



[Records on Bush Family and Friends](#)

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Scope and Content Note:

Presidential Records were processed under the case number 2001-1996-F[1], and Vice Presidential Records were processed under the case number 2001-1996-F[2]. This FOIA request contains correspondence to and from the following list of persons: Winton M. Blount, Kingman Brewster, Jonathan James Bush, Neil M. Bush, Prescott Bush, Jr., William H. Trotter Bush, J. David Eller, Alexander "Sandy" Ellis, Jr., John P. Ellis, Nancy Ellis, John W. Hinckley, Reuben "Ben" Holden, Ronald and Nancy Reagan, George Herbert Walker, Jr., and John M. Walker, Jr. The bulk of this 2001-1996-F 2 collection consists of White House Office of Records Management Subject Files. The correspondence consists of letters recommending persons for Federal positions, requesting consideration of private citizens' concerns, bringing information to the President's attention, acknowledging gifts received, inviting the President to events, forwarding items of interest such as magazine articles, and requesting Presidential messages. Also included are memoranda finalizing appointments to various boards, letters and reports regarding possible conflicts of interest involving President Bush's brothers and their business interests and the nomination of John M. Walker, Jr. to a Federal court position, copies of photographs of President Bush and various people, and abstracts of court cases. Documents from the White House Staff and Office Files include newspaper articles about family members, schedules for events, and constituent correspondence and invitations forwarded by family members. The Vice Presidential collection consists mainly of White House Office of Records Management Subject Files. The majority of this material is constituent correspondence and invitations; both groups of materials were forwarded by family members with requests for consideration. The correspondence covers subjects such as Middle East peace, South Africa, public education, endorsing people for government positions, U.S. Fire Administration, drug dealing in New York City, using the USS Shangri-La as a museum, and commemorative stamp proposals. There is also a subset of correspondence dealing with personal difficulties of the writer (problems with foreign universities, immigration status) who thinks the Vice President could help them. Family members also forwarded articles about issues they thought the Vice President might want to address or about which they thought he should be informed. Invitations are to events such as honorary dinners (either in honor of the Vice President or of someone he knew), festivals, farewell parties, fundraisers, speaking engagements, dedications of various buildings, commencement exercises, conventions and symposiums, and awards programs. The White House Staff and Office Files responsive to this request also contain correspondence related to personal difficulties of the writer, correspondence recommending individuals for governmental positions, and copies of newspaper articles. Any materials that are purely personal in nature have been removed to a separate series titled Personal Records Misfiled. These materials are not Presidential records and will be processed at a later date under a deed of gift. Please note that a '*' indicates that the collection is entirely processed and open. A more detailed description of the materials is available in the finding aid for the office or category. Please also note that a '**' indicates files or documents that were incidentally processed as part of this FOIA request. The files and documents responsive to this request are presented first in a comprehensive list of materials in a general arrangement. There follows a second presentation of the files, listed separated by personality.

Processed by: Staff Archivists during 2004. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.