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Inventory for FOIA Request 2008-1091-F

Selected Torkel Patterson, Daniel Poneman, and Stephen G. Rademaker Files: Assorted National Security Directives (NSDs)

Extent

7 folders

Access

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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, May 2010. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections

Related material may be found in FOIA requests 2008-1087-F "Selected Philip Zelikow Files: Relating to Various National Security Reviews and Directives", 2008-1088-F entitled "Selected William Tobey Files: National Security Reviews 3, 12, and 14", 2008-1089-F "Selected Arnold Kanter Files: National Security

Review 12 and Open Skies Initiative”, and 2008-1090-F “Selected Nancy Bearg Dyke and Heather Wilson Files: National Security Reviews 4, 5, 12, and 24”.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2008-1091-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 2008-1091-F contains materials from agencies and individuals including the Advisory Committee on Export Policy, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of State, and National Security Council (NSC) staff members Torkel Patterson (NSC Director in Asian Affairs), Daniel B. Poneman (NSC Director in Defense Policy/Arms Control), and Stephen G. Rademaker (Deputy Legal Adviser).

The Staff and Office Files contain bills, cables, cover sheets, directives, faxes, letters, memoranda, minutes, notes, papers, and reports. The Bush Administration issued seventy-nine National Security Directives (NSDs) between 1989 and 1993. National Security Directives address specific issues concerning national security and U.S. foreign policy. NSD's declassified in whole or in part are available online at <http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/research/nsd.php>. The same kinds of directives were called National Security Decision Directives (NSDDs) during the Reagan Administration.

In particular, Torkel Patterson's files contain NSD 1 (Organization of the National Security Council System and NSDD 62 (Defense Policy Towards Japan). Records from Daniel B. Poneman concern NSD 53 (Interagency Review and Disposition of Export Control Licenses Issued by Department of Commerce) and include minutes of the Advisory Committee on Export Policy. Stephen G. Rademaker's files contain a variety of NSDs and NSDDs, including NSD 26 (U.S. Policy Toward the Persian Gulf), and NSD 53, as well as NSDD 2 (National Security Council Structure), NSDD 197 (Reporting Hostile Contacts and Security Awareness), 221 (Narcotics and National Security), 266 (Implementation of the Recommendations of the President's Special Review Board), and 276 (National Security Council Interagency Process). Also included is correspondence between the NSC and Congress and interoffice memoranda regarding Congressional requests for access to presidential directives.

Please note that at this time the majority of this request remains classified for National Security reasons. As documents are declassified they will be added to the open files.

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.

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 2008-1091-F.

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

National Security Council

 Torkel Patterson Files—Subject Files

 NSC Memos: NSDD-62 [OA/ID CF01763]

 NSC Memos: NSD-1 [OA/ID CF01763]

Daniel B. Poneman Files—Subject Files
Nuclear: NSD [OA/ID CF01349]
NSD-53 [OA/ID CF01348]

Stephen G. Rademaker Files—Subject Files
NSDD's, 1989 [1] [OA/ID CF01598]
NSDD's, 1989 [2] [OA/ID CF01598]
NSDD's, 1989 [3] [OA/ID CF01598]

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