

# George Bush Presidential Library

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## Inventory for FOIA Request 2011-0313-F

# Selected Records on Iran

### Extent

15 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, March 2011. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

### Scope and Content

The materials listed in this finding aid are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents responsive to several Bush Presidential Library FOIA requests regarding Iran. These materials consist of correspondence, papers, press releases, and printed material.

Internal correspondence consists of a response from the Department of Justice to a proposed bill on compensation to the families of victims of the Iran Air 655 incident and a letter from the Secretary of State regarding guidance to U.S. businesses on Iran trade controls. Also enclosed is unclassified correspondence between the governments of the U.S., Iran, and Switzerland regarding the Iran Air 655 incident and correspondence from the International Court of Justice regarding suits brought against the U.S. by Iran. Correspondence from private citizens to Vice President Bush express opposition or support

for providing reparations to the families of Iran Air 655 victims and the administration's response to these letters.

Unclassified papers include information for a National Defense University conference on the U.S. decision to submit to the World Court's jurisdiction in the Iran Air 655 case, press guidance on a lawsuit by hostages against Iran, and the Iranian application to the International Court of Justice to bring suit against the U.S. The press releases consist of a report to Congress from President Bush regarding the status of a national emergency with respect to Iran and notice of the continuation of the state of emergency. Printed material includes newspaper clippings on Iran Air flight 655, US-Israeli cooperation, and a *New Yorker* article on the Iran-Contra Affair.

It should be noted that many of the documents listed here have been closed for National Security classification and/or other exemptions of the Freedom of Information Act.

#### System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in two collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files and Bush Vice 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 2011-0313-F:

#### **Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files**

National Security Council Clarke, Richard A., Files

Iran 1990 [OA/ID CF01930]

Howe, Rear Admiral Jonathan, Files DC [Deputies Committee] Meeting, re: Iran - January 31, 1992 [OA/ID 21365]

Kansteiner, Walter H., Files Iran 1992 [OA/ID CF01772]

Levin, Daniel, Files Iranian Airbus Incident [1] [OA/ID CF00939] Iranian Airbus Incident [2] [OA/ID CF00939]

NSC PA Files Document Number 9002240

Riedel, Bruce O., Files Iran [OA/ID CF01094]

Rodman, Peter W., Files Iran, 1989 [OA/ID CF00206]

Rostow, Nicholas, Files Iran Air [OA/ID CF01068] Iran (ICT #2) [OA/ID CF01069] Iranian Airbus Incident [OA/ID CF01069] Stettner, Carolyn, Files Iran / Hezbollah (TS) [OA/ID CF01522]

Policy Development, White House Office of Mead, Emily, Files Iran Air Flight #650 [OA/ID 23359]

#### **Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files**

Administration, Office of Correspondence Office Files Correspondence Office Files: [Iran Air Shootdown (Robo)] [OA/ID 15312]

Counselor's Office Schmitz, John, Files [Iran/Contra Investigations]: [U.S.-Israeli Cooperation] [OA/ID 19913]

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