

# **George Bush Presidential Library**

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# **Inventory for FOIA Request 1999-0134-F**

# Records on the Hijacking of TWA Flight 847 June 1985

## **Extent**

17 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.

## **Scope and Content**

The materials in FOIA 1999-0134-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 1999-0134-F contains materials related to the hijacking of TWA Flight 847 in June 1985. The file from the Bush Administration's Counsels Office is a photocopy of a document pulled from the Vice President's National Security Affairs files in response to a request from the Independent Counsel's

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investigation into the Iran/Contra matter. The original document can be found in the Vice President's files for this request. The Vice President's WHORM Subject File documents deal with public reaction to the hijacking. The Vice President's National Security Affairs files, comprised of reports, diplomatic correspondence, and decision memoranda, cover the Reagan Administration's efforts to resolve the hostage crisis. 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 800 pages of routine correspondence, press releases, and press clippings in the open file.

# **System of Arrangement**

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in three collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files; Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; and Bush Vice 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 <a href="http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/research/find/whorm/whorm.html">http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/research/find/whorm/whorm.html</a>.

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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 1999-0134-F.

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

Counsels Office

Ronald Von Lembke Files
Box 1536 TWA 847 Hijacking [OA/ID CF00601]

**Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files** 

 Category
 Case Number

 JL003-02
 Case Numbers 318990VP, 319283VP, 319287VP

 JL003-03
 Case Number 331708VP

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

# **National Security Affairs**

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Donald P. Gregg Files – Task Force on Terrorism File
    TWA Hijack / II [OA/ID 19850] [1 of 5]
    TWA Hijack / II [OA/ID 19850] [2 of 5]
    TWA Hijack / II [OA/ID 19850] [3 of 5]
    TWA Hijack / II [OA/ID 19850] [4 of 5]
    TWA Hijack / II [OA/ID 19850] [5 of 5]
    TWA 847 Hijacking [OA/ID 19851] [1 of 7]
    TWA 847 Hijacking [OA/ID 19851] [2 of 7]
    TWA 847 Hijacking [OA/ID 19851] [3 of 7]
    TWA 847 Hijacking [OA/ID 19851] [4 of 7]
    TWA 847 Hijacking [OA/ID 19851] [5 of 7]
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