



George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

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Presidential Correspondence, Office of

Student Correspondence – Enclosures

Date Ranges: 2001-2009

Extent and Forms of Material: 5 linear inches

Abstract: This collection consists of baseball cards, lithographs, response cards, stickers and other items mailed to students who wrote letters to the White House.

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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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Administrative History: The Office of Presidential Correspondence is responsible for handling the increasing amount of mail received by the White House. The numerous areas of this Office are charged with replying to mail requests, and drafting various types of presidential messages.

Especially in the last half-century, and more so with the greater use of electronic forms of communication, the mail sent to the President has increased considerably. To cope with the avalanche of requests, advice, praise, and scorn coming from the public, the White House

employs a staff of nearly eighty full-time employees and interns, as well as several dozen more volunteers. Their role is to sort incoming mail and answer as much of it as possible.

Presidential greetings, intended as recognition of important events for individuals such as birthdays, marriages, and graduations; presidential messages, written for particular groups or events; and presidential proclamations, intended to mark annual holidays or other national occasions in which a ceremonial document from the President is appropriate, are also the responsibility of the Office of Presidential Correspondence.

Additionally, this Office manages the White House Comment Line, which enables the public to contact the White House via telephone; and the Gift Office, in charge of receiving and tracking gifts from both domestic and foreign sources. The George W. Bush administration added a calligrapher to the Correspondence Office, whose job is to prepare an official photograph of the President with a visitor or dignitary that is then sent to that person as a gift. This calligrapher is separate from the one employed by the Chief Usher for official functions.

Scope and Content Note: Administration baseball cards, bookmarks, information sheets, lithographs, response cards, stickers, and related items are contained within this series. All items in this series were presumably mailed to students that wrote in to the White House. Although each item in this series was created by the White House in large quantities, only three samples were selected for inclusion. The majority of items were sampled from boxes that contained only bulk materials, however, some items were removed from boxes that contained a mixture of unique presidential records and bulk materials.

System of Arrangement: This collection is arranged alphabetically.

Related Collections:

The following collections also consist almost exclusively of bulk items:

Bush43 Sample Collection

Calligraphy Office, White House: Printed Ephemera

Presidential Correspondence, Office of – Mail Analysis: Photo/Printing Division Files

Presidential Correspondence, Office of – Presidential Proclamations: Blue Line Proclamations

Presidential Correspondence, Office of – Presidential Proclamations: Proclamations

Visitors Office, White House: Printed Ephemera

Container List:

Box 1

- 1 Baseball Cards - Air Force One
- 2 Baseball Cards - Barney Bush
- 3 Baseball Cards - Dick Cheney
- 4 Baseball Cards - George W. Bush
- 5 Baseball Cards - Laura Bush

- 6 Baseball Cards - Marine One
- 7 Baseball Cards - Miss Beazley Bush
- 8 Baseball Cards - The Oval Office
- 9 Baseball Cards - Spot Bush
- 10 Baseball Cards - Vice Presidential Pets
- 11 Baseball Cards - The White House
- 12 The Bill of Rights
- 13 Blank Biography of President George W. Bush Paper
- 14 Bookmarks - Presidential Pets
- 15 Lithographs - Barney
- 16 Lithographs - President and Mrs. Bush
- 17 Lithographs - Spot
- 18 Oath of Office of the President of the United States
- 19 Response Cards - Thank You for Writing/Friendship
- 20 Seals of the President and Vice President
- 21 Stickers - From the White House to Your House
- 22 Stickers - Miss Beazley
- 23 Stickers - Spot