



## George Bush Presidential Library

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### Inventory for FOIA Request 2007-0480-F

## Records on Irving R. Kaufman

#### **Extent**

5 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.

#### **Copyright**

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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, April 2007. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

#### **Related Collections**

Related material may be found in FOIA request 2007-0515-F entitled "Records of the President's Commission on Organized Crime."

#### **Scope and Content**

The records in this FOIA 2007-0480-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 2007-0480-F contains materials from the Bush Presidential Records and the Bush Vice Presidential Records regarding Irving R. Kaufman. Kaufman, born in Brooklyn, New York in 1910, trained as a lawyer and became a Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York in 1949. He was most known outside judicial circles as the judge who presided over the espionage case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. He was appointed as a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit in 1961, a post he held until 1987. President Ronald Reagan appointed Kaufman chairman of the President's Commission on Organized Crime in 1983 and awarded Kaufman the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1987. Irving R. Kaufman died in 1992.

The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alphabetical Files contain correspondence between Irving R. Kaufman and Samuel K. Skinner, White House Chief of Staff from December 1991 to August 1992. The letters relate to Skinner's assumption of the position of Chief of Staff. The WHORM Alphabetical File compiled by the White House Office of Records Management is comprised of incoming correspondence from the general public, congressional members, and other individuals writing to the president and first lady. Although sometimes given case numbers as in the Subject File (see below), the documents were filed alphabetically by last name or name of company or group.

The Office of Vice President George Bush Name Files contain correspondence acknowledging a constituent's recommendation of Judge Kaufman for a position on the Supreme Court.

The George Bush Vice Presidential Subject Files contain correspondence from Kaufman regarding the President's Commission on Organized Crime's report about interdiction of the drug trade. Kaufman was chairman of the commission, established by President Ronald Reagan's Executive Order 12435. See FOIA request 2007-0515-F entitled "Records of the President's Commission on Organized Crime" for more information.

### **System of Arrangement**

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

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 2007-0480-F.

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

#### **Name**

Kaufman, Irving R.

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

#### **Category**

IV089\*

#### **Case Number**

Scanned: Case Numbers 069912CU, 087506CU

MA\* Scanned: Case Number 140782CU

ME001-03\* Scanned: Case Number 275092

**Bush Vice Presidential Records: Name Files**

**Name**

Kaufman, Irving R.

**Bush Vice Presidential Records: Subject Files**

**Category**

FG393

**Case Number**

Case Number 385698VP

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