



Inventory for FOIA Request 2016-0390-F

Textual Records on Planning for Presidential Succession or Disability Events, including Records on Implementation of the Twenty-Fifth Amendment

Extent

52 folders, approximately 3,561 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: 10/03/2023

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2016-0390-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 2016-0390-F requested textual materials related to the planning for presidential succession or disability events, especially documents discussing the implementation of the Twenty-Fifth Amendment to the Constitution.

This FOIA primarily contains White House memoranda, public correspondence and drafts of congressional correspondence, printed White House emails, reports, news and journal articles, press releases, and talking points. Most of the materials consist of historical and legal

background concerning presidential succession and vacancies, memoranda from the White House Counsel's Office examining ways the laws covering presidential succession could be improved, and drafts of presidential letters to the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate regarding the invocation of the Twenty-Fifth Amendment. Additionally, there are press releases detailing President George W. Bush's physicals and his use of the Twenty-Fifth Amendment to temporarily transfer presidential authority to Vice President Dick Cheney.

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 2016-0390-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.

Related Collections and FOIA Requests – 2020-0202-F

The following is a list of folders processed in response to FOIA 2014-0390-F:

George W. Bush Textual Records

Box 1

Records Management, White House Office of

Subject Files - FE002-01 (Presidential Powers)

513474

Subject Files - FG001-04 (Transition to Incoming Administration)

773520

Subject Files - FG006-01 (White House Staff)

622166

773678

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

522818

547474

547480 [1]

547480 [2]

717598

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

760200

760279

760316

760668

760704

760708

766177

Subject Files - FG006-28 (Homeland Security Council and Homeland Security, Office of)

765181

768391

Subject Files - FG006-30 (Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, Office Files)

733535

Subject Files - FG011 (Department of State)

560049

Box 2

Subject Files - FG016 (Department of the Air Force)

513051

619583

Subject Files - GI002 (Gifts to the President)

702309

Subject Files - PP (Presidential Personal)

644201 [1]

644201 [2]

Subject Files - PP012-04 (Health, President's)

527216

Staff Member Office Files

Counsel's Office, White House

Berenson, Bradford (Brad) - Subject Files

25th Amendment [1]

25th Amendment [2]

Dunathan, Amy - Subject Files

25th Amendment [1]

25th Amendment [2]

25th Amendment [3]

Box 3

Counsel's Office, White House

Dunathan, Amy - Subject Files

25th Amendment [4]

Fielding, Fred - General Files

Binder - Orders of Succession [1]

Binder - Orders of Succession [2]

Binder - Orders of Succession [3]

Orders of Succession

Flanigan, Timothy (Tim) - Subject Files

Presidential Succession [Folder 1]

Presidential Succession [Folder 2]

Vice Presidential Succession and Disability

Francisco, Noel - Subject Files

Twenty-Fifth Amendment

Gerry, Brett - Subject Files

Presidential Succession

Gonzales, Alberto - Subject Files

25th Amendment/Presidential Succession

Box 4

Counsel's Office, White House

Leitch, David - Subject Files

Continuity of Government Commission

Presidential Succession

McIntosh, Brent - Subject Files

Presidential Succession [1]

Presidential Succession [2]

Mitnick, John - Subject Files

P: POTUS Succession

Monheim, Thomas (Tom) - Subject Files

Gonzales, Alberto - Working Set, File 2: 25th Amendment, Presidential Succession

Ulyot, Theodore (Ted) - Subject Files

VP Succession Memo Materials [1]

VP Succession Memo Materials [2]

VP Succession Memo Materials [3]

Press Office, White House

Stanzel, Scott - Subject Files

Talking Points: Colonoscopy

Container List for Previously Opened Folders:

Records Management, White House Office of

Subject Files - FO003-02 (Foreign Aid)

732786

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Staff Member Office Files

Counsel's Office, White House

Gonzales, Alberto

06/29/2002 - 25th Amendment President Bush - Medical Procedure

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Kavanaugh, Brett - Subject Files

Emergency - Order of Succession

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