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Inventory for FOIA Request 2005-1659-F

Records on Selected Materials on Somalia: Humanitarian Relief Effort

Extent

2 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 2005. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections

Related material may be found in FOIA request 1998-0101-F entitled "Records on Somalia—U.S. Military Intervention: 'Operation Restore Hope'."

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2005-1659-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 2005-1659-F contains materials from the National Security Council, specifically regarding Deputies Committee Meetings, and includes very basic and unclassified documents related to the humanitarian effort in Somalia during early fall of 1992. This material partially documents the efforts of the U.S. government, foreign governments, and worldwide non-governmental organizations, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (CRC) and Save the Children. During the Bush administration, Rear Admiral Jonathan Howe represented the White House at the Deputies Committee Meetings regarding this effort in Somalia. The researcher should note that these files are limited to two very specific points in time and do not provide a comprehensive view of the crisis in Somalia or of the United States' response.

The Staff and Office Files contain a blank form, chart, list, and several memos and papers maintained by Rear Admiral Jonathan Howe, a staff member from the National Security Council. Admiral Howe's files contain a blank form, which was designed for security information; a chart which presents a timeline of deployment; a list to document participants in Deputies Committee Meetings; memos which route background papers on Somalia, as well as minutes and summaries of Deputies Committee Meetings; and papers which address humanitarian relief programs for Somalia and the plan for a conference on coordination of Somalian relief.

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, WHORM Alphabetical Files and WHORM Subject Files are processed at the document level; whereas, 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>.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2005-1659-F.

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

National Security Council

Rear Admiral Jonathan Howe Files

DC [Deputies Committee] Meeting, re: Somalia—October 21, 1992 [OA/ID 21359]

DC [Deputies Committee] Meeting, re: Somalia—September 4, 1992 [OA/ID 21366]

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