Extent

29 folders, approximately 1,501 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to Zoe Baird's service on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) from 1993 to 2001. The collection consists of clippings, correspondence, emails, forms, memorandum, and statements describing Baird’s appointment and service on the PFIAB.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-1014-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. Zoë Baird was appointed by President William Jefferson Clinton to serve on the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) on September 30, 1993. She served on the board until 2001. While on the Board, she was appointed to serve as a member of the Commission on the Roles and Capabilities of the United States Intelligence Community. She also was Chair of the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Law Enforcement. Baird earned her Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of California, Berkeley and a juris doctor from the University of California, Berkeley’s, Boalt Hall School of Law. After graduating she spent one year in the Office of Legal Counsel as an assistant attorney. In 1980, she accepted a position as Associate Counsel for President Jimmy Carter. Following the election of President Ronald Regan, Baird practiced law in the Washington, D.C. office of O’Melveny & Meyers. Baird left O’Melveny & Meyers to become a senior executive and member of counsel for the General Electric Corporation. From 1992 to 1996, Baird was Vice President and General Counsel of the Aetna Life & Casualty Company. It was during this time that she was most infamously known. President Clinton chose Baird as his first selection for Attorney General of the United States. During the vetting process, it was learned that Baird had not paid Social Security

taxes on illegal immigrants that she hired to work in her home. The events, dubbed by some as “nannygate,” led to Baird withdrawing her name from consideration. Following this failed candidacy, Baird returned to Aetna and was briefly a visiting scholar at Yale Law School. Baird is currently the president of the Markle Foundation, whose work focuses on the use of information technology, primarily in the areas of health care and national security. The President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board was created by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956. Executive Order 10656, signed February 6, 1956, created the President’s Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities. Eisenhower believed that this board of respected and knowledgeable citizens could provide him with unbiased and candid appraisals of United States’ intelligence activities. President John Kennedy, by the signing of Executive Order 10938 on May 4, 1961, renamed the Board of Consultants, the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Though the name was changed, the board continued to operate in much the same fashion. Executive Order 11460, signed by President Richard Nixon on March 20, 1969, again changed the name of the PFIAB to the President’s Advisory Intelligence Board. President Jimmy Carter abolished the board in March of 1977. Carter did however, retain the Intelligence Oversight Board. The IOB was created by President Gerald Ford in 1976 following a post Watergate investigation by Congress into potential illegal activities of the intelligence agencies. The IOB was tasked with reporting potential illegal activities to the Department of Justice for review. As Ford told Congress in 1976, “I believe [the changes] will eliminate abuses and questionable activities on the part of the foreign intelligence agencies while at the same time allowing them to get on with their vital work of gathering and assessing information.” President Ronald Reagan modified the role of the IOB in 1981 and re-established the PFIAB in 1985 by signing Executive Order 12537. President William Jefferson Clinton combined the IOB and the PFIAB, making the IOB a committee rather than an independent organization. President George W. Bush radically modified the role of both the IOB and the PFIAB following the creation of a Director of National Intelligence. The newly named President’s Intelligence Advisory Board was designated to oversee the intelligence collection activities of any Federal agency engaged in the collection of intelligence or the production of intelligence policy. President Barak Obama more clearly defined the role of the PIAB and strengthened the IOB with the passage of Executive Order 13516. Under President Clinton the PFIAB had between eleven and twelve members, by law it could be no more than sixteen, whose terms were established by the President. Members were chosen for their independence, knowledge, and

experience. The members of the President’s Intelligence Advisory Board serve as unpaid observers of United States intelligence community. Much of their work is highly secret in nature though Presidents have chosen on occasion to make the Board’s reports, or portions thereof, public. The members of the Board are appointed by the President and the Director serves at the leisure of the President. Clinton Presidential Records relating to Zoë Baird consist of clippings, correspondence, emails, forms, memoranda, and statements describing Baird’s appointment and service on the PFIAB. Automated Records Management System [Email] (ARMS) e-mail records responsive to this FOIA originate in the following agencies: Office of Policy Development (OPD), Office of the White House (WHO), and Default e-mails belonging to no specific agency. These e-mails are primarily administrative in nature relating to Baird’s appointment and service on the PFIAB.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, and Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Email. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. 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. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. WHORM files are processed at the document level; whereas, 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. 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 email. The ARMS database is comprised of six sub-series of email records called "buckets." The buckets generally represent a specific White House office. The buckets are titled: NPR for National Performance Review, OPD for Office of Policy Development, POTUS for President of the United States, WHO for White House Office, CEA for Council of Economic Advisers, and Default for emails not associated with an office. The NPR bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a National Performance Review (NPR) White House user account. The OPD bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Office of Policy Development (OPD) White House user account. The POTUS bucket was designated for email created and received by the President of the United States (POTUS). Please note that President Clinton never used his POTUS White House user account to send the few emails he wrote while in office. The WHO bucket contains email created or received by individual with an Executive Office of the President White House user account not identified as CEA, NPR, or OPD. The CEA bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) White House user account. The Default bucket contains email created or received by unknown or un-recognized email accounts. Email found within the Default bucket often includes email created or received by offices or individuals outside the Executive Office of the President. ARMS email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. FOIA 2006-1014-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: FG006-14 President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board FG065 Independent Agencies, Boards and Commissions PE002 Employment - Appointments PU001-07 Clippings to the President.

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential Records is governed by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552, as amended) and the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. Chapter 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).

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-1014-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject File
Category Case Number
FG006-14 057405SS
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FG065 145886SS
PE002 100689 [Baird]
PU001-07 316239SS [Baird]
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files

Counsel’s Office
[Appointees] Baird, Zoe (Member, Commission on the Roles and Capabilities of the U.S.
Intelligence Community) [OA/ID CF 1460]
[Appointees] Baird, Zoe (Member PFIAB [President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board]) [OA/ID CF 1460]
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Schaffner, Jane
Baird, Zoe [OA/ID 18878]
Baird, Zoe [OA/ID 21517]
Baird, Zoe (Member, Commission on the Roles and Capabilities of the U.S. Intelligence
Community) [1] [OA/ID CF 1596]
Baird, Zoe (Member, Commission on the Roles and Capabilities of the U.S. Intelligence
Community) [2] [OA/ID CF 1596]
Box 2
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files (continued)
First Lady’s Office
Sagawa, Shirley
Youth Development
Teen Conference Speak Info – Baird, Zoe [OA/ID 24267]
Security Office
Baird, Zoe E. [OA/ID CF 1874]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]

OPD [OA/ID 250000]
 [Zoë Baird]
 [02/15/1996]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
 [Zoë Baird]
 [04/23/1993-01/08/2001]
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
 [Zoë Baird]
 [04/23/1993]