Extent

228 folders, approximately 3,278 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to Lithuania. Located in Northern Europe on the eastern shore of the Baltic Sea, Lithuania proclaimed its independence from the Soviet Union on March 11, 1990. Records include letters, memoranda, email, cables, and news articles regarding various topics, including Lithuania’s desire to join NATO, the European Union, and the World Trade Organization; the controversial Williams Oil deal; the trial of alleged Nazi war criminal Aleksandras Lileikis; and the expulsion of Russian troops from Lithuanian soil. Also included is routine head of state correspondence between President Clinton and Lithuanian Presidents Algirdas Brazauskas (1993-1998) and Valdas Adamkus (1998-2003).

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2011-1038-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA 2011-1038-F deals with records regarding Lithuania during the Clinton administration. Located on the eastern shore of the Baltic Sea in Northern Europe, Lithuania proclaimed its independence from the Soviet Union on March 11, 1990. Responsive records regarding the newly independent country include letters, memoranda, drafts, Presidential messages, emails, cables, and news articles. The records center around Lithuania’s economic development; the desire to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the European Union (EU) and the World Trade Organization (WTO); the controversial Williams Oil deal; and Holocaust-related issues. There is a great deal of crossover of Clinton-era documents dealing with the Baltic States, and therefore research into the records of Estonia and Latvia is recommended for a more rounded perspective of the region. Congressional correspondence from the files of the White House Office of Records Management

(WHORM) is included on various topics, including the removal of all Russian troops from the Baltic nations, the trial of alleged Nazi Aleksandras Lileikis, and Lithuania's membership in NATO. WHORM files also include records regarding the appointment/resignation of the following Ambassadors to Lithuania: Darryl Johnson (1992-1994), James Swihart (1994-1997), Keith Smith (1997-2000), and John Tefft (2000-2003). In 1999, Lithuania sold control of the country's major oil refinery to the Oklahoma based Williams International. Failout from the sale resulted in the resignation of Lithuania's Prime Minister Rolandas Paksas, Finance Minister Jonas Liongianas, and Economics Minister Eugenijus Maldekis. Paksas cited the great financial burden the sale placed on the government as his reason for opposition. Responsive records include news articles and email. Holocaust- related records include letters, cables, emails, and news articles pushing for the trial of alleged Nazis war criminal Aleksandras Lileikis. Lileikis was stripped of his U.S. citizenship in 1996 and returned to Lithuania for trial, which had to be suspended due to poor health. Lileikis died on September 26, 2000, at the age of 93 before he could be tried for his alleged crimes. Also included are records regarding the 2000 Vilnius International Forum on Holocaust-Era Looted Cultural Assets. Records related to the signing of the 1998 Charter of Partnership with the U.S. and Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, also known as the Baltic Carter, are included. Both the scheduling proposal for the event and the schedule for the ceremony itself are included. A thank-you letter to President Clinton from Lithuanian President Brazauskas following the signing is also included. Routine head of state correspondence is also included. On the 60th anniversary of the Soviet occupation of Lithuania, President Adamkus wrote President Clinton thanking the U.S. for its policy of nonrecognition of the Baltic states when it was part of the U.S.S.R. A 1999 cable from President Clinton congratulating Lithuania on their invitation to join the European Union and a cable from President Clinton, marking the 10th anniversary of the restoration of Lithuania's independence, are both included, as are numerous invitations to visit Lithuania and the Lithuanian Embassy.

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) Alpha Files; Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM (OP); Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Unclassified NSC Records Management System; Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files; and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. 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. FOIA 2011-1038-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: [CO056] [Countries-Estonia] *[CO100] [Countries-Lithuania] [CO139] [Countries-Russia] [FE002-01] [Federal Government-Presidential Powers-Succession-Term of Office] [FG006-01] [Federal Government-Organizations-White House Office] [FG006-06] [Federal Government-Organizations-National Security Council] [FI010-02] [Finance-Income Tax] [FO001-06] [Foreign Affairs-Buildings and Grounds, US Embassies] [FO002] [Foreign Affairs-Diplomatic Affairs-Consular Relations] [FO003-02] [Mutual Security-Foreign Aid] [FO004-03] [International Investments] [GI002] [Gifts to the President] [HU] [Human Rights] [IT067] [International Organizations-North Atlantic Treaty Organization] [IV098] [Invitations-1998] [IV099] [Invitations-1999] [IV000] [Invitations-2000] [JL003] [Criminal Matters] [ME002] [Messages (Sent to GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS)] [ME002-02] [Messages-Colleges, Schools, Universities, Libraries] [ME002-03] [Messages-Governmental Groups (Foreign and Domestic)] [PP005-01] [Presidential Personal-First Lady] [PP010-01] [Presidential Personal-Birthday, Msg Rec’d by President] [PP010-02] [Presidential Personal-Condolence-Sympathy, Msg Rec’d by President] [PP010-04] [Presidential Personal-Holiday, Msg Rec’d by President] Please note that a single asterisk “*” indicates that the category is entirely processed and open.

Access

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

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Provenance

Offical 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

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