

Inventory for FOIA Request 2016-0051-F

Records on the United States' Efforts in Development of the Iraqi Constitution of 2005

Extent

25 folders, approximately 1,164 pages / 9 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.

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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, 2022. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 05/10/2022

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2016-0051-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 2016-0051-F requested materials related to the United States' efforts in development of the Iraqi constitution of 2005 from Dick Cheney, Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, Donald Rumsfeld, Robert Gates, Paul Bremer, and Lt. General Jay Garner.

This FOIA primarily contains cover sheets, routing sheets, printed routing emails, talking points, schedules, Q and As, White House Staffing Memoranda, draft fact sheets, and a draft Statement by the President. Additionally, there is a fact sheet for state and local officials entitled Transition to Iraqi Self-Government regarding President George W. Bush's five step plan to "achieve freedom and democracy in Iraq," a report entitled "Securing, Stabilizing and Restoring

Sovereignty to the People of Iraq," and a report to Congress entitled "Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002." Electronic records consist of the Agreement on Political Process signed by the Governing Council of Iraq and the Coalition Provisional Authority on November 15, 2003 and a Report to Congress on Iraq and Afghanistan.

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 2016-0051-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, Staff Member Office Files, and George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records.

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.

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 2016-0051-F:

George W. Bush Electronic Records

Bremer_ARMS contains 1 asset, which is withheld in full. NSC contains 8 assets, of which 2 are released in full, 0 are withheld in part, and 6 are withheld in full.

George W. Bush Textual Records

Box 1

Records Management, White House Office of (ORM)

Subject Files - CO080 (Iraq)

574125 [1]

574125 [2]

615745

626441 629449

647194

647213

650578

Subject Files - FG001-07 (Briefing Papers)

08/14/2003 [539834]

10/09/2003 [539892]

10/10/2003 [539893]

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

604607

625845

Subject Files - ND016 (Wars - Conflicts)

606547

620655 [1]

Box 2

Subject Files - ND016 (Wars - Conflicts)

620655 [2]

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620655 [3]
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Subject Files - PR013-08 (Opinions - Statements - Questionnaires - Articles)

611262

660013

Staff Member Office Files

Communications, White House Office of

Martin, Catherine (Cathie) - Subject Files

Iraqi Constitution

Speechwriting, White House Office of

Michel, Christopher (Chris) - Chron Files Iraqi Constitution, 10/16/2005