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Inventory for FOIA Request 2013-1203-S

Records on POW/MIAs Vice President Bush Records

Extent

16 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, September 2013. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in the 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.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2013-1203-S are records related to the POW-MIA issue. These records were collected and maintained by Terry Mattke, Military Assistant/Aide to Vice President Bush.

Internal correspondence arranges administrative details and provides OVP opinions on various bills before Congress. Correspondence from the vice president includes social exchanges with foreign dignitaries as well as responses to letters from private citizens and organizations, which request meetings with the vice president or his staff and provide opinions on issues such as POWs in Southeast Asia, the Vietnamese Boat People, international trade, and the drug war.

Press releases from the OVP detail Vice President Bush's position on the POW/MIA issue. Also included are press releases from private organizations dedicated to finding live POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia. Printed material consists of newspaper clippings and newsletters from private organizations regarding the POW/MIA issue as well as other topics, such as Burma, Vietnam, military spending, and the 1988 campaign. Reports from the administration detail accomplishments of the Nixon and Reagan administrations in the Asia-Pacific Region and outline efforts to resolve the POW/MIA issue. Papers from private organizations discuss military procurement and the spread of misinformation regarding the POW/MIA issue.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2013-1203-S.

Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

National Security Affairs, Office of
Mattke, Terry, Files—POW-MIA Files
June 1988 [OA/ID 19842]
July 1988 [OA/ID 19842]
August 1988 [OA/ID 19842]
September 1988 [OA/ID 19842]
October 1988 [OA/ID 19842]
November 1988 [OA/ID 19842]
December 1988 [OA/ID 19842]
POW/MIA [1] [OA/ID 19842]
POW/MIA [2] [OA/ID 19842]
POW/MIA [3] [OA/ID 19842]
POW/MIA Reference [1] [OA/ID 19842]
POW/MIA Reference [2] [OA/ID 19842]
POW/MIA Reference [3] [OA/ID 19842]
POW/MIA Reference [4] [OA/ID 19842]
POW/MIA Reference [5] [OA/ID 19842]
POW/MIA Reference [6] [OA/ID 19842]

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