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## Press Office, White House

### Robert (Tony) Snow

**Position:** White House Press Secretary

**Date Ranges:** 2002-2007 (bulk 2002-2003)

**Extent and Forms of Material:** 2 linear feet, 2 linear inches

**Abstract:** This series contains drafts of statements, speeches, fact sheets, talking points, legislation, requests, letters, reports, proclamations and memorandums covering a variety of topics that were distributed to administration staffers under routine staffing memorandums requesting comments.

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**Biographical History:** Robert (Tony) Snow was born on June 1, 1955 in Berea, Kentucky. He attended Davidson College graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy in 1977.

Snow began a career in journalism as an editorial writer with the *Greensboro (N.C.) Record*. Over the next several years, he held editorial positions with a number of newspapers including *The Washington Post* and *USAToday*. He also began to appear on television and radio on shows such as *The McLaughlin Group* and *Crossfire*.

In 1991, Snow went to work in the George H.W. Bush White House; initially as Chief Speechwriter and later as Deputy Assistant to the President for Media Affairs.

He returned to television in 1996 as host of *FOX News Sunday* and in 2003 began hosting his own radio show *The Tony Snow Show*. He took leave from his show in 2005 when he was diagnosed with and treated for colon cancer.

Despite previous criticism of President George W. Bush, Snow was named White House Press Secretary on April 26, 2006 and served until September 14, 2007.

On July 12, 2008, he died after losing a battle with cancer.

**Scope and Content Note:** The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Files contain printed emails provided by the CEQ to the Committee, and the email attachments (which are printed in Hex Code format), as well as presentations, press releases, statements, transcripts, and talking points regarding climate change and scientific integrity within the Bush Administration. This series also contains correspondence between the CEQ and the House Committee and the United States Climate Action Partnership's report "A Call for Action."

The Subject Files consist of lists, speeches, correspondence, press releases and briefings, talking points, charts, newspaper clippings, printed emails, memoranda, reports and affidavits. Topics include the American Competitiveness and Advanced Energy Initiative, AMTRAK, Asbestos, and the Born-Alive Infant Protections Act. Also present are guest lists for the 2003 White House press Christmas party, correspondence from Ambassador Hope and material regarding the Jose Compean – Ignacio Ramos border shooting to include affidavits from both Compean and Ramos and the "Report of Investigation on Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean." Included in these materials is a handbook for potential presidential appointees, a portion of the "United States House of Representatives Committee on Government Reform Staff Report, 09/29/2006" and Tony Snow's Briefing Book.

The Staffing Memorandum Files contain draft Statements of Administration Policy and Statements by the President on a variety of topics such as the Water Resources Development Act of 2006, the United States and India Nuclear Cooperation Promotion Act of 2006 and the National Strategy to Internationalize Efforts Against Kleptocracy; speech drafts for a naturalization ceremony at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and for remarks on the signing of the Pension Protection Act of 2006; and draft legislation on the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005 and the Renewal of Import Restrictions on Burma Sponsors. Also present are draft proclamations related to such topics as the 50th anniversary of our national motto "In God We Trust" and National Ovarian Cancer Month and draft responses to requests for disaster declarations for numerous U.S. states. The remainder of these materials consists of drafts of fact sheets, talking points and correspondence between George W. Bush administration staff regarding such topics as stem cell research, the Global Initiative to Stop Nuclear Terrorism and military commissions. Included is a draft of the National Security Strategy for Combating Terrorism.

**System of Arrangement:** The Council on Environmental Quality Files series has no formal arrangement. The Subject Files series is arranged alphabetically and Staffing Memoranda Files series is arranged chronologically.

This collection is only partially processed and some boxes may be unavailable for research.

**Container List:**

**Box 1**

**Snow, Robert (Tony) - Council on Environmental Quality Files**

- 1 CEQ (Council on Environmental Quality) Documents -- Waxman Request [1]
- 2 CEQ (Council on Environmental Quality) Documents -- Waxman Request [2]
- 3 [Council on Environmental Quality - Waxman/Connaughton Documents] - [Binder] [1]
- 4 [Council on Environmental Quality - Waxman/Connaughton Documents] - [Binder] [2]
- 5 [Council on Environmental Quality - Waxman/Connaughton Documents] - [Binder] [3]
- 6 For Dana Perino -- CEQ (Council on Environmental Quality) Documents Requested by House Oversight & Government Reform Committee [1]
- 7 For Dana Perino -- CEQ (Council on Environmental Quality) Documents Requested by House Oversight & Government Reform Committee [2]
- 8 [Dana Perino] - [Envelope]
- 9 [Climate Change]

**Box 2**

**Snow, Robert (Tony) - Council on Environmental Quality Files**

- 1 [Document Request from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform] [Folder 1] [1]
- 2 [Document Request from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform] [Folder 1] [2]
- 3 [Document Request from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform] [Folder 2] [1]
- 4 [Document Request from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform] [Folder 2] [2]

**Box 3**

**Snow, Robert (Tony) - Subject Files**

- 1 2003 X-Mas Party Finals [1]
- 2 2003 X-Mas Party Finals [2]

- 3 2006 Democrats on Taxes
- 4 Abramoff
- 5 ACI [American Competitiveness Initiative]
- 6 AEI [Advanced Energy Initiative] - Energy
- 7 Afghanistan
- 8 Airline Industry
- 9 Al-Qaeda
- 10 Ambassador Hope Project
- 11 Amtrack
- 12 ANWR [Arctic National Wildlife Refuge]
- 13 Binder - [Appointment Forms and Procedures for Potential Presidential Appointees]
- 14 Asbestos [1]
- 15 Asbestos [2]
- 16 Assisted Suicide
- 17 Aviation System \$
- 18 Bioterror
- 19 Bioterrorism [Empty]
- 20 Border Patrol -- Compean and Ramos
- 21 Border Security
- 22 Born Alive Act
- 23 Binder - Briefing Book Tony Snow, Press Secretary

## **Box 8**

### **Snow, Robert (Tony) - Staffing Memorandum Files**

- 1 06/13/2006
- 2 07/05/2006
- 3 07/06/2006
- 4 07/07/2006
- 5 07/10/2006-07/11/2006
- 6 07/12/2006-07/13/2006
- 7 07/14/2006
- 8 07/17/2006-07/18/2006
- 9 07/19/2006-07/21/2006
- 10 07/22/2006 and 07/24/2006

11 07/25/2006-07/26/2006

**Box 9**

**Snow, Robert (Tony) - Staffing Memorandum Files**

1 07/26/2006

2 07/27/2006-07/31/2006

3 08/01/2006-08/02/2006

4 08/03/2006-08/08/2006

5 08/09/2006-08/15/2006

6 08/16/2006-08/17/2006

7 08/18/2006-08/21/2006

8 08/22/2006- 08/23/2006