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Inventory for Systematic Review

Records on WHORM Subject File FE004 (Heraldry – Flags – President's Seal)

Extent

2.0 ft.; boxes 6-10 scanned

Access

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Provenance

Official records of George Bush's 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, 1996–1997. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in FE004 (Federal Government) are a systematically processed body of documents from the White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject File. This secondary subject category contains materials pertaining to heraldry, flags, and the President's Seal. There is a massive amount of correspondence in favor of Bush's call for a constitutional amendment to prohibit the burning of the American flag. Various memos and letters advance the views of departments and agencies concerning the Flag Protection Act of 1990. Proclamations by cities and towns declare their intention to recite the Pledge of Allegiance on National Flag Day, June 14, 1989. An interesting matter discussed in detail involves a two-acre, seven-ton American flag presented to Ronald Reagan by the Great American Flag

Fund that had not been flown on Flag Day at the Washington Monument, as the donors had wished. The huge flag, it turns out, was stored in a warehouse. In addition, many letters came into the White House requesting permission to use the Seal of the President in assorted endeavors. Most of these projects are turned down because of their commercial nature. That is, utilization of the Seal is governed by a criminal statute, and anything that hints at being strictly a money-making venture will never gain the approval of the White House. A couple of instances in which usage of the Seal received the go-ahead from Bush's lieutenants are a commencement publication put out by Oklahoma State University and a golf bag promised to the President by McGregor Golf Company.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files.

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>.

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

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FE004	[Entire Category Processed]

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