



Clinton Presidential Library

1200 President Clinton Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72201

Inventory for FOIA Request 2006-0206-F

Records on “Ring Around Serbia”

Extent

21 folders, approximately 1,170 pages

Access

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

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Provenance

Official records of William Jefferson Clinton’s presidency are housed at the Clinton Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2006. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2006-0206-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 request 2006-0206-F contains materials from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Emails and the NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. “Ring Around Serbia” refers to a ring of FM transmitters that were placed in countries bordering Serbia in an effort to counter the state-controlled media of Slobodan Milosevic. These transmitters became fully operational by October 1999 and they played a major role in the eventual downfall of the Serbian dictator.

The ARMS Emails provide basic, rudimentary information about the “Ring Around Serbia.” There are telcon notes and emails that describe in broad terms the effort on the part of the United States and its allies to broadcast Serbian language programming into Serbia. These records do not offer much in the way of detail or insight.

The NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems form the substantive core of this collection. Cables, emails, outlines, memos, and memcons show how pivotal the “Ring Around Serbia” was in the strategic campaign devised by NATO to bring about regime change in Serbia. Weaning public support away from Milosevic comprised an integral part in the overall plan finally adopted by the members of this organization.

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in two collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. As policy, Staff and Office files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area. WHORM Subject and WHORM Alpha files are processed at the document level.

The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential Records email. The ARMS dataset is comprised of 6 sub-series of email records called “Buckets.” The buckets include NPR, OPD, POTUS, WHO, CEA, and Default. ARMS emails are arranged chronologically by creation date.

The following is a list of folders processed in response to 2006-0206-F:

Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails

Default 1998/01-1999/12 [OA/ID 1100000]

- [...Ring Around Serbia]
 - [10/06/1999] [1]
 - [10/06/1999] [2]
 - [10/06/1999] [3]
 - [10/06/1999] [4]

Default 2000/01-2001/01 [OA/ID 1150000]

- [...Ring Around Serbia]
 - [01/24/2000-10/03/2000]

NSC 1994/08-1999/12 [OA/ID 1200000]

- [...Ring Around Serbia]
 - [04/19/1999-08/20/1999]

NSC 2000/01-2001/01 [OA/ID 1250000]

- [...Ring Around Serbia]
 - [05/19/2000-05/20/2000]

Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems

NSC Cables

January 1999-December 2000 [OA/ID 530000]

- [...Ring Around Serbia]
 - [04/08/1999-12/14/1999]
 - [12/16/1999-09/15/2000]

NSC Emails

September 1997-January 2001 [OA/ID 620000]

[...Ring Around Serbia]

[04/19/1999-05/02/1999]

[05/03/1999-05/05/1999]

[05/08/1999]

[05/09/1999-05/17/1999]

[05/20/1999-06/16/1999]

[06/22/1999-06/28/1999]

[07/01/1999-07/21/1999]

[07/21/1999]

[07/23/1999-09/23/1999]

[09/24/1999-09/01/2000]

[09/03/2000-12/15/2000]

March 1997- January 2001 [OA/ID 630000]

[...Ring Around Serbia]

[05/07/1999-12/15/2000]

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