



## George Bush Presidential Library

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### Inventory for FOIA Request 2004-1517-F

## Records on June 1989 Meeting Between Zaire President Mobutu and President Bush

#### **Extent**

26 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, October 2008. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

#### **Related Collections**

Related material may be found in FOIA request 1999-0463-F entitled "Zaire."

#### **Scope and Content**

##### **People of interest:**

Herman J. Cohen – Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs  
William C. Harrop – U.S. Ambassador to Zaire

General Likulia Bolongo – State Secretary for Defense  
Manangan Ma Pholo – Chairman of the Economic and Social Commission, Zairian Legislature  
David C. Miller – NSC Senior Director of African Affairs  
President Marshall Mobutu Sese Seko – President of the Republic of Zaire  
Mokonda Bonza – Director of the Office of the President, Zaire  
Mushobekwa Kalima wa Ktana – Zairian Ambassador to the U.S.  
Nguz a Karl-i-Bond – Foreign Minister of Zaire  
Nkema Liloo – National Security Advisor  
Tatanene Manata – Chairman of the Political Commission, Zairian Legislature

**Terms of interest:**

OAU – Organization of African Unity  
UNITA – National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (2<sup>nd</sup> largest political party in Angola in 1989 and supported by China, South Africa, and the United States)  
MPLA – Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (Largest political and ruling party in Angola in 1989 and supported by the Soviet Union)  
MPR – Popular Movement of the Revolution

President Mobutu Sese Seko ruled Zaire for 32 years (1965–1997). Although he was eventually cited as being one of the most corrupt leaders of the Twentieth Century, he did play a pivotal role in the African Continent's history. In addition, during his long reign he was very involved in business dealings with many other countries, most specifically Belgium and France. His relationship with Belgium was erratic and often worrisome, while France was a solid supporter. President Mobutu was also very involved in the politics of other African nations. He was credited with organizing 18 Heads of State in Gbadolite, Zaire (Gbadolite Summit) on June 22, 1989, which brought together Dr. Jonas Savimbi (Leader of UNITA) and President Edouard Department of State Santos (Leader of MPLA). They agreed to a ceasefire in Angola and a negotiation for reconciliation in that African State. He then traveled to the United States for an Official Working Visit with President Bush June 28-30, 1989, becoming the first African head of state to visit Bush at the White House.

The materials in FOIA 2004-1517-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.

**The Bush Presidential materials:**

WHORM Subject File categories contain coversheets which route correspondence; correspondence from former Senator Vance Hartke to George Bush and White House staff regarding a possible visit of President Mobutu to the U.S. and replies to him; lists of recommended State/Official and Official Working Visit Schedules; memos which route correspondence, outline approved presidential activities, and discuss gifts to the President and Mrs. Bush; Polaroid photographs of gifts President Mobutu gave to the Bushes; and an advertisement of the United Nations Report: Human Rights Situation Improves Markedly in Zaire

The Staff and Office Files contain cables of the logistics of Mobutu's visit; economic graphs; coversheets which route correspondence; a printed requisition form for luncheon menus (Zaire), lists of meeting and luncheon participants for the Mobutu visit, and proposed State/Official and Official Working Visits Schedule; memos regarding the loan of aircraft to support President Mobutu's visit to Washington, President Bush's meeting with President Mobutu and his remarks at the Mobutu Toast, the tea for Mrs. Mobutu, logistics of the Mobutu visit, and an official explanation of a typical official working visit; official menu cards for: a dinner honoring Prime Minister of Pakistan H.E. Bhutto, a dinner honoring the Prime Minister of Australia Bob Hawke, and a luncheon honoring the President of Zaire Mobutu Sese Seko; notes forwarding correspondence and discussing details of the Mobutu visit; draft and final remarks for President Bush at the luncheon and departure for President Mobutu; and a the printed material, "Resolution – Sense of the Congress Resolution regarding Gbadolite Summit on June 22, 1989."

The Bush Vice Presidential materials:

The Staff and Office Files contain a Vice President staffing memorandum which routes correspondence.

The Quayle Vice Presidential materials:

The Staff and Office Files contain a Cable of condolence from Vice President Quayle to the government of Zaire on the death of Kalume Mwana Kahanbwe, President of Zaire's Legislative Council; coversheets which route correspondence; draft copies of the invitation for the Quayle Breakfast in honor of President and Mrs. Mobutu; a Letter of invitation from the Ambassador of Zaire for a meeting between President Mobutu and Vice President Quayle; lists of the Official Zairian Delegation, breakfast guess, and interpreters; memos regarding the Quayle breakfast honoring President and Mrs. Mobutu, and the Vice Presidential gate lists; and a note about the Quayle breakfast for President and Mrs. Mobutu.

### **System of Arrangement**

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in four collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office 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. 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 2004-1517-F.

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

<b>Category</b>	<b>Case Number</b>
CO	C.F.: Case Number 022711
CO177*	Entire Category Relevant
FG006-06	Scanned: Case Number 010644, 027216, 027314, 058089 C.F.: Case Number 057150
GI003	Scanned: Case Number 051862SS
ME001	Scanned: Case Number 043754SS
PU	Scanned: Case Number 107742

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

Office of First Lady, Calligraphy  
Calligraphy Office Files

Cards-Menus, Luncheon, Honoring His Excellency The President of the Republic of Zaire,  
The White House, June 29, 1989 [OA/ID 27996]

Office of First Lady, Scheduling  
Ann Brock Files

Coffee with Mrs. Mobutu [Mobutu] (Zaire) Thursday- 6/29/89 11:45 am – Residence  
[OA/ID 00831]

Office of Management and Administration  
Chris Vein Files—Purchase Orders

W9G194 [Menus for a Luncheon on 6-29-89 (Zaire)] [OA/ID 50096]

National Security Council

Virginia Lampley Files-Subject Files / Chronological Files  
Zaire [OA/ID CF01363]

John M. Ordway Files—State Visits of African Leaders Files  
President Mobutu Visit of Zaire 6/29/89 [OA/ID CF01297]

John M. Ordway Files—Subject Files  
Zaire [OA/ID CF01300]

David Passage Files—Country Files  
Zaire [1] [OA/ID CF00213]  
Zaire [2] [OA/ID CF00213]

Nicholas Rostow Files—Subject Files  
Zaire [OA/ID CF01320]

Social Office

Cathy Fenton Files  
6/29/89 Coffee, Wife of The President of Zaire, Mrs. Mobutu, (Mama Bobi Ladawa)  
[OA/ID 07103]  
6/29/89 Working Luncheon President Mobutu [Mobutu] of Zaire [OA/ID 07103]

Judith Spangler Files  
6/29/89 Luncheon – Zaire [OA/ID 08418]

Office of Speechwriting

Curt Smith Files—Chron File, 1989-1992  
Mobutu [Mobutu] Departure, Washington D.C., 6/27/89 [OA/ID 13888]

Speech File Backup Files—Chron File, 1989-1993  
Toast to and Departure Statement for President Mobutu [Mobutu] Seko of Zaire, 6/29/89  
[OA/ID 13675]

Speech File Draft Files—Chron File, 1989-1993  
Mobutu [Mobutu] Toast, 6/29/89 [OA/ID 13493]

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

Office of Operations, Administration, and Staff Secretary

Thomas J. Collamore Files

Vice President Action Staffing Memos 12/1/88-12/15/88 [589502VP] [OA/ID 14359]

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

Mrs. Quayle's Office

Carolyn R. Washington Files—Residence Event File

June 30, 1989 Mobutu [Mobutu] Breakfast [OA/ID 22127]

National Security Affairs Office

Country Files

Zaire [OA/ID 27030]

Meetings Files

6/30/89, 8:00, Vice President Breakfast Meeting with President Mobutu of Zaire - Res.  
(60 min) [OA/ID 27026]

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