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Inventory for FOIA Request 2005-0398-F

Records on 1986 hijacking of Pan Am 73 and the Abu Nidal Organization

Extent

3 folders

Access

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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.

Related Collections

Related material may be found in FOIA request 1999-0131-F entitled "Terrorist Attacks at Rome and Vienna airports, La Belle Disco in Berlin, and the U.S. Bombing of Libya".

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2005-0398-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 2005-0398-F contains materials from the National Security Council (NSC) regarding the Abu Nidal Organization (ANO), a terrorist group originally affiliated with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The ANO was responsible for the 1986 attempted hijacking of Pan Am 73 in Karachi, Pakistan, as well as many other violent attacks on civilian populations in Europe during the 1970s and 1980s. The files of Carolyn Stettner, a director in International Programs for the NSC, consist of articles, cables, and memoranda regarding ANO activities during 1987-1989 and papers detailing facts about the organization as known in the late 1980s.

It should be noted that over half the records contained in this request remain national security classified and are thus not available at this time. All restricted documents have been described on withdrawal sheets placed in the original folders.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in one collection area—Bush 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.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2005-0398-F.

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

National Security Council

Carolyn Stettner Files—Subject Files

ANO [Abu Nidal Organization] White Paper [OA/ID CF01459]

Abu Nidal Organization [OA/ID CF01459]

NSC PA Files

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