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**Inventory for FOIA 2014-0013-F**

**Records pertaining to Requests for Pardons and Commutations, including but not limited to Materials Related to Executive Clemency for I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby**

**Extent**

369 email messages and electronic files, and four pages of textual records

**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 restrictions and exemptions.

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**Provenance**

Official records of the Richard Cheney vice presidency are in the custody of the Presidential Materials Division in Washington, DC and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

**Processed By**

Staff Archivists, October 2014. 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 2014-0013-F.

This series contains email messages, electronic files, and textual records related to pardon and commutation of sentence requests made during the George W. Bush Administration. Found within this material are inquiries from the general public to White House staffers including White House Counsel Harriet Miers, Counsel to the Vice President Shannen W. Coffin and Chief of Staff to the Vice President David Addington for information about the pardon and commutation process as well as news articles and letters of support and opposition regarding the commuted sentences of border patrol agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean.

Also included are remarks from President Bush during a question and answer session with the press and his official statement on his commutation of former Chief of Staff to the Vice President I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby's prison sentence. There are also open letters from members of Congress opposing President Bush's decision and requesting Vice President Cheney to testify before Congress on the CIA leak case which led to Mr. Libby's indictment and conviction.

Additional materials consist of transcripts of White House press briefings with Press Secretaries Ari Fleischer, Scott McClellan, Tony Snow and Dana Perino, and Deputy Press Secretary Scott Stanzel and transcripts of President Bush and Vice President Cheney's respective Fox News interviews with Neil Cavuto and Mike Emanuel which all contain references to pardons.

## **System of Arrangement**

Records responsive to this FOIA request were found in the Cheney Vice Presidential Electronic Records collection and White House Staff Member and Office Files.

The Cheney Vice Presidential Electronic Records collection includes both email messages and electronic files from shared drives maintained by the Office of the Vice President. 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.

Staff Member and Office Files are the textual records created and/or maintained by White House staff members within their individual offices. These files document all levels of administration activity.

Staff Member and Office 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 SRLs and folders processed in response to FOIA 2014-0013-F:

**Cheney Vice Presidential Records: Electronic Records**

**ARMS [Automated Records Management System] Email**

This SRL contains eight responsive email messages from January 29, 2001 – June 18, 2001.

**Exchange Email, 2005**

This SRL contains 17 responsive email messages from April 5, 2005 – November 4, 2005.

**Exchange Restored Email – 33 Days**

This SRL contains two responsive email messages from April 25, 2005.

**Exchange Email, 2006**

This SRL contains 44 responsive email messages from February 10, 2006 – December 20, 2006.

**Exchange Email, 2007**

This SRL contains 159 responsive email messages from January 10, 2007 – December 19, 2007.

**Exchange Email, 2008-2009**

This SRL contains 132 responsive email messages from January 8, 2008 – January 15, 2009.

**Office of the Vice President Shared Drives**

This SRL contains seven responsive electronic files composed of .pdf and .doc files.

**Cheney Vice Presidential Records: White House Staff Member and Office Files**

Office of the Counselor

Shannen Coffin Files

Scooter Libby [OA/ID 00528]

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