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Inventory for FOIA Request 2011-2568-F

Records on James Baker

Extent

11 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 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, November 2011. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2011-2568-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 2011-2568-F contains material related to James A. Baker III, who served as Chief of Staff during the George H.W. Bush Administration from August 1992 to January 20, 1993. In addition to his White House duties, Baker also supervised the Bush re-election campaign. The records are divided among two record groups: Bush Presidential Records and Bush Vice Presidential Records. The majority of records are Bush Presidential Records.

The Bush Presidential Staff and Office Files include memoranda, correspondence, papers, talking points, remarks, and printed material maintained by individual staff members and offices. The memoranda consist of routine memoranda between White House staff members to Baker and other staff members. Memos relate to meeting schedules, suggested events, and monthly presidential nomination/appointment reports. Additional memos address upcoming legislative issues and domestic policy, including Hurricane Andrew briefing, status on the War on Drugs, health care reform, and the Tax Bill. Correspondence consists of unsolicited letters of suggestion and opinions from Congress members concerning the President's re-election campaign. Papers include issues papers for the Legislative Strategy Group related to the Crime Bill, the Education Bill, cable regulation, and family and medical leave, as well as a background paper on the Western Water Bill and Central Valley Project. Talking points include suggested points on the tax and energy bills. Remarks consists of the remarks made by Baker on August 13, 1992 as part of his resignation as Secretary of State. Printed material contains newspaper and magazine articles concerning profiles on Baker, and his replacement as Treasury Secretary, Nicholas Brady.

The Bush Vice Presidential Staff and Office Files include memoranda. These materials consist of memos between White House staff addressing travel options on Air Force Two, appropriate use of official Vice President stationary, a scheduling request, and routine transmittal memos for attached information.

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, WHORM Alphabetical Files and WHORM Subject Files are processed at the document level. 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 2011-2568-F.

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Appointments and Scheduling, White House Office of
Super, Katherine L., Files
Memos—Secretary Baker [OA/ID 07267]

Cabinet Affairs, office of
Casse, Daniel, Files
Memos to Baker/Zoellick [OA/ID 07119]

Chief of Staff, Office of the
Baker, James A.—Chronological Files
Chron File: January 1993 [Baker, James A., III, Files] [OA/ID 93001]

Gift Unit
Free, Charles, Files
Gift Unit Presidential Staff Gifts Received 1992: Baker, James A. (JAB) [OA/ID 08375]

Legislative Affairs, Office of
Miscellaneous Files
Memos to/from James Baker [OA/ID 08637]

Renne, James, Files
Baker Correspondence [OA/ID 08630]

Policy Development Office, Office of
Charles, Bobby, Files
President—Cabinet—Baker (James) [OA/ID 07345]

Furchtgott-Roth, Diana, Files
Ideas (Baker Team) [OA/ID 08640]

Mead, Emily, Files
James Baker III [OA/ID 23356]

Porter, Roger, Files
Baker, James A. III [OA/ID 08861]

Political Affairs, White House Office of
Kaufman, Ron, Files
Ronald Kaufman Folder 2: James Baker [OA/ID 08647]

Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Chief of Staff Office
Fuller, Craig L.—Subject Files
Memos to James A. Baker, III [OA/ID 14282]

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