



## George Bush Presidential Library

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### Inventory for FOIA Request 2000-0243-F

## Records on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)

#### **Extent**

15 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, December 1999. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

#### **Related Collections**

Related material may be found in FOIA request 1998-0099-F entitled, "Records on the Persian Gulf Conflict."

#### **Scope and Content**

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) was authorized in 1975 in the wake of the oil crisis of the early 1970s. In the event of a national emergency or an oil supply interruption, the federal government would tap the reserve to supply oil to the military and vital industries. The minimum size of the reserve was set

at 500 million barrels, and the maximum size was limited to one billion barrels. Records in this FOIA document necessary supply levels and include reports and papers regarding the Bush administration plan to increase the SPR to 750 million barrels.

The materials in FOIA 2000-0243-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 2000-0243-F contains includes letters, memos, notes, reports, legislation, and news articles documenting administration policy regarding the SPR. Letters and memos provide insight into internal administration deliberations regarding SPR size and drawdown. Reports include economic models for determining SPR size. News articles document editorial reaction regarding the SPR during the Gulf Crisis as well as the attitudes of the energy industry during this period. The records as a whole provide detailed information about the SPR and administration concerns regarding it especially during the period of the Persian Gulf War.

The WHORM Subject Files contain letters and memos regarding the SPR within the government agencies of Petroleum, Department of Transportation, and the Federal Maritime Commission.

The Staff and Office Files contain correspondence, memoranda, and publications maintained by individual staff members and offices. These records discuss detailed information about the SPR and administration concerns regarding it, especially during the period of the Persian Gulf War.

### **System of Arrangement**

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in two collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files and Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files. As policy, WHORM Alphabetical Files and WHORM Subject Files are processed at the document level; whereas, 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 2000-0243-F.

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

<b>Category</b>	<b>Case Number</b>
CM010*	Scanned: Case Number 220872
FG024	Scanned: Case Number 032021CU
FG137	Scanned: Case Number 320224CU

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

Office of Cabinet Affairs  
Gary Blumenthal Files  
Strategic Petroleum Reserves [OA/ID 05870]

Paul Korfonta Files  
Jones Act [OA/ID 07687]

Council of Economic Advisors  
Michael Boskin Files  
1/23/90 (1:30) Economic Policy Council Meeting re: Strategic Petroleum Reserve [OA/ID 08076]

Richard Schmalensee Files  
Working Group on Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) [OA/ID 03685] [1]  
Working Group on Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) [OA/ID 03685] [2]  
Working Group on Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) [OA/ID 03685] [3]

Counsels Office  
Jay S. Bybee Files—Alphabetical Subject Files  
Strategic Petroleum Reserves [OA/ID CF00425]  
Strategic Petroleum Reserves [OA/ID CF00425]  
Strategic Petroleum Reserves [OA/ID CF00425]  
Strategic Petroleum Reserves [OA/ID CF00425]

Jeffrey Holmstead Files—Environmental Subject Files  
Strategic Petroleum Reserves [OA/ID 45136]

Office of Policy Development  
Todd Buchholz Files  
Strategic Petroleum Reserve [OA/ID 06868]

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