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Inventory for FOIA Request 2010-1804-F

William F. Buckley, Jr.

Extent

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

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2010-1804-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 2010-1804-F contains materials related to William F. Buckley, Jr. and his relationship with George H.W. Bush. Buckley was viewed by some as the "most important public intellectual in the United States" and a "preeminent voice of American conservatism." He founded the political magazine National Review in 1955, hosted the television show 'Firing Line' from 1966 until 1999, and was a nationally syndicated

newspaper columnist. Buckley, known for his use of polysyllabic words and witty style as well as a command of language, wrote over fifty books on diverse topics such as writing, speaking, history, politics, theology, sailing, and espionage. Interestingly, Buckley's first and second languages were Spanish and French. Growing up, he had Latin American nursemaids and French governesses and didn't receive formal training in English until he was seven years old. As a result, Buckley spoke English with an idiosyncratic accent which was parodied by several actors. Buckley died at his home in Stamford, Connecticut on February 27, 2008.

The material in this collection consists of routine government forms, letters, memos, an audio cassette tape, magazine clippings, programs, menus schedules, speeches, notes, and lists.

The George Bush Presidential Alphabetical Files contain letters related to a request for President Bush to participate in a ceremony dedicating a park in honor of William F. Buckley.

The George Bush Presidential WHORM Subject Files contain government forms such as White House Correspondence Tracking Worksheets which log information related to incoming and outgoing correspondence such as date received, correspondent's name, subject addressed, and actions taken. Other forms include Optical Disk Network Forms (records whether or not correspondence has been scanned into the White House database), and Requests for Clearance – Comments (details date of the event, subject, requestor name, and background regarding the request for presidential messages).

The George Bush Presidential Staff and Office Files also contain routine government forms which include residence event task sheets listing event types and other pertinent data, printing requests for programs and menus, and gate lists of people visiting the White House for special events. There are drafts and final versions of programs, menu cards, speeches and remarks. RSVP cards and invitations, schedules, copies of photographs, memos, letters, press releases, lists and magazine articles round out the collection. These documents were mainly related to the 1991 Presidential Medal of Freedom ceremonies during which William Buckley received an award.

The George Bush Vice Presidential Name File contains letters between Vice President Bush, William Buckley and others on topics such as National Review columns and books authored by Buckley, nominations for the Presidential Medal of Freedom, a request for Bush to appear on 'Firing Line.' There are also more personal exchanges between Bush and Buckley about lunch, friendship, photographs, Christopher Buckley's wedding, and mutual friends.

The George Bush Vice Presidential WHORM Subject Files contain routine government forms such as White House Correspondence Tracking Worksheets and Schedule File Tracking Sheets. These forms track and summarize actions taken on correspondence sent to and from the White House, and details about vice presidential events. There are letters present between Vice President Bush, Buckley, and others discussing invitations to events sponsored by National Review and those honoring Buckley.

The George Bush Vice Presidential Staff and Office Files contain routine government scheduling forms, letters, notes and lists. The government forms logged pertinent data regarding speaking requests for the vice president. There are letters from Buckley to Bush asking him to speak to a group of businessmen and a related letter to an aide listing the attendees for the luncheon speech. Also present are handwritten notes authored by Mr. and Mrs. Bush to an staffers regarding the speaking request from Buckley and an invitation extended to Mrs. Buckley. Lastly, lists of invitees to the luncheon speech are included in the collection.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in six collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files, Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files, Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Name Files, Bush Vice

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; whereas, Alphabetical, Name, and 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 2010-1804-F.

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files

Name

Buckley, William F.

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category	Case Number
FG006-01*	Scanned: Case Number 338856
GI002	Scanned: Case Number 122048
IV089*	Scanned: Case Number 032131
IV090*	Scanned: Case Number 140705
JL003-03*	C.F.: Case Number 321408
MA020*	Scanned: Case Number 311013SS
ME002	Scanned: Case Numbers 035430CU, 047253
ME002-06	Scanned: Case Numbers 042127, 187560
PL	Scanned: Case Number 313878
PP	Unscanned: Case Number 093540
PR005	Scanned: Case Numbers 343364, 343371, 343384
PU	Scanned: Case Numbers 033773SS, 201420
TR*	Scanned: Case Number 037069

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

First Lady, Office of, Calligraphy
Calligraphy Office Files
Programs-Presentation of The Presidential Medal of Freedom, The White House,

November 18, 1991 [OA/ID 27994]
Programs-Presentation of The Presidential Medal of Freedom, November 18, 1991, The
White House [OA/ID 27990]
Cards-Menus, Luncheon in recognition of the Recipients of The Presidential Medal of
Freedom, The White House, November 18, 1991 [OA/ID 27996]

First Lady, Office of Scheduling
Ann Brock Files
Medal of Freedom Ceremony and Lunch – 11/18/91 – East Room (& GB) [OA/ID 04877]

Management and Administration
Chris Vein Files—Purchase Orders
W9P146 [Camalier and Buckley] [OA/ID 50095]
W2G071 [Menus for a Luncheon on 11-18-91 (Medal of Freedom)] [OA/ID 50107]
W2G072 [Programs for a Luncheon on 11-18-91 (Medal of Freedom)] [OA/ID 50107]

National Service
Miscellaneous Files
National Review Hallow Man of a Thousand Lights 5/19/89 [OA/ID 07630]

Personnel Office
Presidential Appointment Files—Priority Resumes File
Buckley, William Frank, Jr. [OA/ID 07010]

Social Office
Cathy Fenton Files
11/18/91 Presidential Medal of Freedom Ceremony and Lunch [OA/ID 07112]

Laurie Firestone Files
Monday 1/18/91 Medal of Freedom Ceremony [OA/ID 08478]

Judith Spangler Files
11/18/91 Ceremony/ Luncheon – Medal of Freedom [OA/ID 08576]

Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Name Files

Name

Buckley, William F.

Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category	Case Number
IV085	329053VP
VI085	357192VP
VI086	427186VP
VR007	349669VP

Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Mrs. Bush's Office

Barbara Bush Files—Event Files

Tea with Buckley/Cooley/Stewart, Wednesday, November 11, 1981, 4:00 p.m. Vice
President's House [OA/ID 21022]

Operations, Administration, and Staff Secretary

Thomas J. Collamore Files—Personnel Files

Buckley, William F. Jr. [OA/ID 14412]

Scheduling Office

Jennifer A. Fitzgerald Files—Invitations Files

Accept – National Review Luncheon – William F. Buckley, Jr., New York City 11/23/1981
[OA/ID 14727]

Daniel Sullivan Files and Jennifer Fitzgerald Files—Event Files

Accept – William F. Buckley Luncheon 6/9/82 [OA/ID 14670]

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