

At the end of the Clinton administration, the National Archives and Records Administration received e-mails from all components of the Executive Office of the President. These records were divided between Presidential and Federal Components. Below is a description of the results of a search of the "Federal" electronic records.

We conducted a text search for any instance where "sonia sotomayor" is contained within the documents, and located 126 unique documents containing the search term. We also searched for deviant spellings of Sotomayor's surname but found no additional true hits. We found e-mails from the following EOP components: OA, OMB, STP, OPD, CEQ, DOJ, PIR, and SYS.

Four of the 126 files are very large and are test files compiled by the administrators when they were transferring the original data to the NARA system that captured the data. As such, these are copy files and the data within them are compilations of other e-mail files. Since these files were not created by the Clinton White House and are simply compilations of e-mails already captured in the system, these four large files are not included. This leaves us with 122 responsive files.

There is a unique document identification number assigned by NARA's system for each e-mail. In cases where there are attachments to the e-mails, the e-mail and attachment(s) share that unique document identification number. We included the document identification number in the file name of each pdf so that the association of the e-mail to the attachment is retained.

Sotomayor's name does not appear in each document. There are cases where her name is not in the e-mail, but is in the attachment. There are also cases where there is more than one attachment, and her name appears in only one attachment. We provided all attachments so as to retain the original context in which the documents were created.

In the files we retrieved we noted numerous duplicates. Most of the files were press related and sent to numerous individuals within the various components of the EOP. Because of the way the system captured and organized the electronic files when they were transferred to NARA, the same e-mail is often captured more than once. We have provided every copy that was identified in the system to ensure that all possible relevant documents are presented. Since many of the files are press clippings and compilations, Sotomayor's name may appear only once and briefly within a very large document.