Extent

16 folders, approximately 762 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the President’s visit to the Bronx in December 1997. The collection contains gift records, letters, memoranda, email, press releases, schedules, and speeches. Topics include community housing and development, education, faith-based organizations, minority work force issues, and military readiness. Specifically, the emails contain correspondence between White House staff concerning preparation for the President’s trip to the South Bronx.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2015-1120-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Manny Fernandez writes in the New York Times that “President Jimmy Carter walked down a desolate stretch of Charlotte Street in the South Bronx, drawing the world’s attention to the neglect and abandonment that made the borough a symbol of urban decay… on Dec. 10, 1997, President Clinton made his own pilgrimage to Charlotte Street. As the [New York Times] reported, he hailed the South Bronx as a model for renewing inner-city areas, a once-unthinkable statement.” FOIA 2015-1120-F concerns records of the President’s visit to the Bronx in December 1997. The records consist of gift records, letters, memoranda, email, press releases, schedules, and speeches. Topics include community housing and development, education, faith-based organizations, minority work force issues, and military readiness. The majority of the email is correspondence between White House staff concerning preparation for the President’s trip to the South Bronx.

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 Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email], and Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project [Email]. 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. ARMS email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. The OPD bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Office of Policy Development (OPD) White House user account. 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. 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 email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. FOIA 2015-1120-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: [TR264-01] [Trips – New York, NY 12/9 – 10/97] Please note that the single asterisk “*” indicates that the category is entirely processed and open

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 FOIA 2015-1120-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
*TR264-01 247424
251807
251813
253058
253071
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Public Liaison
Rivera, Maritza
Trips: BX [Bronx] Trip [1] [OA/ID 14738]
Trips: BX [Bronx] Trip [2] [OA/ID 14738]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[Bronx]
[12/01/1997 – 12/10/1997]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Bronx]
[12/01/1997 – 12/08/1997]
[12/08/1997 – 12/09/1997]
[12/09/1997]

[12/09/1997 – 12/11/1997]
CEA [OA/ID 950000]
[Bronx]
[12/08/1997]
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
[Bronx]
[12/08/1997]
Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project [Email]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Bronx]
[12/08/1997 – 12/09/1997]
Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project [Email] (continued)
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
[Bronx]
[12/02/1997 – 12/11/1997]