



George W. Bush
Presidential Library

Inventory for FOIA Request 2014-0212-F[1]

Records on Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and/or “KSM” and Abu Zubaydah and/or Abu Zubaidah

Extent

10,107 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, 2025. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 11/17/2025

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2014-0212-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 2014-0212-F[1] requested materials related to Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and/or “KSM” and Abu Zubaydah and/or Abu Zubaidah.

This first segment of this FOIA primarily consists of emails containing speech drafts, memoranda, talking points, fact sheets, news articles, reports, legislation, briefings, and transcripts. Speech drafts focusing on the Global War on Terror (GWOT) given by President George W. Bush, Vice President Richard Cheney, and Assistant to the President for Homeland Security Frances F. Townsend make up the bulk of the records. Also included are drafts of legislation regarding Congressional reauthorization of the Patriot Act and reform within the

intelligence community. Additionally, there are interviews with senior White House officials that delve into national security issues and the GWOT, reactions to news articles on national security-related topics, three and five year updates on the GWOT, amicus briefs and other court documents for terrorism-related cases such as *Hamdi v Rumsfeld*, *Padilla v Rumsfeld*, and *U.S. v. Binyam Muhammad*, and transcripts of testimony given before Congress by White House and agency officials regarding terrorism, national security, and intelligence. Finally, the administration's 2004 "Record of Achievement" and 2006 "National Security Strategy of the United States of America," as well as the Department of State's "Country Reports on Terrorism 2005" can be found throughout the records. This includes drafts and edits to the documents as well as the effort to disseminate the reports across the federal government and into state governments, academia, and private enterprise.

It should be noted that many of the records in this FOIA have been closed due to National Security classification and/or exemptions of the Freedom of Information Act.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 2014-0212-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 2014-0212-F[1]:

George W. Bush Electronic Records

21Days contains 3 assets, all of which are released in full

40Days contains 210 assets, of which 163 are released in full, 15 are withheld in part, and 32 are withheld in full.

ARMS contains 1,030 assets, of which 582 are released in full, 47 are withheld in part, and 401 are withheld in full.

Exchange contains 7,774 assets, of which 5,215 are released in full, 1,221 are withheld in part, and 1,338 are withheld in full.

RNC_PST contains 1,090 assets, of which 999 are released in full, 44 are withheld in part, and 47 are withheld in full.