Inventory for Systematic Case 2013-1214-S

Selected records on the Vice President’s Task Force for Combatting Terrorism

Extent
130 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, February 2014. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

System of Arrangement
Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in one collection area—Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files.

Scope and Content
The materials in FOIA 2013-1214-S are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents...
FOIA 2013-1214-S contains materials from various government agencies, Cabinet-level officials, Congressmen, private citizens, consultants and Congressional committees. In July 1985 President Reagan asked Vice President Bush to chair a Cabinet-level Task Force for Combatting Terrorism. Comprised of senior government officials organized into three working groups—Senior Review Group, Staff Working Group and Liaison Group—and supported by consultants (Analysis Group), the Task Force received briefings from more than 25 government agencies, visited 14 operation centers, met with over 100 military, statesmen, scholars and law enforcement officials, and traveled to embassies and military commands around the world in order to review and evaluate current U.S. policy and programs. By December 1985 the recommendations and findings of the Task Force were provided to the President followed by a public report published by the U.S. Government Printing Office in February 1986.

The Bush Vice Presidential Staff and Office Files contain incoming and outgoing correspondence from individual citizens seeking employment with the Task Force while others, including some retired military personnel, private citizens and businessmen offering suggestions, opinions or product ideas. The general office files of the Task Force include memoranda from meetings scheduled, internal procedures, duties, or direction, press releases, reviews of pending legislation, polling data, congratulatory letters, foreign travel to office rental space, parking or equipment needs. Also include are documents from the meeting of the International Democratic Union held in Washington, D.C. in July 1985 and featured British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2013-1214-S.

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

Task Force on Combatting Terrorism

General Office Files

[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—Outgoing Briefing Memos [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—Outgoing from July 1985 to August 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—August 7, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—August 13, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—August 15, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—August 19, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—August 21, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—August 26, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—August 28, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—August 29, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—August 30, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—September 3, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—September 5, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—September 6, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—September 9, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—September 10, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]
[Vice President’s Task Force on Combatting Terrorism]—September 11, 1985 [OA/ID 19881]