Extent

11 folders, approximately 50 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to correspondence between the President and Michael Jordan, the famous basketball player. This collection consists of birthday greetings from the President, a condolence letter and thank-you note, Presidential remarks for the 1997 appearance of the Chicago Bulls at the White House, and a thank-you note from the President to Mr. Jordan for his gift of a bronze statue of a basketball player given to the President after the Bulls won the fifth of their six championships.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2014-1095-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. On July 23rd, 1993 at a highway rest area in Lumberton, North Carolina, James Jordan, Michael Jordan’s father, was murdered in a robbery attempt. The two teenagers who committed the crime were quickly caught, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. The Clintons sent a personal condolence letter to the Jordan family and received a signed thank you note from Michael Jordan in August of 1993. Records responsive to this FOIA include birthday greetings from the President, a condolence letter and thank-you note, Presidential remarks for the 1997 appearance of the Chicago Bulls at the White House, and a thank-you note from the President to Mr. Jordan for his gift of a bronze statue of a basketball player given to the President after the Bulls won the 5th of their six championships.

Biographical Note

Michael Jordan is considered the greatest professional basketball player ever and is also considered by many sports columnists as the 20th century’s greatest overall athlete of any sport. In 1991, he won his first NBA championship with the Chicago Bulls. Jordan followed that achievement with titles in 1992 and 1993, thus securing a "three-peat". Although Jordan abruptly retired from basketball before the beginning of the 1993–94 NBA season to pursue a career in baseball, he rejoined the Bulls in 1995 and led them to a second “three-peat” in 1996, 1997, and 1998. Jordan retired for a second time in 1999, but returned for two more NBA seasons from 2001 to 2003 as a member of the Washington Wizards. He is now the second largest shareholder and “Managing Member of Basketball Operations” for the Charlotte Hornets / Bobcats.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collections areas— Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alpha File, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, and Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management Outgoing Presidential (OP) Files. 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 are WHORM (OP) series and WHORM Alpha Project series. WHORM files are processed at the document level. FOIA 2014-1095-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: ME001-02 Birthday Greetings ME001-03 Condolence / Death PP Presidential Personal PP010 Messages Received by the President.

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).

Person Names

Jordan, Michael, 1963-

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