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Inventory for FOIA Request 2008-1253-F

Records on Selected Memcons and Telcons Between President Bush and Various World Leaders

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, December 2009. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections

Related material may be found in FOIA requests 2001-1166-F, entitled "German Reunification", 2000-0429-F, entitled "Memcons and Telcons, 1989 to 1991 (Selected Files)", 1998-0099-F, entitled "Persian Gulf Conflict, Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm", and 2000-1332-F, entitled "USSR/Russia Economic Aid".

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2008-1253-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 2008-1253-F contains materials from agencies and individuals including the National Security Council (NSC), an agency within the Executive Office of the President responsible for advising the President on matters of national security. The files in this request were compiled by staff members of the NSC, specifically John A. Gordon (Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control), Robert L. Hutchings (Director for European and Soviet Affairs), Bruce O. Riedel (Director for Near East and South Asian Affairs), and Condoleezza Rice (Director for European and Soviet Affairs).

The Staff and Office Files contain cables, lists, memoranda, memoranda of conversation (memcons), schedule proposals, seating charts, and memoranda of telephone conversations (telcons) maintained by individual staff members and offices. The documents in this request consist of memcons and telcons between President Bush and various world leaders, including President Vaclav Havel and Prime Minister Calfa of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, Chancellor Helmut Kohl of the Federal Republic of Germany, President Francois Mitterrand of France, Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu of Japan, the Amir of Kuwait, President Lech Walesa and Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki of Poland, Amir Khalifa of Qatar, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, President Turgut Ozal of Turkey, Prime Minister Thatcher of the United Kingdom, and President Gorbachev of the USSR. Supporting materials include briefing memoranda, schedule proposals, lists of meeting attendees, seating charts, congratulatory cables, messages to foreign leaders, and administrative forms such as routing sheets, transmittal memos, and fax cover sheets. The conversations covered the broad subjects of change in Eastern Europe, German reunification, economic reform in the USSR, and the lead-up to the Persian Gulf War.

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. 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 2008-1253-F:

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

National Security Council

John A. Gordon Files— Subject Files

Memcon [Telcon] – June 1991 [President George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev May 27, 1991] [OA/ID CF01037]

Robert L. Hutchings Files—Country Files

Poland - Memcons / Telcons [OA/ID CF01410]

Czechoslovakia – Memcons / Telcons [OA/ID CF01411]

Condoleezza Rice Files—1989-1990 Subject Files

Memcons and Telcons – USSR [1] [OA/ID CF00717]

Memcons and Telcons – USSR [2] [OA/ID CF00717]

Memcons and Telcons – USSR [3] [OA/ID CF00717]

Bruce O. Riedel Files—Subject Files
Telephone Memcons [Telcons – President Bush and World Leaders August 1990-
September 1990 re: Gulf Crisis] [OA/ID CF01094]

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