



George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

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Inventory for FOIA Request 2016-0358-F

Records on the Withdrawal from the Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations on March 7, 2005

Extent

30 folders, approximately 1,897 pages / 815 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, 2019. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 07/08/2020

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2016-0358-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 2016-0358-F requested materials related to the decision by the United States to withdraw from the Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations on March 7, 2005; from June 1, 2003 to March 7, 2005.

This FOIA primarily contains routine and administrative printed emails, correspondence, copies of court opinions, copies of court orders and petitions, press releases, press guidance, and news articles. Included are copies of court orders, petitions, and opinions regarding *Medellin v. Dretke*, *Sanchez-Llamas v. Oregon*, and *Mexico v. United States of America* in the International Court of

Justice; a memorandum from President George W. Bush to the Attorney General regarding compliance with the decision of the International Court of Justice in *Avena*; and a letter to Kofi Annan from Condoleezza Rice notifying him of the United States of America's withdrawal from the Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. Electronic records consist of press briefings, press guidance, Q and As, articles, copies of Mexico's Memorial in the *Avena* case before the International Court of Justice, and the brief submitted to the Supreme Court by the United States Government in *Medellin v. Dretke*.

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 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 2016-0358-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.

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.

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 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.

Related Collections and FOIA Requests - 2016-0356-F

The following is a list of electronic search results lists (SRLs) and folders processed in response to FOIA 2016-0358-F:

George W. Bush Electronic Records

ARMS contains 6 assets.
Exchange contains 694 assets.
Exchange – 33 Days contains 11 assets.
Exchange – 40 Days contains 91 assets.
RNC contains 6 assets.
NSC contains 5 assets.
WHO contains 2 assets.

George W. Bush Textual Records

Box 1

Records Management, White House Office of

Subject Files - IT086 (United Nations)
655639

Staff Member Office Files

Counsel's Office, White House

Gonzales, Alberto - Subject Files

Avena-Mexico International Court of Justice Vienna Convention [1]

Avena-Mexico International Court of Justice Vienna Convention [2]

Kelley, William (Bill) - Confidential File

Avena

Leitch, David - Subject Files

Vienna Convention

Miers, Harriet E. - Subject Files

Avena / Vienna

Vienna Convention

Domestic Policy Council

Halaska, Terrell - Subject Files

Optional Protocols

National Security Council - Legal Adviser

Edney, Michael (Mike)

Medellin v. Texas: [Action Memorandum, 05/10/2008]

Medellin v. Texas: Attorney Notes [EMPTY]
Medellin v. Texas: [Exec Panels]
Medellin v. Texas: [Medellin Meeting, 04/07/2008]
Medellin v. Texas: Medellin v. Texas Notes
Medellin v. Texas: [Medellin v. Texas Writ of Certiorari]
Medellin v. Texas: [Meeting, 04/15/2008]
Medellin v. Texas: [Meeting Roadmap, 06/02/2008]
Medellin v. Texas: [Mexico v. United States of America - International Court of Justice]
Medellin v. Texas: Presidential Memo
Medellin v. Texas: Sanchez - Llamas
Medellin v. Texas: [Waves Appointment, 04/01/2008]

General Files

Avena: ICJ (International Court of Justice) / Avena [1]
Avena: ICJ (International Court of Justice) / Avena [2]

Box 2

National Security Council - Legal Adviser

General Files

Avena: ICJ (International Court of Justice) / Avena [3]
Avena: ICJ (International Court of Justice) / Avena [4]
Avena: VCCR (Vienna Convention on Consular Relations)

Levin, Daniel

Avena [1]
Avena [2]
Avena [3]
Avena [4]
Avena - Legislation