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Inventory for FOIA Request 2004-2048-F

Selected Records on the Armenian Genocide

Extent

6 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, March 2009. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2004-2048-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 2004-2048-F contains materials relating to efforts by the United States Congress to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Armenian genocide (1915-1923) and the opposition of the Republic of Turkey to this. Additionally there are records regarding the Armenian terrorist group Dev Sol. The records are from agencies and individuals including the Congress of the United States, the European Parliament, the

United States Department of State, Governor of California George Deukmejian, the National Security Council, the Republic of Turkey, Armenian-American groups, and Turkish-American groups.

The Staff and Office Files contain correspondence, memoranda, newsletters, papers, proclamations, reports, resolutions, statements, and talking points maintained by individual staff members and offices. The files of Andrew Card, Deputy Chief of Staff, include a Congressional newsletter dealing with the Armenian genocide issue; a paper outlining the timeline of controversy over Armenian genocide; the Armenian Assembly of American Congressional Report Card and Presidential Candidate Questionnaire; a European Parliament resolution about the Armenian question and Turkish response to the resolution; the text of H.R. 142, a resolution recognizing Armenian genocide; and a draft alternative commemorative resolution. The files of Robert L. Hutchings of the National Security Council consist of correspondence between the President and Congress, Armenian-Americans, and Turkish-Americans regarding Senate Joint Resolution 212, commemoration of the Armenian genocide, including expressions of both support for and opposition to the resolution; correspondence to Secretary of State from Governor Deukmejian about President Bush's position on the Armenian genocide; memoranda about meeting with Turkish-Americans; a Reagan Administration proclamation commemorating the anniversary of liberation of Nazi death camps; and press releases regarding Armenia, both by the Bush Administration and by the Turkish foreign minister. In addition, Richard A. Clarke's files from the National Security Council contain a cable regarding the Dev Sol terrorist organization.

The Bush Vice Presidential Staff and Office Files include memoranda and talking points about ratification of the UN Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in two collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files and 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 2004-2048-F.

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Chief of Staff

Andrew Card Files
Armenian Genocide [OA/ID 02718]

National Security Council

Richard A. Clarke Files—Subject Files
Dev Sol [Devrimci Sol - Turkey / Terrorism] [OA/ID CF01541]

Robert L. Hutchings Files— Chronological Files
Turkey - Armenian Genocide Issue/Resolution [OA/ID CF00684]

Public Liaison Office

Scott Sutherland Files
75th Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide [OA/ID 03669]

Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Operations, Administration, and Staff Secretary Office

Thomas J. Collamore Files— Subject Files

Armenian Genocide [OA/ID 14326]

Press Office

Speechwriter Files— Speech Files

Genocide Convention Talking Points [No Date] [OA/ID 14857]

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