



[William F. Buckley, Jr.](#)

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Scope and Content Note:

The materials in FOIA 2010-1804-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. FOIA 2010-1804-F contains materials related to William F. Buckley, Jr. and his relationship with George H.W. Bush. Buckley was viewed by some as the "most important public intellectual in the United States" and a "preeminent voice of American conservatism." He founded the political magazine National Review in 1955, hosted the television show "'Firing Line' from 1966 until 1999, and was a nationally syndicated 2010-1804-F 2 newspaper columnist. Buckley, known for his use of polysyllabic words and witty style as well as a command of language, wrote over fifty books on diverse topics such as writing, speaking, history, politics, theology, sailing, and espionage. Interestingly, Buckley's first and second languages were Spanish and French. Growing up, he had Latin American nursemaids and French governesses and didn't receive formal training in English until he was seven years old. As a result, Buckley spoke English with an idiosyncratic accent which was parodied by several actors. Buckley died at his home in Stamford, Connecticut on February 27, 2008. The material in this collection consists of routine government forms, letters, memos, an audio cassette tape, magazine clippings, programs, menus schedules, speeches, notes, and lists. The George Bush Presidential Alphabetical Files contain letters related to a request for President Bush to participate in a ceremony dedicating a park in honor of William F. Buckley. The George Bush Presidential WHORM Subject Files contain government forms such as White House Correspondence Tracking Worksheets which log information related to incoming and outgoing correspondence such as date received, correspondent's name, subject addressed, and actions taken. Other forms include Optical Disk Network Forms (records whether or not correspondence has been scanned into the White House database), and Requests for Clearance - Comments (details date of the event, subject, requestor name, and background regarding the request for presidential messages). The George Bush Presidential Staff and Office Files also contain routine government forms which include residence event task sheets listing event types and other pertinent data, printing requests for programs and menus, and gate lists of people visiting the White House for special events. There are drafts and final versions of programs, menu cards, speeches and remarks. RSVP cards and invitations, schedules, copies of photographs, memos, letters, press releases, lists and magazine articles round out the collection. These documents were mainly related to the 1991 Presidential Medal of Freedom ceremonies during which William Buckley received an award. The George Bush Vice Presidential Name File contains letters between Vice President Bush, William Buckley and others on topics such as National Review columns and books authored by Buckley, nominations for the Presidential Medal of Freedom, a request for Bush to appear on "'Firing Line.' There are also more personal exchanges between Bush and Buckley about lunch, friendship, photographs, Christopher Buckley's wedding, and mutual friends. The George Bush Vice Presidential WHORM Subject Files contain routine government forms such as White House Correspondence Tracking Worksheets and Schedule File Tracking Sheets. These forms track and summarize actions taken on correspondence sent to and from the White House, and details about vice presidential events. There are letters present between Vice President Bush, Buckley, and others discussing invitations to events sponsored by National Review and those honoring Buckley. The George Bush Vice Presidential Staff and Office Files contain routine government scheduling forms, letters, notes and lists. The government forms logged pertinent data regarding speaking requests for the vice president. There are letters from Buckley to Bush asking him to speak to a group of businessmen and a related letter to an aide listing the attendees for the luncheon speech. Also present are handwritten notes authored by Mr. and Mrs. Bush to an staffers regarding the speaking request from Buckley and an invitation extended to Mrs. Buckley. Lastly, lists of invitees to the luncheon speech are included in the collection.

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[Records of the First Lady's Office of Calligraphy \(George H. W. Bush Administration\)](#)

Calligraphy Office Files

Container List

Container ID 27990

[Programs-Presentation of The Presidential Medal of Freedom, November 18, 1991, The White House](#)

NAID: 354821762

Local ID: 27990-002

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 27994

[Programs-Presentation of The Presidential Medal of Freedom, The White House, November 18, 1991](#)

NAID: 357038001

Local ID: 27994-008

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 27996

[Cards-Menus, Luncheon in recognition of the Recipients of The Presidential Medal of Freedom, The White House, November 18, 1991](#)

NAID: 359488898

Local ID: 27996-035

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[Records of the First Lady's Office of Scheduling \(George H. W. Bush Administration\)](#)

Ann Brock Subject Files

Container List

Container ID 04877

[Medal of Freedom Ceremony and Lunch - 11/18/91 - East Room \(& GB\)](#)

NAID: 486208863

Local ID: 04877-006

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

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

Chris Vein Files

Container List

Container ID 50095

[W9P146 \[Camalier and Buckley\]](#)

NAID: 503119765

Local ID: 50095-108

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Container ID 50107

[W2G071 \[Menus for a Luncheon on 11-18-91 \(Medal of Freedom\)\]](#)

NAID: 503119821

Local ID: 50107-071

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[W2G072 \[Programs for a Luncheon on 11-18-91 \(Medal of Freedom\)\]](#)

NAID: 503119822

Local ID: 50107-072

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

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

Subject Files

Container List

Container ID 07630

[National Review Hallow Man of a Thousand Lights 5/19/89](#)

NAID: 503120601

Local ID: 07630-045

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

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

Charles (Chase) G. Untermeyer Personal Files

Container List

Container ID 05426

[Buckley, William](#)

NAID: 503123357

Local ID: 05426-101

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Presidential Appointments Files

Container List

Container ID 07010

[Buckley, William Frank, Jr.](#)

NAID: 503124062

Local ID: 07010-085

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

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

Johannes Kuttner Subject Files

Container List

Container ID 08566

[Magazine: National Review 1/22/90 - 11/30/92 \[not inclusive\]](#)

NAID: 509547495

Local ID: 08566-007

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

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

Gary Foster Subject Files

Container List

Container ID 13253

[National Review](#)

NAID: 471798003

Local ID: 13253-019

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

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

Speech Backup Chronological Files

Container List

Container ID 13781

[Medal of Freedom 11/18/91 \[OA 8319\] \[1\]](#)

NAID: 323153666

Local ID: 13781-008

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

Online

[Medal of Freedom 11/18/91 \[OA 8319\] \[2\]](#)

NAID: 323153667

Local ID: 13781-009

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

Online

[Medal of Freedom 11/18/91 \[OA 8319\] \[3\]](#)

NAID: 323153668

Local ID: 13781-010

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

Online

Speech Draft Files

Container List

Container ID 13590

[Medal of Freedom Ceremony 11/18/91 \[OA 6039\]](#)

NAID: 323151720

Local ID: 13590-006

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

Online

Tony Snow Subject Files

Container List

Container ID 13896

[National Review, 10/27/89](#)

NAID: 415892673

Local ID: 13896-009

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

Online

[Records of Mrs. Barbara Pierce Bush's Office in the Office of the Vice President \(Reagan Administration\)](#)

Event Files

Container List

Container ID 21022

[Tea with Buckley/Cooley/Stewart, Wednesday, November 11, 1981, 4:00 p.m. Vice President's House](#)

NAID: 508181460

Local ID: 21022-026

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[Records of the Office of Operations, Administration, and Staff Secretary of the Vice President \(Reagan Administration\)](#)

Thomas J. Collamore Personnel Files

Container List

Container ID 14412

[Buckley, William F. Jr.](#)

NAID: 508471714

Local ID: 14412-022

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[Records of the Office of Scheduling of the Vice President \(Reagan Administration\)](#)

Daniel Sullivan and Jennifer Fitzgerald Files

Container List

Container ID 14670

[Accept - William F. Buckley Luncheon 6/9/82](#)

NAID: 508651373
Local ID: 14670-034
Record Type(s):
Textual Records
Availability
On Site

Jennifer A. Fitzgerald Invitation Files

Container List

Container ID 14727

[Accept - National Review Luncheon - William F. Buckley, Jr., New York City 11/23/1981](#)

NAID: 508657717
Local ID: 14727-128
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

[Buckley, William F.](#)

NAID: 593318399
Record Type(s):
Textual Records
Availability
On Site

Subject Files on Gifts to the President

Container List

Container ID N/A

[GI002 Case Number 122048 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597641804
Record Type(s):
Textual Records
Availability
On Site

Subject Files on Messages Sent to Groups/Organizations

Container List

Container ID N/A

[ME002 Case Number 035430CU Scanned](#)

NAID: 597643687

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[ME002 Case Number 047253 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597643707

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Political Affairs

Container List

Container ID N/A

[PL Case Number 313878 Scanned](#)

NAID: 597646913

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 343364 Scanned](#)

NAID: 607952729

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[PR005 Case Number 343371 Scanned](#)

NAID: 607952730

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[PR005 Case Number 343384 Scanned](#)

NAID: 607952731

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Presidential Personal

Container List

Container ID N/A

[PP Case Number 093540 Unscanned](#)

NAID: 597647102

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Subject Files on Publications

Container List

Container ID N/A

[PU Case Number 033773SS Scanned](#)

NAID: 607954167

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

[PU Case Number 201420 Scanned](#)

NAID: 607954250

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

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

Cathy Fenton Subject Files

Container List

Container ID 07112

[11/18/91 Presidential Medal of Freedom Ceremony and Lunch](#)

NAID: 492080162

Local ID: 07112-035

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Judith Spangler Subject Files

Container List

Container ID 08576

[11/18/91 Ceremony / Luncheon - Medal of Freedom](#)

NAID: 492080463

Local ID: 08576-015

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site

Laurie Firestone Subject Files

Container List

Container ID 08478

[Monday 11/18/91 Medal of Freedom Ceremony](#)

NAID: 492080354

Local ID: 08478-004

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

On Site