



Inventory for FOIA Request 2018-0094-F

Records on the July 14, 2008 Memorandum on Modification of the Withdrawal of Areas of the United States Outer Continental Shelf from Leasing Dispositions

Extent

6 folders, approximately 208 pages / 682 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, 2023. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 05/22/2023

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2018-0094-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 2018-0094-F requested materials related to the drafting, writing, and revising of President Bush's July 14, 2008 memorandum to the Secretary of the Interior titled Memorandum on Modification of the Withdrawal of Areas of the United States Outer Continental Shelf from Leasing Dispositions, and the corresponding speech given by the President on the same day.

This FOIA primarily contains requests for staffing comments on the memorandum, drafts and final copies of the memorandum, drafts and final copies of President Bush's remarks, a line-by-

line schedule for the statement, and invitations to a conference call to discuss the announcement. Additionally, there are maps, briefings, discussion papers, information sheets, charts, printed routing emails, and copies of past memoranda to the Secretary of Interior regarding the Outer Continental Shelf. There is also a policy time memorandum to “discuss the Congressional Moratoria and Presidential withdrawals in place on the Outer Continental Shelf.”

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 2018-0094-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 2018-0094-F:

George W. Bush Electronic Records

Exchange contains 620 assets, of which 572 are released in full, 46 are withheld in part, and 2 are withheld in full.

OA contains 7 assets, which are released in full.

OPD contains 1 asset, which is released in full.

WHO contains 54 assets, of which 52 are released in full, and 2 are withheld in full.

George W. Bush Textual Records

Box 1

Records Management, White House Office of

Subject Files - NR006 (Oil - Natural Gas)

768702

Staff Member Office Files

Counsel's Office, White House

Fielding, Fred - Subject Files

Continental Shelf

Lambert, Albert (Al)

Interior: OCS (Outer Continental Shelf)

National Economic Council

Farrell, Amy

OCS (Outer Continental Shelf)

Speechwriting, White House Office of

Soeder, Emily

OCS (Outer Continental Shelf), 07/14/2008

Staff Secretary, White House Office of the

Von Der Heydt, Thomas (Tommy) - Speech Files

07/14/2008 - Statement on Outer Continental Shelf