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Domestic Policy Council

John Bridgeland

Position: Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy; Director of the Domestic Policy Council

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

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Abstract: This series contains material related to subjects addressed by the White House Domestic Policy Council including environmental policy, drug control, and election reform, among other issues.

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Biographical History: John Bridgeland graduated with honors in government from Harvard University before earning his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. After finishing law school, Bridgeland was an associated at Davis Polk & Wardwell before serving as chief of staff for Representative Rob Portman. Bridgeland was a co-lead of President George W. Bush's Policy Transition Team from 2000-2001.

John Bridgeland served Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and Director of the Domestic Policy Council from 2001-2002. In this position he handled the wide variety of issues addressed by the Domestic Policy Council. Bridgeland especially focused on environmental policy, election and campaign finance reform, and drug control.

Announced during President George W. Bush's 2002 State of the Union address, USA Freedom Corps was officially established on January 30, 2002. The new office's goal was to connect interested people with organizations that required volunteers. John Bridgeland served as Assistant to the President and the first Director of the USA Freedom Corps Office from the office's creation through the end of 2003.

After leaving the White House, John Bridgeland continued to focus on public service and currently serves as CEO of Civic Enterprises, a Washington, D.C. public policy firm. Bridgeland is also the Co-Chair of the Franklin Project at The Aspen Institute and Vice Chairman of Malaria No More. President Barack Obama appointed Bridgeland to the White House Council for Community Solutions. John Bridgeland addressed the nation's high school dropout problem by leading the National Summit on America's Silent Epidemic with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the National Governors Association, TIME Magazine, and MTV.

Sources:

http://www.civicerprises.net/Bridgeland_J

<http://www.peacecorpsonline.org/messages/messages/2629/1010219.html>

Scope and Content Note: The collection is arranged into four subseries: Subject Files, Presidential Appointments Files, Books and Printed Materials, and OFBCI Development Files.

Subject Files consists of memos, reports, John Bridgeland's notes, bill summaries, talking points, correspondence, and collected press materials related to environmental policy, drug control, and election reform, among other issues. This subseries includes correspondence from organizations outside the White House as well as members of Congress advocating for policy positions. It also includes memos between White House staff members addressing potential policy actions. Because John Bridgeland was Director of the Domestic Policy Council, there is a great variety of issues addressed in this subseries.

Presidential Appointments Files includes materials related presidential appointments and other background material related to the George W. Bush Administration's transition into the White House. Materials in this subseries include resumes, recommendations, and reports detailing the operations of various government organizations such as the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Books and Printed Materials contains publications used for reference on topics such as climate change, as well as legal handbooks, government reports, academic journals, and magazines.

OFBCI Development Files consists of drafts of executive orders, notes, memos, press materials, and correspondence with outside organizations and members of Congress regarding the creation and development of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Much of the material in this subseries relates to H.R. 7, The Community Solutions Act of 2001.

System of Arrangement:

The collection is arranged alphabetically in four subseries: Subject Files, Presidential Appointments Files, Books and Printed Materials, and OFBCI Development Files.

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

Container List:

Box 7

Bridgeland, John - Subject Files

- 1 Election Reform [5]
- 2 Binder- Election Reform [1]
- 3 Binder- Election Reform [2]
- 4 Emergency Supplemental OMB (Office of Management and Budget) Press Releases
- 5 Employee Management
- 6 Energy: Environmental Benefits of Advanced Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Technology, US Department of Energy
- 7 Energy: The Heritage Foundation
- 8 Energy: Talking Points
- 9 Environment: Environment
- 10 Environment: Environmental Conservation International
- 11 Environment: Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks for Children
- 12 Environment: Environmentalism for the 21st Century
- 13 Environment: Lease Sales and Offshore Drilling
- 14 Environment: Mercury
- 15 Binder - EOP Telephone Directory, February 2001
- 16 EPA (Environmental Protection Agency): Diesel Rule
- 17 EPA (Environmental Protection Agency): Elevation
- 18 EPA (Environmental Protection Agency): EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)

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Bridgeland, John - Subject Files

- 1 Binder - Working Group Materials - Climate Review [1]

- 2 Binder - Working Group Materials - Climate Review [2]
- 3 Binder - Working Group Materials - Climate Review [3]

Bridgeland, John - Books and Printed Materials

- 4 Book - 1991 Annual Report, Administrative Conference of the United States
- 5 Book - 1991 Property/Casualty Insurance Facts
- 6 Book - Academic Questions, Spring 1999
- 7 Book - Adler, Jonathan H. The Costs of Kyoto; Climate Change and its Implications
- 8 Book - The American Bar. Reference Handbook, 2000
- 9 Book - Batavia, Andrew. The Payment of Medical Rehabilitation Services: Current Mechanisms and Potential Models

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Bridgeland, John - Books and Printed Materials

- 1 Book - Campbell, Dave, Harmon Killebrew, Brooks Robinson, and Duke Snider. The Scouting Report 1986
- 2 Book - Children's Defense Fund. Children 1990: A Report Card, Briefing Book, and Action Primer
- 3 Printed Materials - Report on Community Solutions Act of 2001 [1]
- 4 Printed Materials - Report on Community Solutions Act of 2001 [2]
- 5 Printed Materials - Report on Community Solutions Act of 2001 [3]
- 6 Book - Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy, Spring 1997
- 7 Book - Ehrman, John. The Rise of Neoconservatism: Intellectuals and Foreign Affairs, 1945-1994
- 8 Book - Foreign Affairs, Fall 2001

Box 32

Bridgeland, John - Books and Printed Materials

- 1 Book - HP LaserJet 4P Printer, User's Manual
- 2 Book - Lotus Organizer User's Guide
- 3 Book - Missouri Rules of Court; State and Federal, 1994
- 4 Printed Materials - The New Yorker, 06/03/1996
- 5 Printed Materials - The New Yorker, 06/17/1996
- 6 Printed Materials - Petition for a Writ of Certiorari, GM v. Valorie Lynn Grear and Paul C. Nordberg
- 7 Book - Posner, Richard A. Goodbye to the Bluebook, Appendix: University of Chicago Manual of Legal Citation

- 8 Book - Riggan, John. Improving State Public Policy: States and Grantmakers Working Together
- 9 Book - Texas Review of Law and Politics, Spring 1998