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Inventory for FOIA Request 2001-1098-F [2]

Records on Albania

Extent

80 folders

Access

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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, February 2006. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections

Related material may be found in FOIA request 1998-0102-F entitled "Bosnia and the Former Yugoslavia."

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2001-1098-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 2001-1098-F [2] contains materials pertaining to a volatile period in the history of Albania during the disintegration of the Soviet Union and other Communist Bloc countries from 1989 to 1991, during

which Albania made the transition from a Communist dictatorship to a republic. While the political atmosphere was uncertain and volatile during this transition, the Albanian economy was in a shambles, leading to a great deal of concern on the part of the United States and other Western countries regarding whether a free-market economy and republican government would take hold in the Balkan nation. In addition, the ethnic Albanian majority in the autonomous Serbian province of Kosovo was facing persecution from Serbia proper, providing another area of concern throughout the world as war threatened to break out over the entire region. The materials in this request reflect the U.S. government's movements toward assisting Albania in its transition to a free society and elections as well as the establishment of economic and diplomatic relations with that country for the first time in nearly 50 years.

White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Categories contain letters to the president and government officials regarding the political atmosphere in Albania and the plight of ethnic Albanians in the Serbian province of Kosovo from private citizens (including Albanian and Kosovar expatriates), Albanian interest groups (Committee for the Protection of Human Rights, Human Rights in Yugoslavia, etc.), and members of Congress (including portions of a report by U.S. Rep. Tom Lantos following his trip to Albania in 1990). Also included are notes and remarks by the president at the receiving of diplomatic credentials ceremonies at the White House, routine notes, reports, and memoranda regarding the resumption of diplomatic relations with Albania in March 1991 (and subsequent dispatching of a U.S. ambassador). Many records pertain to the president's waiving of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment to the Trade Act of 1974 (regarding free emigration policies as a requirement for Most Favored Nation trading status and its approval by the U.S. Congress). In that vein, many routine materials related to trade and tourism between the U.S. and Albania are included, such as numerous copies of the final trade agreement signed by both countries, presidential proclamations calling for non-discriminatory tariff treatment for Albanian goods, and finalized paperwork for the waiving of Jackson-Vanik. Routine talking points regarding the president's meeting with newly-elected Albanian President Sali Berisha are included, as well. Many other routine types of documents are included in the request, including approval forms and memoranda for foreign travel (to Albania, etc.) for U.S. government employees, congratulatory telegrams and letters from Albanian interest groups upon President Bush's election, and press releases/ press conference transcripts relating to the general political and economic atmosphere in Albania and Kosovo.

The WHORM Alphabetical Subject Files contain correspondence from the National Republican Institute for International Affairs requesting that President Bush meet with newly-elected Albanian President Sali Berisha during the latter's trip to Washington, D.C. in late May 1991.

The Staff and Office Files contain correspondence, memoranda, and publications maintained by individual staff members and offices. Most of the records in these files remain restricted under the Freedom of Information Act. Materials remaining in the files include reports by private citizens and interest groups regarding the economic and political climate in Albania, press releases related to emerging U.S.-Albanian relations and aid, paperwork related to the confirmation of William Edwin Ryerson as the first U.S. Ambassador to Albania since 1946, and copies of the trade agreements signed between the United States and Albania following the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries (including additional Jackson-Vanik materials). Also included in these materials are the Confidential, Chronological, Numbered, PA, and PRS files from the National Security Council. These records largely mirror the types and scope of records from the WHORM Subject File.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in three collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files; 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 2001-1098-F [2].

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files

Name

Berisha, Sali
Chris Hill

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category	Case Number
CO	C.F.: Case Numbers 258035, 364905
CO003*	Entire Category Relevant
CO114	C.F.: Case Number 309947
CO121*	Scanned: Case Number 099618
CO176	Scanned: Case Numbers 003267, 015134, 017021, 021164, 269555, 330749
FG001-06*	Scanned: Case Number 096624
FG006-03*	Scanned: Case Number 175054
FO002	Scanned: Case Numbers 137115, 159397, 215944, 225706, 274663SS, 281657SS
FO002-01	Scanned: Case Number 274139
FO003-02	C.F.: Case Number 332863SS, 345261SS
GI002	Scanned: Case Number 341180
MA020*	Unscanned: Case Number 322458
RM035-03*	Scanned: Case Number 222928
SP292-47*	C.F.: Case Number 329093SS
SP292-52*	Scanned: Case Number 331481SS
TA	Scanned: Case Numbers 331393CU, 331393SS

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Counsels Office

Appointment File

Ambassador to Albania William Edwin Ryerson Department of State [OA/ID 20149]

National Security Council

Nancy Bearg Dyke Files—Subject File

Albania [OA/ID CF01474]

Robert L. Hutchings Files—Country File

Albania [1] [OA/ID CF01410]

Albania [2] [OA/ID CF01410]

Walter H. Kansteiner Files—Subject File

Albania 1992 [OA/ID CF01773]

NSC Confidential Files

Document Number: 9101275

Document Number: 9202732

Document Number: 9203221

Document Number: 9204250

Document Number: 9204530

Document Number: 9204536

Document Number: 9204721

Document Number: 9204884

Document Number: 9205409

Document Number: 9205414

NSC Numbered Files

Document Number: 8903543

Document Number: 8910334

Document Number: 9003605

Document Number: 9004722

Document Number: 9101661

Document Number: 9101953

Document Number: 9103599

Document Number: 9104969

Document Number: 9105144

Document Number: 9105530

Document Number: 9105567

Document Number: 9202403

Document Number: 9203512

Document Number: 9203568

Document Number: 9203863

Document Number: 9203904

Document Number: 9204258

Document Number: 9204568

Document Number: 9205726

Document Number: 9205942

Document Number: 9206227

Document Number: 9206438

Document Number: 9207265

Document Number: 9208146
Document Number: 9208189
Document Number: 9208451
Document Number: 9208908

NSC PA Files

Document Number: 9104774
Document Number: 9202905
Document Number: 9203025

NSC PRS Files

Document Number: 9001759
Document Number: 9300053

Beth Sanner Files—Subject File

Albania—Assistance 1992 [OA/ID CF01524]
Albania—Political 1992 [OA/ID CF01524]
Albania—Correspondence 1992 [OA/ID CF01524]
Albania [OA/ID CF01752]

Public Liaison Office

Scott Sutherland Files

Albanian-American Islamic Center [OA/ID 03669]
Albanian Community of New Jersey [OA/ID 03669]
American-Albanian Culture Society [OA/ID 03669]
Pan Albanian Federation of America (VATRA) [OA/ID 03669]
Free Albania Organization and Liria Newspaper [OA/ID 03669]

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