Extent

139 folders, approximately 5,709 pages

Summary

The collection contains records from Coit "Chip" Blacker, NSC Russia, Ukraine and Eurasian Affairs Senior Director. These records include correspondence, memoranda, reports, briefing and meeting materials, schedules, newspaper articles, and emails regarding Russia and the Newly Independent States from 1995 thru 1996.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2016-0154-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. This FOIA contains records from the files of Coit (Chip) Blacker, NSC Senior Director of Russia, Ukraine and Eurasian (RUE) Affairs from 1995 thru 1996. Blacker served as one of President Clinton’s key advisors on Russia and the Newly Independent States (NIS) during the first administration. The breakup of the Soviet Union resulted in a transformation of U.S. foreign policy vis-à-vis the new governments. With the NSC RUE directorate promoting a progressive agenda, the Clinton administration encouraged the former Soviet states to pursue independent economies and political autonomy. The Clinton administration’s strategy toward Russia and the NIS states also reflected a change in philosophy regarding the United States. The former members of the Soviet Union welcomed U.S. commitments as a counterweight to suspicions of Russian territorial domination. Ultimately, RUE’s assistance to the region aimed to encourage democratic institutions, stop the spread of nuclear weapons and materials, and promote regional associations. All of the records processed in response to this FOIA were found in the files of Coit Blacker. These records include correspondence, memoranda, reports, briefing and meeting materials, schedules, newspaper articles, and emails regarding Russia and the NIS. The researcher should note that a majority of 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 Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office 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. 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.

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.

Copyright

Documents in this collection that were prepared by officials of the United States government as part of their official duties are in the public domain. Researchers are advised to consult the copyright law of the United States (17 U.S.C. Chapter 1) which governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material.

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.

Last Modified Date

2016-05-23

Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2016-0154-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
National Security Council
Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasian Affairs
Blacker, Coit (Chip)
Aleksandr Lebed [OA/ID 551]
Anthony Lake, 1996 [OA/ID 552]
Armenia, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Azerbaijan [OA/ID 551]
Baltic States, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Belarus [1] [OA/ID 550]
Belarus [2] [OA/ID 550]
[Blacker Notebook-February 1995] [OA/ID 552]
[Blacker Notebook-February 1995] [OA/ID 552]
[Blacker Notebook-March 1995] [OA/ID 552]

[Blacker Notebook-Perry Trip, March 30-April 6, 1995] [OA/ID 552]
[Black Notebook-April 1995] [OA/ID 552]
Box 2
[Blacker Notebook-May-June 1995] [OA/ID 552]
[Blacker Notebook-July 1995] [OA/ID 552]
[Blacker Notebook-September-October 1995] [OA/ID 552]
[Blacker Notebook-November-December 1995] [OA/ID 552]
[Blacker Notebook-January 1996] [OA/ID 552]
[Blacker Notebook-February-March 1996] [OA/ID 552]
[Blacker Notebook-April 1996] [OA/ID 552]
[Blacker Notebook-Moscow April 1996] [OA/ID 552]
[Blacker Notebook-May 1996] [OA/ID 552]
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files (continued)
National Security Council
Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasian Affairs
Blacker, Coit (Chip)
Box 3
[Blacker Notebook-Lyon, June 28-29, 1996] [OA/ID 552]
[Blacker Notebook-June-July 1996] [OA/ID 552]
Blacker Travel, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Bosnia [OA/ID 551]
Carnegie-Moscow Center [OA/ID 551]
Carnegie-Russia Meeting, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Caspian Oil, 1995 [OA/ID 552]
Caucasus, 1996 [OA/ID 550]
Central Asia, 1996 [OA/ID 550]
Central Europe Arms, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Chechnya-General, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Chernobyl, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Chevron, 1996 [OA/ID 551]
Christopher-Kozyrev, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Christopher-Kozyrev Memcon, April 26, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Christopher Speech, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Commonwealth Club, 1996 [OA/ID 551]
Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR), 1995 [OA/ID 552]
Council on Foreign Relations, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Dick Morningstar, 1995 [OA/ID 550]

Box 4
Ditchley Foundation Conference, January 1996 [OA/ID 551]
The Eurasia Foundation [OA/ID 551]
FSU [Former Soviet Union]-Fissile Material, 1995 [1] [OA/ID 552]
FSU [Former Soviet Union]-Fissile Material, 1995 [2] [OA/ID 552]
GCC, June 5, 1995 [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission] [OA/ID 551]
GCC-6, 1995 [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission #6] [OA/ID 551]
GCC VI, 1996 [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission #6] [OA/ID 550]
Geneva Ministerial, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
George Kolt, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Georgia [OA/ID 551]
Goodby Mission, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Gore-Chernomyrdin, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Halifax, 1995 [OA/ID 552]
IL-96M, 1995 [OA/ID 552]
Imports of Russia Munitions, 1995 [OA/ID 552]
Intelligence, 1995 [OA/ID 552]
Intelligence Fellows Program, August 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Iwancin, Eugene (Ukrainian National Association, Inc.) [OA/ID 551]
Kalichi-Commerce, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Karimov [Uzbekistan] Visit to U.S., June 23-28, 1996 [OA/ID 551]
Kathleen Collins [OA/ID 551]
Kazakhstan [OA/ID 551]
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files (continued)
National Security Council
Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasian Affairs
Blacker, Coit (Chip)
Box 5
Kazhegeldin Visit, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Kozyrev, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Kuchma Visit, February 21 [Ukraine] [OA/ID 550]
Latvia [OA/ID 551]
Mamedov Visit, February 21-23, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Marshall [Plan] Legacy [OA/ID 551]
May Summit Planning, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Moldova-General [OA/ID 550]
Nagorno-Karabakh [OA/ID 552]

Nagorno-Karabakh, 1996 [OA/ID 550]
NATO-Russia, 1995 [1] [OA/ID 550]
NATO-Russia, 1995 [2] [OA/ID 550]
NATO-Russia, 1995 [3] [OA/ID 550]
NIS [Newly Independent States] Assistance, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
NIS [Newly Independent States] Assistance, 1996 [OA/ID 551]
Box 6
Nuclear Safety Summit [1] [OA/ID 551]
Nuclear Safety Summit [2] [OA/ID 551]
Nukefest, 1996 [OA/ID 551]
Nunn-Lugar, 1995 [OA/ID 552]
OPIC [Overseas Private Investment Corporation], 1995 [OA/ID 551]
October 1995 Summit [OA/ID 550]
PDD [President Decision Directive]-Nuclear Material Safety [OA/ID 550]
Perry Trip, April 1995 [OA/ID 552]
Perry Trip to FSU [Former Soviet Union] [1] [OA/ID 551]
Perry Trip to FSU [Former Soviet Union] [2] [OA/ID 551]
POTUS Nonproliferation Speech, 1995 [OA/ID 552]
POTUS-Russia Speech, 1995 [OA/ID 552]
POTUS Statement on Armenian Massacres in 1915 [OA/ID 552]
POTUS Trip to Europe, 1995 [OA/ID 552]
Box 7
“The President’s Vision,” 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Project Sapphire, 1995 [OA/ID 552]
Robert Strauss, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Russia-Bosnia, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Russia-Economy, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Russia-General, 1995 [1] [OA/ID 550]
Russia-General, 1995 [2] [OA/ID 550]
Russia-Guns, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Russia-Guns, 1996 [OA/ID 551]
Russia-Nuclear Weapons and Iran, 1995 [1] [OA/ID 551]
Russia-Nuclear Weapons and Iran, 1995 [2] [OA/ID 551]
Russia-PC [Principals Committee], 1996 [OA/ID 550]
Russia-PC [Principals Committee] [OA/ID 550]
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files (continued)
National Security Council

Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasian Affairs
Blacker, Coit (Chip)
Russia-Poultry, 1996 [OA/ID 550]
Russia-Speech, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Russia-Speech, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Russian-American Enterprise Fund [OA/ID 551]
Russian Election Commission, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Scenarios, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
“Scenarios”-Russia, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Shelia Heslin [OA/ID 551]
Box 8
Standing Committee, 1996 [OA/ID 551]
Standing Committee on Nonproliferation, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
START II, 1995 [OA/ID 552]
State/INR [Bureau of Intelligence and Research] [OA/ID 550]
Strategic Stability Talks, September 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Summit File [1] [OA/ID 550]
Summit File [2] [OA/ID 550]
Tajikistan [OA/ID 551]
Talbott-Mamedov, September 20, 1995 [OA/ID 552]
Trachenko Visit, February 1995 [OA/ID 552]
Ukraine-General, 1995 [1] [OA/ID 550]
Ukraine-General, 1995 [2] [OA/ID 550]
Ukraine/U.S. Assistance, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Ukrainian Americans, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Ukrainian Space Launch, 1995 [OA/ID 550]
Box 9
Union of Councils, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
UNGA [United Nations General Assembly], October 1995 [OA/ID 551]
U.S. Assistance to Russia, 1996 [OA/ID 551]
U.S./CE [Central Europe] Defense Industry Cooperation [OA/ID 550]
U.S./Russia Business Council, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Uzbekistan [OA/ID 551]
Victoria Reznik [OA/ID 551]
Washington International Business Council, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
Washington Task Force on Russia, 1995 [OA/ID 551]
WWII in the Pacific, 1995 [OA/ID 551]

Yamantau Mountain, 1996 [Russia] [OA/ID 551]