



Inventory for FOIA Request 2014-0482-F

Records on former President Lennart Meri of Estonia

Extent

13 folders, approximately 322 pages / 166 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, 2018. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 07/16/2020

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2014-0482-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 2014-0482-F requested materials related to former Estonian President Lennart Meri.

This FOIA primarily contains cover sheets, routing memoranda, press releases, news summaries, letters, internet printouts, and printed emails. There are memoranda requesting a delegation be sent to the State Funeral of former President Lennart Meri of Estonia on March 26, 2006 as well as a letter from President Lennart Meri to President George W. Bush in August 2001. In addition, a request from the US-Baltic Foundation for a presidential message for their gala awards dinner honoring Former President Lennart Meri is present, including the presidential

message and drafts thereof, and previous letters written to the foundation by President George W. Bush and President George H.W. Bush.

Additionally, these records contain compiled lists of Presidential delegations, lists of foreign leaders attending the funeral service for President Ronald Reagan, lists of current and former world leaders, Department of State protocol assignments for upcoming foreign visits and trips, and thank you letters to world leaders for their congratulations on the 2001 election. Also included are various articles and published statements, and the April 2006 version of the CIA publication, *Chiefs of State & Cabinet Members of Foreign Governments: A Directory*.

Lastly, there are 9/11 condolence and support letters from numerous organizations both foreign and domestic as well as from foreign leaders such as President Lennart Meri, Prime Minister Mart Laar, the Dalai Lama, the President of Finland, the Prime Minister of Luxembourg, the Prime Minister of Denmark, and the Greenland Parliament.

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.

Please also note that a portion of classified records related to this request has not yet been processed. Additional records will be provided as they become available.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 2014-0482-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 2014-0482-F:

George W. Bush Electronic Records

ARMS_2001 contains 13 assets.

Exchange_2006 contains 93 assets.

RNC_2006 contains 12 asserts.

NSC contains 4 assets.

OA contains 1 asset.

WHO contains 43 assets.

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.

George W. Bush Textual Records

Records Management, White House Office of

Subject Files – CO056 (Estonia)

492953

Subject Files – DI (Disasters)*

495873

Subject Files – ME002 (Messages to Sent to Groups/Organizations)

652475

Subject Files – PE002-01 (Policy Positions)

691237

Subject Files – PP (Presidential Personal)

694609 [1]

694609 [2]

Subject Files – WH004-01 (Mail Reports)

449129

Staff Member Office Files

National Security Council – Records and Access Management

PRS Originals Files

0601755

National Security Council – European Affairs

McKibben, Tracy

Estonia, 2001

Wilson, Damon

Estonia [1]

Estonia [2]

National Security Council – Intelligence Programs and Reform

Almon, Timothy

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Presidential Personnel, White House Office of

Bullock, Katja – Candidate Files – Delegations

Delegation to Attend the Funeral of Former Estonian President Lennart Meri,
03/26/2006