



Inventory for FOIA Request 2014-0073-F

Communications between President George W. Bush and Barack Obama or their Representatives, 2001 - 2009

Extent

104 folders, approximately 2,805 pages / 1,012 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, 2015. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 09/18/2020

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2014-0073-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 2014-0073-F contains materials related to communications between President George W. Bush and Barack Obama, or their representatives, during the administration of George W. Bush.

This FOIA primarily contains letters from members of Congress (including then-Senator Barack Obama) to George W. Bush and responses to those letters. Also included are cover memoranda for the aforementioned letters, as well as White House tracking documents. Additional material includes a copy of the Business Plan for the National Advanced Technology Initiative for Cancer, a Meeting Report from a National Cancer Institute Roundtable, the 2003 Annual Report

of the United States Military Academy Board of Visitors, and the 13th Annual Russian HEU (Highly Enriched Uranium) Contract Report.

Electronic records consist of email messages containing correspondence; scheduling information for tours of the White House complex; and scheduling and logistics for meetings and briefings. Additional email messages contain invitations for various events, including bill signing events, press briefings, award presentations, and arrivals of Heads of State. Other materials relate to coordination with Senator Obama and his staff regarding energy topics, including a report from the Energy Information Administration (on Analysis of S. 1844, the Clear Skies Act of 2003; S. 843, the Clean Air Planning Act of 2003; and S. 366, the Clean Power Act of 2003). A small portion of the electronic materials relate to the coordination between the Obama Senate staff and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding the Transparency Act and the launch of the website USAspending.gov.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 2014-0073-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, Staff Member and Office Files and George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records.

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 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.

WHORM Subject Files are processed at the document level.

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 <http://www.georgewbushlibrary.smu.edu/>.

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 2014-0073-F:

Please note that a * indicates that the collection is entirely processed and open. A more detailed description of the material is available in the finding aid for that office or category.

George W. Bush Electronic Records

Exchange_from_Obama contains 690 assets.

Exchange_to_Obama contains 284 assets.

40days_from_Obama contains 10 assets.

40days_to_Obama contains 14 assets.

RNC_PST_to_Obama contains 14 assets.

George W. Bush Textual Records

Box 1

Records Management, White House Office of

Subject Files

668423

673801

684129

688306

695459

706731

707226

755199

758061

Subject Files - CM003 (Food & Kindred Products)

663358

Subject Files - CM010 (Fossil Fuels)

676605

717816

Subject Files - CM014 (Tobacco)

669534

Subject Files - CO001-07 (Middle East)

667068

683287

Subject Files - CO097 (Republic of Liberia)

691172

Subject Files - CO159 (Republic of Sudan)

676111

687980

Subject Files - CO190 (Tibet)

749595

Subject Files - DI002 (Natural Disasters)*

648264

689015 - 689589

702688 - 702694

702730 - 702834

705389 - 707313

717177 - 717932

733703 - 734151

737394 - 737493

737494 - 739559

747032 - 748140

750957 - 751816

754945 - 755192

Subject Files - FA (Federal Aid)

651453

670811

689669

731409

741611

742446

742937

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

643855

Box 2

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

652743 [1]

652743 [2]

652743 [3]

652743 [4]

706299

749019

Subject Files - FG006-07 (Policy Development)

722917

Subject Files - FG011 (Department of State)

683298

684128

686213

Subject Files - FG019 (Department of Agriculture)

737171

Subject Files - FG020-01 (Bureau of Census)

689215

Subject Files - FG022-02 (National Cancer Institute)

675587

Subject Files - FG022-03 (Food & Drug Administration/National Institutes of Health/
Surgeon General of the USA

742247

Subject Files - FG025 (Department of Energy)

674734

683300

Box 3

Subject Files - FG027 (Department of Veterans Affairs)

650299

651452

714124

723079

742812

Subject Files - FG030 (Legislative Branch)

742665

745433

Subject Files - FG065 (Independent Agencies, Boards & Commissions)
703784

Subject Files - FG104 (Committee for Purchase from the Blind or Severely Disabled)
660337

Subject Files - FG123 (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission)
732514

Subject Files - FG131 (Federal Election Commission)
686226

Subject Files - FI004 (Appropriations)
650287
683307

Subject Files - FO002 (Diplomatic Affairs - Consular Relations)
679243
725163

Subject Files - FO004-03 (International Investments)
721395

Subject Files - FO006 (International Conferences)
667069

Subject Files - FO008 (International Travel)
757868

Subject Files - HE001 (Diseases - Disabilities)
676108

Subject Files - HE002 (Doctors - Dentists - Nurses)
668405

Subject Files - IT138 (World Trade Organization (WTO))
723639

Subject Files - JL003 (Crime)
731417

Subject Files - JL006-01 (Secret Service Protection)
745039
761556

Subject Files - LA006 (Employee Earnings)
673243

Subject Files - MA026 (Freedom Awards)

665653

Subject Files - ME003 (Messages Denied)

687990

Box 4

Subject Files - ND007-07 (Separations, Discharges, and Retirements)

742925

Subject Files - ND010 (Reserve Forces and National Guard)

725724

Subject Files - ND016 (Wars - Conflicts)

676106

Subject Files - PO (Postal Service)

707969

Subject Files - SP230-06 (Address Before A Joint Session of the Congress, State of the Union, 2006)

684635

Subject Files - TA (Trade)

731310

Subject Files - TA004-08 (Metal Products Trade)

733225

Subject Files - TA004-10 (Petroleum (Gas - Oil) Trade)

686068

Subject Files - UT (Utilities)

680778

708134

Subject Files - VA (Veterans)

685821

Subject Files - WE007 (Social Security)

652343

Staff Member Office Files

Counsel's Office, White House

Fielding, Fred - General Files

Obama Letter re: DHL

Flood, Emmet

USDA - Obama

Smith, Barbara

EEOB WHCO (Counsel's Office) Layout Provided to Barack Obama Transition
(Weideman, 01/08/2009)

Domestic Policy Council

Zinsmeister, W. Karl - Subject Files

Labor: Wilmington, Ohio - DHL Layoff - Obama

Staff Secretary, White House Office of the

Yanes, Raul

747600, January 2007 - December 2007, Folder 1 [1]

747600, January 2007 - December 2007, Folder 1 [2]

747600, January 2007 - December 2007, Folder 1 [3]

747600, January 2007 - December 2007, Folder 1 [4]

747600, January 2007 - December 2007, Folder 1 [5]

747600, January 2007 - December 2007, Folder 1 [6]

[President Bush Letter to President-Elect Obama 01/19/2009 - 01/20/2009]