



## George Bush Presidential Library

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### Inventory for FOIA Request 1999-0133-F[2]

## Hijacking of the *Achille Lauro*

#### Extent

6 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.

#### Copyright

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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).

#### Processed By

Staff Archivists, May 1999. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

#### Related Collections

Related material may be found in FOIA request 1999-0133-F[1] entitled "Records on the Hijacking of the *Achille Lauro*."

#### Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 1999-0133-F[2] 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 1999-0331-F[2] contains materials related to the hijacking of the *Achille Lauro* in 1985. These files

are photocopies of Oliver North's National Security Council files from the Reagan Administration. The photocopies were maintained by the Bush Administration's National Security Council. The files contain a large amount of material relevant to this FOIA request, including situation reports, electronic messages, option memoranda, and diplomatic correspondence dealing with the hijacking of the cruise ship in October 1985. Much of this material is closed for national security reasons and is therefore unavailable for research. Due to the restrictions of the Presidential Records Act and the Freedom of Information Act all decision making correspondence and memoranda have been removed, leaving approximately 300 pages of routine correspondence, press releases, routine reports, and newspaper articles in the open file.

### **System of Arrangement**

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in one collection area—Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files. As policy, WHORM Alphabetical Files and 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 1999-0331-F[2].

### **Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files**

National Security Council

Robin Frank Files

OLN-New Achille Lauro: Flashboards 28 Jan 89 [OA/ID CF00943]

OLN-New Achille Lauro: Intel / Country 26 Jan 89 [OA/ID CF00943]

OLN-New Achille Lauro: Press 28 Jan 89 [OA/ID CF00943]

OLN-New Achille Lauro: Situation Reports 28 Jan 89 [OA/ID CF00943]

OLN-New Terrorism: Achille Lauro 28 Jan 89 [OA/ID CF00943] [1]

OLN-New Terrorism: Achille Lauro 28 Jan 89 [OA/ID CF00943] [2]

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