Extent

8 folders, approximately 544 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records regarding the People Republic of China’s bid to host the 2000 Summer Olympics in Beijing. It contains news clippings and press briefings communicated through the National Security Council cables and emails. The press materials address unsuccessful Chinese efforts to win the bid, reaction of a United States House of Representatives communicating opposition to the bid on human rights grounds, and reaction to the final selection of Sydney, Australia as the host of the 2000 Olympics.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2015-0797-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. The records in this FOIA request concern the People’s Republic of China’s bid to host the 2000 Summer Olympics in Beijing. Other cities bidding included Sydney (Australia), Manchester (Great Britain), Berlin (Germany), and Istanbul (Turkey). Bidding took place in 1993. In response to concerns expressed in the State Department’s 1992 report on Human Rights Practices in China, the United States House of Representatives pasesd a resolution on May 27, 1993 expressing that Beijing should not host the 2000 Summer Olympic Games. Some, particularly in China, viewed this action as a violation of the Olympic Spirit. This, along with the American interception of the Chinese container vessel Yinhe on mistaken allegations that the ship carried chemical weapons to Iran, strained American-Chinese relations. On September 23, 1993 the International Olympic Committee awarded the 2000 games to Sydney. However, Beijing successfully bid in 2001 to host the 2008 Summer Olympics. Records processed and released in response to this FOIA request consist primarily of news clippings and press briefings communicated through

National Security Council cables and emails. They address Chinese efforts to win the 2000 Olympics bid, reaction to the House Resolution, and reaction to the selection of Sydney. Many of the 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 this collection area – Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems.

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).

Geographic Place

China

Topical Subjects

Olympics

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Staff Archivist, 2015. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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