Extent

27 folders, approximately 1,367 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the implementation of the National Security Council's Presidential Decision Directives (PDD) #1 and #2, signed by the President during his first days in office. These PDDs revised and renamed the framework governing the operation and makeup of the National Security Council. The collection primarily contains National Security Council briefing papers, various correspondence including e-mails and speeches.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2014-1036-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. President William J. Clinton on January 20, 1993, the day of his inauguration, issued Presidential Decision Directive l to departments and agencies concerned with national security affairs. PDD l revised and renamed the framework governing the work of the National Security Council. A Presidential Review Directive (PRD) series would be the mechanism used by the new administration to direct that specific reviews and analyses be undertaken by the departments and agencies. A Presidential Decision Directive (PDD) series would now be used to promulgate Presidential decisions on national security matters. On January 21, 1993, in PDD 2, President Clinton approved an NSC decision-making system that enlarged the membership of the National Security Council and included a much greater emphasis on economic issues in the formulation of national security policy. The President, Vice President, Secretary of State, and Secretary of Defense were members of the NSC as prescribed by statute. The Director of Central Intelligence and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as statutory advisers to the NSC, attended its meetings. The new membership of the National Security Council included the following officials: the

Secretary of the Treasury, the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, and the Chief of Staff to the President. Although not a member, the Attorney General would be invited to attend meetings pertaining to his jurisdiction. The heads of other Executive departments and agencies, the special statutory advisers to the NSC, and other senior officials would be invited to attend meetings of the NSC where appropriate. The National Security Council framework in the Clinton administration included an NSC Principals Committee, a forum available to Cabinet-level officials to discuss and resolve issues not requiring the President's participation. An NSC Deputies Committee served as the senior sub-cabinet interagency forum for considering policy issues affecting national security and for reviewing and monitoring the work of the NSC interagency process. This process included Interagency Working Groups (IWGs), which were to convene on a regular basis to review and coordinate the implementation of Presidential decisions in their respective policy areas. Among the most urgent issues the NSC dealt with in the first year of the Clinton administration were Bosnia, Haiti, Iraq, and Somalia. The several dozen other questions the NSC system dealt with initially included such issues as illegal drugs, United Nations peacekeeping, Zaire, strategic arms control policy, China, and global environmental affairs. Records responsive to this FOIA include National Security Council Emails, other correspondence, briefing papers, speeches, and policy papers. The majority 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 these collection areas - Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: Email, and Records Management Systems. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. 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. 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

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DC001 D.C. Meeting on NSC Priorities, January 22, 1993 [OA/ID 3994]
DC003 D.C. Meeting on NSC Priorities, January 28, 1993 [OA/ID 3994]
PDD-1 Establishment of Presidential Review and Decision Series, January 20, 1993 [OA/ID 4116A]
PDD-2 Organization of the National Security Council, January 20, 1993 [OA/ID 4116A]
PDD-45 Amendment to Organization of National Security Council re: PDD-2, March 1, 1996 [OA/ID 4119]
PDD-51 Amendment to Organization of National Security Council, October 12, 1996 [OA/ID 4119]
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Russia, Ukraine & Eurasian Affairs
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[PDD-1; PDD-2]
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MS Mail – Non-Record (Sept 1994-Sept 1997) [OA/ID 605000]
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NSC Records Management System

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