Extent

29 folders, 604 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to Ron Burkle. Burkle is a billionaire business magnate, Democratic supporter, and fundraiser who gave money to both President Clinton's 1992 and 1996 presidential and Hillary Rodhan Clinton's senate campaigns. This collection contains correspondence, drafts, faxes, notes, emails, event attendance records, White House entrance and exit records and records concerning his meetings in the White House.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2013-0019-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA 2013-0019-F contains records concerning Ron Burkle. Burkle got his start in the supermarket business as a bag boy and became an owner in a relatively brief period of time. Burkle founded Yucaipa Companies in 1986. Based in Los Angeles, the firm specialized in private equity investments. Burkle engineered leveraged buyouts of a whole series of grocery chains beginning with Jurgensen’s Markets. Over the years he branched out and established himself as a shareholder in Aloha Airlines, Barnes and Noble, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, and Barneys New York. In addition, he is a part owner of the Pittsburgh Penguins, a National Hockey League (NHL) team. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files contain correspondence, drafts, emails, and notes. These records show that Burkle exchanged gifts with President Clinton, received a signed copy of the remarks made at the 2000 Democratic National Convention, attended a briefing held at the White House that focused on creating jobs for America’s youth, and earned a congratulatory message and video from President Clinton upon being honored with the Whitney Young, Jr. Award for his work

in promoting racial and economic equality. A lengthy exchange of letters between Burkle and Clinton and their associates did take place over a gift of a digital picture frame that ended up in the President's office. The White House Office of Records Management (OP) contains correspondence, drafts, faxes, and resumes highlighting additional awards bestowed upon Burkle. President Clinton congratulated him for being given the 1997 Jimmy Stewart Good Turn Award by the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and for getting recognized by the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO, as personifying the ideal partnership between working families and corporate citizenry. The White House Staff and Office Files contain correspondence. The lone letter takes the form of a recommendation to President Clinton to consider an individual for the position of Associate Attorney General. Automated Records Management System (Email) contains email concerning Ron Burkle. Most emails are correspondence concerning White House events, specifically Ron Burkle's attendance at White House Events. The Electronic Daily Diary contains a log of President Clinton's daily activities. Responsive records from this collection are logs of meetings, but more specifically Burkle's attendance at these meetings with the President. The White House Database is a database containing information about White House events and the individuals that attended those events. Records responsive from this collection include entries noting Burkle's invitation to White House events. The Clinton Presidential Appointments is a database that contains information concerning appointment information. Records responsive from this collection contain information about Ron Burkle's appointment to Independent States Enterprise Fund and the John F Kennedy Center Board of Trustees. The Worker and Visitor Entry System is a database of individuals requesting entry into the White House. Responsive records from this collection contain information about Burkle's entrance into the White House.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM (OP), Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email], Clinton Presidential Records: Electronic Daily Diary, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Database, Clinton Presidential Records: Clinton Presidential Appointments, and Clinton Presidential Records: Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES). 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. In addition, there are WHORM, WHORM Counsel, WHORM (CL), WHORM (OP), WHORM (Too Late to Classify), WHORM (Various Offices), and WHORM (Alpha Project) series. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. 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 OPD bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Office of Policy Development (OPD) White House user account. 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. ARMS email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. The White House Electronic Daily Diary System logs the President’s daily activities as events with participants. Activities include but are not limited to travel, meetings, and telephone calls. Each event was recorded and indexed with a description, a subject code, and start and end time. Electronic Daily Diary records are printed and arranged by Search String, and further arranged chronologically by appointment date. The White House database (WHODB) is a database of White House events and individuals that attended those events. The database also includes a log of individuals that received

White House greeting correspondence. Data was entered and maintained by the Office of Correspondence, Social Office, and Office of Public Liaison. WHODB records are printed and arranged by Event Type or Individual, and further arranged chronologically by appointment date. The Clinton Presidential Appointments database (CPA) is a database of individuals that were appointed to various positions. The database is searchable by the name of the appointed individual, the date that they were appointed and the Department or Agency. The Database is divided into two data subsets: S and C; and WHY. Responsive results from the CPA are printed and arranged by data subset, and further arranged chronologically by appointment date. The United States Secret Service maintained two databases to monitor entry and access to White House offices: the Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES) and Access Control Records (ACR). The WAVES database was used to manage appointments for entry to White House offices. Visitors were granted issued temporary id badges to monitor their movement around White House offices. WAVES ACR is an access control system that was used to record entry and exit at entry points around White House offices using id/access badges. WAVES records are printed and arranged by traditional WAVES Records or the ACR series and there under chronologically by date. WHORM files are processed at the folder 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 2013-0019-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: [FG006-01] [White House Office] [GI001] [Gifts from the President] [GI002] [Gifts to the President] [MC003] [Briefings – Conferences, White House] [ME001] [Messages (Sent to Individuals) (Includes Birth Date Baby)] [PL] [Political Affairs] [PL003] [Messages, Political (Sent or Denied)] [PR005-01] [Photographs Granted, Presidential] [SP1566-1] [Remarks to Democratic National Convention (DNC), Los Angeles, CA, 8/14/2000] [TR335-02] [Trip to Beverly Hills, CA, 2/29/2000].

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

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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

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The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2013-0019-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File

Category Case Number
FG006-01 214109
GI001 138083
248091
GI002 288508
408461
414904
MC003 040245 [1]
040245 [2]
ME001 162868
PL 082939
PL003 148186 [Ron Burkle]
168629 [Ron Burkle]
PR005-01 011091
134237
148226
SP1566-1 429653
TR335-02 298019
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: (OP)
222295 [Ronald Burkle]
236130 [Ronald Burkle]
411587 [Ronald Burkle]
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Presidential Personnel
PE002 245772
Folder #1 [Tom Umberg – Ron Burkle]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[Burkle]
[06/16/1998 – 10/06/2000]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
(continued)
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Burkle]
[02/16/1994 – 02/08/2000]
[02/15/2000 – 12/27/2000]

Clinton Presidential Records: Electronic Daily Diary
[Burkle, Ron]
[02/18/1994 – 02/22/2000] [OA/ID 150000]
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Database (WHODB)
Individual Search
[Burkle, Ron]
ID Number: 301365463 [OA/ID 160000]
ID Number: 343793 [OA/ID 160000]
Clinton Presidential Records: Clinton Presidential Appointments (CPA)
WHY
[Burkle, Ron]
[02/03/1995 – 02/15/2000] [OA/ID 170000]
Clinton Presidential Records: Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES)
WAVES
[Burkle, Ron]
[02/10/1993 – 04/08/1999] [OA/ID 180000]

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