

Report: White House e-mail archives shoddy

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WASHINGTON - The White House reportedly has been using an inadequate and haphazard system for preserving internal e-mail communications. The Bush administration replaced the archiving system used by the Clinton White House and, as a result, huge volumes of electronic communications have been lost, The Washington Post said Tuesday. The Post came to its conclusion through documents and the opinion of various technical experts. The White House is required by law to preserve its communications. The Clinton administration was, in fact, under a court order to set up a system to save e-mail. The Bush White House recorded over backup server tapes between 2001 and 2003, tapes that provided "a last line of defense" for preserving e-mail, the newspaper said. White House officials said there was no deliberate erasing of e-mail.

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