

## **Extent**

52 folders, approximately 5,741 pages

## **Summary**

This collection consists of records concerning the sale and settlement the Elk Hills Petroleum Reserve in 1998. It contains correspondence, emails, news articles, briefing materials and memoranda about the sale. The records discussions regarding the division of the proceeds, legislative negotiations, draft legislation, public Presidential statements, and press coverage.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The materials in FOIA 2014-0908-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. The records include correspondence, emails, news articles, briefing materials and memos about the sale and settlement of Elk Hills Petroleum Reserve in 1998. The issues covered in this FOIA include discussion of the division of the proceeds of the sale. The records include legislative negotiations and draft legislation beginning in 1994 regarding the sale, public Presidential statements mentioning it, correspondence, weekly reports to the Staff Secretary from the Department of Treasury and the Department of Energy, and press coverage. The Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1997 is included among responsive emails, because the sale of Elk Hills Reserve is briefly discussed within the report. Further, emailed drafts of Budget Reconciliation Reports are included among responsive files, because the sale of Elk Hills Reserve is briefly discussed within the reports.

## **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, Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cables, Emails, and Records Management System. 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); 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. 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 dataset is comprised of 7 sub-series of email records called "Buckets." The buckets include NPR, OPD, POTUS, WHO, CEA, Default, and NSC. ARMS emails are arranged chronologically by creation date. FOIA 2014-0908-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: ND009-03 Navy- Marine Bases NR006-01 Naval Petroleum Reserves.

## **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).

## **Processed by**

Staff Archivist, 2014. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

## **Last Modified Date**

2015-12-02

## **Container List**

### **[View all digitized files in the National Archives Catalog \(NAC\)](#)**

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2014-0908-F:

Box 1

Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File

Category Case Number

ND009-03 105957

NR006-01 248004SS

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files

Cabinet Affairs

Balderston, Kris

Elk Hills, CA 9-10/96 [OA/ID 10711]

Intergovernmental Affairs

Bennett, Matt

Elk Hills- Calif. [OA/ID 18033]

Emerson, John

CA Elk Hills [OA/ID 9118]

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files (continued)

Political Affairs

Skelton, Karen

Elk Hills Settlement [OA/ID 13471]

Box 2

Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]

OPD [OA/ID 250000]

[Elk Hills]

[06/09/1994 - 09/20/1995]

[09/22/1995 - 09/27/1995]

[09/29/1995 - 10/06/1995]

[10/17/1996 - 06/10/1998]

WHO [OA/ID 500000]

[Elk Hills]

[12/19/1994 - 01/10/1995]

[01/24/1995 - 08/08/1995]

[09/07/1995 - 09/19/1995]

Box 3

[09/20/1995 - 09/27/1995]

[09/29/1995 - 10/06/1995]

[10/13/1995 - 09/30/1996]

[10/18/1996] [1]

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Box 4

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Box 5

[01/06/1997 - 10/27/1997]

[10/27/1997 - 01/16/1998]

[01/16/1998 - 08/07/1998]

Default [OA/ID 1100000]

[Elk Hills]

[05/19/1995 - 08/05/1995]

[08/15/1995] [1]

Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]

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Default [OA/ID 1100000]

[Elk Hills]

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[08/15/1995] [3]

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[10/09/1995 - 10/13/1995]

[09/07/1995 - 09/27/1995]

[11/20/1995] [1]

[11/20/1995] [2]

[11/20/1995] [3]

Box 7

[02/08/1996 - 02/15/1996]

[02/15/1996 - 06/07/1996]

[06/07/1996 - 09/30/1996]

[10/01/1996 - 01/28/1997]

[10/27/1997 - 02/03/1998]

[02/03/1998 - 02/04/1998]

Box 8

[02/05/1998 - 10/30/1998]

NSC [OA/ID 1200000]

[Elk Hills...]

[12/23/1994 - 04/13/1998]

Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cables, Emails, and Records Management System

NSC Cables

Jan 1995 - Dec 1996

[Elk Hills...]

[01/23/1995] [OA/ID 510000]

NSC Emails

Exchange - Non-Record (Mar 97 - Jan 01)

[Elk Hills...]

[10/07/1997 - 04/06/1998] [OA/ID 630000]

NSC Records Management

[Elk Hills...]

9501995 [OA/ID 571]

9503068 [OA/ID 578]

9506631 [OA/ID 602]

9800143 [OA/ID 2009]

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