



Inventory for FOIA Request 2014-0229-F

Records on Jose Padilla between May 2002 and February 2008

Extent

7 folders, approximately 131 pages / 16 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.

Copyright

Documents in this collection that were prepared by officials of the United States government as part of their official duties are in the public domain. Researchers are advised to consult the copyright law of the United States (Title 17, USC) which governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material.

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 2014-0229-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 2014-0229-F contains materials related to Jose Padilla, also known as Abdullah al-Muhajir, between May 2002 and February 2008 that were sent to, sent by, or received by President George W. Bush.

This FOIA primarily contains routing memoranda, a letter to President George W. Bush from the International Bar Association, and a final determination from President George W. Bush regarding Jose Padilla. There is also a declassified memorandum, made public, from the Department of Justice Office of Legal Counsel from June 8, 2002, entitled "Determination of Enemy Belligerency and Military Detention." Electronic records consist of emails sent from the

general public providing commentary on news articles, voicing opinions regarding Jose Padilla and other topics, and an email from a high school student asking President George W. Bush for his point of view on how Jose Padilla was being treated.

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

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 2014-0229-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 Office 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

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 electronic search results lists (SRLs) and folders processed in response to FOIA 2014-0229-F:

George W. Bush Electronic Records

ARMS contains 1 asset.

Exchange contains 9 assets.

40 Days contains 6 assets.

George W. Bush Textual Records

Box 1

Records Management, White House Office of

Subject Files - JL003 (Crime)

622256

680095

Staff Member Office Files

National Security Council - Records and Access Management

PRS Originals Files

0307839

Limited Access Originals Files

0205094

Limited Access Chron Files

0205094

Counsel's Office, White House

Farren, J. Michael (Mike) - Subject Files

Padilla

Gonzales, Alberto – Confidential Files

Detainees [1 of 2]: Jose Padilla