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Inventory for FOIA Request 2014-0204-F[1]

Records on the Japanese Government under Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi Regarding the Iraq War and Privatization of the Japan Post

Extent

10,738 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 are administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processing by

Staff Archivists, 2026. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 09/23/2026

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2014-0204-F[1] 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 2014-0204-F[1] requested materials related to the Japanese government under Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi regarding the Iraq War and the privatization of the Japan Post.

The first segment of this FOIA primarily contains emails containing speech drafts, memoranda, reports, talking points, cables, news articles and summaries, legislation, briefings, transcripts, and meeting minutes.

Materials relating to Japan Post summarize internal U.S. government discussion regarding the issue, as well as negotiations with the Japanese government meant to alleviate concerns with the privatization process. The central figure in these records is Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Japan Michael Beeman, although other figures from the Department of Commerce, Department of State, National Security Council, and Office of the U.S. Trade Representative are featured. Correspondence and memoranda show extensive planning for meetings between the two governments, as well as minutes and after-action reports detailing what was covered. Japanese and U.S. officials provide numerous drafts of the annual “Report to Leaders,” which covered the mutual positions of each government on economic and trade issues. The records additionally demonstrate the role of the U.S. shipping and insurance industries in Japan Post negotiations, including their say in influencing Japan Post legislation. These emails raise other issues of note between the two countries, with particular emphasis on American beef exports to Japan and testing for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).

The records for Japan and the Iraq War are almost entirely composed of news articles and news summaries. White House News Summaries, as well as news summaries from the Department of Defense and Department of State, offer details on Japan’s role in the Iraq War, its decision to send troops from the Japan Self-Defense Forces to Iraq, and the reaction of the Japanese public to a Japanese presence in Iraq.

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 2014-0204-F[1] 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 – George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records.

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) processed in response to FOIA 2014-0204-F[1]:

George W. Bush Electronic Records

21Days_Iraq War_NEAR_Japan Japanese contains 1 asset, which is released in full.

21Days_Japan Post contains 2 assets, both of which are released in full.

33Days_Japan Post contains 10 assets, of which 8 are released in full and 2 are withheld in part.

40Days_Iraq War_NEAR_Japan Japanese contains 4 assets, of which 3 are released in full and 1 is withheld in full.

40Days_Japan Post contains 257 assets, of which 200 are released in full, 27 are withheld in part, and 30 are withheld in full.

40Days_Koizumi_NEAR_Iraq War contains 5 assets, all of which are released in full.

ARMS_Iraq War_NEAR_Japan Japanese contains 2,547 assets, of which 2,361 are released in full, 5 are withheld in part, and 181 are withheld in full.

ARMS_Japan Post contains 108 assets, of which 78 are released in full, 10 are withheld in part, and 20 are withheld in full.

ARMS_Koizumi_NEAR_Iraq War contains 233 assets, of which 156 are released in full, 3 are withheld in part, and 74 are withheld in full.

Exchange_Iraq War_NEAR_Japan Japanese contains 996 assets, of which 892 are released in full, 48 are withheld in part, and 56 are withheld in full.

Exchange_Japan Post_2001.04.01_thru_2005.07.01 contains 3,107 assets, of which 2,433 are released in full, 508 are withheld in part, and 166 are withheld in full.

Exchange_Japan Post_2005.07.02_thru_2006.09.30 contains 3,187 assets, of which 2,992 are released in full, 132 are withheld in part, and 63 are withheld in full.

Exchange_Koizumi_NEAR_Iraq War contains 281 assets, of which 268 are released in full, 11 are withheld in part, and 2 are withheld in full.