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Inventory for FOIA Request 2010-2421-F

President Bush's Meeting with Prince Andrew Bertie

Extent

1 folder

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, August 2010. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2010-2421-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 2010-2421-F contains materials related to the meeting President Bush had with Fra Andrew Bertie, the Prince and Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta, otherwise known as the Order of Malta. The charitable group is a worldwide, lay, religious order of the Roman Catholic Church and is based in Rome. One of its purposes is to glorify God

by promoting the sanctification of each member through his or her work with the sick and the poor. The order's origins date back to around 1048 when the Knights Hospitaller was founded as a hospital group to care for poor and sick pilgrims to the Holy Land, despite their religious faith or race. During the First Crusade, it became a Catholic military order under its own charter. Following the loss of the Christian-held territories of the Holy Land to the Muslims, the Order operated from Rhodes, and later Malta. In 1798, Napoleon expelled the knights who eventually settled in Rome. Because of its charitable mission to care for those in need, the Order's Western Association officials decided to award President Bush the Cross of Merit in recognition of his response to the people of Hungary. As a result, President Bush met with Grand Master Bertie at the White House on April 19, 1991.

The material in this collection consists of routine government forms, letters, and a photocopy of a picture. These documents are contained in a George Bush Presidential WHORM Subject Files folder. The routine government forms are a White House Correspondence Tracking Worksheet and Referral Forms, an Approved Presidential Activity memo, and a Department of State Transmittal Form. These papers log information regarding incoming and outgoing White House correspondence, the details of President Bush's meeting with Fra Bertie, and what action the State Department suggested regarding some incoming correspondence. There are numerous letters present between staffers and various individuals (including office holders of the Order of Malta) concerning President Bush's acceptance of the Cross of Merit from the Western Association of the Order of Malta. Many details were discussed such as the invitation for President Bush to accept the honor, letters urging President Bush to accept the award, and travel plans for the Grand Master of the Order of Malta. Lastly, there is a photo copy of the Cross of Merit neck cross, badge and ribbon awarded to President Bush.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in one collection area— Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files. As policy, WHORM Subject Files are processed at the document level; whereas, 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 2010-2421-F.

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category	Case Number
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