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### **Inventory for FOIA 2016-0095-F**

#### **Records related to the April 29, 2004 Meeting of President Bush and Vice President Cheney with Members of the 9/11 Commission**

##### **Extent**

18 folders, approximately 2,010 pages and 18 email messages

##### **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 are administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

##### **Processed By**

Staff Archivists, February 2018. 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 2016-0095-F.

This series contains email messages and textual records related to the April 29, 2004 meeting of President George W. Bush and Vice President Cheney with members of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, also known as the 9/11 Commission.

Many of the records responsive to this FOIA case are currently closed to research due to national security restrictions and restrictions regarding advisory material under the Presidential Records Act.

Textual records not withheld for national security and/or Presidential Records Act restrictions include: email printouts, memoranda, transcripts, photocopied publications, notes, lists, press statements, news articles and clips, fact sheets and coversheets. These records were assembled as briefing materials for Vice President Cheney in advance of his meeting with the 9/11 Commission. The transcripts, press statements and news articles document interviews and statements given by Vice President Cheney on the events of September 11, 2001, as well as documenting the public testimonies of National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet, Richard A. Clarke and Thomas Pickard before the 9/11 Commission. Additionally these records document activities of the George W. Bush Administration prior to September 11, 2001 related to domestic preparedness and establishing a National Energy Policy. Included within these records are notes and correspondence related to the scheduling of meetings between White House staff members and the 9/11 Commission members.

A portion of the textual records responsive to this FOIA were found within the Miscellaneous Outbox series of records. The Miscellaneous Outbox consists of documents submitted as a daily folio of briefing materials for Vice President Cheney on a variety of topics. The Miscellaneous Outbox documents processed with this FOIA request also include interview transcripts, email printouts, notes, news articles, Council of Economic Advisor memoranda, publications and letters. Some of these records deal with the 9/11 Commission meeting, but the bulk of these records pertain to national and regional economic topics.

The email messages responsive to this FOIA topic contain references to President Bush and Vice President Cheney's meeting with the 9/11 Commission members. These emails were sent by Associate Counsel to the President Thomas A. Monheim, Legal Advisor to the National Security Counsel John B. Bellinger, Deputy Counsel David G. Leitch, Laura Veresh and Kevin Kellems.

These records are dated 2000 to 2004.

## **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 responsive to this request are email messages. 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 George W. Bush. These electronic records are born-digital 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 2016-0095-F:

**Cheney Vice Presidential Records: Electronic Records**

**Exchange Email, from Advisers**

This SRL contains three responsive email messages from January 21, 2004 to February 19, 2004.

**Exchange Email, to Advisers**

This SRL contains 15 responsive email messages from January 21, 2004 to April 27, 2004.

**Box 1**

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

National Security Affairs

I. Lewis (Scooter) Libby's Files

9/11 Commission Meeting Briefing Book, April 29, 2004 [Box 011]

9/11 Commission Meeting Briefing Books (1) [1] [OA/ID 00236]

9/11 Commission Meeting Briefing Books (1) [2] [OA/ID 00236]

Press Office

Kevin Kellems' Files

9-11 Commission (1) [OA/ID 00392]

9-11 Commission (2) [OA/ID 00392]

Office of the Staff Secretary

Miscellaneous Outbox

February 6, 2004 [OA/ID 00509]

February 19, 2004 [OA/ID 00510]

March 10, 2004 [OA/ID 00510]

March 30, 2004 [OA/ID 00510]

April 26, 2004 [OA/ID 00514]

Derrick Morgan's Files

9/11 Commission Meeting Background Materials (February 19, 2004) [Box 004]

**Box 2**

Neil Patel Files

9/11 Commission: Additional Briefing Materials [OA/ID W43074]  
9/11 Commission: Libby Meeting Notes [OA/ID W43074]  
9/11 Commission: [Loose Material] [OA/ID W43074]  
Patel Notes on 9/11 Commission Briefing [OA/ID W43074]  
Briefing Materials for Testimony Before the 9/11 Commission [Binder] [OA/ID W43075]  
Supplemental Briefing Materials [Binder] [1] [OA/ID W43075]  
Supplemental Briefing Materials [Binder] [2] [OA/ID W43075]

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