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Inventory for FOIA Request 2009-0806-F

Selected Records Related to Congressman Mark Siljander

Extent

7 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, July 2010. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections

Related materials may be found in FOIA 2005-0052-F entitled, "Records on U.S.-Afghanistan (Bush Presidential)."

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2009-0806-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 2009-0806-F contains materials related to U.S. support for the Mujahideen in Afghanistan which promoted the struggle for self-determination for the Afghan people. Congressman Mark Deli Siljander served in the U.S. House of Representatives from April 21, 1981 until January 3, 1987 and represented the Fourth Congressional District which was in southwestern Michigan. Siljander took an interest in conflict resolution, particularly in the Islamic world, and had tried to publicize the common ground between Christianity and Islam. He became associated with the Islamic American Relief Agency (IARA) which was a Columbia, Missouri based charity that had received monetary support from the U.S. government and had been openly supported by Washington insiders for many years. On January 16, 2008 the former congressman was indicted in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri on five counts including money laundering, obstruction, and conspiracy related to accusations of lobbying. Siljander alleged that his lobbying consisted of using United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funds to subsidize the writing of a book about strategies to undermine the influence of Islamic extremism. The indictment stated that IARA paid Siljander with money that was part of the USAID government funding awarded to the charity years earlier for relief work it promised to perform in Africa. Prosecutors allege Siljander was paid by the IARA to funnel money to an Afghan warlord. [On Wednesday, July 7, 2010, former US Representative Mark Deli Siljander, pleaded guilty to charges of obstruction of justice and working as an unregistered agent for a foreign charity linked to global terrorism. As of July 26, a sentencing date has not been set by the federal court judge.]

The George Bush Presidential Subject Files contain routine government forms such as White House Correspondence Tracking Worksheets, Department of State Transmittal and Referral Forms, and National Security Council Profile and Summary Report Forms. These forms log correspondence and summarize actions taken on correspondence sent to and from the White House. There are also memos to Brent Scowcroft from staffers regarding a letter written by Afghan Resistance Leader Pir Gailani about U.S. policy toward Afghanistan. Lastly is a fax cover sheet and message from Gailani to President Bush conveying his wishes for a good new year in 1990.

The George Bush Vice Presidential Staff and Office Files, which are maintained by individual staff members and offices, also contain a few routine government documents. They are a Spin File Cover Sheet, Scheduling File Tracking Sheet, and Correspondence Tracking Worksheet which log tracking information about incoming correspondence. There are also letters and memos between President Bush's staff and Siljander regarding invitations to speaking engagements, fundraisers, and photograph requests. Lastly, there are copies of radio commentary transcripts entitled "It's Your America" which were short sound bites about the 1988 presidential election.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in two collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; and Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files. As policy, WHORM Subject 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 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>.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2009-0806-F.

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category	Case Number
CO002	Scanned: Case Number 175602
	C.F.: Case Number 183218
PP010-04	Unscanned: Case Number 101183

Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Legislative Affairs

Hill Files—House Files

Hon. Mark Siljander [OA/ID 14818]

Mrs. Bush's Office

Barbara Bush Files—Oversized Attachment Files

Radio Commentaries Mark D. Siljander re: Dukakis [OA/ID 10134]

Office of Operations, Administration, and Staff Secretary

Thomas J. Collamore Files—Personnel Files

Siljander, Mark [OA/ID 14431]

Scheduling Office

Debbie Hutton Files—Memo Files

Fundraiser for Hon. Mark Siljander [OA/ID 14666]

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