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Inventory for FOIA 2024-0009-F

Photographs of Vice President Biden and Elie Wiesel

Extent

35 digital photographs

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, November 2023. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in this series are a selective, not necessarily inclusive, body of records responsive to the topic of FOIA case 2024-0009-F.

The photographs include 19 images of Vice President Biden talking with Elie Wiesel in the lower West Wing lobby on May 4, 2010 and 16 images of Vice President Biden having lunch with Elie Wiesel in his West Wing office on August 17, 2010. Elie Wiesel was a Holocaust survivor, Nobel laureate, memoirist, and prominent anti-genocide advocate who served on the President's Commission on the Holocaust (later renamed the US Holocaust Memorial Museum Council). Wiesel also advocated for action in response to mass atrocities in Bosnia, Rwanda, and Darfur. In April 2010, Elie Wiesel published an open letter criticizing the Obama administration for "pressuring" Israel to end construction of Jewish settlements in East Jerusalem. As part of the Obama administration's outreach to the American Jewish community, Elie Wiesel was invited to lunch with President Obama at the White House on May 4, 2010. Although no agreement was reached about the settlements, the lunch eased political tensions between Washington and Israel. During this event, Vice President Biden encountered Elie Wiesel in the lower West Wing lobby and invited him to lunch as well. Elie Wiesel attended lunch with Vice President Biden on August 17, 2010, shortly after Vice President Biden appointed a first-ever Director for War Crimes and Atrocities at the White House.

Vice President Biden; Elie Wiesel

These photographs were taken by White House photographer David Lienemann.

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 digital set 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 2024-0009-F:

**Biden Vice Presidential Records: White House Photo Office Vice Presidential Photographs
WHPO [White House Photo Office] - Wiesel**

This SRL contains 35 responsive digital photographs.

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