Inventory for FOIA Request 2009-0783-F

Selected Files on Germany

Extent
36 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, September 2010. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections
Related material may be found in FOIA requests 1999-0393-F entitled “Records on Memcons and Telcons between President Bush and Helmut Kohl Concerning the Fall of the Berlin Wall and the Reunification of Germany”, 2000-1333-F entitled “Records on Munich Economic Summit”, and 2001-1166-F entitled “German Reunification”.

Scope and Content
The materials in FOIA 2009-0783-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 2009-0783-F contains selected files on Germany covering the 1992 Munich Economic Summit, President Bush’s November 1990 trip to Czechoslovakia and Germany, U.S.-Soviet relations, U.S.-German relations, and the November 1991 NATO Summit in Rome, Italy, as well as correspondence between Chancellor Kohl and President Bush.

The Staff and Office Files consist of agendas, cables, charts, cover sheets, diagrams, drafts, handwritten notes, letters, lists, memcons (memoranda of conversation), memoranda, outlines, papers, press releases, reports, statements, tables, talking points, and telcons (memoranda of telephone conversation). The files were compiled by staff members of the National Security Council (NSC). Timothy E. Deal’s Subject Files contain materials regarding the Munich G-7 Economic Summit held in 1992, focusing especially on general economic forecasts and longstanding programs/policies concerning economic assistance to Central and Eastern Europe. Additional subjects covered include developing countries, narcotics control, environmental issues, Soviet-designed reactor safety, the Global Environment Facility G-7 initiative, the West-East Economic Conference at Muenster, Germany in May 1992, UNCTAD (United National Conference on Trade and Development) reform, global economic trends, ongoing assistance to the former Soviet Union, the 1991 London Economic Summit, and the 1991 EnviroSummit scorecard.

Briefing books for individual staff members (including President Bush) contain information on public sites the President would be visiting in both Czechoslovakia and Germany; background papers and talking points for ceremonial meetings with foreign officials; and reports on foreign relations issues that might come up during the trip.

Barry Lowenkron’s Subject Files contain memoranda and correspondence including Presidential messages to Chancellor Kohl about the health of his family; memcons and telcons detailing conversations between Bush and Kohl; text of a public statement made by President Bush at the Rome Summit; and generic talking points on NATO’s confidence- and security-building measures.

The White House Situation Room files contain messages sent between the Federal Chancellery in Bonn and the White House. They include high-level correspondence between President Bush and Chancellor Kohl on a variety of subjects, consultations between lower-level staff, and miscellaneous messages concerning administrative scheduling, natural disasters, health of individuals, and congratulatory sentiments.

Please note that a large portion of this request remains National Security Classified. Materials are added as they are declassified and released.

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.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2009-0783-F.
Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

National Security Council
Deal, Timothy E., Files—Subject Files


European and Soviet Directorate—Briefing Books/Briefing Materials

President Bush’s Trip to Czechoslovakia and Germany - November 16-18, 1990 [1] [OA/ID CF01010]
President Bush’s Trip to Czechoslovakia and Germany - November 16-18, 1990 [2] [OA/ID CF01010]
President Bush’s Trip to Czechoslovakia and Germany - November 16-18, 1990 [3] [OA/ID CF01010]
Condoleezza Rice, Soviet Union Reading Material] [1] [OA/ID CF01010]
Condoleezza Rice, Soviet Union Reading Material] [2] [OA/ID CF01010]
Condoleezza Rice, Soviet Union Reading Material] [3] [OA/ID CF01010]
Condoleezza Rice, Reading Materials on the Soviet Union and Germany] [OA/ID CF01010]

Lowenkron, Barry, Files—Subject Files

Germany - Presidential Correspondence [OA/ID CF01104]

Summit Briefing Books

Presidential Briefing Book: The President’s Trip to Czechoslovakia and Germany 11/16-18/90 - John Sununu [1] [OA/ID CF01693]
Presidential Briefing Book: The President’s Trip to Czechoslovakia and Germany 11/16-18/90 - John Sununu [2] [OA/ID CF01693]
Presidential Briefing Book: The President's Trip to Czechoslovakia and Germany 11/16-18/90 - John Sununu [3] [OA/ID CF01693]
Presidential Briefing Book: The President's Trip to Czechoslovakia and Germany 11/16-18/90 - The President [1] [OA/ID CF01693]
Presidential Briefing Book: The President's Trip to Czechoslovakia and Germany 11/16-18/90 - The President [2] [OA/ID CF01693]
Presidential Briefing Book: The President's Trip to Czechoslovakia and Germany 11/16-18/90 - The President [3] [OA/ID CF01693]
Presidential Briefing Book: The President's Trip to Czechoslovakia and Germany 11/16-18/90 - The President [4] [OA/ID CF01693]
Presidential Briefing Book: The President's Trip to Czechoslovakia and Germany 11/16-18/90 - Robert Gates [1] [OA/ID CF01693]
Presidential Briefing Book: The President's Trip to Czechoslovakia and Germany 11/16-18/90 - Robert Gates [2] [OA/ID CF01693]
Presidential Briefing Book: The President's Trip to Czechoslovakia and Germany 11/16-18/90 - Robert Gates [3] [OA/ID CF01693]
Presidential Briefing Book: The NATO Summit, Rome Italy 11/6-8/91 [1] [OA/ID CF01693]
Presidential Briefing Book: The NATO Summit, Rome Italy 11/6-8/91 [2] [OA/ID CF01693]
Presidential Briefing Book: The NATO Summit, Rome Italy 11/6-8/91 [3] [OA/ID CF01693]

White House Situation Room Files—Special Head of State Messages Files
Special Head of State Messages: Germany (Incoming) - 1989-1993 [OA/ID CF01710]
Special Head of State Messages: Germany (Outgoing) - 1989-1993 [OA/ID CF01710]

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