



Inventory for FOIA Request 2022-0138-F

Textual Records on the “Strategy Group” from November 2002 – January 2003

Extent

22 folders, approximately 1,353 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.

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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, 2023. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 05/22/2023

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2022-0138-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 2022-0138-F requested textual records associated with the “Strategy Group” from November 2002 – January 2003.

This FOIA primarily contains scheduling requests, printed emails, letters, briefings, and articles regarding then-current political issues and policy received or used by the Office of the Chief of Staff and the Office of Karl Rove including one printed email regarding rescheduling the January 2003 Strategy meeting, a few printed emails outlining topics to discuss at Strategy meetings, and a draft of Terry Sullivan’s book, *Nerve Center*, which mentions Strategy. Also included are Long-Range Strategy briefings analyzing the level of support for President George W. Bush

and his administration's various initiatives via public opinion polls; long-range calendars outlining tentative meetings, trips, events, political themes, and legislative dates; and Strategy meeting notes. Other topics found in these files include taxes, the environment, education, healthcare, labor, immigration, foreign relations, the war in Iraq, the economy, and information compiled on politicians Nancy Pelosi and Greg Mankiw.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 2022-0138-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) Subject Files 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 2022-0138-F:

George W. Bush Textual Records

Box 1

Records Management, White House Office of

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

547492

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

508605 [1]

508605 [2]

508619 [1]

508619 [2]

508619 [3]

508621 [1]

508621 [2]

508626 [1]

508626 [2]

Staff Member Office Files

Communications, White House Office of

Bartlett, Daniel (Dan)

Binder - OSI, Long-Range Strategy Meeting, 11/14/2002

Binder - OSI, Long-Range Strategy Meeting, 12/18/2002

National Economic Council

Lindsey, Lawrence (Larry)

Notebook on Long Range Strategy Meeting 11/14/2002

Box 2

Strategic Initiatives, White House Office of

Rove, Karl

Long Range Strategy Meeting - 12/15/2002

Long Range Strategy Meeting - 12/18/2002

Wehner, Peter

Stratergy

Williams, Lauren – Subject Files

Long Range Strategy Meeting, 11/14/2002, Barry Jackson

Long Range Strategy Meeting, 12/18/2002, Pete Wehner

Long Range Strategy Meeting, 01/16/2003, Pete Wehner

Long Range Strategy Meeting, 01/30/2003, Pete Wehner

Stratergy 12/18/2002

[Stratergy Planning Meetings] [3]

Container List for Previously Opened Folders:

Records Management, White House Office of Subject Files - FG006-03A (Chief of Staff, Office Files)

554858 [1] 2016-0129-F

554858 [2] 2016-0129-F

Records Management, White House Office of Subject Files - FG006-27 (Office of Senior Advisor - Karl Rove)

508604 [1] 2014-0124-F

508604 [2] 2014-0124-F

508628 [1] 2015-0037-F

508628 [2] 2015-0037-F

549271 [1] 2015-0037-F

549271 [2] 2015-0037-F