Material at the George W. Bush Presidential Library Pertaining To
Nominations or Appointments to Federal Office

Introduction
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This guide identifies materials that have been opened for research through systematic processing or under a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Check the George W. Bush Presidential Library website, as it is constantly updated with new finding aids and digitized content. If records are available digitally, a link has been provided.

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Archived White House website
In January 2009, the White House archived its website as a method of preserving the online presence of the Administration of President George W. Bush. The site is a resource for photographs, press releases, and other public records of the Bush Presidency. (NOTE: This site is no longer updated; some links may no longer work properly.)