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Inventory for FOIA Request 2001-0238-F

Records on Redress to Japanese-Americans Interned in World War II

Extent

22 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

Deborah Wheeler, December 2000. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2001-0238-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 2001-0238-F covers documents related to the federal government's redress to Japanese Americans, who were interned during World War II and now compensated more than fifty years later. During World War II as our conflict with Japan heightened, domestic war hysteria became more commonplace. There

were rumors of Japanese invasions on the West Coast, planted spies within the continental United States, and defections of Japanese American citizens, who were believed to owe their first loyalty to their country of origin. This now-perceived paranoid mentality resulted in the evacuation, relocation, and interment of individuals of Japanese ancestry, who were either United States citizens or legal aliens. As with most war hysteria, these fears proved to be groundless. However, as a result of the actions of the United States government, over 75,000 were deprived of freedoms in various ways. Some lost homes, material possessions, and businesses, and many sacrificed loss of liberty due to nothing more than their ethnic heritage.

The documents in the Presidential Records are related to the Civil Liberties Act, signed by President Reagan on August 10, 1988 and the subsequent Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992. This Act apologizes on behalf of the people of the United States and provides for redress payments to be made to these individuals or their heirs. The Amendments of 1992 broaden the eligible category, increase funding, eliminate educational work performed by other agencies, extend the program for 180 days, removes redress liability of the United States government by unidentified heirs, and authorize judicial review of redress eligibility.

The documents in this FOIA include memos, correspondence, statements to Congressional Subcommittees, and copies of Congressional Bills.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in three collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files; Quayle 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 2001-0238-F.

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category	Case Number
FE004*	Scanned: Case Numbers 298308CU
FE010-01*	Scanned: Case Number 336230CU
FI004*	Scanned: Case Number 003159, 011043, 311324
HU010*	Scanned: Case Number 074245, 311776CU
HU013-22*	Scanned: Case Number 011099, 280602, 287261SS

HU020* Scanned: Case Number 003894, 028521CU, 316784CU, 337825, 351514CU,
353443CU

JL009* Scanned: Case Number 134203CU

LE* Scanned: Case Number 122592CU

ME001* Scanned: Case Number 184767

ME002 Scanned: Case Number 184767CU

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Legislative Affairs, White House Office of
James Renne Files
Japanese Redress [OA/ID 03889]

Policy Development, White House Office of
Bobby Charles Files
Civil Liberties Act Amendment [OA/ID 07335]

Marianne McGettigan Files
Civil Liberties Act [OA/ID 08161]

Emily Mead Files
Statement on the Commission of Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians Bill
6/6/88 [OA/ID 23344]

Public Liaison, White Office of
Clayton Fong Files
Civil Liberties Act [OA/ID 08127]
Sichan Siv Files
Japanese Americans [OA/ID 08129]

Quayle Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Office of Legal Counsel
Llewellyn Fischer—Subject File
Japanese Records [OA/ID 22208]

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