

## **George Bush Presidential Library**

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### Inventory for FOIA Request 2004-1443-F

# Records on S. 12, Cable Television Consumer Protection Act

#### **Extent**

30 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, September 2008. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

#### Related Collections N/A

#### **Scope and Content**

The materials in FOIA 2004-1443-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 2004-1443-F contains documents created by public entities, members of Congress, and White

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House staff members, as well as printed materials, which relate to the discussion of proposed Senate Bill 12, Cable Television Consumer Protection Act. Congress attempted to act on legislation to re-regulate cable television rates as there was concern over rising prices charged by local cable companies. However, there was much public debate whether this action would in actuality raise costs for consumers, while at the same time reduce the quality of service. The Bush Administration opposed S. 12 due to its lack of emphasis on regulation rather than competition. President Bush vetoed the bill on October 3, 1992.

The WHORM Subject File categories contain coversheets, letters, and resolutions. The documents which are available include coversheets, such as White House Correspondence Tracking Worksheets; letters between public entities and White House staff regarding the Bush Administration's stance on S. 12; and resolutions from local governments in support of placing more local control in the cable consumer protection bill.

The Staff and Office Files contain coversheets, an Executive Order, letters, lists, memos, a note, press releases, printed material, reports, and statements. The documents which are available include coversheets, such as White House and Situation Room fax cover-slips, Staffing Memorandum, and Executive Clerk Tracking Sheets; a draft Executive Order for "Metric Usage in Federal Government Programs;" letters between agencies and the White House regarding views on S. 12; a distribution list for the proposed Executive Order and the Interagency Council on Metric Policy 1990 members; memos between White House staff members regarding legislative proposals, legislative reference drafts, final memorandums, and other various legislation, such as private school choice and metric usage in federal government programs; a note between White House staff regarding the cable veto message to Congress; draft and final version press releases of the Presidential Veto Statement regarding S. 12, "Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992;" printed material, such as newspaper articles regarding the FCC, private school choice, and bi-lingual classes, and a U.S. Government Congressional booklet on "Cable Television Consumer Protection Act of 1991;" a FCC report on the study of the state of the cable television industry, background papers and provisions; and various Commissioners' statements of opinion regarding S. 12, as well as drafts and the final presidential veto statement of S. 12.

#### **System of Arrangement**

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in two collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; and Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files. As policy, 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 <a href="http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/research/find/whorm/whorm.html">http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/research/find/whorm/whorm.html</a>.

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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 2004-1443-F.

**Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files** 

Category Case Number

LE\* Scanned: Case Numbers 354413

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PR012 Scanned: Case Numbers 313867, 361213

PR012-02 Unscanned: Case Numbers 078300, 094042

SP\* Scanned: Case Number 19388

UT001\* Scanned: Case Numbers 307088, 307104, 308901, 309016, 309133, 309809,

310660, 343195, 343331

UT001-01\* Scanned: Case Numbers 150770CU, 220847CU, 256129CU, 310962, 311410,

319023CU, 343415CU, 343728, 346390, 349915, 351322, 351364, 351792CU, 353347CU, 353601, 353793, 354005, 356128, 356131, 358838CU, 364801CU

UT001-02\* Scanned: Case Number 091528

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

#### Counsels Office

Mark Paoletta Files—Telecommunications File

OLC [Office of Legal Counsel] Matters [Cable Television Consumer Protection Act] [OA/ID

45571]

Cable, Tele-Consumer Protection Act, Cable [OA/ID 45572]

Cable TV Consumer Protection Act [OA/ID 45572]

#### Office of Executive Clerk

Ron Giesler Files

10/3/92 Veto [S. 12 – Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of

1992] [OA/ID 08340]

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