Extent

241 folders, approximately 10,751 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to Janet Yellen, who was Chairperson of the CEA [Council of Economic Advisors] from 1997-1999. It contains memoranda and briefings concerning details such as economic indicators, industrial production, housing starts, consumer attitudes, consumer price index, inflation, gross domestic product (GDP), interest rates, and stock prices. This collection also consists of email to and from Yellen's White House email account includes discussion of a wide variety of topics, including but not limited to Product Liability, Kyoto (Climate Change), Federal Involvement in Retail Electricity Competition (FERC), Trade Liberalization, World Trade Organization (WTO) trade wars, the 1997 Asian Economic Crisis, the 1998 Japanese Financial Crisis, and Y2K preparations. Many emails are related to preparing the Economic Report of the President.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in 2013-0723-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA request 2013-0723-F contains records dealing with Janet Yellen's work in the Clinton Administration. Specifically, this focuses on the years she spent as Chairperson of the Council of Economic Advisors (CEA). For a period of approximately 30 months (February 18, 1997 – August 3, 1999) Yellen served as a guiding force behind the CEA and played a major role in shaping the economic policies of the Clinton Administration. Yellen has held a number of positions since the Clinton Administration where she has assisted formulating economic policy. President Obama nominated her for the post of vice-chair of the Federal Reserve System in 2010, and four years later after being confirmed by the Senate she became the Chair of that body. In 2014, Yellen received the distinction of being

selected by Forbes as the second most influential woman in the world. Responsive documents can be found in the White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject File, General and CF. Memoranda and briefings concern details such as economic indicators, industrial production, housing starts, consumer attitudes, consumer price index, inflation, gross domestic product (GDP), interest rates, and stock prices. The briefings entitled the “Weekly Economic Briefing of the President of the United States” run from February 28, 1997 through July 23, 1999. Yellen is presumed to have been the author of the reports, which contain notes and President Clinton’s handwriting. Topics covered include current developments, analysis of specific problems, regional roundups, international issues, and U.S. economic and financial statistics. Memos are usually from Yellen to President Clinton and can have subject lines such as “National Association of Purchasing Management (NAPM) National Report,” “Consumer Price Indexes for November, Labor Department Release,” and “January Housing Starts and Permits, Commerce Department Release.” The Staff and Office Files of Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles contain a memo from Janet Yellen offering direction and advice on the “President’s Economic Policy Priorities for Multi-Agency Action.” The files of Stacy Reynolds in the Counsel’s Office are comprised of articles by Yellen and newspaper stories about her. Much of the same material turns up in the papers of Mark Silverman of the National Economic Council (NEC). It is supplemented by a few records containing basic facts about the nomination of Yellen to head up the CEA. Email printed from the Automated Records Management System and the Tape Restoration Project in response to this request contain correspondence to and from Janet Yellen. Email to and from Yellen’s White House email account includes discussion of a wide variety of topics, including Product Liability, Kyoto (Climate Change), Federal Involvement in Retail Electricity Competition (FERC), Trade Liberalization, World Trade Organization (WTO) trade wars, the 1997 Asian Economic Crisis, the 1998 Japanese Financial Crisis, and Y2K preparations. Many responsive printed emails are related to the Economic Report of the President. The Economic Report of the President is an annual report written by the Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers. Specifically, email related to the ERP includes multiple drafts and discussion related to editing decisions. Email from this collection also includes memos to the President in draft form. These memos often exist as attachments to responsive emails. Emailed correspondence comes from many accounts inside and outside the office of the Council of Economic Advisors. Some correspondents include Jeffrey Frankel, Lawrence Summers, Robert Lawrence, David Sandalow, Joseph Aldy, Nouriel Roubini, and Cheryl Sandberg.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject FilesCF, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email], and Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project. 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. 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 database is comprised of six sub-series of email records called "buckets." The 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 CEA bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) White House user account. ARMS emails are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. The Tape Restoration Project (TRP) is a database consisting of restored emails from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) from July 1994 through June of 2000. The TRP is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained

unclassified Presidential record email. The TRP database is comprised of the same six sub-series of email as in ARMS. TRP emails are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. FOIA 2013-0723-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: [BE] [Business – Economics] [BE003] [Industry] [BE004] [National Economy] [BE004-01] [Cost of Living] [BE004-02] [Inflation] [BE004-03] [National Income – Product Data – GDP (Gross Domestic Product)] [CO001-03] [Asia] [FG001] [President of the United States] [FG006-12] [Council of Economic Advisors] [FG143] [Federal Reserve System, Board of Governors] [FI] [Finance] [FI004] [Budget – Appropriations] [FI007] [Interest Rates] [HS] [Housing] [IT071] [Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development] [LA002] [Conditions – Employment – Unemployment] [LA006] [Wages – Hours] [SP220-99] [Economic Report of the President for 1999] [TA] [Trade] [TA003] [Exports]

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

View all digitized files in the National Archives Catalog (NAC)

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Reynolds, Stacy
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National Economic Council
Silverman, Mark
CEA [Council of Economic Advisors] – Janet Yellen [1] [OA/ID 11816]

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