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Inventory for FOIA Request 2017-0129-F

White House Office of Records Management Files Related to Elisabeth “Betsy” DeVos

Extent

218 folders, approximately 18,179 pages

Access

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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, 2019. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 12/09/2019

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2017-0129-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 2017-0129-F requested White House Office of Records Management files related to Elisabeth “Betsy” DeVos.

Although this request was limited to material from the White House Office of Records Management, additional Staff Member Office File folders were identified through the Records Management System (RMS) search and access set in EOP-ERA, determined to be responsive, and processed that were not identified during the processing of FOIA 2017-0130-F (Staff Member Office Files related to DeVos).

This FOIA primarily contains schedules, correspondence, briefing materials, fact sheets, speeches, printed emails, web printouts, news articles, grip-and-grin autographed photographs, and a variety of administrative documents such as routing memos, cover sheets, and forms. Routine information related to presidential nominations such as biographical details and formal nomination memos are included. Incoming correspondence is primarily addressed to President George W. Bush, Andy Card, Alberto Gonzales, and Karl Rove and includes scheduling requests, letters from Congress, letters from individuals, and letters from non-governmental organizations, including NRN (no-response-necessary) mail. There is outgoing correspondence from President George W. Bush, Card, Gonzales, Rove, as well as Bradley Blakeman responding to a wide variety of requests and addressing various topics.

There is only a small amount of material related to Betsy DeVos in this request. Materials directly related to DeVos include correspondence from DeVos while she served as the Michigan Republican Party Chairman, routine documents related to DeVos' appointment to the Kennedy Center Board of Trustees in 2004, other Kennedy Center documents such as invitations that mention DeVos' role, autographed grip-and-grin photos including DeVos, birthday and congratulatory letters from President George W. Bush to DeVos, as well as news articles and web printouts that mention DeVos.

There is a large grouping of material filed under FG001-07 (Briefing Papers). The briefing papers generally contain both the day's schedule and upcoming schedules for the President, briefings for the day's events, documents relevant to any scheduled meetings or events, and trip books.

There is also a large grouping of material filed under FG006-27 (Office of Senior Advisor - Karl Rove). These case files generally contain anything that came across Rove's desk such as correspondence, scheduling requests, fact sheets, polling reports, information and requests from outside groups, forms and information related to gifts received by Rove, and published writings including reports, news articles, and excerpts from books.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 2017-0129-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 and Staff Member Office Files.

WHORM Subject and WHORM Alpha Files are processed at the document level.

The WHORM Alpha File was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events.

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.

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.

Related Collections and FOIA Requests

2017-0130-F: Staff Member Office Files (SMOF) related to Elisabeth “Betsy” DeVos

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2017-0129-F:

Box 1

Records Management, White House Office of (ORM)

Subject Files - FG001-07 (Briefing Papers)

02/14/2002 [460734]

06/10/2002 [460857]

10/14/2002 [539532]

12/11/2002 [539589]

04/28/2003 [539727]

07/24/2003 [539814]

09/15/2003 [539867]

01/30/2004 [607628]

04/02/2004 [618361]

07/07/2004 [632196]

Box 2

Subject Files - FG001-07 (Briefing Papers)

07/13/2004 [632202]

07/23/2004 [634831]

07/30/2004 [634841] [1]

07/30/2004 [634841] [2]

08/05/2004 [635556]

08/16/2004 [636880]

08/30/2004 [636896]
09/13/2004 [640870]
09/14/2004 [640871]
10/06/2004 [642996]
10/27/2004 [644378]
10/28/2004 [644379]
10/30/2004 [644381]

Box 3

Subject Files - FG001-07 (Briefing Papers)

12/05/2004 [647951]
12/12/2004 [649278]
01/07/2005 [652946]
02/08/2005 [654108]
05/21/2005 [664961]
10/09/2005 [678398]
02/20/2006 [689386]
09/08/2006 [707467]
10/26/2006 [713438]
12/03/2006 [714097]
12/08/2006 [714135]
12/02/2007 [745662]
12/07/2008 [776523]

Subject Files - FG006-03A (Chief of Staff, Office Files)

504361
638271

Box 4

Subject Files - FG006-03A (Chief of Staff, Office Files)

655261
675346
679271
688283
699810
730833

752198 [1]

752198 [2]

Subject Files - FG006-27 (Office of Senior Advisor - Karl Rove)

500716

508591

508597

528803

Box 5

Subject Files - FG006-27 (Office of Senior Advisor - Karl Rove)

536007

536026

536036

536048 [1]

536048 [2]

536071

538314

549456

553317

553518

569639

607766 [1]

607766 [2]

Box 6

Subject Files - FG006-27 (Office of Senior Advisor - Karl Rove)

627367

633414 [1]

633414 [2]

634081 [1]

634081 [2]

634484 [1]

634484 [2]

635849 [1]

635849 [2]

635960
638275 [1]

Box 7

Subject Files - FG006-27 (Office of Senior Advisor - Karl Rove)

638275 [2]
638944 [1]
638944 [2]
644892 [1]
644892 [2]
646556 [1]
646556 [2]
652142 [1]
652142 [2]
652629 [1]
652629 [2]

Box 8

Subject Files - FG006-27 (Office of Senior Advisor - Karl Rove)

656919 [1]
656919 [2]
656919 [3]
678050
694280
705490
714178
729818
737452

Subject Files - FG006-31 (Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs, Office of)

743207

Subject Files - FG253-01 (Advisory Committee on the Arts / Kennedy Center)

645749

Subject Files - GI002 (Gifts to the President)

624957
637629

639005

653605

713440

Subject Files - ME001 (Messages Sent to Individuals)

637068

659029 [1]

Box 9

Subject Files - ME001 (Messages Sent to Individuals)

659029 [2]

659029 [3]

659029 [4]

Subject Files - ME001-02 (Messages - Birthday Greetings)

550763

683326

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

639256

644251

650339

722760

Subject Files - PE002 (Employment - Appointments)

479730 Folder 1 [1]

479730 Folder 1 [2]

479739 Folder 8 [1]

479739 Folder 8 [2]

479739 Folder 8 [3]

479739 Folder 8 [4]

479745 Folder 1 [1]

479745 Folder 1 [2]

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Subject Files - PE002 (Employment - Appointments)

479745 Folder 4 [1]

479745 Folder 4 [2]

479745 Folder 4 [3]

488305 Folder 12
488331 Folder 15
488337 Folder 4 [1]
488337 Folder 4 [2]
488341 Folder 4
488346 Folder 3 [1]
488346 Folder 3 [2]
488346 Folder 3 [3]
488346 Folder 3 [4]
517533 Folder 1 [1]
517533 Folder 1 [2]
517533 Folder 1 [3]
517533 Folder 4 [1]
517533 Folder 4 [2]
642922

Subject Files - PE002-01 (Policy Positions)

649059
649065

Subject Files - PE009 (Retirement, Federal)

692426

Subject Files - PL003 (Messages, Political - Sent or Denied)

554364
605581
645575 [1]

Box 11

Subject Files - PL003 (Messages, Political - Sent or Denied)

645575 [2]
649453

Subject Files - PP005-01 (First Lady)

482791 - 482792
652249
708301
724801

734536

759532

Subject Files - PR005-01 (Photographs Granted)

631890

648577

708324

713876

715715

743004

772854

Subject Files - PR013-12 (Endorsement, Request for Presidential)

718744

731367

Subject Files - SP557-01 (Notre Dame Commencement Address, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, 05/20/2001)

453867

Subject Files - SP753 (Remarks in Michigan, 10/14/2002)

527476

Subject Files - SP841-02 (Remarks at Michigan Events, 07/24/2003)

567958

Subject Files - SP971-02 (Remarks in Grand Rapids, Michigan, 07/30/2004)

630542

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Subject Files - SP1008 (Remarks at Victory 2004 Rally, 10/29/2004 - 11/04/2004 Rallies)

644191

Subject Files - TR001 (Trips - Washington, D.C.)

751091

Subject Files - TR502-01 (Pinellas/Miami, Florida, 10/12/2007)

740829 [1]

740829 [2]

Alpha Files

480800 NRNs Folder 6 [1]

480800 NRNs Folder 6 [2]

480800 NRNs Folder 6 [3]

480800 NRNs Folder 6 [4]

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Alpha Files - FG006-01 (White House Staff)

571160 Brad Blakeman Folder 7 [1]

571160 Brad Blakeman Folder 7 [2]

571160 Brad Blakeman Folder 7 [3]

607806 Presidential Scheduling Folder 3 [1]

607806 Presidential Scheduling Folder 3 [2]

607806 Presidential Scheduling Folder 3 [3]

607806 Presidential Scheduling Folder 3 [4]

Alpha Files - FG006-04 (Counsel to the President)

458516 03/13/2001 Folder 7 [1]

458516 03/13/2001 Folder 7 [2]

Box 14

Alpha Files - FG006-04 (Counsel to the President)

494770 Bradford Berenson Folder 17

Alpha Files - FG006-27 (Office of Senior Advisor - Karl Rove)

536026 Karl Rove [1]

536026 Karl Rove [2]

536026 Karl Rove [3]

536026 Karl Rove [4]

536035 Karl Rove [1]

536035 Karl Rove [2]

536035 Karl Rove [3]

536035 Karl Rove [4]

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Alpha Files - FG006-27 (Office of Senior Advisor - Karl Rove)

536122 Karl Rove [1]

536122 Karl Rove [2]

536122 Karl Rove [3]

678880 Karl Rove [1]

678880 Karl Rove [2]

Alpha Files - PE002 (Employment - Appointments)

642725 Katja Bullock Folder 2 [1]

642725 Katja Bullock Folder 2 [2]

642725 Katja Bullock Folder 2 [3]

642725 Katja Bullock Folder 2 [4]

642725 Katja Bullock Folder 2 [5]

661164 Katja Bullock Folder 3 [1]

661164 Katja Bullock Folder 3 [2]

661164 Katja Bullock Folder 3 [3]

Staff Member Office Files

Staff Secretary, White House Office of the

Kavanaugh, Brett - Chron Files Received in the Office of Records Management (ORM)

March 2006 - April 2006 [709536 Folder 3] [1]

March 2006 - April 2006 [709536 Folder 3] [2]

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Kavanaugh, Brett - Chron Files Received in the Office of Records Management (ORM)

March 2006 - April 2006 [709536 Folder 3] [3]

March 2006 - April 2006 [709536 Folder 3] [4]

March 2006 - April 2006 [709536 Folder 3] [5]

March 2006 - April 2006 [709536 Folder 3] [6]

March 2006 - April 2006 [709536 Folder 3] [7]

Kavanaugh, Brett - Speech Files

04/16/2004 - Video Taping: State GOP Conventions [767570]

05/03/2004 - Remarks in Kalamazoo, MI [764551]

08/16/2004 - Traverse City, MI Rally [766682]

10/28/2004 - Dayton, OH Rally [767626]

10/28/2004 - Saginaw, MI Rally [767628]

Miers, Harriet E. - Presidential Remarks

10/14/2002 - Remarks at Thaddeus McCotter for Congress Dinner [763800]

Yanes, Raul - Speech Files

09/08/2006 - Remarks at Bouchard for Congress [757101]

Container List for Previously Opened Folders:

Records Management, White House Office of (ORM)

Confidential Files - FG001-07 (Briefing Papers)

539640	2014-0090-F
	2016-0230-F

Subject Files - FG001-07 (Briefing Papers)

01/29/2003 [539638]	2016-0230-F
01/31/2003 [539640]	2014-0090-F
	2016-0230-F
12/01/2003 [603782] [1]	2014-0132-F
12/01/2003 [603782] [2]	2014-0132-F
12/09/2005 [682862]	2015-0039-F
10/15/2008 [772648] [1]	2014-0222-F
10/15/2008 [772648] [2]	2014-0222-F

Subject Files - FG006-03A (Chief of Staff, Office Files)

623080 [1]	2016-0129-F
623080 [2]	2016-0129-F

Subject Files - FG006-27 (Office of Senior Advisor - Karl Rove)

500904	2018-0011-P
508632 [1]	2014-0124-F
508632 [2]	2014-0124-F
549269 [1]	2015-0039-F
549269 [2]	2015-0039-F
652801 [1]	2015-0037-F
	2016-0178-F
652801 [2]	2015-0037-F
	2016-0178-F

Subject Files - GI002 (Gifts to the President)

554770	2018-0011-P
555460	2018-0011-P
555562	2018-0011-P
555573	2018-0011-P
555575	2018-0011-P

Subject Files - HO009 (Christmas - New Year's)

602353

2013-0009-P

Subject Files - PE002-01 (Policy Positions)

700672

2014-0216-F 1

Subject Files - PP (Presidential Personal)

486988

2014-0221-F

Subject Files - PR005-01 (Photographs Granted)

681713

2015-0039-F

Staff Member Office Files

Staff Secretary, White House Office of the

Kavanaugh, Brett - Speech Files

07/24/2003 - Remarks at Bush-Cheney 2004 Reception - Dearborn, Michigan [773955] 2014-0218-F

07/30/2004 - Bush-Cheney Rally - Grand Rapids, Michigan [767040] [1] 2014-0215-F 1

2014-0218-F

07/30/2004 - Bush-Cheney Rally - Grand Rapids, Michigan [767040] [2] 2014-0215-F 1

2014-0218-F

09/13/2004 - Battle Creek, Michigan Rally [767657] 2014-0215-F 1

09/13/2004 - Holland, Michigan Rally [767656] 2014-0215-F 1

10/30/2004 - Rally in Grand Rapids, Michigan [767614] 2014-0215-F 1

12/01/2003 - Remarks at Bush-Cheney 2004 Reception, Dearborn, Michigan [765808] 2014-0218-F