

George Bush Presidential Library

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Inventory for FOIA Request 2005-0439-F

Records on Harris Wofford/Richard Thornburgh Election 1991 Special Senate Election in PA

Extent

27 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, December 2009 – January 2010. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2005-0439-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 2005-0439-F records are divided into three main series: Bush Presidential Records, Bush Vice Presidential Records, and Quayle Vice Presidential Records. The majority of records are Bush Presidential

Records.

The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alphabetical Files bulk with correspondence from the general public discussing the reappointment of Richard Thornburgh as Attorney General. Also included is routine correspondence between Thornburgh, his wife Virginia, and Barbara Bush; correspondence between Thornburgh and President Bush concerning Thornburgh's resignation as Attorney General to run for the Senate; and routine correspondence between Senator Harris Wofford and White House staff.

The WHORM Subject File categories contain a letter and news clipping from the general public about the Thornburgh/Wofford Senate election, and memoranda discussing post-election analysis.

The Staff and Office Files contain correspondence, memoranda, notes, newspaper clippings, schedules, and draft speeches and statements maintained by individual staff members and offices. The files of John Schmitz, consist of draft statements and a transcript of remarks given by President Bush discussing the outcome of the Thornburgh/Wofford election. Files from the First Lady's Offices of Press and Scheduling concern a trip by Mrs. Bush to give a speech to a Thornburgh for Senate fundraising luncheon in Philadelphia. Files from the Office of Legislative Affairs consist of routine correspondence and requests from Senator Wofford, while records from the Office of National Service discuss national service and the creation of a Civilian Community Corp. The files of Jim Wray, the bulk of records in this FOIA request, contain constituent correspondence from Pennsylvania congratulating Bush for his victory in the 1988 presidential election.

Bush Vice Presidential Records consist of routine correspondence between Bush and Richard and Virginia Thornburgh discussing travel plans, invitations, and enclosed materials.

Quayle Vice Presidential Records include a transcript of a speech delivered to a Thornburgh for Senate fundraising luncheon and a note on talking points for a Thornburgh donor reception.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in five collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files; Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files; Bush Vice Presidential Records: Name 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.html.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2005-0439-F.

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files

Name Thornburgh, Richard [1] Thornburgh, Richard [2] Thornburgh, Richard [3] Wofford, Harris

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category	Case Number
PL	Scanned: 287005
PL005-04	C.F.: 297155SS

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Counsels Office

John Schmitz Files – Alphabetical Subject Files Thornburgh [Richard] Election Statement [OA/ID 45698]

First Lady's Office, Press

Events File

10/17/91 Philadelphia, PA Thornburgh for Senate [OA/ID 06934]

First Lady's Office, Scheduling Ann Brock Files

Thornburgh for Senate Luncheon – 10/17/91 – Philadelphia, PA [OA/ID 04875]

- Office of Legislative Affairs
 - East Wing Files

Harris Wofford [OA/ID 08433]

East Wing Files – Senate Files

1991 Senate Requests for Legislative Affairs: Harris Wofford [OA/ID 08447]

Office of National Service

J.R. George Files

Senator Wofford's Material [OA/ID 08818]

Office of Political Affairs

Jim Wray Files

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Post-Election	General	Public	Mail:	Pennsylvania	#1	[1]	[OA/ID	00042]	
Post-Election	General	Public	Mail:	Pennsylvania	#1	[2]	[OA/ID	00042]	
Post-Election	General	Public	Mail:	Pennsylvania	#1	[3]	[OA/ID	00042]	
Post-Election	General	Public	Mail:	Pennsylvania	#1	[4]	[OA/ID	00042]	
Post-Election	General	Public	Mail:	Pennsylvania	#1	[5]	[OA/ID	00042]	
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Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Name Files

Name Thornburgh, Richard Thornburgh, Virginia

Quayle Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Deputy Chief of Staff's Office Speech Files [Richard L.] Thornburgh Fundraising Luncheon, 10/11/91 [Harrisburg, Pennsylvania] [OA/ID 22299] [Richard L.] Thornburgh Major Donor Reception, 10/11/91 [Harrisburg, Pennsylvania] [OA/ID 22299]

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