



[Records on Albania](#)

FOIA Number: 2001-1098-F

Scope and Content Note:

The materials in FOIA 2001-1098-F[1] and 2001-1098-F[2] 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 2001-1098-F[1] contains electronic messages materials from the National Security Council files of Beth Sanner related to Albania. Documents opened include news reports from the Associated Press, Reuters, United Press International, press releases, and several NSC email devoid of message text. FOIA 2001-1098-F [2] contains materials pertaining to a volatile period in the history of Albania during a the disintegration of the Soviet Union and other Communist Bloc countries from 1989 to 1991, during 2001-1098-F [2] 1 which Albania made the transition from a Communist dictatorship to a republic. While the political atmosphere was uncertain and volatile during this transition, the Albanian economy was in a shambles, leading to a great deal of concern on the part of the United States and other Western countries regarding whether a free-market economy and republican government would take hold in the Balkan nation. In addition, the ethnic Albanian majority in the autonomous Serbian province of Kosovo was facing persecution from Serbia proper, providing another area of concern throughout the world as war threatened to break out over the entire region. The materials in this request reflect the U.S. government's movements toward assisting Albania in its transition to a free society and elections as well as the establishment of economic and diplomatic relations with that country for the first time in nearly 50 years. White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Categories contain letters to the president and government officials regarding the political atmosphere in Albania and the plight of ethnic Albanians in the Serbian province of Kosovo from private citizens (including Albanian and Kosovar expatriates), Albanian interest groups (Committee for the Protection of Human Rights, Human Rights in Yugoslavia, etc.), and members of Congress (including portions of a report by U.S. Rep. Tom Lantos following his trip to Albania in 1990). Also included are notes and remarks by the president at the receiving of diplomatic credentials ceremonies at the White House, routine notes, reports, and memoranda regarding the resumption of diplomatic relations with Albania in March 1991 (and subsequent dispatching of a U.S. ambassador). Many records pertain to the president's waiving of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment to the Trade Act of 1974 (regarding free emigration policies as a requirement for Most Favored Nation trading status and its approval by the U.S. Congress). In that vein, many routine materials related to trade and tourism between the U.S. and Albania are included, such as numerous copies of the final trade agreement signed by both countries, presidential proclamations calling for non-discriminatory tariff treatment for Albanian goods, and finalized paperwork for the waiving of Jackson-Vanik. Routine talking points regarding the president's meeting with newly-elected Albanian President Sali Berisha are included, as well. Many other routine types of documents are included in the request, including approval forms and memoranda for foreign travel (to Albania, etc.) for U.S. government employees, congratulatory telegrams and letters from Albanian interest groups upon President Bush's election, and press releases/ press conference transcripts relating to the general political and economic atmosphere in Albania and Kosovo. The WHORM Alphabetical Subject Files contain correspondence from the National Republican Institute for International Affairs requesting that President Bush meet with newly - elected Albanian President Sali Berisha during the latter's trip to Washington, D.C. in late May 1991. The Staff and Office Files contain correspondence, memoranda, and publications maintained by individual staff members and offices. Most of the records in these files remain restricted under the Freedom of Information Act. Materials remaining in the files include reports by private citizens and interest groups regarding the economic and political climate in Albania, press releases related to emerging U.S.-Albanian relations and aid, paperwork related to the confirmation of William Edwin Ryerson as the first U.S. Ambassador to Albania since 1946, and copies of the trade agreements signed between the United States and Albania following the re - establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries (including additional Jackson - Vanik materials). Also included in these materials are the Confidential, Chronological, Numbered, PA, and PRS files from the National Security Council. These records largely mirror the types and scope of records from the WHORM Subject File.

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[Records of the White House Office of Counsel to the President \(George H. W. Bush Administration\)](#)

Appointment Files

Container List

Container ID 20149

[Ambassador to Albania William Edwin Ryerson Department of State](#)

NAID: 492069955
Local ID: 20149-008
Record Type(s):
Textual Records
Availability
On Site

[Records of the National Security Council \(George H. W. Bush Administration\)](#)

Beth Sanner Electronic Message Files

Container List

Container ID CF01485

[Electronic Messages - Albania \[1\]](#)

NAID: 470433255
Local ID: CF01485-012
Record Type(s):
Textual Records
Availability
On Site

[Electronic Messages - Albania \[2\]](#)

NAID: 470433256
Local ID: CF01485-013
Record Type(s):
Textual Records
Availability
On Site

[Electronic Messages - Albania \[3\]](#)

NAID: 470433257
Local ID: CF01485-014
Record Type(s):
Textual Records
Availability
On Site

[Electronic Messages - Albania \[4\]](#)

NAID: 470433258
Local ID: CF01485-015
Record Type(s):
Textual Records
Availability
On Site

[Electronic Messages - Albania \[5\]](#)

NAID: 470433259
Local ID: CF01485-016
Record Type(s):
Textual Records
Availability

On Site

[Electronic Messages - Albania \[6\]](#)

NAID: 470433260

Local ID: CF01485-017

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[Electronic Messages - Albania \[7\]](#)

NAID: 470433261

Local ID: CF01485-018

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[Electronic Messages - Albania \[8\]](#)

NAID: 470433262

Local ID: CF01485-019

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[Electronic Messages - Albania \[9\]](#)

NAID: 470433263

Local ID: CF01485-020

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Beth Sanner Subject Files

Container List

Container ID CF01524

[Albania - Assistance 1992](#)

NAID: 470433299

Local ID: CF01524-005

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[Albania - Political 1992](#)

NAID: 470433300

Local ID: CF01524-006

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[Albania - Correspondence 1992](#)

NAID: 470433301

Local ID: CF01524-007

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID CF01752

[Albania](#)

NAID: 470433327

Local ID: CF01752-002

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Nancy Bearg Dyke Subject Files

Container List

Container ID CF01474

[Albania](#)

NAID: 453248641

Local ID: CF01474-013

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

National Security Council (NSC) Confidential Files

Container List

Container ID 9101275

[9101275 National Security Affairs Calendar from February - November](#)

NAID: 470792224

Local ID: CF00989

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 9202732

[9202732](#)

NAID: 470793382

Local ID: CF00996

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 9203221

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NAID: 470793527

Local ID: CF00998

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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Container ID 9204530

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NAID: 470793912

Local ID: CF00998

Record Type(s):

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Container ID 9204536

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NAID: 470793915

Local ID: CF00998

Record Type(s):

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On Site

Container ID 9204721

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NAID: 470793950

Local ID: CF00998

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 9204250

[9204250 Continuatoin of Jackson-Vanik Waiver for Romania and others.](#)

NAID: 470793832

Local ID: CF00999

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 9204884[9204884](#)**NAID:** 470793982**Local ID:** CF00999**Record Type(s):**

Textual Records

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Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 9205414[9205414](#)**NAID:** 470794108**Local ID:** CF01000**Record Type(s):**

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Availability

On Site

National Security Council (NSC) Presidential Acquisitions (PA) Files**Container List****Container ID CF01664**[9104774](#)**NAID:** 471843607**Local ID:** 9104774**Record Type(s):**

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID CF01668[9202905](#)

NAID: 471844500

Local ID: 9202905

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[9203025](#)

NAID: 471844509

Local ID: 9203025

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

NSC (National Security Council) Numbered Chronological Files

Container List

Container ID 00678

[8903543 Letter from Central European Community Request for Meeting with President](#)

NAID: 471830654

Local ID: 8903543

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 00692

[8910334 House Concurrent Resolution 84 Re Infringement of Albanian Ethnic Rights in Yugoslavia](#)

NAID: 471835645

Local ID: 8910334

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 01934

[9003605](#)

NAID: 471837210

Local ID: 9003605

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 01937

[9004722](#)

NAID: 471837648

Local ID: 9004722

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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Container ID 01950

[9101661](#)

NAID: 471840239

Local ID: 9101661

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 01951

[9101953](#)

NAID: 471840363

Local ID: 9101953

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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On Site

Container ID 01954

[9103599](#)

NAID: 471840982

Local ID: 9103599

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 01956

[9104969](#)

NAID: 471841396

Local ID: 9104969

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 01959

[9105144](#)

NAID: 471841453

Local ID: 9105144

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 01957[9105530](#)**NAID:** 471841539**Local ID:** 9105530**Record Type(s):**

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[9105567](#)**NAID:** 471841552**Local ID:** 9105567**Record Type(s):**

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On Site

Container ID 04236[9203512](#)**NAID:** 471843657**Local ID:** 9203512**Record Type(s):**

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 04240[9203568](#)**NAID:** 471843676**Local ID:** 9203568**Record Type(s):**

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 04238

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NAID: 471843751

Local ID: 9203863

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[9203904](#)

NAID: 471843778

Local ID: 9203904

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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On Site

[9204258](#)

NAID: 471843933

Local ID: 9204258

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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NAID: 471844092

Local ID: 9204568

Record Type(s):

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Container ID 04243

[9205726](#)

NAID: 471844532

Local ID: 9205726

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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On Site

[9205942](#)

NAID: 471844608

Local ID: 9205942

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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On Site

Container ID 04244

[9206227](#)

NAID: 471844735

Local ID: 9206227

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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On Site

Container ID 04245

[9206438](#)

NAID: 471844805

Local ID: 9206438

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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Container ID 04247

[9207265](#)

NAID: 471845121

Local ID: 9207265

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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On Site

Container ID 04249

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NAID: 471845422

Local ID: 9208146

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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Container ID 04250

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NAID: 471845440

Local ID: 9208189

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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Local ID: 9208451

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 04251

[9208908](#)

NAID: 471845663

Local ID: 9208908

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

PRS (Presidential Records System) Chronological Files

Container List

Container ID CF00800

[9001759 Letter on the Treatment of Albanians in Kosovo](#)

NAID: 471821383

Local ID: 9001759

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 21369

[9300053 Letter from President Berisha of Albania re: UN Troops to Kosovo](#)

NAID: 471832216

Local ID: 9300053

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Robert L. Hutchings' Country Files

Container List

Container ID CF01410

[Albania \[1\]](#)

NAID: 470430362

Local ID: CF01410-001

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[Albania \[2\]](#)

NAID: 470430363

Local ID: CF01410-002

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Walter H. Kansteiner Subject Files

Container List

Container ID CF01773

[Albania 1992](#)

NAID: 470431208

Local ID: CF01773-005

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

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[Records of the White House Office of Public Liaison \(George H. W. Bush Administration\)](#)

Scott Sutherland Subject Files

Container List

Container ID 03669

[Albanian-American Islamic Center](#)

NAID: 486211135

Local ID: 03669-061

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[Albanian Community of New Jersey](#)

NAID: 486211136

Local ID: 03669-062

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[American-Albanian Culture Society](#)

NAID: 486211137
Local ID: 03669-063
Record Type(s):
Textual Records
Availability
On Site

[Pan Albanian Federation of America \(VATRA\)](#)

NAID: 486211138
Local ID: 03669-064
Record Type(s):
Textual Records
Availability
On Site

[Free Albania Organization and Liria Newspaper](#)

NAID: 486211139
Local ID: 03669-065
Record Type(s):
Textual Records
Availability
On Site

[Records of the White House Office of Records Management \(George H.W. Bush Administration\)](#)

Alpha Files

Container List

Container ID N/A

[Berisha, Sali](#)

NAID: 593318308
Record Type(s):
Textual Records
Availability
On Site

[Hill, Chris](#)

NAID: 593319159
Record Type(s):
Textual Records
Availability
On Site

Subject Files on Countries and Geographic Areas

Container List

Container ID N/A

[CO Case Number Entire Category Processed C.F.](#)

NAID: 597636634

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Diplomatic Affairs and Consular Relations

Container List

Container ID N/A

[FO002 Case Number 137115 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597639499

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[FO002 Case Number 159397 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597639511

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[FO002 Case Number 215944 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597639548

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[FO002 Case Number 225706 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597639555

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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On Site

[FO002 Case Number 274663SS Scanned](#)

NAID: 597639626

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[FO002 Case Number 281657SS Scanned](#)

NAID: 597639635

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Gifts to the President

Container List

Container ID N/A

[GI002 Case Number 341180 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597642412

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Mutual Security

Container List

Container ID N/A

[FO003-02 Case Number 332863SS C.F.](#)

NAID: 597640998

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[FO003-02 Case Number 345261SS C.F.](#)

NAID: 597641002

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Nicaragua

Container List

Container ID N/A

[CO114 Case Number 309947 C.F.](#)

NAID: 597638069

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on People's Socialist Republic of Albania

Container List

Container ID N/A

[CO003 Case Number Entire Category Processed C.F.](#)

NAID: 597636887

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

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[CO003 Case Number Entire Category Processed Scanned](#)

NAID: 597636886

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Personal Special Ranks of Ambassador or Minister

Container List

Container ID N/A

[FO002-01 Case Number 274139 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597639948

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

Container List

Container ID N/A

[CO176 Case Number 003267 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597639067

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[CO176 Case Number 015134 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597639069

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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[CO176 Case Number 017021 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597639071

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

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On Site

[CO176 Case Number 021164 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597639073

Record Type(s):

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[CO176 Case Number 269555 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597639112

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[CO176 Case Number 330749 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597639196

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Trade

Container List

Container ID N/A

[TA Case Number 331393CU Scanned](#)

NAID: 607947403

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[TA Case Number 331393SS Scanned](#)

NAID: 607947404

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

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