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USA Freedom Corps

Media Coverage

Date Ranges: 2002-2006 **Extent and Forms of Material:** 4 linear feet, 5 linear inches

Abstract: Internet news article printouts detailing the creation of the USA Freedom Corps in early 2002 and on USAFC news and events through 2006. The articles come from a variety of American newspapers and were created and maintained by the USAFC office.

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Administrative History: The USA Freedom Corps was established by President George W. Bush via Executive Order 13254 on January 29, 2002. With increased public interest in community service following the September 11 terrorist attacks, the USAFC worked to publicize and encourage participation in service projects and served as a sort of clearinghouse for citizens interested in locating projects in their communities. President Bush announced the creation of the USA Freedom Corps in his January 2002 State of the Union address, in conjunction with his call for Americans to devote two years (or 4,000 hours) over their lifetimes to community service. The Corps partnered with already-existing federal government organizations such as AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps. It adopted both domestic and international service projects, such as the relief initiative headed by former Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton following the December 2004 Asian Tsunami.

Structurally, leadership of the USAFC was composed of the President, executive branch department and agency heads, as well as a director and staff. It was created as an office of the White House, as opposed to functioning as a permanent federal agency. Its headquarters were located at 736 Jackson Place near the White House. The USAFC reported to the President through the Domestic Policy Council.

Scope and Content Note: This series is comprised of materials related to the rollout and operation of the USA Freedom Corps. While the records are described in a few different ways, i.e. "USA Freedom Corps Launch Coverage and Citizen Response," or "Current Issue Briefs," series mostly consists of internet newspaper articles or USAFC newspaper advertisement printouts. For the most part, the entire series runs in chronological order.

System of Arrangement: These papers are arranged into one series, and thereunder generally in chronological order. Box 1 by itself is in chronological order; Box 2 begins again in January 2002 and the remainder of the series is in such order.

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