



## George Bush Presidential Library

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### Inventory for FOIA Request 2004-0723-F

## Records on U.S.-Panama Relations (Bush VP)

#### **Extent**

28 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, November 2008. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

#### **Related Collections**

1999-0186-F (Panama/ Operation "Just Cause").

#### **Scope and Content**

The materials in FOIA 2004-0723-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 2004-0723-F contains materials pertaining to U.S.-Panama relations in general and Vice President

Bush's trip to that country in 1983. (Because he also visited Argentina and El Salvador during that trip, materials related to those countries are also included.)

The Staff and Office Files contain reports and memoranda discussing important issues in U.S.-Panamanian relations including the Panama Canal Treaty (and U.S. access to the Canal following its transfer to the government of Panama) and illegal narcotics trafficking. The latter issue includes discussions related to the indictment of General Manuel Noriega for drug trafficking and his tampering with Panamanian elections and usurpation of the government. Also included are planning and logistical materials related to Vice President Bush's trip as head of the U.S. delegation to Argentina to attend the inauguration of President Raul Alfonsin and his visits to Panama and El Salvador as part of that trip. The requested materials include schedules and itineraries, meeting agendas, speeches/ remarks, guest lists, and press releases. This request also contains records related to the Contra-Sandinista conflict in Nicaragua and Leftist insurgencies in Central America in general. Also included are records from the visit of Mrs. Barbara Bush to Panama in August 1981 representing the U.S. at the funeral of Panamanian National Guard commander General Omar Torrijos. These materials include schedules and correspondence, the latter consisting primarily of thank-you notes from Mrs. Bush to those who participated in or assisted with her trip.

### **System of Arrangement**

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in one collection area—Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files. As policy, 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.

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 2004-0723-F.

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

Chief of Staff, Office of the

Bush, Frederick M., Files—Trip Files

Argentina, Panama, El Salvador, and Puerto Rico – 12/9-11/83 [OA/ID 15359]

Mrs. Bush's Office

Bush, Barbara, Files—Foreign Trip Files

Barbara Bush Trip to Panama for General Torrijos' Funeral – August 3, 1981-August 4, 1981 [OA/ID 10115]

Bush, Barbara, Files—Subject File

CO 121 [Countries: Panama] [OA/ID 28700]

TR 2 [Trips: Vice President's Trip, August 3-4, 1981 / Panama] [OA/ID 28747]

National Narcotics Border Interdiction System

Country Files

Panama [OA/ID CF00083]

National Security Affairs, Office of

Gregg, Donald P., Files—Country Files

Panama – 1981 [OA/ID 19768]

Panama – 1982 [OA/ID 19771]

Panama – 1983 [OA/ID 19776]  
Panama – 1984 [OA/ID 19780]  
Panama – 1985 [OA/ID 19798]  
Panama – 1987 [OA/ID 19835]  
Panama – 1988 [1] [OA/ID 19872]  
Panama – 1988 [2] [OA/ID 19872]  
Panama – 1988 [3] [OA/ID 19872]

Gregg, Donald P., Files—Foreign Travel Files

Vice President's Trip to Argentina, Panama, and El Salvador, December 9-11, 1983: Pre-Trip [OA/ID 19806]  
Vice President's Trip to Argentina, Panama, and El Salvador, December 9-11, 1983: Panama [OA/ID 19806]  
Vice President's Trip to Argentina, Panama, and El Salvador, December 9-11, 1983: Trip Aftermath [OA/ID 19806]  
Vice President's Trip to Argentina, Panama, and El Salvador, December 9-11, 1983: Panama [OA/ID 19806]  
Argentina/El Salvador/Panama, [December 9-11], 1983 [1] [OA/ID 19806]  
Argentina/El Salvador/Panama, [December 9-11], 1983 [2] [OA/ID 19806]  
Argentina/El Salvador/Panama, [December 9-11], 1983 [3] [OA/ID 19806]  
Vice President's Trip to Argentina, Panama, and El Salvador, December 9-11, 1983: Press Book [OA/ID 19806]

Gregg, Donald P., Files—Meetings with Foreigners Files

Meetings with Foreigners – July 1982: Panamanian Ambassador to the U.S. Aquilino Boyd, July 19, 1982 [OA/ID 19764]  
Meetings with Foreigners – September 1982: Luncheon for Panamanian President de la Espriella, September 29, 1982 [OA/ID 19765]  
Meetings with Foreigners – April 1983: Members of the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal Commission, April 15, 1983 [OA/ID 19772]  
Meetings with Foreigners – December 1988: [Eric A.] Delvalle [President of Panama]  
Meeting with VP and President Reagan, December 22, 1988, Oval Office [OA/ID 19868]

Watson, Samuel J., Files—Country Files

PRG – Panama [OA/ID 19865]

Operations, Administration, and Staff Secretary, Office of

Collamore, Thomas J., Files—Foreign Issue Files

Briggs / Noriega [Panama] [OA/ID 19876]

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