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### **Inventory for 2022-120-F[1]**

#### **Records on Official Travel and White House Visits by Hunter and James Biden**

##### **Extent**

313 photographs; 19 email messages

##### **Access**

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Biden Vice Presidential records is governed by the Presidential Records Act, as amended (PRA) (44 USC 2201-2209) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552, as amended) and therefore may be restricted in whole or in part in accordance with legal restrictions and exemptions.

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##### **Provenance**

Official records of the Joseph Biden vice presidency are in the custody of the Archival Operations Division in Washington, DC and are administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act, as amended (PRA).

**Processed By**

Staff Archivists, June-July 2024. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

**Related Collections**

2022-0119-F, Records on Vice President Biden's Communications with Hunter and James Biden, Archival Operations Division

2022-0121-F, Records on Hunter Biden, James Biden, and Their Foreign Business Dealings, Archival Operations Division

**Scope and Content**

The materials in this series are selective, not necessarily all-inclusive, body of records responsive to the topic of FOIA case 2022-0120-F. The researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records for Biden Vice Presidential records concerning White House visits and official travel with his son Hunter Biden and brother James (Jim) Biden and narrowed their request to specific terms.

This series includes photographs taken by White House photographer David Lienemann depicting Hunter Biden at various events from 2012 to 2017. The photographs of Hunter Biden from 2012 relate to a personal event which occurred on April 27, 2012. These photographs are not open for public access. The photographs of Hunter Biden from 2013 depict his attendance at Vice President Biden's swearing-in ceremony on January 20, 2013, at a breakfast hosted by Senator John McCain on April 27, 2013 and at various events with Vice President Biden in Beijing, China from December 4th to December 5th, 2013. The photographs of Hunter Biden from 2014 depict him with Vice President Biden and former United States Ambassador to Romania Mark Gitenstein in Washington, D.C. on December 10, 2014. Photographs from 2016 include Vice President Biden, Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden, and Hunter Biden prior to a State Dinner on the South Lawn of the White House on October 18, 2016. The photographs depict the Bidens mingling with celebrities and dignitaries at the event.

This series also includes email messages involving Vice Presidential staff members from March 6, 2009 to September 14, 2011 sent and received by Jim Biden at his various email addresses. Email communications with Jim Biden involve Vice Presidential staff members Nancy Orloff, Michele Smith, Anthony Bernal, and physician Kevin C. O'Connor. Topics include attending events such as the STS-125 space shuttle launch in Orlando in May 2009; the dedication of the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania in September 2011; a September 2011 invitation to attend a December 2011 gala celebrating the 20th anniversary of Ukraine's independence; and generic vaccination recommendations for a planned trip to Tanzania in June 2010. Other emails received from Michele Smith entail coordination of Jim Biden accompanying Vice President Joe Biden on official travel to Orlando and Boston in October 2010 and Scranton in September 2011.

## **System of Arrangement**

Records responsive to this FOIA request were found in the Vice Presidential images collection from the White House Photo Office. These records are maintained in the Executive Office of the President instance of the Electronic Records Archive (EOP ERA) which contains electronic records created or received by the administration of President Barack Obama.

The White House Photo Office assigned each image a unique number based on its roll and frame numbers. Identifying numbers for the Vice Presidential photographs begin with "V" to distinguish them from the Presidential photographs taken by White House photographers.

Images are reviewed and released at the item level in contrast with textual records which are reviewed at the folder level.

The responsive images retrieved from EOP ERA are saved in search results lists (SRLs) within the system. The following is a list of the SRLs saved and processed in response to FOIA 2022-120-F:

### **Biden Vice Presidential Records: White House Photo Office Vice Presidential Photographs Search A - WHPO 2012 Hunter Biden**

This SRL contains 169 photographs including Hunter Biden.

### **Biden Vice Presidential Records: White House Photo Office Vice Presidential Photographs Search A - WHPO 2013-2014 Hunter Biden**

This SRL contains 139 photographs including Hunter Biden.

### **Biden Vice Presidential Records: White House Photo Office Vice Presidential Photographs Search A - WHPO 2015-2017 Hunter Biden**

This SRL contains 5 photographs including Hunter Biden.

### **Biden Vice Presidential Records: Exchange Email - James Biden (Travel), 2009-2011**

This SRL contains 19 responsive email messages.

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