you for destruction.

I would appreciate your consideration of this proposal and a response at your earliest convenience.

John F. W. Rogers

Deputy Assistant to the President for Management

Dr. Robert Warner Archivist of the United States The National Archives Washington, D.C. 20408

cc: Biff Henley

cc: Emily Ford - JFWR Chron.

oc: Central Files w/attachment

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

February 23, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RICHARD DARMAN

FROM:

BIFF HENLEY

SUBJECT:

DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN MATERIALS

Help! We really need to move ahead and dispose of the materials described at TAB A. Presently, there are 2,500 cartons stored in Alexandria and 600 more in storage here.

Last week, we received the 250,000 petitions (80 cartons) described at TAB B which should be included into the 600 mentioned above.

For your information TAB C contains copies of previous memoranda on this subject.

TAB D contains copies of the action taken by the Vice President's office with similar materials.

THE WHITE HOUSE

NASHINGTON

August 3, 1981

TO:

H. P. Goldfield

FROM:

Anne Higgins, Director of Presidential Correspondence

SUBJECT:

CLASSIFICATIONS OF MAIL WHICH CAN BE DISCARDED

The following represent the classifications of mail we believe may be safely discarded after an appropriate period of retention (i.e., 30 to 60 days):

I. Correspondence acknowledged by card, including requests for birthday and wedding anniversary greetings. No record is now maintained for these acknowledgments, nor do we plan to ask for any. Random sampling might be kept for historical purposes.

II. Get-well correspondence acknowledged by presidential form response. No record is maintained. Random sampling should be kept for historical purposes.

Unacknowledged correspondence defined by the mail room as inspired or propaganda mail. No record now maintained; but we may like to consider the possibility of kceping some sort of list on these. Samples of each form should be kept for historical purposes.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

July 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR:

H. P. GOLDFIELD

FROM:

FRANK MATTHEWS

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RE:

REQUEST FOR DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS

As you requested during our July 14 meeting, attached is a list of the categories of records currently in our custody which we do not believe warrant permanent retention.

NARS has examined and is prepared to approve for disposal these particular records as required by the Presidential Records Act.

Except for the get-well correspondence, these categories of records have been disposed of routinely in the past in cooperation with NARS.

cc: Mary Lawton

As of July 15, 1981:

Number of Boxes	Contents	Recommended Retention Period
1,293	Correspondence acknowledged by card, including requests for birthday and wedding anniversary greetings. No record is maintained of these acknowledgments.	30 days
	Unacknowledged correspondence including copy letters, mail from supporters of special interest groups variously defined by the Mail Room as inspired or propaganda mail, and multi-signature mail.	30 days
	While I don't have a precise numerical breakdown by cartons, the estimated percentages are: 40-50%; acknowledged 50-60%; unacknowledged	
169	Correspondence acknowledged by a form response by the Director of Correspondence. No copy of the acknowledgment is maintained.	60 days
24	Unacknowledged correspondence - registered	60 days
138	Oversize items from children acknowledged by Presidential form letters. A copy of the Presidential letter and the incoming cover letter, if it exists, are filed.	60 days
500-600 (various sizes)	Get well correspondence acknowledged by Presidential form response. No record is maintained of these acknowledgments.	30 days

WASHINGTON April 30, 1981

Dear Dr. Warner:

In accordance with the requirements of the Presidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C. 2203 (c) (1), the President proposes to dispose periodically of the following categories of Presidential records:

- --public mail to the President, the First Lady and their staffs including anonymous correspondence, correspondence with an incomplete address, mail from prolific writers, and public opinion mail
 - --copies of press releases, press conference and briefings transcripts, personnel announcements, mass mailings and other internal publications that are distributed widely
 - --publications, brochures, clippings and other types of enclosures in public mail, when there is no immediate or historical importance to the materials
 - --unsuccessful and unsolibited applications for employment, including correspondence, resumes, letters of recommendation and other similar materials.

I would like to obtain your views on this proposal. I would suggest that as a means of carrying out this plan on a continuing basis that members of the White House staff would work with your designee in reviewing sample boxes of the materials involved. The materials would then be turned over to you for destruction.

I would appreciate your consideration of this proposal and a response at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Dr. Robert Warner Archivist of the United States The National Archives Washington, DC 20408



THE WHITE HOUSE

April 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN

FROM:

ROBERT D. LINDER

SUBJECT:

Disposal of Certain Materials.

The purpose of this memorandum is to seek your guidance and approval for the disposal of certain materials after an appropriate length of time as a means of managing the records received or created in the White House Office.

The Presidential Records Act provides that the President may dispose of his Presidential records that no longer have administrative, historical, informational, or evidentiary value. (44 USC 2203(c)). Procedurally, the President must obtain the views, in writing, of the Archivist of the United States concerning such disposal. If the Archivist considers the disposal to be of special interest to the Congress, he must notify certain Congressional Committees and then the President must also notify the Committees by submitting copies of his disposal schedule at least 60 calendar days of continuous session of the Congress in advance of the proposed disposal date. If the Archivist states that he does not intend to notify the Congressional Committees, the records may be disposed of without further consultations.

Current Situation

We are currently receiving in the Office of Records Management, a great deal of material which I believe could be disposed of under the code section cited above. Not only is time wasted in handling this material numerous times, but valuable storage area is also wasted by this material which has little or no archival interest.

The materials I am referring to fall into four broad categories.

- 1) public mail to the President, the Pirst Lady and their staffs including anonymous correspondence correspondence with an incomplete address, mail from prolific writers, and public opinion mail (opinion mail is acknowledged by a printed card or a robo letter. The cards carry the autopenned printle signature of the President, the First Lady, or the Director of Correspondence. The robo letters are usually autopenned by the Director of Correspondence or infrequently, signed by another staff member.)
- 2) copies of press releases, press conference and briefings transcripts, personnel announcements, mass mailings and other internal publications that are distributed widely
- 3) publications, brochures, clippings and other types of enclosures in public mail, when there is no immediate or historical importance to the materials
- 4) unsuccessful and unsolicited applications for employment, including correspondence, resumes, letters of recommendation and other similar materials.

There may be certain items in each of these categories that the head of the office wants to retain. No correspondence, record or other item would be disposed of without the prior consent of the head of the office who sent the materials to the Office of Records Management for filing. However, after such consent had been given, we would like to be able to dispose of the materials in an orderly way, working with the Archivist's staff. We have several hundred boxes of materials now that could be disposed of - primarily the get-well cards and other general correspondence from the public.

Recommendation:

As a means of initiating this action, I recommend that Jim Baker send the attached letter (Tab A) to the Archivist, giving the statutory notice of the plan for disposal of certain Presidential records. Although I have informally cleared the text with some of the Archivist's staff, you may want to send it over to his office directly for informal comment before Jim officially sends it.

After the Archivist gives his written response, we can then proceed with the disposal as outlined above. Meanwhile we shall continue to collect and file the materials so that they could be disposed of with minimum effort, and we will keep everything until you give us guidance on final disposition.

Concur: Mary Lawton

Anne Higgins

Pendleton James

cc: John Rogers

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30 MAR 1982

Honorable John F. W. Rogers
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Management
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Rogers:

In accordance with the authority granted me by the Presidential Records Act, Section 2203(c)(2), I approve, with two reservations, the disposal of four categories of Presidential bulk mail described in your letter to me of March 8, 1982, as public mail, internal publications, enclosures in public mail, and unsuccessful and unsolicited applications for employment.

My reservations relate to the establishment of an adequate sampling system and the retention of more copies of internal publications.

I recommend that the Office of Records Management and our Presidential Libraries Liaison Office work together to develop adequate sampling procedures designed to retain appropriate portions of such categories as anonymous correspondence, enclosures in public mail, and public opinion mail. The sampling should be accomplished jointly and the selections retained permanently. If, in the process of sampling, we identify groups of records that should not be destroyed, we will so inform you.

Secondly, I feel that the office of origination should have a responsibility for retaining a record set of mass mailings and internal publications, as well as a responsibility to send a copy to the Office of Records Management. The Presidential Libraries Office may wish to retain additional copies of some publications as reference tools at the future Reagan Library.

With the exception of these two concerns, I support and commend your efforts to dispose of these categories of Presidential mail and publications. I do not intend to take any Congressional action with regard to this request,

as provided in Section 2203(e) of the Presidential Records Act. The destruction of materials without continuing value is an important part of any effective archival and records management program and enables all of us to better direct our limited resources toward the preservation of permanently valuable records.

Sincerely,

ROBERT M. WARNER

Archivist of the United States

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December 27, 1938

Dear Professor Manning:

I have your letter of December 22 in reference to the files of President Taft.

At the beginning of President Taft's administration we were using a straight alphabetical file -- in the latter part, after Mr. Nerton was appointed Secretary, we installed a numerical file for the Presidential (P.P.F.) and for the Official File and used an alphabetical file for the se-called General File. This latter file is always kept with the idea that it will be destroyed at the end of the administration and nothing of importance is put into it. We have always ascertained the wishes of the President, through his Secretary, as to what disposition was to be made of the file of his administration. Our records show that President Taft took with him his personal file and directed that the efficial file be sent to the Library of Congress. This was done and absolutely nothing of historical or other interest was destroyed.

I can see no objection to having this letter placed with the file as you suggest.

Trusting that this will give you the information desired, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. E. Ingling Chief of Files

Professor Frederick J. Manning 215 Reberts Read Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania