



## George Bush Presidential Library

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### Inventory for FOIA Request 1999-0862-F

## Records on Law of the Sea United States' Position

#### **Extent**

29 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).

#### **Processed By**

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

#### **Scope and Content**

The materials in FOIA 1999-0862-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 1999-0862-F contains material relating to the U.S. position on the Law of the Sea Convention. Included are memoranda, cables, letters, reports, and printed material from 1981 to 1993 documenting all aspects of U.S. policy regarding the Law of the Sea; including more specifically deep seabed mining

and bridges over navigable straights and waterways. Letters from the general public and members of Congress express opinions regarding Law of the Sea and offer suggestions regarding U.S. policy. White House memoranda and cables provide information on the development of U.S. policy and the reaction to the policy by allies. Some of the material remains classified although some of it was declassified by the originating agencies in response to an earlier legal request.

### **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: 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 <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 1999-0862-F.

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

<b>Category</b>	<b>Case Number</b>
FO007	Entire Category Relevant
IT086-03	Entire Category Relevant

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

Economic Policy Council  
Richard Schmalensee Files  
Work Group on Oceans Policy and Law of the Sea [OA/ID 03684]

National Security Council  
John Gordon Files  
Law of the Sea [OA/ID CF01660]

Jerry Leach Files  
Law of the Sea [OA/ID CF00167]  
Territorial Sea [OA/ID CF00168]

Stephen Rademaker Files  
Law of the Sea [OA/ID CF01598]

Nicholas Rostow— Subject Files  
Territorial Sea Legislation [OA/ID CF01319]  
UN Law of the Sea Convention, 1982 [OA/ID CF01319]

Law of the Sea [1] [OA/ID CF01326]  
Law of the Sea [2] [OA/ID CF01326]  
Law of the Sea [3] [OA/ID CF01326]  
Law of the Sea [4] [OA/ID CF01326]  
Law of the Sea [5] [OA/ID CF01326]  
Law of the Sea [6] [OA/ID CF01326]

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

<b>Category</b>	<b>Case Number</b>
FO007	Entire Category Relevant
FO009	Entire Category Relevant

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

National Security Affairs  
    Donald P. Gregg Files—Subject File  
        Law of the Sea [OA/ID 19858]

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