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Scope and Content Note:

The materials in FOIA 2003-0366-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. 2003-0366-F 1 FOIA 2003-0366-F contains materials related to President Bush's meetings and correspondence with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher according to their respective offices as heads of state and within the context of representing their countries' interests in NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject File categories contain correspondence (letters, cables, etc.) and memoranda of conversations between Vice President/ President Bush and Prime Minister Thatcher regarding topics of interest to the United States, Great Britain, and the NATO Allies including economic assistance to Eastern European nations through the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; events regarding the Persian Gulf in the years leading up to and including Operation Desert Shield; world narcotics trafficking; the political atmosphere in Latin America (especially in Nicaragua); and various salutary greetings and invitations for Mrs. Thatcher to visit the U.S. for both formal and informal meetings. The materials also include drafts of speeches, toasts, and other public remarks given by President Bush and Mrs. Thatcher during their meetings; letters and requests from private citizens, businesses, and educational institutions requesting that Mrs. Thatcher speak at their events or accept an invitation to receive an honor from their organization; and planning/ logistical materials related to the meetings between President Bush and Mrs. Thatcher including schedules and itineraries, invitations, guest lists, etc. The WHORM Alphabetical Files contain letters from the general public inviting Vice President/ President Bush and Mrs. Thatcher to various banquets or fundraisers and routine correspondence between the two leaders regarding invitations to meet or remarks of appreciation for past meetings. The Staff and Office Files contain correspondence, memoranda, talking points, and briefing papers, regarding the meetings between the two leaders in Aspen, Colorado, Camp David, Bermuda, London, Washington D.C., at the 1990 Brussels NATO Summit, and the Vice President's residence (1985-1988); the repatriation of Vietnamese refugees from British controlled Hong Kong; COCOM (Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls) issues relating to trade with the Soviet Union/ Eastern Bloc; environmental issues (pollution, nuclear power, global climate change, etc.); the planned relinquishing of authority over Hong Kong from Great Britain to China in 1997; and trade negotiations in the Uruguay Round. A significant amount of the records comprise planning materials related to White House State Dinners and ceremonial arrangements during the meetings and the presentation of the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Mrs. Thatcher in March 1991. Included in the Vice Presidential materials are copies of memoranda, reports, briefing papers, meeting agendas, schedules, and talking points related to the meeting between President Reagan and Prime Minister Thatcher in Aspen, Colorado in December 1984 and planning materials for meetings between Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Thatcher at the Vice President's residence. The Dan Quayle Vice Presidential records contain planning materials and briefing papers for his meetings with Mrs. Thatcher in Washington, DC and Los Angeles in 1991.

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