



## Inventory for FOIA Request 2021-0168-F

# Records on the Department of Defense's Counterintelligence Field Activity (CIFA) and/or the Threat and Local Observation Notice (TALON) Report Program

### Extent

12 folders, approximately 581 pages

### Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to George W. Bush Presidential records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 22, as amended) 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

Records 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 are administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

### Processing by

Staff Archivists, 2022. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 11/04/2022

### Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2021-0168-F are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of records responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult an archivist about related materials.

FOIA 2021-0168-F requested materials sent to or from President George W. Bush and/or Vice President Richard Cheney related to the Department of Defense's Counterintelligence Field Activity (CIFA) and/or the Threat and Local Observation Notice (TALON) report program.

This FOIA primarily contains correspondence, memoranda, reports, and information sheets. Retirement letters from President George W. Bush to various individuals, including CIFA employees, make up the bulk of the materials. There are also drafts of the Privacy and Civil

Liberties Oversight Board's Annual Report to Congress, which include comments from White House and agency staffers, TALON incident reports, and PowerPoint slides concerning the history and responsibilities of CIFA.

### **System of Arrangement**

The materials in FOIA 2021-0168-F are a systematic body of records responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult an archivist about related materials.

Records responsive to this FOIA were found in these collection areas – White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) and Staff Member Office Files.

The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Subject Files and Alpha Files were compiled by staff in the White House Office of Records Management and are a series of documents assigned a letter/number combination and filed in a series of categories by subject. WHORM Subject Files and WHORM Alpha Files are processed at the document level.

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 following is a list of folders processed in response to FOIA 2021-0168-F:

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

#### **Box 1**

#### **Records Management, White House Office of**

Subject Files - FE010-01 (Access to Records)

731904 [1]

731904 [2]

Subject Files - FG065 (Independent Agencies, Boards & Commissions)

754777

Presidentials - ME001 (Messages Sent to Individuals)

671892 [1]

671892 [2]

671892 [3]

679702 [1]

679702 [2]

679702 [3]

755599

**Staff Member Office Files**

Counsel's Office, White House

McIntosh, Brent

CIFA

Miers, Harriet E.

Binder - CIFA and Talon Briefing