Domestic Policy Council

Claude Allen

**Position:** Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy  
**Date Ranges:** 2001-2006  
**Extent and Forms of Material:** 12 linear feet, 3 linear inches, including CDs and DVDs

**Abstract:** Claude served as Assistant to the President from January 2005 - February 2006 in the Domestic Policy Council. This collection contains materials related to the response to Hurricane Katrina, administrative materials, and a large quantity of policy making material on a variety of topics including education, health care, housing, marriage and family issues, the usage of stem cells, poverty, space exploration, Title IX, transportation, reform of the United States Postal Service, and veterans’ issues. Some material in this collection was created and/or used by Margaret LaMontagne Spellings, Allen’s predecessor, from 2001-2004.

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**Biographical History:** Claude Allen was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He primarily grew up in Washington, D.C., where he attended Archbishop Carroll High School. He went to college at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, earning degrees in political science and
Allen held numerous positions before serving in the George W. Bush administration. He worked for North Carolina politicians Bob Cobey and Jesse Helms. From 1985-1987, he was a professional staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Following that, he was a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals law clerk. From 1991-1995, he worked as an associate at Baker & Botts law firm in Washington, D.C. Allen served as Counsel to the Attorney General, and later, Deputy Attorney General for the Civil Litigation Division in the Office of the Attorney General of the state of Virginia. Lastly, Allen was Secretary of Health and Human Resources for Virginia.

Allen joined the George W. Bush administration in 2001. He served as the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) until the end of 2004. In late 2003, he was nominated to serve as a federal judge on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. This nomination stalled and he was never confirmed. He left HHS and became the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, or the head of the Domestic Policy Council, in January 2005. On February 9, 2006, Allen resigned from this position citing the need to spend more time with family. Allen’s resignation was presumably motivated by his impending arrest for fraudulently returning items to retail stores on multiple occasions. On August 6, 2006, Allen pled guilty to charges of theft, was placed on probation, required to perform community service, and paid a fine.

Allen has an identical twin brother, Floyd. He is married to Jannese Allen; they have four children. He is described as a devout Christian.

Sources:

Allen, Claude A. - Biography
https://2001-2009.state.gov/g/oes/rls/13013.htm


The Washington Post, “The Enigmatic Man Claude Allen's Desire to Rise in the GOP Puzzled Some, but His Fall Confounds Them More”


New York Times, “For Bush’s Ex-Aide, Quick Fall After Long Climb”
**Scope and Content Note:** The collection is arranged in four series – Meeting Files, Administrative Files, Hurricane Katrina Files, and Subject Files. Each series is arranged alphabetically.

The series Meeting Files is unprocessed and not currently available for research.

The series Administrative Files is unprocessed and not currently available for research, except for two folders. These folders contain administrative travel documents and an invitation.

The series Hurricane Katrina Files consists of documents that were primarily created immediately following Hurricane Katrina. These materials detail the status of various components of infrastructure and the recovery activities occurring in the impacted areas. Allen served as the official White House liaison to federal agencies for Hurricane Katrina response. Also included are agency and outside organization reports regarding recovery activities, correspondence and proposals from groups attempting to become involved in the rebuilding and recovery process, listings of which federal agencies are involved with what aspects of rebuilding, and information regarding the implementation of the National Response Plan.

The series Subject Files consists of fact sheets, correspondence, cover sheets, routing memoranda, talking points, printed emails, news articles, legal documents, presentations, final remarks, published reports, and promotional material from organizations. Correspondence includes letters from Congress, letters from organizations with proposals and information regarding those organizations, invitations, and letters expressing policy viewpoints from the public, think tanks, and lobbying organizations. The topics covered include a wide-array of domestic policy issues such as education, health care, housing, marriage and family issues, the usage of stem cells, poverty, space exploration, Title IX, transportation, reform of the United States Postal Service, and veterans’ issues. A significant portion of material (50% or more) in this series appears to have been created by and/or used by Allen’s predecessor as Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, Margaret LaMontagne Spellings, in 2001-2004, as Allen was serving at HHS during that time period. Although all records were retired in boxes labeled with Claude Allen’s name, it is possible to identify what folders are from which staff member by using the following information: Spellings’s handwriting is usually in cursive with a very fine point pen, whereas Allen’s writing is generally thicker and in both print and cursive. Allen’s assistant was Cameron Cushman and Spellings’s assistant was Eleanor Gilmor and emails and cover sheets are routed through them. The date range of 2001-2004 consists of Spellings material and the date range of 2005-2006 consists of Allen material.

**System of Arrangement:** The collection is arranged in four series. Each series is arranged alphabetically.

Series 1, Meeting Files – Boxes 2-6 are unprocessed.
Series 2, Administrative Files – This series is unprocessed, except for two folders.
Series 3, Hurricane Katrina Files
Series 4, Subject Files

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

Domestic Policy Council – Lefkowitz, Jay.
Lefkowitz was Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy from 2002-2003, which overlaps with Margaret Spellings’ tenure at the Domestic Policy Council.

Container List:

Box 1

Allen, Claude - Meeting Files
1 Appointment Request Spreadsheet [1]
2 Appointment Request Spreadsheet [2]
3 Appointment Request Spreadsheet [3]
8 Completed Meeting Requests - February 2005 [1]
9 Completed Meeting Requests - February 2005 [2]
10 Completed Meeting Requests - February 2005 [3]
11 Completed Meeting Requests - March 2005 [1]
12 Completed Meeting Requests - March 2005 [2]
13 Completed Meeting Requests - April 2005 [1]

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Allen, Claude - Administrative Files
1 Travel to Denver 10/07/2005 NIEA (National Indian Education Association)
2 Turn Down Letters

Allen, Claude - Hurricane Katrina Files
3 Binder - Agency Reports, 09/06/2005 [Binder 1]
4 Binder - Agency Reports, 09/06/2005 [Binder 2]
5 CARE Act
6 Debris Management Plan - Hurricane Katrina [1]
7 Debris Management Plan - Hurricane Katrina [2]
8 DOT
9 Energy - Pombo Bill
10 Katrina [1]
11 Katrina [2]
12 [Katrina - African-Americans]
13 Katrina - Case Management
14 Katrina - Contracting
15 Katrina - Correspondence
16 Katrina - Disability
17 Katrina - DoD
18 Katrina - Education
19 Katrina - Evening Updates
20 Katrina - Faith-Based

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Allen, Claude - Hurricane Katrina Files

1 Katrina - FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)
2 Katrina - Finance Issues
3 Katrina - Flood Insurance
4 Katrina - Health
5 Katrina - Housing [1]
6 Katrina - Housing [2]
7 Katrina - Housing [3]
8 Katrina - Ideas/Follow Up/Offers for Help
9 [Katrina - Infrastructure and Data]
10 Katrina - Insurance
11 Katrina - Labor
12 Katrina - Lessons
13 Katrina - Minorities [Folder 1]
14 Katrina - Minorities [Folder 2]
15 Katrina - Miscellaneous
16 Katrina - Native Americans
17 Katrina - NGO (Non-Government Organization) Response
18 Katrina - Publications
19 Katrina - Rebuilding [1]
20 Katrina - Rebuilding [2]
21 Katrina - Recovery
22 Katrina - Response Plans [1]

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Allen, Claude - Hurricane Katrina Files
1 Katrina - Response Plans [2]
2 Katrina - Response Plans [3]
3 Katrina - Response Plans [4]
4 Katrina and Rita [1]
5 Katrina and Rita [2]
6 Katrina - Situation Room Reports
7 Katrina - Transportation
8 Katrina - Working Group on Managing National and Economic Impacts

Allen, Claude - Subject Files
9 2006 Agenda
10 2007 Budget
11 Abortion
12 Abstinence
13 Abstinence Education [Folder 1]
14 [Abstinence Education] [Folder 2]
15 ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program)
16 Advanced Placement (AP)
17 [AKERU]
18 Affirmative Access [Folder 1]
19 Affirmative Access [Folder 2]
20 Affirmative Action

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Allen, Claude - Subject Files
1 Affirmative Action - Michigan [2]
2 Affirmative Action - Michigan [3]
3 Affordable Healthcare
4 Affordable Housing in America - A Growing Challenge
5 Afghanistan [Folder 1]
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Allen, Claude - Subject Files

1 Amtrak [Folder 1] [2]
2 Amtrak [Folder 2]
3 Asbestos
4 At Risk Youth
5 Autism
6 Avian Flu [1]
7 Avian Flu [2]
8 Avian Flu [3]
9 Aviation
10 Bill Gates Foundation
11 Bioethics
12 Bioterrorism [Folder 1]
13 Bioterrorism [Folder 2]
14 Border Issues
15 Border Security
16 Boy Scouts
17 Bread for the World
18 Bridge Project
19 BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) [Mad Cow Disease] [Folder 1]
20 BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) [Mad Cow Disease] [Folder 2]
21 BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) [Mad Cow Disease] [Folder 3]
22 Cabinet Meeting

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Allen, Claude - Subject Files
1 CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Economy)
2 Campaign Finance
3 Campaign for African-American Achievement
4 Capital Litigation
5 CARE (Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency) Act
6 CCDBG (Child Care Development Block Grant)
7 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)
8 CEQ (Council on Environmental Quality)
9 Charitable Donations
10 Charitable Giving
11 CHCs (Community Health Centers)
12 Child Abuse
13 Child Predators
14 Children's Health
15 Civil Rights [Folder 1]
16 [Civil Rights] [Folder 2]
17 Civil Rights Policy Time 05/11/2004
18 Civil Service Reform
19 Class Action
20 CLE (Continuing Legal Education) 2005 [1]
21 CLE (Continuing Legal Education) 2005 [2]
22 Clear Skies
23 Cloning
24 CMTS (Committee on the Marine Transportation System)
25 College Access and Opportunity Act
26 Binder - Committee on Ocean Policy, 04/05/2005 [1]
27 Binder - Committee on Ocean Policy, 04/05/2005 [2]
28 Community
Box 13

Allen, Claude - Subject Files

1 Compassion
2 Comprehensive Sex Education vs. Authentic Abstinence
3 Concurrent Receipts 07/25/2003
4 Congressional Leadership
5 CORE (Communities Responding to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic)
6 Culture
7 Department of Homeland Security
8 DHS [Folder 1]
9 DHS [Folder 2]
10 Disabilities
11 DNA Initiative [Folder 1]
12 DNA Initiative [Folder 2]
13 Domestic AIDS
14 DPC
15 [Drug Control Policy]
16 Drug Control Strategy
17 Drug Testing Initiative of Department of Education
18 Drugs
19 "Econometric and Policy Evaluation of the National Energy Policy" 03/01/2002
20 Economy/Ownership
21 Education
22 Education Funding
23 Education Leaders Council
24 Education Speech I
25 Education Speech II
26 Education Speech III
27 Emergency Contraception
28 Emergency Planning
29 Ending Hunger

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Allen, Claude - Subject Files
1 Energy [Folder 1] [1]
2 Energy [Folder 1] [2]
3 Energy [Folder 2]
4 Environment and Natural Resources [1]
5 Environment and Natural Resources [2]
6 Ethics
7 Evidence-Based Practice
8 Expanding Choice [Folder 1]
9 Expanding Choice [Folder 2]
10 Facts Re: Department of Education
11 Binder - Fair and Secure Immigration Reform, Meeting with Senator Kyl, 03/03/2005
12 Faith-Based [Folder 1]
13 Faith-Based [Folder 2] [1]
14 Faith-Based [Folder 2] [2]
15 Faith-Based Centers Across Government
16 Faith-Based Conference 06/01/2004
17 Faith-Based Funding
18 Family Issues
19 Family Literacy - Even Start [1]
20 Family Literacy - Even Start [2]
21 [Fatherhood]
22 FDA
23 [Federal Bonding]
24 Federal Employees

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Allen, Claude - Subject Files
1 Federal Regional Council
2 First Lady's Conference Paraguay
3 [Fiscal Year 2002 Budget Supplement]
4 Fiscal Year 2006
5 Fiscal Year 2007 Director's Review - Department of Commerce and Related Agencies 10/28/2005
1 Fiscal Year 2007 Director's Review - Department of Education 11/02/2005
2 Fiscal Year 2007 Director's Review - Department of Health and Human Services Fall 2005
3 Fiscal Year 2007 Director's Review - Department of Homeland Security 11/01/2005
4 Fiscal Year 2007 Director's Review - Department of Housing and Urban Development
5 Fiscal Year 2007 Director's Review - Department of the Interior 11/01/2005
6 Fiscal Year 2007 Director's Review - Department of Justice 10/26/2005
7 Fiscal Year 2007 Director's Review - Department of Veterans Affairs 10/17/2005
8 Fiscal Year 2007 Director's Review - Education and Human Resources Entitlement 11/23/2005
9 Fiscal Year 2007 Director's Review - Environmental Protection Agency 10/28/2005
10 Fiscal Year 2007 Director's Review - HHS 10/24/2005
11 Fiscal Year 2007 Director's Review - Science and Space Programs October 2005
12 Flood Insurance
13 [FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) Reform Legislation]
14 Food and Drug Administration
15 Food & Friends November 2005
16 Food Safety [1]

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Allen, Claude - Subject Files
1 Food Safety [2]
2 Food Stamps
3 Forests
4 Foster Care
5 Gambling
6 Gang Initiative
7 General Overview
8 [George Mason University]
9 Governor Huckabee from Arkansas
10 Guilgal [Seventh Day Adventist Church]
11 Gulf Drilling
12 H-2A Visa/Legislation
13 HAY (Helping America's Youth)
14 HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) [Folder 1]
15 HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) [Folder 2]
16 Head Start [Folder 1]
17 Head Start [Folder 2] [1]
18 Head Start [Folder 2] [2]
19 Head Start [Folder 3] [1]
20 Head Start [Folder 3] [2]
21 Head Start - 108th Congress Plans
22 Head Start - NGA (National Governors Association) [Folder 1]
23 Head Start - NGA (National Governors Association) [Folder 2] [1]
24 Head Start - NGA (National Governors Association) [Folder 2] [2]
25 Head Start - Speeches

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Allen, Claude - Subject Files
1 Health Care [1]
2 Health Care [2]
3 Health Disparities
4 [Health Issues]
5 Health IT
6 Healthy Marriages
7 HECAT (Health Education Curriculum Analysis Tool)
8 Helping America's Youth [1]
9 Helping America's Youth [2]
10 Binder - Helping America's Youth
11 Binder - Helping America's Youth Follow-Up
12 Helping Disadvantaged Children
13 Higher Education [Folder 1] [1]
14 Higher Education [Folder 1] [2]
15 Higher Education [Folder 2] [1]
16 Higher Education [Folder 2] [2]
17 [Higher Education - University of Washington]
18 [HIV/AIDS] [Folder 1]
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**Allen, Claude - Subject Files**

1. HIV/AIDS [Folder 2] [3]
2. HIV/AIDS [Folder 2] [4]
3. HIV/AIDS [Folder 2] [5]
4. [Homeland Security]
5. Homelessness
6. Homeownership
7. Homeownership Initiative [1]
9. Homeschooling
10. Housing [1]
11. Housing [2]
12. HSA (Health Savings Accounts)
13. [Huckabee, Mike]
14. HUD
15. Human Trafficking [Folder 1]
16. Human Trafficking [Folder 2] [1]
17. Human Trafficking [Folder 2] [2]
18. Human Trafficking [Folder 2] [3]
19. Hunger

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**Allen, Claude - Subject Files**

1. Hurricane Ophelia
2. Hurricanes
3. [Immigration] [Folder 1]
4. Immigration [Folder 2] [1]
5. Immigration [Folder 2] [2]
6. Immigration [Folder 2] [3]
7. Immigration [Folder 2] [4]
8. Immigration 2004 [1]
9 Immigration 2004 [2]
10 Immigration 2004: [Background]
11 Immigration Initiative 2004
12 Immigration - TWP (Temporary Worker Program) [Folder 1]
13 Immigration - TWP (Temporary Worker Program) [Folder 2]
14 Indian Health Service
15 Influenza Briefing
16 Innovation

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Allen, Claude - Subject Files
1 Insurance
2 Job Training
3 Jobs / Jobs for the 21st Century
4 [Judicial Nominations] [Folder 1]
5 Judicial Nominations [Folder 2]
6 Justice
7 Labor [Folder 1]
8 Labor [Folder 2]
10 [Legal Reform and Litigation]
11 LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)
12 Limited English Proficiency
13 Makah Tribe - 01/25/2006
14 Malaria
15 Marriage [Folder 1]
16 Marriage [Folder 2] [1]
17 Marriage [Folder 2] [2]
18 Marriage [Folder 3]
19 Marriage [Folder 4]
20 [Marriage] [Folder 5]
21 Math-Science
22 Medical Malpractice
23 Medicare
24 Mental Health Parity
25 Mentoring [1]

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Allen, Claude - Subject Files
1 Mentoring [2]
2 Mentoring [3]
3 [Mentoring Children of Prisoners]
4 Merryl Tisch 03/08/2001
5 Meth
6 Mexico City Policy
7 Military Chaplains [1]
8 Military Chaplains [2]
9 Military Chaplains [3]
10 Military Health
11 MSHA (Mine Safety and Health Administration)
12 Minorities
13 MLK (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
14 Morality Issues
15 NAE (National Association of Evangelicals) Resolution on Bioethics
16 NAS (National Academy of Sciences) Report
17 NASA [Folder 1]
18 NASA [Folder 2]
19 Nation's Report Card [1]
20 Nation's Report Card [2]

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Allen, Claude - Subject Files
1 National Museum of African-American History and Culture
2 National Parks
3 Native American Housing
4 Native American Issues
5 Native Americans
6 Native Hawaiian Act
7 NCLB (No Child Left Behind)
8 News Articles
9 NIH (National Institutes of Health)
10 NIH (National Institutes of Health) Personnel
11 [No Child Left Behind Act]
12 NSLI (National Security Language Initiative)
13 [Nueva Esperanza]
14 [Obscenity]
15 Office of Community Services
16 ONDCP
17 Ownership Society
18 PACHA (President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS)
19 Palliative Care
20 Partial Birth Abortions
21 [Patriot Act] [Folder 1]
22 Patriot Act [Folder 2]
23 Peace Corps
24 Pension Reform
25 Pensions
26 PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief)
27 Physician Shortage
28 [Polling Data]
29 Postal Commission [1]

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Allen, Claude - Subject Files
1 Postal Commission [2]
2 Postal Commission [3]
3 Postal Reform
4 [Postal Service] [1]
5 [Postal Service] [2]
6 [Postal Service] [3]
7 [Postal Service] [4]
8 Poverty
9 Prescription Drugs
10 Prison Reform
11 Prisoner Re-Entry
12 Project BioShield
13 Project HOPE
14 Prophylaxis
15 Prostitution
16 Railroads
17 "Rallying the Armies of Compassion"
18 Random Student Drug Testing
19 Reading First
20 Reform
21 [Republican Party]
22 RESPA (Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act)
23 Retirement Security

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Allen, Claude - Subject Files
1 RGA (Republican Governors Association)
2 [School Choice] [Folder 1]
3 School Choice [Folder 2]
4 School Choice / Decision (SCOTUS)
5 School Discipline
6 School Prayer
7 School Safety
8 Sex Education
9 Small Business Administration
10 Space [Folder 1] [1]
11 Space [Folder 1] [2]
12 Space [Folder 2]
13 [Space] [Folder 3] [1]
14 [Space] [Folder 3] [2]
15 [Space] [Folder 3] [3]
16 [Space] [Folder 3] [4]
17 [Space] [Folder 3] [5]
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1. Space Event, 01/14/2004, NASA Headquarters
2. [Space Exploration]
3. Special Education [1]
4. Special Education [2]
5. State of the Union 2005
7. State of the Union 2006 [2]
9. State of the Union 2006: Stem Cells
10. Stem Cell [Folder 1]
11. Stem Cell [Folder 2]
12. Stem Cell [Folder 3]
13. [Stem Cells] [1]
14. [Stem Cells] [2]
15. [Stem Cells] [3]
16. [Stem Cells] [4]

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Allen, Claude - Subject Files

1. [Stem Cells] [5]
2. [Stem Cells / Bioethics]
3. Sudan
4. [Tax Cuts]
5. Teacher Issues
6. Teacher Pay
7. [Title I]
8. Title IX [Folder 1]
9. Title IX [Folder 2] [1]
10. Title IX [Folder 2] [2]
11. Title IX [Folder 2] [3]
12 Title IX [Folder 3] [1]
13 Title IX [Folder 3] [2]
14 Title IX [Folder 4] [1]
15 Title IX [Folder 4] [2]
16 Title IX [Folder 5] [1]
17 Title IX [Folder 5] [2]

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Allen, Claude - Subject Files
1 Title IX [Folder 5] [3]
2 Title IX Commission
3 Title X
4 Tornado [and Hurricanes]
5 Tort Reform
6 Torture
7 Transportation
8 Tribal Colleges
9 TWP (Temporary Worker Program)
10 Uganda Hospital
11 UN
12 UN Conference on Children
13 UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund)
14 Unlevel Playing Field
15 Urban League
16 [Urban League Meeting, 2001]
17 Binder - U.S.-Afghan Women's Council, 10/17/2005 - 10/18/2005
18 Binder - U.S. Department of Transportation Domestic Policy Council Briefing, 03/03/2005
19 USPS (United States Postal Service)
20 VA
21 VA Cares 01/22/2004
22 VA Cares Policy Time 05/05/2004
23 Veterans [1]

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1  Veterans [2]
2  [Veterans' Health]
3  Veterans Health Care Task Force
4  Veterans/VA
5  Violence Against Women
6  Welfare/Head Start
7  Women in Combat
8  Women's Issues [1]
9  Women's Issues [2]