



[Records on Malta Summit](#)

FOIA Number: 2020-0557-F

Scope and Content Note:

The materials in FOIA 2020-0557-F are a body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA 2020-0557-F contains materials related to the meeting between President Bush and President Mikhail Gorbachev in Malta (December 2–3, 1989) and the subsequent meetings between President Bush and NATO leaders in Brussels, Belgium (December 3–4, 1989). The Malta Conference (technically not a Summit) was the first meeting between the two leaders since President Bush’s inauguration. The NATO meeting was held in order for President Bush to brief leaders of Western European nations concerning his meeting with Gorbachev. A significant amount of material responsive to this FOIA is contained in the files of the National Security Council (NSC). Although these files are listed, it should be noted that portions of these documents are security classified and have been closed under the restrictions of the Presidential Records Act and the Freedom of Information Act. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Categories consist primarily of routine communication between staff members regarding a credentials ceremony of new ambassadors to America, the president’s meeting with congressional leaders, U.S. Ambassador to Malta Sally Novetzke, and the planned Malta meeting between Presidents Bush and Gorbachev. These documents include correspondence tracking worksheets, NSC profile cover sheets, NSC Action Data Summary Reports, distribution records, and memorandums. Also included are scheduling proposals, letters and cables from Heads of State naming their newly-appointed US ambassadors and recalling the previous ambassadors. Talking points and correspondence with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney are present as well. The Staff and Office Files records also contain routine correspondence, lists, memorandums of conversation, cables, papers, and press releases. Also found are briefing books which contain talking points, background information, fact sheets, and biographies. Topics covered are similar to the ones found in the WHORM files: newly-appointed ambassadors to the U.S., credentials ceremony schedules, President Bush’s meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev, and President Bush’s sessions with NATO leaders.

Processed by: Staff Archivists, December 2021. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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

Subject Files on Administration Support (Incoming)

Container List

Container ID N/A

[PR003 Case Number 103600 Scanned](#)

NAID: 607952462

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Cabinet Meetings

Container List

Container ID N/A

[FG010-01 Case Number 167860 Scanned](#)

NAID: 607949946

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on International Publicity

Container List

Container ID N/A

[FO005-03 Case Number 098287 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597640272

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Presidential Autographs, Photographs and Holographs

Container List

Container ID N/A

[PR005 Case Number 098461 Unscanned](#)

NAID: 607952835

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[PR005 Case Number 117765 Unscanned](#)

NAID: 607952846

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Presidential Personal

Container List

Container ID N/A

[PP Case Number 098858 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597647073

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Publicity

Container List

Container ID N/A

[PR015 Case Number 089847 Scanned](#)

NAID: 607953846

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[PR015 Case Number 089847 Unscanned](#)

NAID: 607953864

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Treaties

Container List

Container ID N/A

[FO009 Case Number 106526 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597640656

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site