White House Deputy Chief of Staff

Joshua B. “Josh” Bolten

Position: Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy
Date Ranges: 2001-2003
Extent and Forms of Material: 21 linear feet total, 10 linear inches processed and available

Abstract: Joshua B. “Josh” Bolten’s records consist of subject files, correspondence, and invitations to events. Major topics include agriculture, AIDS research and relief efforts, airline stabilization in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and international trade.

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Biographical History: Joshua B. Bolten was the White House Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, a position he held from January 2001 until he became the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in 2003. Mr. Bolten was appointed to the Office of Management and Budget on May 22, 2003 and was confirmed by the Senate in June 2003. He remained with OMB until he returned to the White House as the new Chief of Staff. Mr. Bolten’s appointment was announced on March 28, 2006 and he was sworn in on April 14, 2006. He was the Chief of Staff until the end of the administration.
Prior to his service in the George W. Bush administration, Mr. Bolten served as the International Trade Counsel to the US Senate Finance Committee, from 1985 to 1989. During President George H.W. Bush’s administration, Mr. Bolten spent three years as General Counsel to the U.S. Trade Representative and one year as the Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

In addition to his government service, Mr. Bolten has been the Executive Director for Legal and Government Affairs for Goldman Sachs International, and in private law practice at O’Melveny & Myers. Joshua Bolten is currently the Managing Director of Rock Creek Global Advisors, which he co-founded in 2011.

Mr. Bolten received his A.B. from Princeton and his J.D. from Stanford Law School. His non-profit work includes service on the boards of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and the ONE Campaign. He was also the Co-Chair of the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund.

Scope and Content Note: The Subject Files are arranged alphabetically by topic, and consist of documents created or received between January 2001 and Mr. Bolten’s departure to become the Director of the Office of Management and Budget in June 2003. The primary topics covered in the subject files include agriculture, AIDS research and relief, international trade, and airline stabilization and security in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The asterisk at the beginning of a folder title indicates that there was a star preceding the folder title on the original folder.

The Incoming Correspondence contains letters sent in by members of the general public, as well as memoranda and White House created documents that were routed to Mr. Bolten. The January and February 2001 correspondence largely consists of public mail sent in by outside interest groups seeking to make their policy positions known.

System of Arrangement: Joshua Bolten’s files are arranged into three sub-series: Events and Declined Events, Incoming Correspondence, and Subject Files. The Events and Declined Events and Incoming Correspondence series are arranged chronologically. The Subject Files are arranged alphabetically. As a note, the Events and Declined Events are currently unprocessed and are not available for research at this time.

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

Container List:

Box 2

Bolten, Joshua (Josh) - Subject Files

1 Agriculture
2 [Agriculture, February 2001]
3 Agriculture Bill November 2001 - December 2001
4 AIDS
5 AIDS budgets (December 2002)
6 AIDS: IAVI (International AIDS Vaccine Initiative); (March 2003)
7 [AIDS Policy]
8 AIDS rollout (January 2003)
9 AIDS Vaccine
10 AIG (American International Group) - China WTO July 2001 - August 2001
11 [Airline]
12 * Airline Loan Guarantees
13 Airlines (March 2003)
14 * Airlines Stabilization
15 [Airport Security]
16 AJC (American Jewish Committee) July 2001
17 Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline (March 2003)
18 America's Fund for Afghan Children
19 Binder - [Analysis of Pending Legislation, 2002]
20 Andy's Anonymous
21 Andy's Anonymous (April 2002)
22 Assault Weapons (March 2003)
23 ATPA (Andean Trade Preference Act)
24 * Aviation Security

Box 26

Bolten, Joshua (Josh) - Incoming Correspondence

1 January 2001 [Empty]
2 [January 2001 Correspondence] [1]
3 [January 2001 Correspondence] [2]
4 [January 2001 Correspondence] [3]
5 [January 2001 Correspondence] [4]
6 [January 2001 Correspondence] [5]
7 February 2001 [Empty]
8 [February 2001 Correspondence] [1]
9 [February 2001 Correspondence] [2]
10 [February 2001 Correspondence] [3]
11 [February 2001 Correspondence] [4]