Recent history of executive privilege orders President Obama has invoked executive privilege to withhold documents

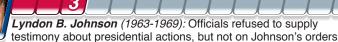
from a congressional panel investigating a botched gun-tracking operation NUMBER OF EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE ORDERS, BY PRESIDENCY



John F. Kennedy (1961-1963): Invoked orders in relation to



Cold War military education and Bay of Pigs affair







Richard Nixon (1969-1974:) Half of Nixon's invocations related to investigation of Watergate scandal



Gerald Ford (1974-1977): Prohibited release of subpoenaed documents pertaining to probe on covert actions



Jimmy Carter (1977-1981): Thwarted attempt to investigate claim that coal strike could cost 3.5 million jobs if not resolved



Ronald Reagan (1981-1989): Prevented release of memos by Supreme Court nominee while advisor to attorney general



George H. W. Bush (1989-1993): Barred congressional subpoena



for documents related to Navy aircraft programme



Bill Clinton (1993-2001): Executive privilege claim refused when



judge ruled aides could be called to testify in Monica Lewinsky trial

George W. Bush (2001-2009): Rejected suppoena of White House



advisor in probe over firing of nine federal prosecutors

Barack Obama (2009-present): Access denied to documents relating to failed operation to track guns smuggled to Mexico

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