Extent

18 folders, approximately 163 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to James Brown, the Godfather of Soul (GFOS) that date from 1993 to 2000. This collection consists of correspondence between James Brown and President Clinton on topics such as gift-giving, non-violence, peace, racial unity, and welfare. In addition, the collection consists of birthday greetings, invitations, photo request forms, remarks, and emails regarding James Brown.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2019-1038-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. This collection contains records pertaining to James Joseph Brown, the Godfather of Soul (GFOS). These materials date from 1993 to 2000. The collection contains correspondence between James Brown and President Clinton on topics such as gift-giving, non-violence, peace, racial unity, and welfare. Brown frequently wrote the President from The New James Brown Enterprises. In addition, the collection contains birthday greetings, invitations, photo request forms, remarks, and emails regarding James Brown.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Alpha Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM (OP), and Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Subject file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of categories designated by a letter/number combination. In addition, there is WHORM (OP). WHORM files are processed at the document level. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential email. The ARMS database is comprised of seven sub-series of email records called "buckets." The buckets generally represent a specific White House office. The buckets are titled: NPR for National Performance Review, OPD for Office of Policy Development, POTUS for President of the United States, WHO for White House Office, CEA for Council of Economic Advisers, NSC for National Security Council, and Default for emails not associated with an office. The NPR bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a National Performance Review (NPR) White House user account. The OPD bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Office of Policy Development (OPD) White House user account. The POTUS bucket was designated for email created and received by the President of the United States (POTUS). Please note that President Clinton never used his POTUS White House user account to send the few emails he wrote while in office. The WHO bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Executive Office of the President White House user account not identified as CEA, NPR, or OPD. The CEA bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) White House user account. The NSC bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a National Security Council (NSC) user account. The Default bucket contains email created or received by unknown or un-recognized email accounts. Email found within the Default bucket often includes email created or received by offices or individuals outside the Executive Office of the President. ARMS email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. FOIA 2019-1038-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: FG001-06 Appointments – Interviews, Meetings with, Presidential GI002 Gifts to the President HU010 Equality IV093 Invitations JL003

Criminal Matters ME001-02 Birthday Greetings PE002 Employment – Appointments PP Presidential Personal PR005-01 Photographs Granted, Presidential PR010 Motion Pictures – Film Strips – Recordings WE Welfare.

Access

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Provenance

Official records of William Jefferson Clinton’s presidency are housed at the Clinton 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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Container List

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The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2019-1038-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Alpha Files
[Brown, James]
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
FG001-06 306414
GI002 078588
GI002 401874
GI002 413341
HU010 137705
IV093 009084
JL003 141547
ME001-02 017405
PE002 067146 Folder# 10 [9] [James Brown]
PP 184786SS
PR005-01 008727 [James Brown]
PR005-01 025982 [James Brown]
PR005-01 111043 [James Brown]
PR010 126908SS
WE 112048
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: (OP)
200002 [James Brown]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[James Brown…]
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