Extent

105 folders, approximately 15,793 pages

Summary

This collection consists of email sent to Todd Stern concerning the issue of climate change during the Clinton Administration. Todd Stern served as Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary in the White House from 1993 to 1999. In that capacity, he acted as senior negotiator at the Kyoto Protocol and Buenos Aires talks. The Automated Records Management System email in this collection primarily consists of press releases and press briefings sent to a distribution list of White House employees, including Stern. The most substantive emails include memos and correspondence concerning climate change related topics such as Kyoto Protocol, Clean Air Partnerships, Green Bonds, Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles (PNGV), Electricity Restructuring, and Energy Smart Schools. The collection also contains notes related to the 1998 Buenos Aires Climate Change Conference, articles concerning Arctic warming, State of the Union drafts, as well as records from diplomatic strategy meetings and congressional outreach meetings.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2013-0914-F (Segment 2) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA 2013-0914-F (Segment 2) contains email sent to Todd Stern primarily focusing on the issue of climate change during the Clinton Administration. Todd Stern served as Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary in the White House for the period 1993-1999. In that capacity he also acted as senior negotiator at the Kyoto Protocol and Buenos Aires talks, both of which dealt with climate change. Stern left the White House in June of 1999 to serve as Senior Policy Advisor for the Secretary of Treasury. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton appointed him United States Special Envoy for Climate Change on January 26, 2009. The Automated

Records Management System [Email] contain the only records responsive to this FOIA request. The majority of email sent to Stern during his last year as Assistant to the President are press releases and press briefings sent to a distribution list of White House employees, including Stern. These press releases include statements made by the President, concerning new appointments, the budget, and social security. Responsive press briefings found in the collection are most often given by Joseph Lockhart and concern a variety of topics. The most substantive emails are memos and correspondence concerning Climate Change. Stern received email concerning climate change related topics such as Kyoto Protocol, Clean Air Partnerships, Green Bonds, Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles (PNGV), Electricity Restructuring, and Energy Smart Schools. More specifically, this collection contains notes related to the 1998 Buenos Aires Climate Change Conference, articles concerning Arctic warming, State of the Union drafts related to climate change, diplomatic strategy meetings concerning international climate negotiations, and congressional outreach meetings concerning climate change. Stern primarily received email related to the environment and Climate Change from David Sandalow (Senior Policy Advisor, White House Council on Environmental Quality), Elliot Diringer (Senior Policy Advisor, White House Council on Environmental Quality) Dirk Forrister (Chairman of the White House Climate Change Task Force), Henry Kelly (Assistant Director for technology for the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy), and Roger Ballentine (Chairman of the White House Climate Change Task Force). Stern received email from Council of Environmental Quality members, Bradley Campbell, Linda Lance, George T. Frampton, and Beth Viola. Stern received email from other White House Climate Change Task Force members, Shelley Fidler, Elizabeth A. Arner, John D. Gibson, Thomas D. Peterson, Martha Woffard, and Julie Anderson.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System

[Email]. 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 dataset is comprised of 6 sub-series of email records called “Buckets.” The buckets include NPR, OPD, POTUS, WHO, CEA, Default. ARMS emails are printed & arranged 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 USC 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).

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2016. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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