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Inventory for FOIA Request 2009-0294-F

Selected Records on the Ethnic Conflict in Georgia—War in Abkhazia, 1991–92

Extent

9 folders

Access

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Provenance

Official records of George Bush's presidency, his vice presidency and Dan Quayle's 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 2010. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2009-0294-F are responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Other related materials can be found in FOIA 2009-0292-F.

FOIA 2009-0294-F contains materials regarding the ethnic conflict that occurred in the former Soviet republic of Georgia in 1991–92. The origins of this conflict date to 1931 when the U.S.S.R. incorporated

Abkhazia into the unified socialist republic of Georgia. With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Abkhaz nationalists, who long believed that their culture was systemically being erased, rebelled against the Georgian authorities in an armed bid for independence. Both sides leveled charges of ethnic cleansing during the conflict. The Republic of Abkhazia declared its independence on July 23, 1992; however, its status internationally still remains disputed.

The Bush Presidential materials contain an assortment of documents including correspondence to the President from private citizens and the President of Georgia; memoranda discussing upcoming meetings with the Georgian Foreign Minister, George Khoshtaria and Secretary of State James Baker's visit to London, Lisbon, and Tblisi in May 1992; and documents concerning the nomination of Kent N. Brown as U.S. Ambassador to Georgia.

Some of the material responsive to this FOIA is contained in the files of the National Security Council (NSC) and while listed below, are security classified and have been closed under the restrictions of the Freedom of Information Act.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in three collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files, WHORM Subject Files, and Staff and Office Files. As policy, the WHORM files are processed at the document level. 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 and the OVP Subject File (collected by the Office of the Vice President) are 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 2009-0294-F

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files

Name

Gould, Alan J.

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category	Case Number
CO165*	Scanned: Case Numbers 255123, 259416
CO165*	C.F.: Case Numbers 262443, 292023
ND016	Scanned: Case Number 335182

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Counsels Office, White House

Appointment Files

U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Georgia Kent N. Brown Department of State
[OA/ID 20107]

National Security Council

Burns, R. Nicholas, Files and Hewett, Ed, Files—Subject Files

[Ed] Hewett Meetings 1991: Foreign Minister of Georgia 6/4/91 [OA/ID CF01422]

Gordon, John A., Files—Subject Files

Box 102

Notes—Georgia—June 1992 [OA/ID CF01641]

Koch, Susan, Files—Subject Files

Baker Trip [to London, England; Lisbon, Portugal; and Tblisi, Georgia—May [22–26],
1992 [OA/ID CF01331]

Public Liaison, White House Office of

Schaefer, James, Files

George Jhosutarian, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Georgia [OA/ID 03633]

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