Inventory for FOIA Request 2010-1896-S

Privacy [Backchannel] Channel Messages

Extent
18 folders

Access
Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Bush 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 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, May 2011. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content
The materials in FOIA 2010-1896-S are a systematically processed body of Privacy Channel Messages. The documents to be opened are unclassified and declassified cables contain routing instructions, drafts of presidential speeches and statements, routine administrative information for meetings and travel, and social exchanges with foreign heads of state and U.S. ambassadors consisting of thank you, congratulatory, and condolence messages. Also included is an unclassified cable to President Bush from Lieutenant General Boomer describing the liberation of Kuwait City.

It should be noted that a significant number of the documents listed here 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 the following 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. Staff and Office Files are arranged alphabetically by office.

The following is a list of folders processed in response to FOIA 2010-1896-S.

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

National Security Counsel
  White House Situation Room Files

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