



Clinton Presidential Library

1200 President Clinton Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72201

Inventory for FOIA Request 2006-0485-F

Records on Correspondence, Meetings, and Phone Calls Between President Clinton and Billy Graham

Extent

48 folders, approximately 800 pages

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 2201) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552, as amended) 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, 2008. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in 2006-0485-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 2006-0485-F contains records relating to correspondence, meetings, and phone calls between President Clinton and the Reverend Billy Graham. The two men were on friendly terms and wrote each other on a fairly regular basis throughout the 1990s. Clinton exhibited a considerable amount of concern about the steadily worsening physical condition of Graham and his wife, Ruth.

The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alpha File contains just a few records of interest. In a letter to Clinton, Graham congratulated him on winning re-election in 1996. The world-renowned clergyman generally composed his correspondence with Clinton and other confidantes on a manual typewriter.

The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject File contains material from several categories. There were many types of messages that passed between President Clinton and Graham. These missives are encompassed by a number of the subject categories and include annual birthday greetings from Clinton to Graham, get well wishes Clinton sent upon learning of the hospitalization of the Grahams, and encouragement Graham offered to Clinton in the matter of his pursuit of a national health care plan and other issues.

On a more personal basis, Clinton and Graham exchanged letters that dealt with religious matters. Graham exhorted Clinton to be a “positive force” in “challenging times.” The President responded by thanking the iconic figure for the prayers he voiced during the turbulent years of his Administration.

The White House Staff and Office Files contain printed materials and memos. The records of Floy McAfee in Public Liaison are comprised largely of background material in the form of photocopies of magazine and newspaper articles and booklets. These papers document the life of Billy Graham and have a wealth of information about the various international religious crusades he embarked on during his career.

Providing only very basic details about phone calls and meetings involving Graham and Clinton, the Electronic Daily Diary is not, on the whole, a valuable tool for the researcher.

The NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems contain memos, letters, and talking points dealing with Graham and the countries of Japan, China, and North Korea. For instance, Graham was planning a Tokyo Crusade in Japan and wanted Clinton to supply letters of introduction to the Prime Minister and American Ambassador. These records show how this entire process played out.

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in five collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Alpha Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: Electronic Daily Diary, and 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 WHORM Subject File was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of categories designated by a letter/number combination. A complete listing of the categories with detailed descriptions is provided in our research room.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-0485-F:

Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Alpha Files

Box 1

Category	Case Number/Name
AF	Scanned: Case Number 424237 Billy Graham – Montreat, North Carolina
AF	Scanned: [Unknown] Graham, B.

Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category	Case Number
CO038	Scanned: Case Number 299791
DI	Scanned: Case Number 108775
	Scanned: Case Number 112122
FG001-03	Scanned: Case Number 197978
GI001	Scanned: Case Number 186020
GI002	Scanned: Case Number 220387
ME	Scanned: Case Number 093292 [1]
	Scanned: Case Number 093292 [2]
	Scanned: Case Number 093292 [3]
ME001	Scanned: Case Number 039833SS
	Scanned: Case Number 041341
	Scanned: Case Number 102163
	Scanned: Case Number 140548
	Scanned: Case Number 187777SS
	Scanned: Case Number 280237
ME001-01	Scanned: Case Number 033147
ME001-02	Scanned: Case Number 085985
	Scanned: Case Number 138805
	Scanned: Case Number 192997
	Scanned: Case Number 240959
	Scanned: Case Number 402098
	Scanned: Case Number 432594
ME001-04	Scanned: Case Number 117064
	Scanned: Case Number 124619SS
	Scanned: Case Number 245736
	Scanned: Case Number 294328
	Scanned: Case Number 423198
ME002	Scanned: Case Number 051888

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PP	Scanned: Case Number 035803SS
	Scanned: Case Number 194600
RM	Scanned: Case Number 025341
	Scanned: Case Number 050139
	Scanned: Case Number 071611
	Scanned: Case Number 268428
SP230-96	Scanned: Case Number 149440
	Scanned: Case Number 152225
TR474	Scanned: Case Number 437691

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files

Public Liaison

Floy McAfee Files

Billy Graham/Background [1] [OA/ID 10832]

Billy Graham/Background [2] [OA/ID 10832]

Ruby Moy & Alexis Herman Files

May 1, 1996 Tea with Dr. Billy Graham [OA/ID 8236]

Clinton Presidential Records: Electronic Daily Diary

[Billy Graham]

[02/03/1993 – 12/23/1998] [OA/ID 150000]

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

NSC Records Management

[Billy Graham]

9307521 [OA/ID 164]

9402762 [OA/ID 192]

9402834 [OA/ID 192]

9410224 [OA/ID 4015]

9902525 [OA/ID 2721]

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