Inventory for FOIA Request 2008-0429-F

Selected Records on Peter Tomsen:
Special Envoy to the Afghan Resistance and Ambassador to the Republic of Afghanistan

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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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, June, 2009. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.
Scope and Content  [Provides information about the nature of the materials and activities reflected in
the unit being described to enable users to judge its potential relevance. Include the functions,
activities, transactions, and processes that generated the materials; the documentary forms or intellectual
characteristics (e.g. minutes, diaries, watercolors, documentaries) of the materials; the content dates
(time periods) covered by intellectual content; geographic areas and places to which the records pertain;
subject matter to which the records pertain, such as topics, events, people, and organizations; and any
other information that assists the user in evaluating relevance of the materials.]

The materials in FOIA 2008-0429-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 2008-0429-F contains materials regarding the appointment of Peter Tomsen as Special Envoy to the

The Staff and Office Files contain forms, correspondence, memoranda, and publications maintained by
individual staff members and offices. The Counsels Office Appointment Files contain personnel forms,
questionnaires and memoranda dealing with the 1992 appointment of Peter Tomsen as Ambassador to
the Republic of Afghanistan. The Appointment Files of Katja Bullock in the Personnel Office contain
similar materials relating to Tomsen’s 1989 appointment as Special Envoy to the Afghan Resistance.

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 2008-0429-F.

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Counsels Office
  Appointment Files
    Ambassador to the Republic of Afghanistan Peter Tomsen Department of State [OA/ID
    20155]

Personnel Office
  Katja Bullock Appointment Files
    Tomsen, Peter - Spec. Envoy Afghan Resistance DOS - PRA [Department of State,
    Personal Rank of Ambassador] [OA/ID 07221]

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