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USA Freedom Corps

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Abstract: The USA Freedom Corps office files of Karin Torgerson consist of subject files related to volunteer programs and civic engagement initiatives across the country. In addition, the series includes documents related to raising money to contribute to tsunami relief in Asia.

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Biographical History: Karin B. Torgerson earned a JD from the University of Texas at Austin in 1995. She worked as an Associate and later Partner with Locke Purnell Rain Harrell and Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP in Texas from 1995 to May 2003.

From March 2003 to May 2005, Torgerson served in several positions in the White House, including Special Assistant to the President and Associate Staff Secretary (March 2003 – March 2004), Director of Legal Affairs and Policy Administration, USA Freedom Corps (March 2004 – September 2004), and Deputy Director, USA Freedom Corps (September 2004 – April 2005).

As Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of USA Freedom Corps, Torgerson helped coordinate fund-raising efforts for tsunami relief and traveled with President George H.W. Bush and President Clinton to the hardest-hit areas.

Following her service in the White House, Torgerson returned to Locke Lord, LLP in Dallas, Texas, where she serves as the lead partner in Locke Lord's Electronically Stored Information ("ESI") & E-Discovery Practice Group.

Sources:

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<http://www.bizjournals.com/dallas/stories/2005/05/09/daily23.html>

Scope and Content Note: The USA Freedom Corps office files of Karin Torgerson consist of one series: Subject Files. These files include routine e-mail, correspondence, reports, publications, news clippings, staffing memos, talking points, web printouts, legislation, annual reports, press releases, fact sheets, brochures, presentation slides, handwritten notes, speech drafts, proof sheets for printing requests, and drafts thereof. The e-mails and correspondence are between USA Freedom Corps staff members, members of the public, members of Congress, and charitable organizations working with USA Freedom Corps. Topics covered in this series include Americorps, Citizen Corps, Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), various civic education programs, planning documents for special events, such as the Easter Egg Roll and USA Freedom Corps promotional activities, research on Federal agency volunteer programs, statistical summaries on volunteer programs and funding, mentoring, tsunami relief fund-raising and planning for the visit by President George H.W. Bush and President Bill Clinton to the hardest-hit areas, volunteer service awards, USA Freedom Corps publications, and website redesign documents.

System of Arrangement: The collection consists of one series, Subject Files, which is arranged alphabetically.

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