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Inventory for FOIA Request 2014-0043-F

Drafts of the beginning of the Iraq War Speeches

Extent

17 folders, approximately 905 pages / 503 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: 07/10/2020

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2014-0043-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 2014-0043-F contains materials related to speech drafts concerning the beginning of the Iraq War, given on March 17, 2003, and March 19, 2003.

This FOIA primarily contains speech drafts, a draft forward to a presidential papers volume, press releases, internet printouts including UN Security Council resolutions, staffing memoranda cover sheets, and final copies of the speeches.

It should be noted that many of the documents listed here have been closed due to National Security classification and/or exemptions of the Freedom of Information Act.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 2014-0043-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 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.

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 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.

George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records are a unique segment preserved in an electronic system separate from the Electronic Records Archive (ERA). The records are processed by topic, printed, and filed in folders. Folders are arranged by Search and Access Set and thereunder by date.

George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records contain electronic records created or received by members of the White House staff, as well as the Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction. These frequently classified records document the daily constitutional and statutory duties carried out by the George W. Bush administration and include record types such as email, email attachments, Night Notes, and cables.

The following is a list of electronic search results lists (SRLs) and folders processed in response to FOIA 2014-0043-F:

George W. Bush Electronic Records

ARMS contains 89 assets.
Exchange contains 399 assets.
WHO contains 15 assets.

George W. Bush Textual Records

Box 1

Records Management, White House Office of

Subject Files - CO080 (Iraq)

558868

558876

Staff Member Office Files

Communications, White House Office of

Bartlett, Daniel (Dan)

03/17/2003 Address to the Nation (on the future of Iraq)

Sforza, Scott

Address to the Nation (Monday - 03/17/2003)

Counsel's Office, White House

Gonzales, Alberto

Iraq: Statement on Future of Iraq

Miers, Harriet E. - Subject Files

Iraq Statement

[Notes and Drafts for speech announcing invasion of Iraq]

Speechwriting, White House Office of

Campbell, Anne

Iraq Statement, 03/17/2003 [1]

Iraq Statement, 03/17/2003 [2]

Address to the Nation, 03/19/2003

Drouin, Lindsey

Iraq Future, 03/17/2003

Military Action in Iraq, 03/19/2003

Staff Secretary, White House Office of the

Miers, Harriet E. - Presidential Remarks

Statement on the Future of Iraq, 03/17/2003; 763348 [1]

Statement on the Future of Iraq, 03/17/2003; 763348 [2]

Statement on the Future of Iraq, 03/17/2003; 763354

Announcement of Military Action in Iraq, 03/19/2003; 763362

George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records

Emails

TS Email, March 2003 – [03/12/2003]