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Inventory for FOIA Request 2008-1258-F

Selected Condoleezza Rice Records on the European Strategy Steering Group

Extent

2 folders

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Bush 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, June 2010. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections

Related material may be found in FOIA requests 1999-0841-F entitled "A World Transformed" and 2001-1166-F entitled "German Reunification."

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2008-1258-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 2008-1258-F contains materials mentioned in the book, "A World Transformed." This publication described behind-the-scenes White House meetings where administration officials discussed American foreign policy. Specifically, the documents in this FOIA cover strategies for developing US – Soviet relations, US – European relations, and the role of NATO in the changing European landscape.

The material responsive to this FOIA is contained in Condoleezza Rice's files of the National Security Council (NSC). Although these files are listed, it should be noted that portions of these documents are security classified and have been closed under the restrictions of the Presidential Records Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

Ms. Rice's Staff and Office Files contain memos to Robert Gates from staffers regarding meetings of the European Strategy Steering Group, between administration officials setting up meetings of the European Strategy Steering Group, and between staffers requesting comments on issues for discussion and decision by the Gates Group. Numerous papers are also found in the records. The most significant ones include National Security Study Directives discussing U.S. policy and Presidential Review Memorandums which directed the Policy Review Committee to review U.S. strategy affected by the changes in Europe. Other topics covered include points for a presidential statement about NATO's success in relation to changes underway in Europe, executive summaries on U.S. strategic forces in Europe, agendas for the European Strategy Steering Group, devolution of the Four Powers allied rights in relation to German reunification, the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe's contribution to the changing order in Europe, and further developments of U.S. strategy.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in one collection areas—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. A more detailed description of the materials is available in the finding aid for the office or category.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2008-1258-F.

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

National Security Council

 Rice, Condoleezza, Files – 1989-1990 Subject Files

 Gates' Group [OA/ID CF00720]

 Gorbo [Gorbachev] Study [OA/ID CF00720]

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