Extent

8 folders, approximately 98 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to Mihai Botez, Romanian Ambassador to the United States, 1994-1995. Records include National Security Council (NSC) email regarding logistics for meetings between Botez and NSC staff and condolence messages following Botez's sudden death on July 11, 1995. Also included are letters from the Ambassador's widow, Magda Botez, to the President on topics including Most Favored Nation status and NATO membership for Romania.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2013-0416-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA 2013-0416-F contains records concerning Mihai-Horia Botez, Romanian Ambassador to the United States. Botez, born in 1940, was an internationally known mathematician and futurist. He came to the United States in 1987 to escape the communist regime of Nicolae Ceausescu. While in the U.S., he held academic positions at Stanford University, Indiana University, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. After the fall of the Ceausescu regime in 1989, the new government named Botez their permanent representative to the United Nations (1992-1994) and later the Romanian Ambassador the the United States (1994-1995). Mihai Botez died unexpectedly on July 11, 1995, in Bucharest. He was 54 years old. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files contain three records, all of which originate with Botez's widow, Magda. One is written prior to Mihai's death in her capacity as President of Americans for Most Favored Nation Status for Romania. In the letter, she implores President Clinton to utilize all the powers at his disposal to restore Most Favored Nation trade status to Romania. Magda recalls that Mihai, a Romanian

dissident, met Clinton in 1988 and received from him a commission as an Arkansas Traveler and Ambassador of Good Will. In the other letters penned after her husband's death, she encourages President Clinton to establish a better understanding of Romania in the United States and stresses the necessity for the country to become a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). If Romania is kept out of NATO, she declares "the dark forces may prevail." White House Staff and Office Files contain Magda Botez's resume. Condolence messages following the death of Mihai Botez were found in both the National Security Council emails and cables. Also included are emails regarding the logistics of meetings between the NSC staff and Botez. The majority of these records related to this FOIA case are closed for national security reasons.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas – Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, 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 2013-0416-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: CO138 Romania (Rumania), Socialist Republic of IT067 North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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

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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Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
CO138 026968
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Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Presidential Personnel
Duncan, Charles
Magda Sorina Mihaela Botez [OA/ID 9129]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables
Jan 1993-Dec 1994 [OA/ID 505000]
[Mihai Botez or Ambassador Botez…]
[06/08/1993 – 08/18/1994]
Jan 1995-Dec 1996 [OA/ID 510000]
[Mihai Botez or Ambassador Botez…]
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NSC Email
MSMail-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97) [OA/ID 590000]
[Mihai Botez or Ambassador Botez…]
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