



[Records on Pat Robertson - Christian Coalition, Jerry Falwell - Moral Majority, and James Dobson - Focus on the Family](#)

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Scope and Content Note:

The records in this FOIA 2003-0737-F are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents 2003-0737-F 2 responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA 2003-0737-F contains materials from the Bush Presidential Records, the Bush Vice Presidential Records, and the Dan Quayle Vice Presidential Records regarding Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, and James Dobson and their respective organizational affiliations. Robertson, born Marion Gordon Robertson on March 22, 1930 in Lexington, Virginia, is a televangelist, educator, philanthropist, businessman, and author. A Southern Baptist, he founded the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) and Christian Coalition in addition to many other organizations. Robertson ran for President of the United States in 1988 and, as a result, no longer serves in an official role in any church. He hosts The 700 Club a Christian television program airing on channels throughout the United States and on CBN affiliates worldwide. Falwell, born Jerry Lamon Falwell on August 11, 1933 in Lynchburg, Virginia, was a Protestant evangelical Christian pastor and televangelist. He founded Liberty University, a Christian Liberal Arts university, in Lynchburg and The Moral Majority, a political lobby group for evangelical Christians. Falwell died on May 15, 2007 at the age of 73 in Lynchburg. Dobson, born April 21, 1936 in Shreveport, Louisiana, is a psychologist, author, and radio broadcaster. The conservative evangelical Christian founded Focus on the Family and serves as chairman of the board. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alphabetical Files contain correspondence and memoranda regarding James Dobson and Pat Robertson. Topics covered are FCC nominations, signature and photograph requests, Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, and support for the administration. The WHORM Alphabetical File compiled by the White House Office of Records Management is comprised of incoming correspondence from the general public, congressional members, and other individuals writing to the president and first lady. Although sometimes given case numbers as in the Subject File (see below), the documents were filed alphabetically by last name or name of company or group. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files contain primarily correspondence among White House staffers and Dobson, Falwell, and Robertson. Topics include the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Commission for Employment Policy, and National Endowment for the Arts. Correspondence between President Bush and the evangelical men cover topics such as Zaire, POTUS' honorary degree from Liberty University, POTUS' 'Just War' theory regarding the invasion of Kuwait, a 'Focus on the Family' interview, Republican National Committee, a Christian Coalition survey, and POTUS' telecast appearances. Additionally, there are a few letters between President and First Lady Barbara Bush and Pat Robertson regarding encouragement and support of the administration, condolences on the loss of POTUS' mother, and feedback on his interview with Pat Robertson on the Christian Broadcasting Network. The White House Staff and Office Files contain records from the Offices of National Service, Press Office, and Public Liaison. A form letter from Focus on the Family discusses Dr. Dobson's concerns about 'America's youth and safe sex' in the Office of National Service File. The Press Office News Summary File contains a 2-1/2 inch audio cassette tape entitled, "ROTP during Religious Rights in Russia Seminar." Public Liaison Collection contains a Focus on the Family public relations packet, Dobson's letter to Samuel Skinner regarding pro-family tax relief, and letters between POTUS and Pat Robertson concerning aid to Zaire, a proposed meeting, and support of the administration's programs by the evangelical community. The George Bush Vice Presidential Name Files contain letters and handwritten notes between Dobson, Falwell, and Robertson and Vice President Bush. Also present is correspondence between White House staffers and the three evangelical men and their associates. Topics mainly include support for the vice president. The George Bush Vice Presidential Subject Files contain letters between Vice President Bush and members of the general public, commenting on his remarks made before the Liberty Foundation and his 2003-0737-F 3 relationship with Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, the reception for the National Religious Broadcasters, involvement of religious fundamentalist conservatives in politics, and child care tax credit plan. The George Bush Vice Presidential Staff and Office Files contain mostly routine memoranda between White House staffers regarding VPOTUS' meeting with Pat Robertson, James Dobson, remarks made at a Liberty Foundation luncheon, and events held in conjunction with the Moral Majority. The Dan Quayle Vice Presidential Staff and Office Files contain a speech VPOTUS Quayle made to attendees of the Christian Coalition's "Road to Victory" conference held in Virginia Beach, VA on November 15, 1991. Also included are a schedule and event memorandum identifying specifics regarding a 'Space' interview taped at the Christian Broadcasting Network Bureau.

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