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Inventory for FOIA Request 2007-0491-F

Records relating to October Surprise Congressional Investigations on October Surprise

Extent

49 folders

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Bush Presidential Records and Bush 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, August 2010 – September 2010. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2007-0491-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 2007-0491-F records are divided among two record groups: Bush Presidential Records and Bush Vice Presidential Records. The majority of records are Bush Presidential Records.

The WHORM Subject File categories contain correspondence from members of Congress regarding the separate investigations into October Surprise by the House and Senate, and a letter from President Bush to former hostage Moorhead Kennedy denying any role in the October Surprise allegations.

The Staff and Office Files contain correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, published material, reports, and notes maintained by individual staff members and offices. The files of the Counsels Office, particularly those of Janet Rehnquist, form the bulk of this request. These files consist of memoranda between White House staff discussing the October Surprise allegations, the search, production, and rules of access for documents for the Congressional investigations, and testimony for the investigation; correspondence between members of Congress and executive branch officials concerning requests for records and costs incurred in searching for and producing records; news articles and published material on October Surprise; and reports of the Congressional investigations.

The files of the National Security Council contain correspondence and memoranda discussing requests for records, access policies, and costs incurred; unclassified records on the Iran hostage crisis that were produced to the Congressional investigations; news clippings on October Surprise; and computer reports on potentially relevant documents.

The small body of Bush Vice Presidential Records consist of correspondence between a publisher and Don Gregg regarding allegations made by Barbara Honegger; a memorandum between VP staff concerning a report and press releases about allegations against Bush; and a memorandum to then Presidential candidate Reagan discussing the Iranian hostage crisis.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in four collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files; Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; and Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files. As policy, 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/whorm.html>.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2007-0491-F.

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category	Case Number
FG033	Scanned: 262067CU, 322220CU
PR015-02	Scanned: 252981

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Counsels Office

C. Boyden Gray Files – Confidential Miscellaneous Files

[Secret Service Logs / C. Boyden Gray / October Surprise] [Manila Envelope]
[OA/ID CF01826]

C. Boyden Gray Files – Subject Files
October Surprise [OA/ID 45077]

Lee S. Liberman Files – General Subject Files
October Surprise [OA/ID 45286]

Lee S. Liberman Files – Iran-Contra Subject Files
Iran (October Surprise) [OA/ID 45294]
Iran (Hostages) (October Surprise) [OA/ID 45294]

Janet Rehnquist Files – Publication Files
"October Surprise Task Force" [OA/ID 45590]

Janet Rehnquist Files – Subject Files
October Surprise [OA/ID 45587]
October Surprise: General [1] [OA/ID 45587]
October Surprise: General [2] [OA/ID 45587]
October Surprise: Correspondence [1] [OA/ID 45587]
October Surprise: Correspondence [2] [OA/ID 45587]
October Surprise: Memoranda [1] [OA/ID 45587]
October Surprise: Memoranda [2] [OA/ID 45587]
October Surprise: Press Clips [1] [OA/ID 45587]
October Surprise: Press Clips [2] [OA/ID 45587]
October Surprise: Working Group [OA/ID 45587]
October Surprise: Draft House Task Force Resolution [OA/ID 45587]
"October Surprise: America's Hostages In Iran and the Election of Ronald Reagan" by Gary Sick [1] [1] [OA/ID 45587]
"October Surprise: America's Hostages In Iran and the Election of Ronald Reagan" by Gary Sick [1] [2] [OA/ID 45587]
"October Surprise: America's Hostages In Iran and the Election of Ronald Reagan" by Gary Sick [1] [3] [OA/ID 45587]
"October Surprise: America's Hostages In Iran and the Election of Ronald Reagan" by Gary Sick [1] [4] [OA/ID 45587]
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John Schmitz Files – Alphabetical Subject Files
October Surprise [OA/ID 45688]

Ronald Von Lembke Files – OIC Iran-Contra Alpha Subject Files
October Surprise [1] [OA/ID CF00600]
October Surprise [2] [OA/ID CF00600]
October Surprise: Secret Service Logs [OA/ID CF00600]
October Surprise: Cohen Paper, October Surprise [OA/ID CF00600]

National Security Council
Virginia Lampley Files – Subject Files

October Surprise [OA/ID CF01361]

Stephen G. Rademaker Files – Subject Files
October Surprise [OA/ID CF01619]

Nicholas Rostow / Martha Hill Files – Subject Files
October Surprise [1] [OA/ID 20423]
October Surprise [2] [OA/ID 20423]
October Surprise [3] [OA/ID 20423]
October Surprise [4] [OA/ID 20423]
October Surprise [5] [OA/ID 20423]
October Surprise [6] [OA/ID 20423]
October Surprise [7] [OA/ID 20423]

Ronald Von Lembke Files – Subject Files
October Surprise Computer Run / "Iran" / TS [1] [OA/ID CF00752]
October Surprise Computer Run / "Iran" / TS [2] [OA/ID CF00752]
October Surprise Computer Run / "Iran" / TS [3] [OA/ID CF00752]

Press Office
Sean Walsh Files – Subject Files [OA/ID 13366]

Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category	Case Number
VT	556714VP

Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

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Sean Walsh Files – Subject Files
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Sean Walsh Files – Clippings Files
October Surprise [OA/ID 14970]

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