



VIA EMAIL
(LW 2024-045)

February 1, 2024

The Honorable Ed Siskel
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Siskel:

In accordance with the requirements of the Presidential Records Act (PRA), as amended, 44 U.S.C. §§2201-2209, this letter constitutes a formal notice from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to the incumbent President of our intent to open Obama Presidential records in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 153 pages, four assets, and 298 videos, has been reviewed for the six PRA Presidential restrictive categories, including confidential communications requesting or submitting advice (P5) and material related to appointments to federal office (P2). These records were also reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions. As a result of this review, 151 pages, one asset, and 29 videoclips in whole and three assets and four videoclips in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining two pages and 265 videos in whole and three assets and four videoclips in part that do not require closure under 44 U.S.C. § 2204. A copy of any records proposed for release under this notice will be provided to you upon your request.

We are also concurrently informing former President Obama's representatives, Anita Breckenridge, Bob Bauer, and Emily Blakemore of our intent to release these records. Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2208(a), NARA will release the records 60 working days from the date of this letter, which is April 26, 2024, unless the former or incumbent President requests a one-time extension of an additional 30 working days or asserts a constitutionally based privilege, in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2208(b)-(d). Please let us know if you are able to complete your review before the expiration of the 60 working day period. Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2208(a)(1)(B), we will make this notice available to the public on the NARA website.

If you have any questions relating to this notification, please contact me at (202) 357-5091 or NARA General Counsel, Gary M. Stern, at (301) 837-3026.

Sincerely,

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KATHLEEN DILLON MCCLURE
ACTING DIRECTOR
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ATTACHMENT A

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Material Processed</u>	<u>Material Restricted</u>	<u>Material Proposed for Opening</u>
22-16572-F.3	All photos and videos from White House and Camp David movie screenings.	71 videoclips	0 videoclips	71 videoclips

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22-17939-F	Records all communication concerning Tim Osmond	4 assets	1 asset in whole; 3 assets in part	3 assets in part

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22-21458-F.3	All of the raw video footage shot within the Obama Administration by White House videographers	116 videoclips	10 videoclips in whole; 4 videoclips in part	102 videoclips in whole; 4 videoclips in part

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all the raw video footage shot by White House Videographers Arun Chaudhary, Hope Hall, and any other official videographer working in the White House during the Obama Administration. The Barack Obama Presidential Library electronic records proposed for opening in this segment include footage filmed by the White House videographer of “We Are One: The Obama Inaugural Celebration at the Lincoln Memorial” from January 18, 2009, and the event at the War Memorial Plaza in Baltimore, Maryland, from the Whistle Stop Tour on January 17, 2009. Sixty clips are duplicates of clips that were released in segment two. These records are from the White House Communications Agency.

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