



## George Bush Presidential Library

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### Inventory for FOIA Request 2009-0116-F

## Records on Skull and Bones Society

#### **Extent**

5 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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#### **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 2009. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

#### **Scope and Content**

The materials in FOIA 2009-0116-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 2009-0116-F contains materials from agencies and individuals including President George H. W. Bush, the White House Office of Policy Development, and the White House Social Office. Records responsive to this request are related to the Skull and Bones Society at Yale University, of which George H. W. Bush and his father Prescott Bush were both members.

The WHORM Subject File categories contain articles and letters consisting of correspondence from President Bush to William F. Buckley, Jr. and Thomas W. Ludlow Ashley regarding an article Buckley wrote for National Review. The article responded to Pat Buchanan's characterization of Bush's foreign policy as "Skull and Bones foreign policy" during the 1992 campaign.

The Staff and Office Files contain newspaper articles regarding Prescott and George H. W. Bush's connections to Skull and Bones, and administrative forms for a tea for Skull and Bones in 1989. Several of the articles address the rumor that Prescott Bush and a group of Skull and Bones members had disinterred and taken Apache leader Geronimo's skull.

### **System of Arrangement**

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in three collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files; and Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files. As policy, WHORM Subject Files are processed at the document level, whereas, 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>.

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 2009-0116-F.

### **Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Case Number</b>
PL	Scanned: Case Numbers 313872, 313878

### **Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files**

Office of Policy Development  
Emily Mead Files  
Skull and Bones [OA/ID 23348]

Social Office  
Cathy Fenton Files  
10/20/89 Skull and Bones Tea [OA/ID 07104]

### **Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files**

Press Office  
Press Office Files—Subject Files  
Skull and Bones [OA/ID 14925]

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