



Inventory for FOIA Request 2017-0145-F

Records on the Appointment and Nomination of Neil Gorsuch

Extent

Approximately 287 pages / 2,300 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 2201) 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 administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processing by

Staff Archivists, 2017. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 07/16/2020

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2017-0145-F are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials.

FOIA 2017-0145-F requested materials related to the nomination and appointment of Neil M. Gorsuch.

This FOIA primarily contains correspondence, meeting agendas, resumes, routine vetting reports, routine personnel forms, and news clippings. These materials are from the White House Office of Records Management Subject Files, White House Counsel's Office, and White House Office of Presidential Personnel and consist of routine correspondence and resumes to and from Gorsuch about employment opportunities within the administration; resumes from the Office of

Presidential Personnel for potential judicial branch positions; and meeting agendas, resumes, and candidate reports about nominees from White House Judicial Selection Committee meetings with President Bush.

Electronic records consist of emails to and from Neil Gorsuch discussing appointments, resumes and paperwork pertaining to Mr. Gorsuch's employment, and WAVES (Worker and Visitor Entry System) records of Mr. Gorsuch's visits to the White House. Additionally, lists, spreadsheets, and reports tracking the progress of administration nominees, and emails from discussing Mr. Gorsuch's qualifications for administration positions are present. Also included are administrative emails regarding nominations and appointments, talking points regarding Presidential nominees and the nominations process, as well as biographies of Presidential nominees, and news articles. These electronic records are from the Exchange Email, Exchange Restored 40 Days, Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES), RNC Personal Storage Table (PST), and WHO Shared Drive Search and Access Sets.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 2017-0145-F are a systematic body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult an archivist about related materials.

Documents responsive to this FOIA were found in these collection areas – White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files and Alpha Files, Staff Member and Office Files, and George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records.

WHORM Subject and WHORM Alpha Files are processed at the document level.

The WHORM Alpha File was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events.

The WHORM Subject File compiled by the White House Office of Records Management is comprised of a series of documents assigned a letter/number combination and filed in a subject category. A complete listing of the subject categories including a detailed description of each category is available in our research room and on our website at www.georgewbushlibrary.smu.edu

Staff Member and Office Files are maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity.

Staff Member and Office Files are usually processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. Due to the high-profile and expedited nature of this particular FOIA request, textual records were processed at the document level.

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 -

2014-0108-F[1]: Correspondence to the President on Vacancies on the Federal District Courts, Federal Courts of Appeal, and the United States Supreme Court

Counsel's Office, White House

Brosnahan, Jennifer – Nominations Files

Binder – Judicial and United States Attorney and United States Marshal and United States Sentencing Commission Selection Meeting with the President, 03/16/2006

Courtwright, Susan – Nominations Files

POTUS Duplicate 03/16/2006

Dixton, Grant – General Files

POTUS [Folder 4] [1]

Friedrich, Dabney Langhorne – Nominations Files

Binder – Judicial, US Attorney, US Marshal, and US Sentencing Commission Selection Meeting with the President, 03/16/2006

Rao, Neomi – Nominations Files

Binder – Judicial, US Attorney, US Marshal, and US Sentencing Commission Selection Meeting with the President, 03/16/2006

The processed textual records are available on the George W. Bush Presidential Library website under the heading “Textual Records” at <https://www.georgewbushlibrary.smu.edu/en/Research/Digital%20Library/NeilMGorsuchRecords.aspx>.

The following is a list of electronic search results lists (SRLs) processed in response to FOIA 2017-0145-F:

George W. Bush Electronic Records

40Days contains 29 assets.

Exchange_06_2005_to_07_2005 contains 31 assets.

Exchange_08_2005_to_10_2005 contains 11 assets.

Exchange_11_2005_to_12_28_2005 contains 3 assets.

Exchange_12_29_2005_to_01_2006 contains 10 assets.

Exchange_02_2006_to_03_29_2006 contains 93 assets.

Exchange_03_30_2006_to_05_10_2006 contains 179 assets.
Exchange_05_11_2006_to_06_14_2006 contains 226 assets.
Exchange_06_15_2006_to_07_14_2006 contains 187 assets.
Exchange_07_15_2006_to_07_30_2006 contains 175 assets.
RNC_PST_01_2004_to_11_2005 contains 113 assets.
RNC_PST_12_2005_to_6_15_2006 contains 211 assets.
WAVES contains 31 assets.
WHO contains 111 assets.
Part2_ARMS contains 55 assets.
Part2_Exchange_2001_01_to_2004_04 contains 22 assets.
Part2_Exchange_2005_03_to_07 contains 35 assets.
Part2_Exchange_2005_07_to_09 contains 4 assets.
Part2_Exchange_2005_09_to_11 contains 1 asset.
Part2_Exchange_2006_01_to_03 contains 5 assets.
Part2_Exchange_2006_03_to_05 contains 10 assets.
Part2_Exchange_2006_05_to_06 contains 88 assets.
Part2_Exchange_2006_06_to_07 contains 27 assets.
Part2_Exchange_2006_07 contains 2 assets.
Part2_Exchange_2006_08 contains 10 assets.
Part2_OPD contains 1 asset.
Part2_RNC_1 contains 1 asset.
Part2_RNC_2 contains 5 assets.
Part2_WHO contains 357 assets.