



## **Inventory for FOIA Request 2014-0038-F**

### **Records on HAARP (High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program) in Alaska**

#### **Extent**

10 folders, approximately 962 pages / 267 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: 09/18/2020

#### **Scope and Content**

The materials in FOIA 2014-0038-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 2014-0038-F contains materials related to High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP), which was located near Gakona, Alaska. HAARP was a research program that was jointly sponsored by the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). Other partners included universities, such as the University of Alaska. The purpose of the HAARP project was to study the ionosphere. Although the HAARP website, previously hosted at <http://haarp.alaska.edu>, is no longer in service, historical information about the project can be found on the Naval Research Laboratory's website at <http://www.nrl.navy.mil/research/nrl-review/2004/atmospheric-science->

[and-technology/kennedy/](#). According to an April 14, 2014, article by Ellen Lockyer with Alaska Public Media, “HAARP Research Facility to Shut Down,” the HAARP research facility was decommissioned or transferred to a basic research organization in June 2014.

This FOIA primarily contains drafts of the U.S. Arctic Research Plan Biennial Revision: 2004 – 2008, comments and edits to the report by White House staff, and White House staffing memorandums. Additional material includes transmittal memorandums and drafts thereof, as well as memorandums, emails and press releases pertaining to the delegation of authority over and the release of the report.

Also included are meeting requests, published Senate and House Committee reports on Department of Defense (DoD) appropriations, published DoD appropriations bills, other published DoD and National Science Foundation reports, correspondence from outside interest groups providing information about earmarks in appropriations bills, and email messages to the Office of Science and Technology Policy from members of the public regarding HAARP.

### **System of Arrangement**

The materials in FOIA 2014-0038-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, White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files and George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records.

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.

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 [www.georgewbushlibrary.smu.edu](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.

George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records are a unique segment preserved in an electronic system separate from the Electronic Records Archive (ERA). The records are processed by topic, printed, and filed in folders. Folders are arranged by Search and Access Set and thereunder by date.

George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records contain electronic records created or received by members of the White House staff, as well as the Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction. These frequently classified records document the daily constitutional and statutory duties carried out by the George W. Bush administration and include record types such as email, email attachments, Night Notes, and cables.

The following is a list of electronic search results lists (SRLs) and folders processed in response to FOIA 2014-0038-F:

***George W. Bush Electronic Records***

arms\_01 contains 15 assets.  
Exchange\_01 contains 231 assets.  
33days\_01 contains 2 assets.  
RNC\_PST\_01 contains 7 assets.  
CEA\_01 contains 1 asset.  
NSC contains 1 asset.  
OA\_01 contains 3 assets.  
WHO\_01 contains 7 assets.

***George W. Bush Textual Records***

**Box 1**

**Records Management, White House Office of**

Subject Files – SP204-18 (Interagency Arctic Research Policy)

623577 [1]  
623577 [2]  
623577 [3]  
623577 [4]

**Staff Member Office Files**

George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records

Cables

Cables, 2002 [10/04/2002]  
Cables, 2008 [06/10/2008]

Email

SIPRNET, 2002 [10/17/2002 - 10/21/2002]

TS Email, May 2001 [05/13/2001]

TS Email, December 2003 [12/08/2003]

TS Email Record, June 2008 [06/13/2008]