



Inventory for FOIA Request 2020-0171-F

Records that Provided Direction for Officials who Performed Prepublication Review of Documents Submitted to the National Security Council (NSC)

Extent

1 folder, approximately 46 pages / 101 assets

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, 2021. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 07/28/2021

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2020-0171-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 2020-0171-F requested materials that provided direction for officials who performed prepublication review of documents submitted to the National Security Council (NSC).

This FOIA primarily contains emails and printed copies thereof, draft and final talking points, draft articles and papers circulated for pre-publication review, draft questions and answers (Q&A), correspondence, fax cover sheets, lists, and memoranda.

The bulk of the records in 2020-0171-F are about the Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States (9/11 Commission Report). These documents focus mainly on coordinating the review process, making comments on the report, and preparing public talking points about the pre-publication review process. Additional records convey articles and book drafts for review by National Security Council and other staff.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 2020-0171-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 – 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.

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 2020-0171-F:

George W. Bush Electronic Records

40Days contains 5 assets, of which 4 are released in full, and 1 is withheld in full.

Exchange contains 96 assets, of which 64 are released in full, 15 are withheld in part, and 17 are withheld in full.

George W. Bush Textual Records

Box 1

Staff Member Office Files

Counsel's Office, White House

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Pre-Publication Review - Final Report