



## George Bush Presidential Library

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### Inventory for FOIA Request 2003-0737-F

## Records on Pat Robertson—Christian Coalition, Jerry Falwell—Moral Majority, and James Dobson—Focus on the Family

#### **Extent**

132 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, vice presidency, and Dan Quayle's 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, June 2008. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

#### **Related Collections**

Related material may be found in FOIA request 2002-0243-F entitled "National Endowment for the Arts."

#### **Scope and Content**

The records in this FOIA 2003-0737-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 2003-0737-F contains materials from the Bush Presidential Records, the Bush Vice Presidential Records, and the Dan Quayle Vice Presidential Records regarding Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, and James Dobson and their respective organizational affiliations. Robertson, born Marion Gordon Robertson on March 22, 1930 in Lexington, Virginia, is a televangelist, educator, philanthropist, businessman, and author. A Southern Baptist, he founded the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) and Christian Coalition in addition to many other organizations. Robertson ran for President of the United States in 1988 and, as a result, no longer serves in an official role in any church. He hosts The 700 Club a Christian television program airing on channels throughout the United States and on CBN affiliates worldwide. Falwell, born Jerry Lamon Falwell on August 11, 1933 in Lynchburg, Virginia, was a Protestant evangelical Christian pastor and televangelist. He founded Liberty University, a Christian Liberal Arts university, in Lynchburg and The Moral Majority, a political lobby group for evangelical Christians. Falwell died on May 15, 2007 at the age of 73 in Lynchburg. Dobson, born April 21, 1936 in Shreveport, Louisiana, is a psychologist, author, and radio broadcaster. The conservative evangelical Christian founded Focus on the Family and serves as chairman of the board.

The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alphabetical Files contain correspondence and memoranda regarding James Dobson and Pat Robertson. Topics covered are FCC nominations, signature and photograph requests, Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, and support for the administration. The WHORM Alphabetical File compiled by the White House Office of Records Management is comprised of incoming correspondence from the general public, congressional members, and other individuals writing to the president and first lady. Although sometimes given case numbers as in the Subject File (see below), the documents were filed alphabetically by last name or name of company or group.

The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files contain primarily correspondence among White House staffers and Dobson, Falwell, and Robertson. Topics include the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Commission for Employment Policy, and National Endowment for the Arts. Correspondence between President Bush and the evangelical men cover topics such as Zaire, POTUS' honorary degree from Liberty University, POTUS' 'Just War' theory regarding the invasion of Kuwait, a 'Focus on the Family' interview, Republican National Committee, a Christian Coalition survey, and POTUS' telecast appearances. Additionally, there are a few letters between President and First Lady Barbara Bush and Pat Robertson regarding encouragement and support of the administration, condolences on the loss of POTUS' mother, and feedback on his interview with Pat Robertson on the Christian Broadcasting Network.

The White House Staff and Office Files contain records from the Offices of National Service, Press Office, and Public Liaison. A form letter from Focus on the Family discusses Dr. Dobson's concerns about 'America's youth and safe sex' in the Office of National Service File. The Press Office News Summary File contains a 2-1/2 inch audio cassette tape entitled, "ROTP during Religious Rights in Russia Seminar." Public Liaison Collection contains a Focus on the Family public relations packet, Dobson's letter to Samuel Skinner regarding pro-family tax relief, and letters between POTUS and Pat Robertson concerning aid to Zaire, a proposed meeting, and support of the administration's programs by the evangelical community.

The George Bush Vice Presidential Name Files contain letters and handwritten notes between Dobson, Falwell, and Robertson and Vice President Bush. Also present is correspondence between White House staffers and the three evangelical men and their associates. Topics mainly include support for the vice president.

The George Bush Vice Presidential Subject Files contain letters between Vice President Bush and members of the general public, commenting on his remarks made before the Liberty Foundation and his

relationship with Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, the reception for the National Religious Broadcasters, involvement of religious fundamentalist conservatives in politics, and child care tax credit plan.

The George Bush Vice Presidential Staff and Office Files contain mostly routine memoranda between White House staffers regarding VPOTUS' meeting with Pat Robertson, James Dobson, remarks made at a Liberty Foundation luncheon, and events held in conjunction with the Moral Majority.

The Dan Quayle Vice Presidential Staff and Office Files contain a speech VPOTUS Quayle made to attendees of the Christian Coalition's "Road to Victory" conference held in Virginia Beach, VA on November 15, 1991. Also included are a schedule and event memorandum identifying specifics regarding a 'Space' interview taped at the Christian Broadcasting Network Bureau.

### **System of Arrangement**

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in seven 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: Name Files; Bush Vice Presidential Records: Subject Files; Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files; and Quayle Vice 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 2003-0737-F.

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

#### **Name**

Dobson, James C.  
Falwell, Jerry  
Robertson, Pat

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

| <b>Category</b> | <b>Case Number</b>                       |
|-----------------|--|
| CO177*          | Scanned: Case Number 312093SS            |
| ED*             | Scanned: Case Number 333721              |
| FG001-02        | Scanned: Case Numbers 334003SS, 334851SS |
| FG001-06*       | Scanned: Case Numbers 006934, 031997     |
| FG006*          | Scanned: Case Number 300356              |

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| FG006-01  | Scanned: Case Number 090039  |
| FG006-03* | Scanned: Case Numbers 009060, 142074, 143171, 145589, 162068, 189154, 222932, 229477, 330491, 351620, 357745CU |
| FG021     | Scanned: Case Number 322035  |
| FG109     | Scanned: Case Numbers 216224SS, 305209SS   |
| FG128     | Scanned: Case Numbers 019276, 342227<br>Unscanned: Case Numbers 040380, 049140, 082306                         |
| FG203-02  | Scanned: Case Numbers 128715, 203023   |
| FG331     | Scanned: Case Number 126255  |
| FG333     | Scanned: Case Number 299444SS  |
| FI002*    | Scanned: Case Number 006634  |
| FI010*    | Scanned: Case Number 318785  |
| FO003-02  | Scanned: Case Number 308413  |
| GI002     | Scanned: Case Number 173106  |
| HO010*    | Scanned: Case Numbers 328046, 333267   |
| IV090*    | Scanned: Case Number 098766  |
| IV092*    | Scanned: Case Numbers 240029, 313179   |
| JL002*    | Scanned: Case Numbers 072007CU, 132262   |
| MA056*    | Scanned: Case Number 038771  |
| ME003*    | Scanned: Case Number 336915  |
| ND016     | Scanned: Case Numbers 205100SS, 215911SS, 216464   |
| PE002     | Scanned: Case Number 315513  |
| PL        | Scanned: Case Numbers 236358, 338784, 341839, 348520, 356440CU   |
| PL005-04  | Unscanned: Case Numbers 200313, 200476   |
| PP005-01  | Scanned: Case Numbers 205844, 341380   |
| PP010     | Scanned: Case Number 345742  |
| PP010-02  | CF: Case Number 364802   |

PR005-01                    Scanned: Case Number 345330

PR013-08                    Scanned: Case Numbers 340148CU, 340148SS, 351040CU, 362213SS

PR015-01                    Scanned: Case Numbers 336139, 347695

RM\*                         Scanned: Case Numbers 091244CU, 091244SS, 313277

SO\*                         Scanned: Case Number 017264

SP992\*                     Scanned: Case Number 333711CU

                               Unscanned: Case Number 349298SS

ST037\*                     Scanned: Case Number 318562

TR068-03\*                 Scanned: Case Number 161293

WE\*                         Scanned: Case Number 333343

WE001\*                     Scanned: Case Number 104724

                               Unscanned: Case Number 081935

WE003\*                     Scanned: Case Number 052977

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

#### Counsels Office, White House

##### Lee S. Liberman Files—General Subject Files

Christian Coalition Questionnaire [1] [OA/ID 45274]

Christian Coalition Questionnaire [2] [OA/ID 45274]

Christian Coalition Questionnaire [3] [OA/ID 45274]

#### Media Affairs, White House Office of

##### Dorrance Smith Files

Christian Broadcasting Network 7/23/92 Memos for Pat Robertson

Interview [OA/ID 08292]

#### National Service, White House Office of

##### Theresa A. Miller Files

Dobson, Ph.D., James C.—Focus on the Family [OA/ID 08228]

#### Political Affairs, White House Office of

##### Ron Kaufman Files

Christian Coalition [1] [OA/ID 06498]

Christian Coalition [2] [OA/ID 06498]

#### Press Office, News Summary

##### Bruce Wilmot Files

Two and one-half inch audio cassette, "ROTP during Religious Rights in

Russia Seminar" [OA/ID 08837]

Public Liaison, White House Office of  
Leigh Ann Metzger Files

Dr. James Dobson [OA/ID 06887]  
Focus on the Family [OA/ID 07163]  
Pat Robertson [OA/ID 07163]  
Dr. Pat Robertson Meeting [OA/ID 07165]

**Bush Vice Presidential Records: Name Files**

**Name**

Dobson, James  
Falwell, Jerry  
Robertson, Pat

**Bush Vice Presidential Records: Subject Files**

| <b>Category</b> | <b>Case Number</b>                                  |
|-----------------|---|
| FG038           | Case Numbers 375174VP, 375188VP, 375198VP, 375200VP |
| HU010           | Case Number 556696VP                                |
| IM              | Case Number 319422VP                                |
| PL              | Case Numbers 376238VP, 376243VP, 586122VP           |
| PL009           | Case Number 423299VP                                |
| PP012-05        | Case Number 381408VP                                |
| PU              | Case Numbers 373869VP, 402794VP                     |
| RA002-03        | Case Numbers 356865VP, 376713VP                     |
| RM              | Case Numbers 376313VP, 421245VP, 426872VP           |
| RM033-02        | Case Number 375007VP                                |
| SP              | Case Number 426839VP                                |
| VI086           | Case Number 385294VP                                |
| VR007           | Case Number 376696VP                                |
| VS              | Case Numbers 360295VP, 366826VP, 375439VP, 376315VP |
| VT              | Case Number 378769VP                                |
| WE001           | Case Number 589987VP                                |

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

### Chief of Staff

David Q. Bates, Jr.—Event Files  
Pat Robertson 12/2/88 [OA/ID 14321]

Craig L. Fuller—Subject Files  
Pat Robertson [OA/ID 14285]

### Mrs. Bush's Office

Barbara Bush—Event Files  
George Bush Working Mtg. W/ The Reverend Jerry Falwell, Friday, September 20, 1985,  
4:30 p.m., Vice President's House [OA/ID 21038]  
Moral Majority Workshop Luncheon, Friday, January 24, 1986, 12 noon, Hyatt Regency  
[OA/ID 21034]  
Moral Majority State Leadership Reception, Friday, January 24, 1986, 5:30 p.m., Vice  
President's House [OA/ID 21034]

Barbara Bush—Schedule Files  
Memorandum from Ambassador Horan, re: Moral Majority Visit—Sudan [OA/ID 10119]

### Office of Policy

Subject Files  
Meeting with VP and Dr. James Dobson 4/27/88 [OA/ID 15226]

### Press Office

Mark McIntyre— Subject Files  
Pat Robertson [OA/ID 14887]

Press Office—Audio Files  
Cal Thomas—Moral Majority 7/10/81/Tom Ottenad St. Louis Post Dispatch 7/22/81  
[OA/ID 14985]

Speechwriter—Speech Files  
1/24/86 Moral Majority/Leadership Federation Workshop [OA/ID 14868]

## **Quayle Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files**

Deputy Chief of Staff  
Speech Files  
Christian Coalition, 11/15/91 [OA/ID 22299]

Scheduling and Public Liaison  
Scheduling—Domestic Schedules Files  
CBN New Bureau/Pat Robertson, 7/13/89 [OA/ID 21659]

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