



George W. Bush
Presidential Library

Inventory for FOIA Request 2017-0162-F

White House Office of Records Management Files Related to Peter Kirsanow

Extent

52 folders, approximately 3,232 pages

Access

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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 2017-0162-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 2017-0162-F requested materials related to all documents in the White House Office of Records Management files that contain any reference to Peter Kirsanow, member of the United States Commission on Civil Rights (USCCR) and the National Labor Relations Board.

This FOIA primarily contains memoranda, letters, invitations, press releases, handwritten notes, routing sheets, printed emails, published articles, agendas, and reports. Much of this material is routine working documents from the respective offices of Karl Rove and Andy Card, relating to a variety of issues including faith-based initiatives, AIDS relief, healthcare, immigration, budget, White House tours, and event scheduling. There is correspondence from state and local leaders,

organizations (including the USCCR), and individuals expressing concerns over or requesting presidential support for a variety of legislation, political policies, and regulations. Also included are materials regarding the controversy surrounding the seating of Peter Kirsanow to the USCCR, the expiration of the term of Valerie Wilson, and the opposition of Chairwoman Mary Frances Berry to Kirsanow's appointment. Additionally, there are letters received by the White House regarding public comments made by Kirsanow in July 2002 regarding the civil rights of Arab Americans. There are also many job application candidate files, including those of Peter Kirsanow, which are released for those who received positions and unsolicited resumes.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 2017-0162-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 and Alpha Files.

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.

The following is a list of folders processed in response to FOIA 2017-0162-F:

George W. Bush Textual Records

Box 1

Records Management, White House Office of

Subject Files

631726

Subject Files - FG006-01 (White House Staff)

766803

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

504539 [1]

504539 [2]

504540 [Folder 1]

504540 [Folder 2] [1]

504540 [Folder 2] [2]

512623

522979 [1]

522979 [2]

522979 [3]

Subject Files - FG006-04 (Counsel to the President)

762575

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

508620 [1]

508620 [2]

536012 [1]

536012 [2]

538066

553376

Box 2

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

667399 [1]

667399 [2]

667399 [3]

698784 [1]

698784 [2]

699580 [1]

699580 [2]

699580 [3]

Subject Files - FG093 (Commission on Civil Rights)

506748

527885

528465

535077

662802

766911

Subject Files - LE (Legislation)

540696

540973

556418

556419

556420

Subject Files - ME002 (Messages Sent to Groups / Organizations)

569447

Box 3

Subject Files - PE002 (Employment - Appointments)

517515 Folder 2 [1]

517515 Folder 2 [2]

517518 Folder 6 [1]

517518 Folder 6 [2]

517519 Folder 10 [1]

517519 Folder 10 [2]

517528 Folder 4 [1]

517528 Folder 4 [2]

Subject Files - PE002-01 (Policy Positions)

664086

Alpha Files - PE002 (Employment - Appointments)

641840 Katja Bullock Folder 1 [1]

Container List for Previously Opened Folders:

Records Management, White House Office of
Subject Files - FG006-27 (Office of Senior Advisor - Karl Rove)

644892 [1]	2017-0129-F	
	2017-0129-F	2
644892 [2]	2017-0129-F	
	2017-0129-F	2

Subject Files - FG093 (Commission on Civil Rights)

528476	2014-0215-F	1
	2014-0215-F	1
	2014-0215-F	3
	2014-0215-F	3

Subject Files - LE (Legislation)

540603 - 540614	2014-0037-P
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Subject Files - PE002-01 (Policy Positions)

684355 [1]	2014-0216-F	1
684355 [2]	2014-0216-F	1
684355 [3]	2014-0216-F	1