



George W. Bush
Presidential Library

Inventory for FOIA Request 2016-0029-F

Records on Secretary of State Colin Powell's Determination Regarding Genocide in Darfur

Extent

41 folders, approximately 1,676 pages / 1,434 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 2016-0029-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 2016-0029-F requested materials related to the determination by Secretary of State Colin Powell that genocide had occurred and may still be occurring in Darfur (a determination announced before the Foreign Relations Committee on September 9, 2004).

This FOIA primarily contains correspondence, memoranda, handwritten notes, printed emails, and printed webpages. Electronic records include congressional correspondence regarding a Sudan resolution and legislative reports; email correspondence, statements, and briefings from the State Department; news articles; emailed statistical reports from USAID, OFDA, U.N. World Food Program, and others; emailed situation reports and trip reports for organizations such as the

Catholic Relief Effort; email discussion regarding the definition of “genocide;” a U.N. Darfur Humanitarian Profile; Broadcasting Board of Governors Oversight testimony regarding Sudan; and emailed drafts edited by the NSC of Secretary of State Colin L. Powell’s *The Crisis in Darfur* written remarks/testimony for the record for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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 2016-0029-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 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.

Related Collections and FOIA Requests - 2015-0052-F: Records on Colin Powell’s Testimony on September 9, 2004.

The following is a list of electronic search results lists (SRLs) and folders processed in response to FOIA 2016-0029-F:

George W. Bush Electronic Records

ARMS contains 13 assets, of which 9 are released in full and 4 are withheld in part.

Exchange contains 1,420 assets, of which 1,149 are released in full, 268 are withheld in part, and 5 are withheld in full.

George W. Bush Textual Records

Box 1

Records Management, White House Office of

Subject Files - CO001-01 (Africa)

480005

Subject Files - CO059 (Finland)

551408

Subject Files - CO159 (Republic of Sudan)

606018

608067

616187

619155

624717

628595

629780

704660

706735

Subject Files - FG001-07 (Briefing Papers)

06/21/2001 [460620]

603789

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

603631

626888

Subject Files - FG006-27 (Office of Senior Advisor - Karl Rove)

508448

Subject Files - FO (Foreign Affairs)

459031

Subject Files - FO003-02 (Foreign Aid)

630418

Subject Files - FO006-12 (G-8 Summit, Sea Island, Georgia, 06/08/2004 - 06/10/2004)

623825

Box 2

Subject Files - SP201-48 (Continuance of the National Emergency Regarding Sudan)

499619 [1]

499619 [2]

Subject Files - SP202-17 (Periodic Report on the National Emergency with Sudan)

521532

Subject Files - SP206-09 (Government of Sudan Emergency Expansion Due to the Darfur Conflict)

697701 [1]

697701 [2]

Staff Member Office Files

Counsel's Office, White House

Flood, Emmet

Darfur - Senate Democrats

Deputy Chief of Staff, White House Office of

Bolten, Joshua (Josh) - Subject Files

Binder - Sudan

Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, White House Office of

Hein, Jay - International Files

Darfur

Sudan

Legislative Affairs, White House Office of

Holbrook, Ashley - Event Files

03/06/2002 - Meeting with Foreign Relations Committee

10/22/2002, Sudan Peace Action Data Summary Report Bill Signing

Public Liaison, White House Office of

Hervey, Tina

Sudan (Issues/Africa)

Hervey, Tina - General Files

Sudan

Smith, Matthew (Matt)

Sudan Meeting 05/20/2002

Speechwriting, White House Office of

Drouin, Lindsey - Speech Files

01/20/2004 - State of the Union F/C [Fact Check], Sudan Peace

Box 3

Speechwriting, White House Office of

Neusner, Noam

Sudan

Strategic Initiatives, White House Office of

Henick, Chris and Rove, Karl

Foreign Policy - Sudan

Sudan

McCormack, Brian - Subject Files

Sudan

Rove, Karl - Subject Files

Sudan

Williams, Lauren - Subject Files

Darfur

Container List for Previously Opened Folders:

Records Management, White House Office of
Subject Files - CO159 (Republic of Sudan)

528168	2014-0378-F	
	2014-0378-F	
	2014-0225-F	
	2014-0225-F	

Subject Files - FG001-07 (Briefing Papers)

05/27/2003 [539756]	2016-0366-F	
	2016-0366-F	
	2016-0366-F	2
	2016-0366-F	2

09/06/2001 [460676] [1]	2014-0158-F	
	2014-0158-F	

09/06/2001 [460676] [2]	2014-0158-F	
	2014-0158-F	
	2014-0158-F	2
	2014-0158-F	2

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09/11/2001 [460947] [1]	2014-0422-F	
	2014-0422-F	
	2014-0158-F	
	2014-0158-F	
09/11/2001 [460947] [2]	2014-0422-F	
	2014-0422-F	
	2014-0158-F	
	2014-0158-F	
	2014-0422-F	2
	2014-0422-F	2
09/11/2001 [460947] [3]	2014-0422-F	
	2014-0422-F	
	2014-0158-F	
	2014-0158-F	
12/02/2002 [539580]	2014-0232-F	1
	2014-0232-F	1
Subject Files - FG006-03A (Chief of Staff, Office Files)		
775947 [1]	2015-0052-F	
775947 [2]	2015-0052-F	
775947 [3]	2015-0052-F	

Container List for Previously Opened Folders:

775947 [4]	2015-0052-F	
775947 [5]	2015-0052-F	
775947 [6]	2015-0052-F	
Subject Files - FG030 (Legislative Branch)		
633499	2014-0288-F	
	2014-0288-F	
635962	2014-0232-F	1
	2014-0232-F	1
	2015-0052-F	
Subject Files - PR013-08 (Opinions - Statements - Questionnaires - Articles)		
636498	2015-0052-F	
Domestic Policy Council		
Allen, Claude - Subject Files		
Sudan	2017-0003-P	
	2017-0003-P	
Press Office, White House		
McClellan, Scott - Subject Files		
Sudan	2016-0185-F	