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Inventory for FOIA Request 2021-0193-F

Records on USS *Sequoia* (Presidential Yacht)

Extent

15 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, March 2022. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in four collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files; Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; Bush Vice Presidential Records: Subject 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 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>.

Please note that a single asterisk "*" indicates that the category is entirely processed and open.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2021-0193-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 2021-0193-F contains a variety of proposals that the USS *Sequoia* be reacquired by the U.S. Government for its use. One proposal suggests that the *Sequoia* be made available to transport visiting dignitaries to and from Ellis Island. Another suggests that the Government of Kuwait be tasked with underwriting the associated costs that would be encountered in the process of restoring and returning the *Sequoia* to Presidential service. A 1989 letter from a former Master of the *Sequoia* requests that President Bush confiscate the yacht and enlist it in the Thousand Points of Light Initiative, and then to additionally prosecute those who were responsible for a supposed fraudulent trust that was created and executed in the name of restoring and covering the future operating costs of the *Sequoia*. There are also many printed Lexus Nexus stories related to USS *Sequoia* news and its status, as well as a variety of photocopied newspaper clippings that were provided in constituent effort to provide more comprehensive detail and information while lobbying for the yacht to be returned to U.S. government ownership or for its other potential public uses.

Additionally, an invitation from Senator Alan Simpson for Vice President and Mrs. Bush to attend the 1986 Fourth of July celebration cruise through New York Harbor aboard the *Sequoia* (to which Vice President Bush regretted) is present. There is also a July 1986 letter from Mrs. Peggy Pace to Mrs. Bush requesting if then Vice President Bush could assist her in making the *Sequoia* privately available to her family for the upcoming celebration of her husband, Frank Pace's, 75th birthday.

Finally, there is the scheduling of an event for then Vice President Bush and Mrs. Bush to attend and host a cocktail dinner party aboard the *Sequoia* on May 20, 1987 honoring Yang Shangkun, Vice Chairman, Central Military Committee of the People's Republic of China.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2021-0193-F.

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files

Name

Smith, Stanley

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category

GI003

Case Number

Scanned: Case Number 269196

WH009-03*

Scanned: Case Numbers 049800, 152221, 263662, 320185CU, 367331

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Bush Vice Presidential Records: Subject Files

Category	Case Number
VI086	Case Number 402862VP
WH009-03*	Case Numbers 422551VP, 426842VP

Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Advance Office

Keller, John, Files—Domestic Trip Files

Sequoia Presidential Yacht 5/20/87 [OA/ID 14557]

Mrs. Bush's Office

Bush, Barbara, Files—Event Files

George Bush Drinks with Yang Shankun (People's Republic of China Central Military Commission Vice Chair) 5:45 Cocktail Vice President's House, Wednesday, May 20, 1987; 6:30 p.m., The *Sequoia* [OA/ID 20950]

National Security Affairs, Office of

Gregg, Donald P., Files—Subject Files

Presidential Yacht "*Sequoia*" [OA/ID 19862]

Operations, Administration, and Staff Secretary, Office of

Collamore, Thomas J., Files—Subject Files

Sequoia File [OA/ID 14334]

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