Extent

16 folders, approximately 101 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the Monsanto Corporation. It contains correspondence between Monsanto Chairman and CEO Robert B. Shapiro and President Clinton regarding opening New York to London air routes, the Product Liability Reform Act of 1996, Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) with China, the nomination of Ambassador Barshefsky as the U.S. Trade Representative, and the U.S. – E.U. Transatlantic Economic partnership. The collection also includes invitations for the President to attend a “Concert to Rebuild” by the St. Louis symphony orchestra and suggestions of locations to visit during the President’s 1998 trip to Africa.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2015-0991-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. The Monsanto Corporation, headquartered near St. Louis, MO., is an American multinational agrochemical and agricultural biotechnology company that is a leading producer of genetically engineered seeds and herbicides, most notably the Roundup brand. The Monsanto Corporation was also among the first companies to genetically modify a plant cell, announcing the introduction of genes into plants in 1983 and was among the first companies to conduct field trials of genetically modified crops. Materials responsive to this FOIA request include correspondence between Monsanto Chairman and CEO Robert B. Shapiro and President Clinton regarding opening New York to London air routes, the Product Liability Reform Act of 1996, permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) with China, the nomination of Ambassador Barshefsky as the U.S. Trade Representative, and the U.S. – E.U. Transatlantic Economic partnership. Also included in this collection are invitations for

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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), and Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Alpha file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management from 1993 – 1996 and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events. 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 (OP) series files. 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 2015-0991-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: BE004 Business – Economics, National Economy CA004 Civil Aviation – Miscellaneous CM Commodities CO038 Countries – China FG006-10 Federal Government – U.S. Trade Representative, Office of FI006 Finance, Funds – Accounts IV096 Invitations, 1996 NR Natural Resources TR369 Trips – Chicago, IL, 8/3/1999 WE Welfare.

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

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2015-0991-F:
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CA004 114888
CM 169241
CO038 400731
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FG006-10 197938
FI006 063262
IV096 193112
NR 099308
NR 134501
TR369 401656
WE 201098SS
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