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Inventory for FOIA Request 2014-0073-F

Communications between President George W. Bush and Barack Obama or their Representatives, 2001 - 2009

Extent

104 folders, approximately 2,805 pages / 1,012 assets

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to George W. Bush Presidential Records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 2201) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552, as amended) and therefore records may be restricted in whole or in part in accordance with legal exemptions.

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Provenance

Official records of George W. Bush's presidency are housed at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processing by

Staff Archivists, 2015. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 03/27/2015

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2014-0073-F are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials.

FOIA 2014-0073-F contains materials related to communications between President George W. Bush and Barack Obama, or their representatives, during the administration of George W. Bush.

This FOIA primarily contains letters from members of Congress (including then-Senator Barack Obama) to George W. Bush and responses to those letters. Also included are cover memoranda for the aforementioned letters, as well as White House tracking documents. Additional material includes a copy of the Business Plan for the National Advanced Technology Initiative for Cancer, a Meeting Report from a National Cancer Institute Roundtable, the 2003 Annual Report

of the United States Military Academy Board of Visitors, and the 13th Annual Russian HEU (Highly Enriched Uranium) Contract Report.

Electronic records consist of email messages containing correspondence; scheduling information for tours of the White House complex; and scheduling and logistics for meetings and briefings. Additional email messages contain invitations for various events, including bill signing events, press briefings, award presentations, and arrivals of Heads of State. Other materials relate to coordination with Senator Obama and his staff regarding energy topics, including a report from the Energy Information Administration (on Analysis of S. 1844, the Clear Skies Act of 2003; S. 843, the Clean Air Planning Act of 2003; and S. 366, the Clean Power Act of 2003). A small portion of the electronic materials relate to the coordination between the Obama Senate staff and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding the Transparency Act and the launch of the website USAspending.gov.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 2014-0073-F are a systematic body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult an archivist about related materials.

Documents responsive to this FOIA were found in these collection areas – White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files, Staff Member and Office Files and George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records.

Staff Member and Office Files are maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity.

Staff Member and Office Files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area.

WHORM Subject Files are processed at the document level.

The WHORM Subject File compiled by the White House Office of Records Management is comprised of a series of documents assigned a letter/number combination and filed in a subject category. A complete listing of the subject categories including a detailed description of each category is available in our research room and on our website at http://www.georgewbushlibrary.smu.edu/.

The Executive Office of the President (EOP) instance of the Electronic Records Archive (ERA) contains electronic records created or received by President George W. Bush. These records are stored in Search and Access Sets (SAS) that represent their originating computer program, such as Exchange Email or the Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES). In addition to records captured from the White House's electronic systems, EOP-ERA also contains records from the home and shared drives used by White House staff.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2014-0073-F:

Please note that a * indicates that the collection is entirely processed and open. A more detailed description of the material is available in the finding aid for that office or category.

Box 1

Records Management, White House Office of

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Subject Files
          668423
          673801
          684129
          688306
          695459
          706731
          707226
          755199
          758061
Subject Files - CM003 (Food & Kindred Products)
          663358
Subject Files - CM010 (Fossil Fuels)
          676605
          717816
Subject Files - CM014 (Tobacco)
          669534
Subject Files - CO001-07 (Middle East)
          667068
          683287
Subject Files - CO097 (Republic of Liberia)
          691172
Subject Files - CO159 (Republic of Sudan)
          676111
          687980
Subject Files - CO190 (Tibet)
          749595
Subject Files - DI002 (Natural Disasters)*
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648264
             689015 - 689589
             702688 - 702834
             705389 - 707313
             717177 - 717932
             733703 - 734151
             737394 - 737493
             737494 - 739559
             747032 - 748140
             750957 - 751816
             754945 - 755192
   Subject Files - FA (Federal Aid)
             651453
             670811
             689669
             731409
             741611
             742446
             742937
   Subject Files - FG006-03A (Chief of Staff, Office Files)
             643855
Box 2
   Subject Files - FG006-03A (Chief of Staff, Office Files)
             652743 [1]
             652743 [2]
             652743 [3]
             652743 [4]
             706299
             749019
   Subject Files - FG006-07 (Policy Development)
             722917
   Subject Files - FG011 (Department of State)
             683298
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684128
              686213
   Subject Files - FG019 (Department of Agriculture)
             737171
   Subject Files - FG020-01 (Bureau of Census)
             689215
   Subject Files - FG022-02 (National Cancer Institute)
             675587
   Subject Files - FG022-03 (Food & Drug Administration/National Institutes of Health/
   Surgeon General of the USA
             742247
   Subject Files - FG025 (Department of Energy)
              674734
              683300
Box 3
   Subject Files - FG027 (Department of Veterans Affairs)
             650299
              651452
             714124
             723079
             742812
   Subject Files - FG030 (Legislative Branch)
             742665
             745433
   Subject Files - FG065 (Independent Agencies, Boards & Commissions)
             703784
   Subject Files - FG104 (Committee for Purchase from the Blind or Severely Disabled)
              660337
   Subject Files - FG123 (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission)
             732514
   Subject Files - FG131 (Federal Election Commission)
             686226
   Subject Files - FI004 (Appropriations)
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683307
   Subject Files - FO002 (Diplomatic Affairs - Consular Relations)
              679243
              725163
   Subject Files - FO004-03 (International Investments)
              721395
   Subject Files - FO006 (International Conferences)
              667069
   Subject Files - FO008 (International Travel)
              757868
   Subject Files - HE001 (Diseases - Disabilities)
              676108
   Subject Files - HE002 (Doctors - Dentists - Nurses)
              668405
   Subject Files - IT138 (World Trade Organization (WTO))
              723639
   Subject Files - JL003 (Crime)
              731417
   Subject Files - JL006-01 (Secret Service Protection)
              745039
              761556
   Subject Files - LA006 (Employee Earnings)
              673243
   Subject Files - MA026 (Freedom Awards)
              665653
   Subject Files - ME003 (Messages Denied)
              687990
Box 4
   Subject Files - ND007-07 (Separations, Discharges, and Retirements)
              742925
   Subject Files - ND010 (Reserve Forces and National Guard)
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650287

725724

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Subject Files - ND016 (Wars - Conflicts)
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676106

Subject Files - PO (Postal Service)

707969

Subject Files - SP230-06 (Address Before A Joint Session of the Congress, State of the Union, 2006)

684635

Subject Files - TA (Trade)

731310

Subject Files - TA004-08 (Metal Products Trade)

733225

Subject Files - TA004-10 (Petroleum (Gas - Oil) Trade)

686068

Subject Files - UT (Utilities)

680778

708134

Subject Files - VA (Veterans)

685821

Subject Files - WE007 (Social Security)

652343

Staff Member Office Files

Counsel's Office, White House

Fielding, Fred - General Files

Obama Letter re: DHL

Flood, Emmet

USDA - Obama

Smith, Barbara

EEOB WHCO (Counsel's Office) Layout Provided to Barack Obama Transition (Weideman, 01/08/2009)

Domestic Policy Council

Zinsmeister, W. Karl - Subject Files

Labor: Wilmingon, Ohio - DHL Layoff - Obama

Staff Secretary, White House Office of the

Yanes, Raul

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747600, January 2007 - December 2007, Folder 1 [1]
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[President Bush Letter to President-Elect Obama 01/19/2009 - 01/20/2009]