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Domestic Policy Council

Jessica Bennett

Position: Staff Assistant

Date Ranges: 2001-2009 (bulk 2003-2006)

Extent and Forms of Material: 5 linear inches

Abstract: Office files created and maintained by Jessica Bennett during her work for the Domestic Policy Council. The series contains some scheduling files, but most of the records are background and printed materials relating to education.

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Biographical History: Jessica Bennett earned a B.A. in French from Washington and Lee University in 2004. She worked in the White House Domestic Policy Council, Office of Policy Development, as a Staff Assistant from 2004 until 2005. In 2005, she served as an Executive Assistant in the Chief of Staff's office. After her White House tenure, she attended the University of Texas School of Law, receiving a J.D. in 2009.

Administrative History: The Domestic Policy Council serves as a center of policy formulation and coordination within the White House. While the crucial tasks of setting administration

policy priorities and farming them out to the appropriate executive office or agency fall under the purview of the chief of staff, the DPC still acts in an advisory capacity to the President regarding areas of domestic concern, in addition to disseminating White House policy directives to others within the federal government.

The exact nature of the DPC is to a great extent subject to the desires of the incumbent president. A staff dedicated specifically to domestic policy has been in place at least since the Lyndon Johnson administration, and subsequent chief executives have modified the scope of the office as they have seen necessary. The structure of the DPC under President George W. Bush largely corresponds with that prescribed in Executive Order 12859, signed by President Bill Clinton in August 1993. Examples of policy areas and specific offices assigned to the Bush administration Domestic Policy Council include education, health, labor, federalism, veterans' issues, the USA Freedom Corps, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Council on Environmental Quality, and the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Scope and Content Note: Records related to education and scheduling files for Diana Schacht. There is a small amount of administration memoranda on educational issues written by David Dunn, but most of the education materials are background or printed material.

System of Arrangement: Material is arranged into one series, Subject Files, and there-under by alphabetical order.

Container List:

Box 1

Bennett, Jessica - Subject Files

- 1 2006 Budget [1]
- 2 2006 Budget [2]
- 3 Affirmative Access Binder [1]
- 4 Affirmative Access Binder [2]
- 5 Affirmative Access Binder [3]
- 6 [Alternate Standards and Title I]
- 7 [American Enterprise Institute - Articles on education]
- 8 [Be Smart Kids]
- 9 [Briefing Book for David Dunn - August 2004] [1]
- 10 [Briefing Book for David Dunn - August 2004] [2]
- 11 [Briefing Book for David Dunn - September 2004] [1]
- 12 [Briefing Book for David Dunn - September 2004] [2]
- 13 [Briefing Book for Diana Schacht - August 2004] [Folder 1] [1]
- 14 [Briefing Book for Diana Schacht - August 2004] [Folder 1] [2]