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Scope and Content Note:

The records in this FOIA 2007-0480-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. 2007-0480-F 1 FOIA 2007-0480-F contains materials from the Bush Presidential Records and the Bush Vice Presidential Records regarding Irving R. Kaufman. Kaufman, born in Brooklyn, New York in 1910, trained as a lawyer and became a Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York in 1949. He was most known outside judicial circles as the judge who presided over the espionage case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. He was appointed as a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit in 1961, a post he held until 1987. President Ronald Reagan appointed Kaufman chairman of the President's Commission on Organized Crime in 1983 and awarded Kaufman the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1987. Irving R. Kaufman died in 1992. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alphabetical Files contain correspondence between Irving R. Kaufman and Samuel K. Skinner, White House Chief of Staff from December 1991 to August 1992. The letters relate to Skinner's assumption of the position of Chief of Staff. 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 Office of Vice President George Bush Name Files contain correspondence acknowledging a constituent's recommendation of Judge Kaufman for a position on the Supreme Court. The George Bush Vice Presidential Subject Files contain correspondence from Kaufman regarding the President's Commission on Organized Crime's report about interdiction of the drug trade. Kaufman was chairman of the commission, established by President Ronald Reagan's Executive Order 12435. See FOIA request 2007-0515-F entitled "Records of the President's Commission on Organized Crime" for more information.

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