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Inventory for FOIA Request 2011-0290-F

Records on Selected Robert L. Hutchings Subject Files

Extent

12 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, July 2011. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2011-0290-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 2011-0290-F contains materials assembled and maintained by Robert L. Hutchings who served as the National Security Council's Director for European Affairs. These records focus on U.S. aid to Central and Eastern Europe which was intended to strengthen trends toward democratic values and institutions. The aid includes expanded academic opportunities, cultural exchanges, and people-to-people contacts.

Multiple types of documents comprise this collection and include routine government forms, memos, handwritten notes, unclassified cables, schedules, agendas, lists, press releases, fact sheets, papers, reports, business cards, and charts. The government forms are mainly National Security Council Profile Sheets and Action Data Summary Reports plus a few Department of State Washfax Receipts and fax cover sheets. These forms track information such as correspondent information, subject addressed, date received, staff member routing, comments, etc. The memos and handwritten notes mainly transmit information between staffers and administration officials related to assistance requests, reminders to clear actions through President Bush's Coordinator for U.S. Assistance to Eastern Europe, overall objectives and policy coordination, operational guidelines, proposed programs, and fiscal obligations. The unclassified cables cover multiple topics such as a report on a Czechoslovak civilian inspectorate of the armed forces, and travel arrangements for the East European Coordinators' group. Schedules, agendas, and lists detail arrangements and meetings held to discuss the various types of aid offered. Lawrence S. Eagleburger's appointment as coordinator of U.S. assistance to Poland and Hungary plus his staff is announced in some of the press releases. Also covered by the releases and fact sheets are the types of assistance and program initiatives offered to the emerging democracies. Multiple papers and reports are present and cover topics such as the executive order and congressional bill entitled, "Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Program"; objectives, priorities, strategies, and implementation of U.S. assistance; and U.S. Peace Corps program aid profiles. The business cards are from Czechoslovak and Hungarian officials who attended meetings on aid to Eastern Europe. Lastly, the unclassified charts illustrate chances for instability, economic ties to the U.S., debt, trade partners, and G-24 assistance extended to Eastern European countries.

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 2011-0290-F.

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

National Security Council

Robert L. Hutchings Files—Subject Files

- EE [Eastern Europe] Military-Military [OA/ID CF01502]
- Eastern European Coordination [1]
- Eastern European Coordination [2]
- Eastern European Coordination [3]
- Eastern European Initiative
- Eastern Europe
- [Eastern Europe] Country Assessments [1]
- [Eastern Europe] Country Assessments [2]
- Aid to Eastern Europe [1]
- Aid to Eastern Europe [2]
- Aid to Eastern Europe [3]
- Aid to Eastern Europe [4]

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