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Inventory for FOIA Request 2012-3085-F

Selected Records on Television Programs "Murphy Brown" and "The Simpsons"

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, September 2012. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2012-3085-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 2012-3085-F contains materials relating to Vice President Dan Quayle's speech to the Commonwealth Club of California in San Francisco on May 19, 1992 in which he refers to the television

program "Murphy Brown." Also included are records on the television program "The Simpsons." Forms, letters, lists, memoranda, papers, press releases, schedules, speeches, and a videotape make up the bulk of the records.

The WHORM Subject File categories contain correspondence to and from constituents regarding Vice President Quayle's remarks on "Murphy Brown" and the Los Angeles riots, a letter from Fox Vice President Helen Boehm presenting a "Simpsons" T-shirt to President Bush, and correspondence between Barbara Buh and Marge Simpson.

The Bush Presidential Staff and Office Files contain a VHS videotape labeled "The Simpsons", a list of invitees to a screening of "Murphy Brown" with the Vice President, and a press release publicizing the screening.

The Quayle Vice Presidential Staff and Office Files consist of White House Staffing forms requesting comments on speeches and reports; memoranda to the Vice President regarding scheduling; schedules for the Vice President's trip to Salinas, San Francisco, Palm Springs and Los Angeles, May 18–20, 1992; papers containing background information on places to be visited and people the Vice President would meet with during his trip to California; the Vice President's speech at the Commonwealth Club of California; and courtesy copies of schedules and speeches of President Bush.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in three collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files; and Quayle 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 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 2012-3085-F.

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category	Case Number
FG038	Scanned: Case Number 330126
GI002	Scanned: Case Number 170213
PP005-01	Scanned: Case Number 190753

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Media Affairs, White House Office of
Project Files
9/21/92 Murphy Brown—VP Quayle [OA/ID 06807]

Policy Development, White House Office of
Furchtgott-Roth, Diana, Files
Murphy Brown Speech [OA/ID 06780]

Public Affairs, White House Office of
Tron, Barrie, Files
Video: The Simpsons—Bart cheats on his IQ test and is placed into a gifted classroom
where he finally realizes he does not fit in [OA/ID 03103]

Quayle Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Deputy Chief of Staff's Office
Speech Files
May 19, 1992—Commonwealth Club of California—[San Francisco] [OA/ID 22298]

Staff Secretary, Office of the
Briefing Books
Vice President's Briefing Book May 16–20, 1992 [5/16–20/92] [1] [OA/ID 21868]
Vice President's Briefing Book May 16–20, 1992 [5/16–20/92] [2] [OA/ID 21868]
Vice President's Briefing Book May 16–20, 1992 [5/16–20/92] [3] [OA/ID 21868]
Vice President's Briefing Book May 16–20, 1992 [5/16–20/92] [4] [OA/ID 21868]

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