



Clinton Presidential Library

1200 President Clinton Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72201

Inventory for FOIA Request 2019-1038-F

Records pertaining to James Joseph Brown, the Godfather of Soul

Extent

18 folders, approximately 163 pages

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential Records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. Chapter 22, as amended) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552, as amended) and therefore records may be restricted in whole or in part in accordance with legal exemptions.

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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).

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2019. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

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.

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

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...]

[01/10/1996 – 01/18/2000]

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