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**Inventory for Systematic Collection 2024-0053-S****Records Relating to Smokey the Cat****Extent**

89 email messages, 17 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, May 2024. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

### **Scope and Content**

This series consists of email messages exchanged between White House staff from October 7, 2009 to April 18, 2014 related to Smokey the cat. Emails about Smokey the cat include an EOP newsletter featuring a Smokey spotlight, emails between staff speculating and ultimately confirming Smokey's passing, reactions to said passing, and an article about a fox living at the White House that mentions Smokey. This series also includes photographs taken by Vice Presidential photographer David Leinemann. These photographs depict Smokey the cat on West Executive Avenue on November 9, 2010 and May 9, 2011.

### **System of Arrangement**

Records responsive to this FOIA request were found in the Biden Vice Presidential Electronic Records collection which includes email messages and electronic files. 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. These electronic records are born-digital files and are primarily .eml, .pdf, .wpd, and .doc files.

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 files and 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 2024-0053-S:

#### **Biden Vice Presidential Records: Electronic Records**

##### **Exchange Email - Smokey the Cat**

This SRL contains 89 responsive email messages.

##### **Biden Vice Presidential Records: White House Photo Office Vice Presidential Photographs**

##### **WH Photos - Smokey the Cat - 2010-11-09 to 2011-05-09**

This SRL contains 17 responsive digital photographs.

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