



Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Email – Presidential

B. Alexander (Sandy) Kress – Education Email, 01/20/2001 to 06/14/2001

Position: Senior Advisor to the President on Education

Date Ranges: January 20, 2001 – June 14, 2001

Extent and Forms of Material: 1,655 email messages. Records are digital files saved in their original file formats, which are composed primarily of .eml, .pdf, .wpd, and .doc. Public access copies have been converted to .pdf.

Abstract: This collection contains email messages sent and received by B. Alexander “Sandy” Kress between January 20, 2001 and June 14, 2001 on the topics of education and No Child Left Behind. Mr. Kress was the Senior Advisor to the President on Education from 2001 to 2002 and was heavily involved in the creation of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Repository: George W. Bush Presidential Library, National Archives and Records Administration, Dallas, TX gwbush.library@nara.gov (214) 346-1557

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Custodial History: 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).

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Biographical History: During the George W. Bush administration, B. Alexander “Sandy” Kress served as the Senior Advisor on Education with respect to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. He acted as a policy expert within the Domestic Policy Council on a part-time basis from 2001 to 2002, when the No Child Left Behind Act was signed into law.

In addition to his position in the Bush administration, Mr. Kress’s public service record includes a term during the Carter administration as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Treasury Department, from 1977 to 1980. He has also served on a number of boards, committees, and councils in Texas. Mr. Kress was appointed in 1991 to the Educational Economic Policy Center by Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock, and in 1994 to the Interim Committee to study the Texas Education Agency. Governor Rick Perry appointed Mr. Kress to serve on the Governor’s Competitiveness Council in 2007.

Mr. Kress obtained his A.B. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1971 and his J.D. with honors from the University of Texas School of Law in 1975. After graduation, he was a partner in a Dallas law firm before joining Akin Gump Strass Hauer & Feld LLP, where he is currently Senior Counsel. In 2010, Mr. Kress was also appointed as the Fellow in Education Policy at the George W. Bush Institute, where he conducts research and directs policy initiatives related to the Middle School Matters program.

Scope and Content Note: Electronic records are stored within the Electronic Records Archive (ERA) as Search and Access Sets (SAS). The Automated Records Management (ARMS) Email SAS is comprised of email messages sent on or before April 25, 2007. The ARMS Email SAS contains every copy of every message sent or received by a staff member within the White House, whether or not the message is a duplicate of another already saved in the system. Because each message is treated as a distinct, saved record, there are a large number of duplicative emails within the B. Alexander “Sandy” Kress - Education Email, 01/20/2001 to 06/14/2001 subseries.

In the ARMS system, email addresses within the Executive Office of the President (EOP) display a brief acronym after the sender or recipient’s name. These acronyms represent the office in which the individual worked; they include the White House Office (WHO), Office of the Vice President (OVP), Council of Economic Advisers (CEA), National Security Council (NSC), Office of Administration (OA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and Office of Policy Development (OPD).

The B. Alexander “Sandy” Kress - Education Email, 01/20/2001 to 06/14/2001 subseries within the Automated Records Management (ARMS) Email SAS is comprised of email messages related to education and the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, which were sent or received by Mr. Kress between January 20, 2001, and June 14, 2001. June 14, 2001, was chosen as the end date because it is the day that the Senate passed the Act with changes, signaling an end to the initial drafting of the legislation. The bill was then referred to the conference committee. No Child Left Behind was signed into law on January 8, 2002.

The records include messages sent and received from Mr. Kress’s official Domestic Policy Council / Office of Policy Development (OPD) email address as well as messages sent from the

White House to his Akin Gump email address, or messages forwarded to his official OPD address from his Akin Gump email address. There are 1,655 email messages in the subseries, of which 106 are available and 1,549 are unprocessed. Of the 106 available email messages, 23 are unique and 83 are duplicates.

System of Arrangement: The B. Alexander “Sandy” Kress - Education Email, 01/20/2001 to 06/14/2001 subseries is a part of a larger series, which contains all email sent and received by Mr. Kress. As such, the messages are arranged chronologically and thereunder by subject.

Related Collections: B. Alexander “Sandy” Kress also created paper records that are in the custody of the George W. Bush Presidential Library. These records have not yet been processed.