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Inventory for FOIA 2021-0081-F

**Records on Hank Asher's January 23, 2003 Presentation
to Vice President Cheney on the Multistate Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange
(MATRIX) Program**

Extent

Four email messages, two folders containing 105 pages

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Cheney Vice Presidential records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 22, as amended) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552, as amended) and therefore may be restricted in whole or in part in accordance with legal exemptions.

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Provenance

Official records of the Richard Cheney vice presidency are in the custody of the Archival Operations

Division in Washington, DC and are administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processed By

Staff Archivists, March 2022. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in this series are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of records responsive to the topic of FOIA case 2021-0081-F.

This series consists of email messages with attachments and textual records related to the January 23, 2003 meeting of Vice President Cheney and Governor Jeb Bush during which Hank Asher, founder of Seisint, Inc., gave a presentation on the Multistate Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange (MATRIX) Program.

The email messages with attachments in this series include a background paper on MATRIX and a memorandum for the January 23, 2003 meeting. Also included are two emails listing the attendees from the meeting.

The textual records are from the Miscellaneous Outbox series for January 24 and 27, 2003. These files consist of MATRIX fact sheets, talking points for the January 23rd presentation, and a PowerPoint printout regarding Seisint. Other, unrelated documents in these files include letters, article printouts, draft reports, charts, factsheets, memoranda, and email printouts. The variety of topics covered by these documents pertain to the Council of Foreign Relations, Medicare and prescription drug benefits, the upcoming State of the Union Address, Senator Bob Graham, consolidation of counterterrorism efforts amongst federal agencies, energy tax, recent economic developments, green card status casework, and transcripts of the public remarks given by Director of the International Atomic Energy Agency Mohamed El Baradei and United Nations Chief Inspector Hans Blix to the United Nations Security Council regarding weapons inspections in Iraq on January 27, 2003. Also included is an email forwarding a letter sent via cable from the Chairman of Justice and Development Party Recep Tayyip Erdogan to Vice President Cheney.

System of Arrangement

Records responsive to this FOIA request were found in the Cheney Vice Presidential Electronic Records collection and in the Cheney Vice Presidential Records: Office of the Staff Secretary, Miscellaneous Outbox.

The Cheney Vice Presidential Electronic Records collection consists of email messages and electronic files. These records are maintained in the Executive Office of the President instance of the Electronic

Records Archive (EOP ERA) which contains electronic records created or received by the administration of President George W. Bush. These electronic records are born-digital files and are primarily .eml, .pdf, .wpd, and .doc files.

The responsive electronic records retrieved from EOP ERA are saved in search results lists (SRLs) and are arranged chronologically by creation date.

The Office of the Staff Secretary, Miscellaneous Outbox files contain an array of material that was assembled daily for Vice President Cheney. This file was a “catch-all” for information that Vice President Cheney’s staff determined he needed to see and is arranged by date.

Office of the Staff Secretary, Miscellaneous Outbox files are processed at the folder level and the documents within are maintained in their original order. Since the files are processed at the folder level, individual documents contained within these folders may not be wholly responsive to the subject area of this FOIA request.

The following is a list of the SRLs and folders processed in response to FOIA 2021-0081-F:

**Cheney Vice Presidential Records: Electronic Records
ARMS [Automated Records Management System] Email**

This SRL contains four responsive email messages from January 21, 23, and 27, 2003.

Cheney Vice Presidential Records: Office of the Staff Secretary

Miscellaneous Outbox

January 24, 2003 [OA/ID 00465]

January 27, 2003 [OA/ID 00465]

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