



Inventory for FOIA Request 2014-0079-F[1]

Records on the Drafting of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001

Extent

121 folders, approximately 15,505 pages / 1,881 assets

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: 08/08/2025

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2014-0079-F[1] 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 2014-0079-F[1] requested materials related to the drafting of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001.

This FOIA primarily contains draft legislation, general correspondence, routing memorandums, speeches and drafts thereof. Also included are Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports, briefing materials, transcripts of testimony before Congress, and schedule proposals. Electronic records consist of draft legislation, final Statements of Administration Policy, Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports, Legislative Referral Memoranda (LRM), general correspondence, as well as Presidential remarks. In addition, one will find schedule proposals

and briefings regarding the bill signing ceremony, along with supporting documents such as participant lists, Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES) records, and photographs. Also included in this request are congressional materials, such as Daily Whip Alerts, schedules of the House Rules Committee, and published statements on the legislation from Congressmen.

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 2014-0079-F[1] 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

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.

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

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.

The following is a list of electronic search results lists (SRLs) and folders processed in response to FOIA 2014-0079-F[1]:

George W. Bush Electronic Records

2014-0079-F_ARMS contains 1,860 assets.

2014-0079-F_CEA contains 2 assets.

2014-0079-F_NSC contains 4 assets.

2014-0079-F_OPD contains 4 assets.
2014-0079-F_RNC contains 11 assets.

George W. Bush Textual Records

Box 1

Records Management, White House Office of

Subject Files - FG001 (President of the United States)

454097

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

512687

Subject Files - FG030 (Legislative Branch)

494324

Subject Files - JL003 (Crime)

491203

Subject Files - SP (Speeches)

756120

Confidential Files - FG001-07 (Briefing Papers)

509192

Staff Member Office Files

Chief of Staff, White House Office of

Kaplan, Joel

Patriot V [Documents and Anti-Terrorism Legislation] [1]

Patriot V [Documents and Anti-Terrorism Legislation] [2]

Communications, White House Office of

DeFrancis, Suzanne (Suzy)

Patriot Act

Counsel's Office, White House

Berenson, Bradford (Brad)

Binder - Attorney General Briefing Book [Military Tribunal, Detainees,
Patriot Act] [1]

Box 2

Counsel's Office, White House

Berenson, Bradford (Brad)

Binder - Attorney General Briefing Book [Military Tribunal, Detainees, Patriot Act] [2]

Binder - Attorney General Briefing Book [Military Tribunal, Detainees, Patriot Act] [3]

Binder - Attorney General Briefing Book [Military Tribunal, Detainees, Patriot Act] [4]

Patriot Act

Elwood, Courtney Simmons

[Anti-Terrorism Act]

Anti-Terrorism Act – Early Drafts and Comments [1]

Anti-Terrorism Act – Early Drafts and Comments [2]

Box 3

Counsel's Office, White House

Elwood, Courtney Simmons

Anti-Terrorism Act – Early Drafts and Comments [3]

Anti-Terrorism Act – Early Drafts and Comments [4]

Anti-Terrorism Act – Early Drafts and Comments [5]

Antiterrorism Act – Old Versions and Comments [1]

Antiterrorism Act – Old Versions and Comments [2]

Antiterrorism Act – Old Versions and Comments [3]

Antiterrorism Act – Old Versions and Comments [4]

Box 4

Counsel's Office, White House

Elwood, Courtney Simmons

Antiterrorism Act – Old Versions and Comments [5]

Antiterrorism Act – Old Versions and Comments [6]

[Binder – Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001] [1]

[Binder – Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001] [2]

[Binder – Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001] [3]

Changes to be made or consider [1]

Changes to be made or consider [2]

[Binder – HR 2882] [1]

Box 5

Counsel's Office, White House

Elwood, Courtney Simmons

[Binder – HR 2882] [2]

Patriot Act [Folder 1] [1]

Patriot Act [Folder 1] [2]

Patriot Act [Folder 1] [3]

Patriot Act [Folder 2] [1]

Patriot Act [Folder 2] [2]

Box 6

Counsel's Office, White House

Elwood, Courtney Simmons

Patriot Act [Folder 2] [3]

Patriot Act [Folder 2] [4]

Patriot Act [Folder 2] [5]

Patriot Act [Folder 2] [6]

Patriot Act [Folder 3] [1]

Patriot Act [Folder 3] [2]

Patriot Act [Folder 3] [3]

Box 7

Counsel's Office, White House

Elwood, Courtney Simmons

Patriot Act [Folder 3] [4]

Patriot Act [Folder 3] [5]

Patriot Act [Folder 4] [1]

Patriot Act [Folder 4] [2]

[Binder - Patriot Act] [Folder 5] [1]

[Binder - Patriot Act] [Folder 5] [2]

[Binder - Patriot Act] [Folder 5] [3]

Box 8

Counsel's Office, White House

Elwood, Courtney Simmons

[Binder - Patriot Act] [Folder 5] [4]

[Binder - Patriot Act] [Folder 5] [5]

[Binder - Patriot Act] [Folder 6] [1]
[Binder - Patriot Act] [Folder 6] [2]
[Binder - Patriot Act] [Folder 6] [3]
[Binder - Patriot Act] [Folder 6] [4]
[Binder – USA Act of 2001] [Folder 1]

Box 9

Counsel's Office, White House
Elwood, Courtney Simmons
[Binder – USA Act of 2001] [Folder 2]
Friedrich, Dabney Langhorne - Samuel Alito Files
Criminal Procedure II – USA Patriot Act I [1]
Criminal Procedure II – USA Patriot Act I [2]
Kelley, William (Bill)
Patriot Act Reauthorization
Leitch, David
Patriot Act [1]
Patriot Act [2]
Miers, Harriet E.
Binder - Patriot Act

Box 10

Counsel's Office, White House
Miers, Harriet E.
Patriot Act File 2
Mitnick, John
P: Patriot Act Defense
[USA Patriot Act]
Patriot Act [1]
Patriot Act [2]
Smith, John M.
HSC OGC Ryan Stiles, Deputy Counsel, USA Patriot Act
Patriot Act – Overview
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Office of
Henderson, Kristin – Litigation and Congressional Files

Refugee Resettlement/Patriot Act, Real ID Act [1]

Box 11

Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Office of

Henderson, Kristin – Litigation and Congressional Files

Refugee Resettlement/Patriot Act, Real ID Act [2]

Homeland Security Council

Allen, Michael

Binder - Patriot Act I [1]

Binder - Patriot Act I [2]

Binder - Patriot Act I [3]

Binder - Patriot Act Background Information [1]

Binder - Patriot Act Background Information [2]

Binder - Patriot Act Background Information [3]

Binder - Patriot Act Background Information [4]

Box 12

Homeland Security, White House Office of

General Counsel

Patriot Act [1]

Patriot Act [2]

Gordon, John

Patriot Act

Legislative Affairs, White House Office of

Kirk, Matthew - Subject Files

Binder - USA Patriot Act Briefing Materials [1]

Binder - USA Patriot Act Briefing Materials [2]

National Security Council - Combating Terrorism

Peters, Gary

Binder - H.R. 3162 [1]

Binder - H.R. 3162 [2]

Binder - H.R. 3162 [3]

Binder - H.R. 3162 [4]

Porter, Mark

Binder - National Security Council Office of Combating Terrorism,

Patriot Act [1]

Box 13

National Security Council - Combating Terrorism

Porter, Mark

Binder - National Security Council Office of Combating Terrorism,
Patriot Act [2]

National Security Council - Intelligence Programs and Reform

Smith, James - Subject Files

[Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001/Mobilization Against Terrorism Act]

National Security Council - Legal Adviser

General Files

Patriot Act File #1 [1]

Patriot Act File #1 [2]

Patriot Act File #1 [3]

Patriot Act File #1 [4]

Patriot Act File #1 [5]

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National Security Council - Legal Adviser

General Files

Patriot Act File #1 [6]

Patriot Act File #1 [7]

Patriot Act File #2 [1]

Patriot Act File #2 [2]

Patriot Act File #2 [3]

Terrorism (Anti-Terrorism)

[Terrorism Legislation]: [Patriot Act] [1]

[Terrorism Legislation]: [Patriot Act] [2]

[Terrorism Legislation]: [Patriot Act] [3]

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National Security Council - Legal Adviser

General Files

[Terrorism Legislation]: [Patriot Act] [4]

[Terrorism Legislation]: [Patriot Act Analysis]

Terrorism - Legal Changes [1]

Terrorism - Legal Changes [2]

Wiegmann, John B. (Brad)

Anti-Terrorism Act [1]

Anti-Terrorism Act [2]

Anti-Terrorism Act [3]

Anti-Terrorism Act [4]

Box 16

National Security Council - Legal Adviser

General Files

Anti-Terrorism Act [5]

National Security Council - Media Communications and Speechwriting

Anton, Michael (Mike)

Patriot Act 04/19/2004

Press Office, White House

Buchan, Claire

Patriot Act

Healy, Erin

Patriot Act [Folder 1]

Speechwriting, White House Office of

Reilly, Jeanette - Speech Files

Anti-Terrorism Legislation, Patriot Act Signing, 10/26/2001

Container List for Previously Opened Folders:

Domestic Policy Council

Lefkowitz, Jay - Subject Files

Anti-Terrorism Act [1]	2014-0012-P
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Anti-Terrorism Act [2]	2014-0012-P
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Anti-Terrorism Act [3]	2014-0012-P
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Anti-Terrorism Act [4]	2014-0012-P
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Anti-Terrorism Act [5]	2014-0012-P
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Executive Clerk, Office of the

Saunders, G. Timothy (Tim) - Bill Files

10/26/2001 [H. R. 3162] [1]	2014-0045-P
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10/26/2001 [H. R. 3162] [2]	2014-0045-P
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10/26/2001 [H. R. 3162] [3]	2014-0045-P
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10/26/2001 [H. R. 3162] [4]	2014-0045-P
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10/26/2001 [H. R. 3162] [5]	2014-0045-P
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