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Inventory for FOIA Request 2003-0166-F

Records on Liberia

Extent

219 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).

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Staff Archivists, October 2007. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections

Some related records may be found in the following FOIAs: 2006-1073-F, 2002-0033-F.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2003-0166-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.

Terms that may be useful to the researcher are as follows:

Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)
Organization of African Unity (OAU)
Economic Community of West Africa States Cease-fire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG)
Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS)
Emergency Refugee & Migration Assistance (ERMA)
National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL)

Persons of interest are:

James Keough Bishop—Ambassador to Liberia, 1987–1990
Peter Jon de Voss—Ambassador to Liberia, 1990–1992
Samuel K. Doe—President of Liberia, 1980–1990
Prince Johnson—Head of the Independent National Patriotic Front of Liberia (INPFL)
Amos C. Sawyer—Interim President of Liberia, 1990–1994
Charles G. Taylor—Head of the NPFL, 1989–1990s (served as President of Liberia, 1997–2003)
William H. Twaddell—Interim Ambassador to Liberia, 1992–1995

Liberia suffered from a devastating civil war which commenced during the Bush Administration. These records chronicle the events as they unfolded, from the incursion of Charles Taylor's forces (NPFL), the demise of President Samuel K. Doe, through the interim government of ECOWAS, headed by Amos C. Sawyer. Due to the sensitive nature of this topic, many of the records are drawn from the National Security Council files, and, thus, are closed at this time due to national security issues.

The Bush Presidential Records White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alphabetical Files contain coversheets, letters, memos, and printed materials. The coversheets are Department of State transmittal forms, and White House Correspondence Tracking Worksheets and Referral Sheets. The letters include correspondence from the public regarding the situation in Liberia, Department of State and Citizens Emergency Center letters to the public regarding this situation, and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) letters which provide general information regarding federal assistance programs. The memos are Department of State which serve as coversheets for transferred correspondence. The printed material includes the brochure of the Cranmer Seminary of the Anglican Orthodox Church and Anglican Orthodox Church bulletins.

The Bush Presidential Records WHORM Subject File categories include country codes for Benin, Lebanon, Liberia, Nigeria, and Burkina Faso, as well as many other topics with relevance to Liberia. These files contain cables, coversheets, diagrams, letters, lists, memos, notes, a press release, printed material, a resume, a schedule, and telegrams. The cables and telegrams include Violeta Chamorro's thanks to President Bush for his congratulatory letter regarding her inauguration and various Head of State condolences to President Bush regarding the San Francisco earthquake. Coversheets are routine routing, profile, tracking, transmittal, and referral sheets from the National Security Council (NSC) and the White House. The diagrams show the seating arrangements for meetings and the fact sheets give background information regarding Benin. There are letters from citizens and public groups to George Bush congratulating him on various administration activities and expressing concern regarding Liberian civil unrest and the murder of Catholic nuns in Liberia. This material also includes State Department responses to the public and citizen groups regarding their inquiries of these issues. These letters also include George Bush's letter to President Samuel Doe upon Doe's graduation from college and draft letters to inaugural well-wishers. Of interest is Ambassador James Bishop's resignation letter. There are numerous Head of State condolence letters to President Bush regarding the San Francisco earthquake and George Bush's responses. The lists are of meeting participants and the various inaugural messages utilized for reply letters from George Bush to well-wishers. Memos serve primarily to route correspondence regarding various issues, and notes are between White House staff members and address presidential mail, the

Liberian civil unrest, the resignation of Ambassador James Bishop, and various other issues. The press release is the Statement on Liberia: U. S. Diplomatic Efforts and the printed material is comprised of newspaper articles on Liberian civil unrest. This material also includes Peter Jon de Vos' resume and a schedule of an official working visit with Nigerian President Babangida.

The Bush Presidential Records Staff and Office Files include several different offices, but are comprised primarily of various NSC materials. They contain cables, chronologies, coversheets, letters, lists, maps, memos, notes, press releases, printed material, reports, and a resume. The cables forward newspaper articles regarding Liberia and Charles Taylor. The chronologies are of events in Liberia since 1989 and a calendar of events for the general elections for Liberia in 1992. The coversheets are from the White House, NSC, and Department of State. The vast majority of letters are from the public, civic groups, or prominent citizens regarding Liberian civil unrest and the response letters from White House staff. Other correspondence is utilized as coversheets to introduce letters regarding Liberia, including the nominations for William H. Twaddell and Peter Jon de Voss as Ambassadors. There are numerous messages to the White House from congressional leaders on various issues, such the evacuation of U.S. citizens from Monrovia, assistance to Liberia, meetings with White House officials or the President, legislation regarding Liberia, and the elections in Liberia, as well as response letters. There are lists of meeting participants, maps of the countries of Angola and Liberia and the cities of Luanda and Monrovia. The researcher will find multiple memos between White House staff members regarding Lonnie Rex, the nomination of Peter de Voss, requests for photos, meetings, agenda items, and travel, as well as discussions for possible press releases and the Presidential Determination under Public Law 102-270: Liberia. Notes direct correspondence and address the logistics of supervising elections in Liberia, while press releases cover several subjects, such as the release of the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance fund (ERMA), U.S. condemnation of the killing of nuns, U.S. support of the Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS), and the nomination of Peter Jon de Vos as Ambassador to Liberia. Printed materials include newspaper articles about the Joint West African Peace Force and numerous public laws and resolutions regarding Liberia. Reports are prepared for congress in regards to Peter de Voss and William H. Twaddell as Ambassadors to Liberia, Cabinet itinerary for upcoming events, and the Justification for Determination and Certification with Respect to Liberia under Public Law 102-270. There is also a resume for Ambassador Peter Jon de Vos.

The Bush Vice Presidential Records WHORM Subject File categories include records for Liberia and Engagements—Appointments—Interviews. These files contain a cable, coversheets, an invitation, letters, and a report. The cable requests a meeting with Vice President Bush. The coversheets route correspondence. The invitation is from Samuel Doe to George Bush to attend a Liberian Embassy reception. The letters are from constituents expressing their views of the situation in Liberia and reply letters from George Bush conveying his appreciation. There are also thank-you and regret letters for invitations to the Liberian Embassy reception and the Redemption Day Celebration in Liberia. The report is a public publication "Impairments to U.S. Trade with Friendly Developing Nations."

The Bush Vice Presidential Records Staff and Office Files are from the National Security Affairs office. These files contain a cable, transmittal forms, an invitation, letters, memos, notes, a report, a schedule, and public statements. The cable requests a meeting with Vice President Bush. The transmittal forms are from the Department of State and direct correspondence. The invitation is from Samuel Doe to George Bush to a Liberian Embassy reception. The letters include a staff letter of appreciation for constituents expressed views, as well as a letter of invitation for George Bush to attend the one hundred thirty-fifth anniversary of Liberian Independence. The notes requests meetings, send regrets, and supply general information. The published report is the "Official Results of the General Elections Held on October 14, 1985." The schedule is for the "Official Working Visit of Liberian Commander-in-Chief Samuel Kanyon Doe to the U.S., August 1982." The statements are George Bush's Departure Statement for Liberian Head of State Samuel K. Doe following his 1982 U.S. visit and the State of the Nation Address to the Nation by Samuel K. Doe, December 11, 1985.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in five collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files; Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files; Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files. As policy, 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 2003-0166-F.

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files

Name	Case Number
Addo, Samuel W.	Case Number 231165
Flaherty, Rev. Leo J.	Case Number 367282
George, Dale	Case Number 046170
Hoffman, Betty	Case Number 187436
McGuire, Robert J.	Case Number 363792
Mohsen, Saynoh	Case Number 236790
Nimley, Anthony	Case Number 214583
Pardee, T. Haughton	Case Number 160128
Payne, John Wesley	Case Number 098179, 101416, 148544, 162278, 164926, 221823
Peterson, Dennis	Case Number 361181
Sana, Roosevelt O.	Case Number 298907
Sowonii, Miss	Case Number 166628
Sternstein, Jonathan	Case Number 158349
Tischio, Philip P.	Case Number 175934
Wagenseil, Fr. Robert A.	Case Number 216595
Whea, Isaac G.	Case Number 067124
Williams, Patricia A.	Case Number 176062
Wilson, Selena	Case Number 159411
Wilson, Selma	Case Number 173654

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category	Case Number
CO*	C.F.: Case Number 153434
CO017*	C.F.: Case Number 300721

CO086*	Scanned: Case Number 170119
CO088*	Entire Category Relevant
CO116*	C.F.: Case Number 271886
CO168	C.F.: Case Number 176791
DI002*	C.F.: Case Number 082809, 083017, 083018, 083019, 083021, 083030, 083354, 274478
FG006-06*	Scanned: Case Number 009859
FO001	Scanned: Case Number 165417CU
FO002	Scanned: Case Number 111933, 135406SS, 247559
FO002	C.F.: Case Number 277114SS
FO003-02	Scanned: Case Number 168467
FO003-02	C.F.: Case Number 173429, 202088SS, 282966SS, 285478SS
FO008	C.F.: Case Number 171543
GI001	C.F.: Case Number 032215, 032215SS
HE001*	Scanned: Case Number 159433SS
HO020*	C.F.: Case Number 262886
IM*	C.F.: Case Number 183230
IV*	Scanned: Case Number 062327
ND001-01	C.F.: Case Number 150865, 163431
ND007	Scanned: Case Number 111474
ND016*	Scanned: Case Number 180139
ND016*	Unscanned: Case Number 159775, 200209
ND016*	C.F.: Case Number 186455
PP010-02	Scanned: Case Number 083324, 085018
PP010-02	C.F.: Case Number 083124SS [1], 083124SS [2], 083124SS [3], 085093SS
PP012-02	Unscanned: Case Number 123791
SO*	Scanned: Case Number 122864

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Counsels Office

Appointment Files

Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, Peter Jon de Vos: [Department of] State
[OA/ID 20115]

U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, William H. Twaddell: Department of State
[OA/ID 20155]

Nelson Lund Files

War Powers/Liberia [OA/ID 45354]

John Schmitz Files—Alphabetical Subject Files

War Powers Resolution/Liberia [OA/ID 45701]

Intergovernmental Affairs

William Canary Files

Liberia [OA/ID 06260]

Liberia [OA/ID CF01473]

National Security Council

Nancy Bearg Dyke Files—Subject Files

Liberia [OA/ID CF01473]

Rear Admiral Jonathan Howe Files

Small Group Mtg/Angola—Liberia—9 Nov 92 [OA/ID 21359]

Virginia Lampley Files—Subject Files

Liberia [OA/ID CF01110]

Daniel Levin Files—Subject Files

Liberia [OA/ID CF00939]

John M. Ordway Files—Subject Files

Liberia [1] [OA/ID CF01299]

Liberia [2] [OA/ID CF01299]

Liberia [3] [OA/ID CF01299]

David Passage Files—Country Files

Liberia [OA/ID CF00213]

Nichols Rostow Files—Subject Files [Law of the Sea—Libya]

Liberia [OA/ID CF01326]

NSC APNSA Files

Document Number 8905821

Document Number 9100963

NSC Confidential Files

Document Number 9004231

Document Number 9007459

Document Number 9007881

Document Number 9101749

Document Number 9102895

Document Number 9103409

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Document Number 9205892

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NSC Intel (IFG, IFM, NS) Files

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Document Number 9021115
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Document Number 9120738
Document Number 9221009
Document Number 9221018
Document Number 9221034

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NSC PA Files

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Document Number 9004357
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Document Number 9004508
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Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

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Case Number

CO088*

Entire Category Relevant

VR007

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Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

National Security Affairs

Donald P. Gregg Files—Country Files

Liberia–1981 [OA/ID 19767]

Liberia–1982 [OA/ID 19770]

Liberia–1985 [OA/ID 19797]

Donald P. Gregg Files—Meetings with Foreigners Files

Meetings with Foreigners—August 1982: The President's Meeting and Luncheon with Liberian Head of State Samuel K. Doe, August 17, 1982 [OA/ID 19764]

Meetings with Foreigners—February 1985: Harry Moniba, Vice President of Liberia, February 12, 1985 [OA/ID 19800]

Meetings with Foreigners—January 1986: Request to meet with former UN Ambassador Emmet Harmon (soon to be Liberian Ambassador to the U.S.) Regretted [OA/ID 19817]

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