



## **Inventory for FOIA Request 2016-0295-F**

### **Records from the National Economic Council on Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) and the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA)**

#### **Extent**

1 folder, approximately 50 pages

#### **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, 2016. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 11/13/2020

#### **Scope and Content**

The materials in FOIA 2016-0295-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 2016-0295-F requested materials related to unclassified paper records from the National Economic Council on the Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) and the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

This FOIA primarily contains correspondence from members of Congress, fact sheets, and background papers. The item of Congressional correspondence is addressed to President George W. Bush regarding a Free Trade Agreement with Australia. Background papers present include

quotes of support for CAFTA, as well as agricultural benefits for those United States that produce sugar.

It should be noted that many of the documents in this FOIA have been closed due to National Security classification and/or exemptions of the Freedom of Information Act.

### **System of Arrangement**

The materials in FOIA 2016-0295-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 – Staff Member Office Files.

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

Staff Member 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.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2016-0295-F:

### **Staff Member Office Files**

National Economic Council

Friedman, Stephen – Subject Files

CAFTA (Australia / Morocco)