Extent

58 folders, approximately 2,753 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records dating from 1994 to 2000 related to an agreement between the U.S. and Russia regarding sales of Russian military equipment to Iran. This agreement with Russia was simply called the Aide Memoire and was signed on June 30, 1995. The collection includes the staff and office files of the National Security Council (NSC) and responsive records from the Cable, Email and Records Management System of the NSC. It also includes responsive emails from the Automated Records Management System Emails. These records consist of administrative papers and documents related to the preparation of the memorandum, as well as talking points and press materials from 1999 and 2000 after the New York Times published a story on the agreement. The records also include materials related to the U.S.-Russia Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) agreement and briefing materials for Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission meetings.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2014-1015-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 2014-1015-F was for all records related to an agreement between the U.S. and Russia regarding sales of Russian military equipment to Iran. This agreement with Russia was simply called the Aide Memoire and was signed on June 30, 1995. This collection includes the staff and office files of the National Security Council (NSC) and responsive records from the Cable, Email and Records Management System of the NSC. It also includes responsive emails from the Automated Records Management System [Email]. The collection dates 1994 to 2000. Responsive records include administrative papers and documents related to the routing and drafting of memorandum. The collection also

includes talking points and press guidance from 1999 and 2000 after the New York Times published a story on the agreement. Materials related to the U.S.-Russia Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) agreement are also included in this FOIA. This collection also includes some background and unclassified briefing materials for Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission 5 (GCC-5), GCC6, GCC-9, GCC-10. News reports, transcripts, and published materials in the news stemming from the New York Times are also included in the collection. The Aide Memoire was signed June 30, 1995 at the fifth meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission. The Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission was officially the U.S.-Russian Joint Commission on Economic and Technological Cooperation. Established in 1993, the Commission was focused primarily on six topic areas with sub-committees in each of the six areas. At each of the meetings—and frequently between meetings—the Vice President and the Prime Minister would discuss diplomatic relations important to both countries. The commission fostered stronger communications and diplomatic relations between the two countries. It was reported in the news that in the June meeting of the GCC the sub-committees focused particularly in the areas of business investment, defense conversion, environment, health care, and agriculture. Under the auspices of defense conversion, Russia and the United States discussed space launch vehicles, nuclear weapons, nuclear materials, and the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM) among other topics. At the time, the Department of State noted that the meeting had been very successful and that the U.S. and Russia had now resolved “completely the issue of Russian arms sales to Iran.” Nicholas Burns who gave the briefing that Friday noted that this agreement—which had been negotiated for some time—allowed Russia into the post COCOM regime. Both Gore and Chernomyrdin mentioned coming to an agreement in their press statements on June 30th but did not give specifics. Under the agreement signed by Gore and Chernomyrdin in Moscow that June, Russia agreed to stop selling military arms to Iran after December 31, 1999. However in 1999 Russia informed the United States that they would continue selling arms to Iran after the deadline passed. The New York Times ran its story about the aide memoire on October 13, 2000. The majority of records related to this FOIA case are closed for national security reasons.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files; Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]; and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System. 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." 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 NPR bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a National Performance Review (NPR) White House user account. The OPD bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Office of Policy Development (OPD) White House user account. The POTUS bucket was designated for email created and received by the President of the United States (POTUS). Please note that President Clinton never used his POTUS White House user account to send the few emails he wrote while in office. 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. The CEA bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) White House user account. The Default bucket contains email created or received by unknown or un-recognized email accounts. Email found within the Default bucket often includes email created or received by offices or individuals outside the Executive Office of the President. ARMS email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date.

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 2014-1015-F:
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National Security Council
Nonproliferation and Export Controls

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GCC [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission] [1995] [OA/ID 1691]
Maertens, Thomas
Russia/U.S. Aide-Memoire [1] [OA/ID 3027]
Russia/U.S. Aide-Memoire [2] [OA/ID 3027]
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Samore, Gary
GCC-5 [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission [1] [OA/ID 3129]
GCC-5 [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission [2] [OA/ID 3129]
GCC-5 [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission [3] [OA/ID 3129]
Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasian Affairs
Blacker, Coit
GCC, June 5, 1995 [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission] [OA/ID 551]
Stern, Jessica
COCOM [Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls]
[OA/ID 335]
GCC-V Nuclear Issues [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission #5] [1] [OA/ID 335]
GCC-V Nuclear Issues [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission #5] [2] [OA/ID 335]
Weiss, Andrew
Russia Security – Iran Conventional Arms, 1998-2000 [1] [OA/ID 3336]
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Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables
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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System (continued)
NSC Email
Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 620000]
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9407882 [OA/ID 3533]
9504675 [OA/ID 589]
9505560 [OA/ID 595]
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