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Inventory for FOIA Request 1998-0527-F

Records on Presidential and Vice Presidential Debates during 1984, 1988, and 1992 Presidential Campaigns

Extent

196 folders

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Bush Presidential Records, Bush Vice Presidential Records, and Quayle Vice Presidential Records is governed by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)(5 USC 552 as amended) and the Presidential Records Act (PRA)(44 USC 22) 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 Bush's presidency and vice presidency are housed at the George 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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Staff Archivists, March 1999. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections

Related material may be found in FOIA request 1998-0411-F entitled Geraldine Ferraro.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 1998-0527-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 1998-0527-F contains material related to debates in which George Bush participated during the 1984, 1988, and 1992 Presidential campaigns. Preparation files, such as memoranda, debate cards, and issue analysis, are most prominent in the Bush Vice Presidential records and deal mainly with the 1988 Republican primaries and general election debates. Planning materials for the 1984 vice presidential debate with Geraldine Ferraro are also present in these files. However, there are very few substantive records concerning the 1992 debates with candidates Bill Clinton and Ross Perot. More prominent in 1992 are routine records, such as those pertaining to the First Lady's travel and event schedules for the St. Louis, Richmond, and East Lansing presidential debates.

Correspondence files concerning the 1992 debates are also limited, but they are voluminous for the 1984 and 1988 debates. This includes thousands of pages of mail received by Vice President Bush about his debate with Ferraro in Philadelphia. These letters refer to the debate as well as to statements made by Barbara Bush, George Bush, and Bush's Press Secretary Peter Teeley about Ferraro. There are also numerous files of incoming and outgoing correspondence related to the 1988 Presidential primary and general election debates. However, because this correspondence concerns activities outside the statutory or ceremonial duties of the vice president or president, it has been determined that all letters on these subjects are personal rather than vice presidential records and are not available for review at this time. Also, all memoranda, debate cards, and preparation material concerning candidate Bush have been closed as personal. The material that remains open and available for research includes debate transcripts, news clippings, publications, and scheduling and advance information for planning the travel of George and Barbara Bush.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in seven collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files; Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files; and Quayle Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files. As policy, WHORM Subject Files are processed at the document level. Staff 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.

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://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/research/find/whorm/whorm.html>.

Please note that a single asterisk "*" indicates that the category is entirely processed and open.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 1998-0527-F.

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category	Case Number
IV092*	Scanned: Case Numbers 336686, 337359
PR013-08	Scanned: Case Number 098905SS
SP1015*	Scanned: Case Number 356545CU

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Correspondence Office

Dian Moore Files

Volunteer Poster Supporting President on Debates (Hand Signed by President Bush)
[OA/ID 08260]

Counsels Office

Lee Liberman Files—General Subject Files

Speech Debate Clause [OA/ID 45290]

First Lady's Office, Press

Event Files

October 11, 1992—St. Louis Debate [OA/ID 07476]

October 15, 1992—Richmond, Virginia Candidates Debate; Victory 1992 Reception
[Empty] [OA/ID 07476]

October 19, 1992—East Lansing, Michigan Candidates Debate, Victory 1992 Reception
[OA/ID 07476]

First Lady's Office, Scheduling

Ann Brock Files

Presidential Debates (&GB) Sunday, October 11, 1992 St. Louis, Missouri [OA/ID 07840]

Presidential Debates (&GB) Thursday, October 15, 1992 Richmond, Virginia
[OA/ID 07840]

Presidential Debates (&GB) Monday, October 19, 1992 East Lansing, Michigan
[OA/ID 07840]

Office of Management and Administration

Timothy McBride Files

East Lansing Debate Monday, October 19, 1992 [OA/ID 08623]

Richmond Presidential Debate Thursday, October 15, 1992 [OA/ID 08623]

St. Louis Presidential Debate Sunday, October 11, 1992 [OA/ID 08623]

Office of Media Affairs

Mia Kelly Files

Debates 1992 [OA/ID 07354]

Dorrance Smith Files

Debates 10/92 [OA/ID 08292]

Debates Info/Updates [OA/ID 08292]

Office of National Service

J.R. George Files

Pres. Debates [OA/ID 08009]

Office of Policy Development

Emily Mead Files

Republican Presidential Debates 1987–1988 [1 of 3] [OA/ID 07513]

Republican Presidential Debates 1987–1988 [2 of 3] [OA/ID 07513]

Republican Presidential Debates 1987–1988 [3 of 3] [OA/ID 07513]

Second Presidential Debate Los Angeles, California October 13, 1988 [OA/ID 07519]

NBC Debates [1 of 2] [OA/ID 07519]

NBC Debates [2 of 2] [OA/ID 07519]
Second Presidential Debate [OA/ID 07519]
Wake Forest Debate [OA/ID 07519]
Dallas Debate [OA/ID 07519]
LWV Debate [OA/ID 07519]
Dartmouth Debate [OA/ID 07519]
DMR Debate [OA/ID 07519]
Atlanta Debate [OA/ID 07521]
A040405 1988 Debate [OA/ID 07540]

Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Administration, Office of

Correspondence Files—Subject Files

[Houston Debate, 1987] [1 of 3] [OA/ID 15312]
[Houston Debate, 1987] [2 of 3] [OA/ID 15312]
[Houston Debate, 1987] [3 of 3] [OA/ID 15312]

Political Correspondence Files

[Mail RE: 1988 Wake Forest Debate] [1 of 5] [OA/ID 15320]
[Mail RE: 1988 Wake Forest Debate] [2 of 5] [OA/ID 15320]
[Mail RE: 1988 Wake Forest Debate] [3 of 5] [OA/ID 15320]
[Mail RE: 1988 Wake Forest Debate] [4 of 5] [OA/ID 15320]
[Mail RE: 1988 Wake Forest Debate] [5 of 5] [OA/ID 15320]
[Mail RE: 1984 Debate] [OA/ID 15320]

Advance Office

John Keller Files—Trip Files, Domestic

Hanover, New Hampshire January 16, 1988 Debate [OA/ID 14564]
Manchester, New Hampshire February 14, 1988 Debate [OA/ID 14566]
Atlanta, Georgia February 26–28, 1988 Debate (RON) [OA/ID 14566]

David J. Ryder Files—Subject and Correspondence Files

OVP—Kennedy Center Debate, 11/87 [OA/ID 14585]

Chief of Staff, Office of

David Bates Files—Debate Preparation Files

Firing Line Debate 10/27/87 Houston [1 of 3] [OA/ID 14322]
Firing Line Debate 10/27/87 Houston [2 of 3] [OA/ID 14322]
Firing Line Debate 10/27/87 Houston [3 of 3] [OA/ID 14322]
Dartmouth Debate [OA/ID 14322]
Des Moines Debate [OA/ID 14322]
NBC Debate [1 of 2] [OA/ID 14322]
NBC Debate [2 of 2] [OA/ID 14322]
Debate Material [1 of 2] [OA/ID 14322]
Debate Material [2 of 2] [OA/ID 14322]
League of Women Voters—Debate [OA/ID 14322]
Texas Debates [OA/ID 14322]
Atlanta Debate [OA/ID 14322]

Craig Fuller Files—Subject Files

Debates [OA/ID 14280]
Presidential Debates III [1 of 2] [OA/ID 14284]

Presidential Debates III [2 of 2] [OA/ID 14284]

Correspondence Office

Debate Correspondence Files

[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [1 of 14] [OA/ID 15317]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [2 of 14] [OA/ID 15317]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [3 of 14] [OA/ID 15317]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [4 of 14] [OA/ID 15317]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [5 of 14] [OA/ID 15317]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [6 of 14] [OA/ID 15317]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [7 of 14] [OA/ID 15317]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [8 of 14] [OA/ID 15317]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [9 of 14] [OA/ID 15317]
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[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [12 of 14] [OA/ID 15317]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [13 of 14] [OA/ID 15317]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [14 of 14] [OA/ID 15317]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [1] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [2] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [3] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [4] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [5] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [6] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [7] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail to "Friends" RE: 1988 Los Angeles Debate] [1 of 2] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail to "Friends" RE: 1988 Los Angeles Debate] [2 of 2] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail RE: 1988 Los Angeles Debate] [1 of 5] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail RE: 1988 Los Angeles Debate] [2 of 5] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail RE: 1988 Los Angeles Debate] [3 of 5] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail RE: 1988 Los Angeles Debate] [4 of 5] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail RE: 1988 Los Angeles Debate] [5 of 5] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail RE: Quayle/Bentsen Debate, 1988] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail RE: Wake Forest Debate, 1988] [OA/ID 15318]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [1 of 10] [OA/ID 15319]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [2 of 10] [OA/ID 15319]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [3 of 10] [OA/ID 15319]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [4 of 10] [OA/ID 15319]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [5 of 10] [OA/ID 15319]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [6 of 10] [OA/ID 15319]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [7 of 10] [OA/ID 15319]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [8 of 10] [OA/ID 15319]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [9 of 10] [OA/ID 15319]
[Mail RE: 1984 Bush—Ferraro Debate] [10 of 10] [OA/ID 15319]

Counsellor's Office

C. Boyden Gray Files

Debate: Notebooks Volume I [1 of 3] [OA/ID 15164]
Debate: Notebooks Volume I [2 of 3] [OA/ID 15164]
Debate: Notebooks Volume I [3 of 3] [OA/ID 15164]
Debate: Notebooks Volume II [1 of 4] [OA/ID 15164]
Debate: Notebooks Volume II [2 of 4] [OA/ID 15164]
Debate: Notebooks Volume II [3 of 4] [OA/ID 15164]

Debate: Notebooks Volume II [4 of 4] [OA/ID 15164]
Debate: Notebooks Volume III [1 of 5] [OA/ID 15165]
Debate: Notebooks Volume III [2 of 5] [OA/ID 15165]
Debate: Notebooks Volume III [3 of 5] [OA/ID 15165]
Debate: Notebooks Volume III [4 of 5] [OA/ID 15165]
Debate: Notebooks Volume III [5 of 5] [OA/ID 15165]
Debate: Notebooks Volume IV [1 of 4] [OA/ID 15165]
Debate: Notebooks Volume IV [2 of 4] [OA/ID 15165]
Debate: Notebooks Volume IV [3 of 4] [OA/ID 15165]
Debate: Notebooks Volume IV [4 of 4] [OA/ID 15165]
Debate: Notebooks Volume V [1 of 4] [OA/ID 15165]
Debate: Notebooks Volume V [2 of 4] [OA/ID 15165]
Debate: Notebooks Volume V [3 of 4] [OA/ID 15165]
Debate: Notebooks Volume V [4 of 4] [OA/ID 15165]

C. Boyden Gray Files—Political Files

Debate, 1988 [1 of 2] [OA/ID 15198]
Debate, 1988 [2 of 2] [OA/ID 15198]
Debate [1 of 2] [OA/ID 15198]
Debate [2 of 2] [OA/ID 15198]

Legislative Affairs, Office of

Casework File 1981–1984
Debate Letters [OA/ID 14766]

Policy, Office of

Charles Greenleaf Files—Political Issues Files

[Debate Cards—A–C] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—D–E] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—F–L] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—M–R] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—S] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—T–Z] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—Arkansas and Arizona] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—California, Connecticut, Colorado] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—Kentucky, Louisiana] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—Ohio] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—Canada] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—Japan] [OA/ID 15235]
[Debate Cards—Puerto Rico] [OA/ID 15235]
[Miscellaneous Debate Cards] [OA/ID 15235]
[Copies of Debate Cards] [OA/ID 15235]
Briefing Materials for the League of Women Voters Debate [OA/ID 15235]
Briefing Materials for the “Firing Line” Debate [OA/ID 15235]
Houston Firing Line Debate—10/28/87 [OA/ID 15235]
[Draft of Debate Book] [OA/ID 15235]
[Memo: Strategy for the Dallas Debate in the Event Dole and/or Robertson Fail to Participate] [OA/ID 15236]

[Republican Presidential Debate Sponsored by the Atlanta Journal and the Atlanta
Constitution—2/28/88 [OA/ID 15236]
NBC Debate in D.C.—12/1/87 [OA/ID 15236]

Subject Files

Debates [OA/ID 15226]
Dallas Debate (C.W. Greenleaf) 2/20/88 [OA/ID 15226]
VP Debate Transcripts [OA/ID 15231]

Press Office

Steve Hart—Subject Files
Debates [OA/ID 14959]

Sean Walsh Files—Subject Files
Firing Line Debate [OA/ID 14964]
Presidential Debates [OA/ID 14966]

Press Office Files—General Guidance Files/State Guidance Files
Debates [OA/ID 14971]

Press Office Files—Press Clipping Files
Bush—Ferraro Debate October 11 [OA/ID 14977]

Press Office Files—Remarks/Interviews Files
Remarks of VP during Presidential Debate—Des Moines, Iowa, 1/8/88 [OA/ID 14980]
Remarks of VP during Presidential Debate, Part II—Des Moines, Iowa, 1/8/88
[OA/ID 14980]
Remarks of VP during Presidential Debate, Part III—Des Moines, Iowa, 1/8/88
[OA/ID 14980]
Remarks of VP during Firing Line Debate 10/20/87—Houston, TX [OA/ID 14983]
Remarks of VP during Firing Line Debate 10/28/87—Houston, TX [OA/ID 14983]
Remarks of VP during Firing Line Debate 11/28/87—Houston, TX [OA/ID 14983]
Remarks of VP during Presidential Debate, 1/16/88—Hanover, NH—Part I [OA/ID 14984]
Remarks of VP during Presidential Debate, 1/16/88—Hanover, NH—Part II
[OA/ID 14984]
Remarks of VP during Presidential Debate, 1/16/88—Hanover, NH—Part III
[OA/ID 14984]

Press Office Files—Subject Files
Congressional Records—Proceedings and Debate of the 99th Congress—5/6/86
[OA/ID 14927]**

Press Office Files
Debate Materials [OA/ID 14955]
1984 Pre-Debate [OA/ID 14955]
First Presidential Debate September 1988 [OA/ID 14969]
Second Presidential Debate [OA/ID 14969]

Scheduling Office

Event Files
Dartmouth College Presidential Debate—Hanover, New Hampshire January 16, 1988
[OA/ID 14613]

Regret Logs

Spin Closed—Debates/Forums [1 of 2] [OA/ID 14660]
Spin Closed—Debates/Forums [2 of 2] [OA/ID 14660]
[Diane Terpulek Debate Book II] [OA/ID 14660]
[Debates/Forums under Consideration] [1 of 2] [OA/ID 14660]
[Debates/Forums under Consideration] [2 of 2] [OA/ID 14660]
Debate File [OA/ID 14660]

Operations, Administration, and Staff Secretary, Office of

Thomas Collamore Files—Subject Files

Debates File [1 of 2] [OA/ID 14331]
Debates File [2 of 2] [OA/ID 14331]

Thomas Collamore Files—Schedule Files

Remarks by the Vice President: Post Debate Rally—Los Angeles, California—Thursday,
October 13, 1988 [OA/ID 14404]

Thomas Collamore Files—Campaign Files

Debate Material [1 of 3] [OA/ID 14437]
Debate Material [2 of 3] [OA/ID 14437]
Debate Material [3 of 3] [OA/ID 14437]
Miscellaneous Debate Prep Memos [1 of 2] [OA/ID 14437]
Miscellaneous Debate Prep Memos [2 of 2] [OA/ID 14437]
“Firing Line” Debate [OA/ID 14437]
NBC Debate—12/1/87 [1 of 2] [OA/ID 14443]
NBC Debate—12/1/87 [2 of 2] [OA/ID 14443]
Speech Material for Debate Use [OA/ID 14443]

Quayle Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Scheduling and Public Liaison

Foundation Files

Louisville—Debates [OA/ID 22357]

Vice President’s Office, West Wing

Subject Files

Debate Pro/Con [1 of 2] [OA/ID 22347]
Debate Pro/Con [2 of 2] [OA/ID 22347]

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