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Public Records Request

Biden Library <biden.library@nara.gov> Wed, Oct 14, 2026 at 11:27 AM
To: Biden Library <biden.library@nara.gov>
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Dear Ms. Kienzle,

Your FOIA request was forwarded to us for a response.

I have attached the official response to your FOIA request for Biden Presidential records. As explained in the letter, Biden Presidential records are governed by the Presidential Records Act, as amended and are not subject to FOIA requests until five years after the end of a presidential administration. Biden Presidential records will be subject to FOIA beginning on January 20, 2030.

For your information, only four entities can request access to Presidential records in the five years after the National Archives takes custody of the collection: the former President, the incumbent President (for ongoing government business), Congress, and the Courts.

If you would like to submit a new FOIA request related to the 2016 call potentially concerning Vice President Biden, please submit an updated request to the National Archives' Archival Operations Division. The contact information for the Division is:

Archival Operations Division – Vice Presidential Collections
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room G-7
Washington, DC 20408-0001
vp.records@nara.gov

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Matthew Heichelbech, Supervisory Archivist and Deputy Director
Joseph R. Biden Presidential Library

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VIA EMAIL
October 14, 2026

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Dear Ms. Kienzle:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 13, 2026 for access to Biden Presidential records concerning "Copies of any letters, emails, or written correspondence sent from the White House or the Executive Office of the President to Linda Joseph in 2020" and "White House call logs, phone records, meeting schedules, or internal staff memos tracking a phone call placed to Linda Joseph in 2020". In further correspondence, you requested to amend the dates of your original request to "the years that President Biden was in office from January 20, 2021 through his departure in January 20, 2025". Additionally, you requested records related to a 2016 phone call between Linda Joseph and Joseph R. Biden.

The Biden Presidential Library received your request on October 13, 2026 and has assigned it case number 27-05988. FOIA requests for Biden Presidential records are governed under provisions of the 1978 Presidential Records Act, as amended (PRA) (44 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2209), which incorporates the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) in substantial part.

As provided in section 2204 of the PRA, Presidential records are not subject to public access requests, including the Freedom of Information Act requests, for a period of five years after the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) takes custody of the records or until NARA staff has completed processing and organization of an integral file segment of these Presidential records, whichever is earlier. The National Archives took custody of the Biden record collection on January 20, 2025. At this time, we have not completed the processing and organization of the records relating to your research. Neither has the five-year period described above expired. Therefore, the Biden Presidential records that you seek are not subject to request under the Freedom of Information Act until January 20, 2030.

Because these records are not yet subject to FOIA, we are denying your request on procedural grounds. At this time, you may appeal by writing to the Deputy Archivist of the United States, (ATTN: FOIA Appeal Staff), Room 4200, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001. You should explain why you believe this response does not meet the requirements of the FOIA. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "FOIA Appeal." To be considered timely, your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter.

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison Kate Dillon McClure for assistance at: Archival Operations Division, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room G-7, Washington, DC 20408-0001; email at libraries.foia.liaison@nara.gov; telephone at 202-357-5200; or facsimile at 202-357-5941.

You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, for assistance. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

I am sorry that we could not be of more help to you at this time. However, if you would like to contact us again on or after January 20, 2030, we would be happy to assist you with your FOIA request.

Sincerely,

Matthew Heichelbech

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Joseph R. Biden Presidential Library