Extent

37 folders, approximately 2,510 pages

Summary

This collection contains e-mail related to the Millennium bombing plots in Jordan and the United States. The Millennium bombing plots, or the Year 2000 attack plots, were a series of coordinated terrorist attacks planned to occur on or near January 1, 2000. Due to the nature of the request, a significant number of responsive documents have been closed for reasons of national security. The collection dates from December 1999 to January 2001 and contains speeches and speech drafts that mention the Millennium plot. The records also include press materials and television show transcripts where the bombing plot was a topic of conversation. Talking point drafts and press guidance are also among the open materials.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2012-0573-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Additionally researchers should consult FOIA requests: 2006-0228-F (Usama bin Ladin), 2006-0183-F (briefings related to King Hussein of Jordan), 2006-0191-F (Usama bin Laden and al-Qaeda), 2006-1164-F (Terrorism), 2007- 0020-F (Millennium After Action Review), and 2007-1741-F (2000 Millennium Attack Plots). Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 2012-0573-F was for e-mail related to the Millennium bombing plots in Jordan and the United States. Due to the nature of the request a significant number of responsive documents have been closed for reasons of national security. This collection dates from December 1999 to January 2001. Open records include speeches and speech drafts that mention the Millennium plot. The collection also includes press materials and television show transcripts where the bombing plot was a topic of conversation. Talking point drafts and press guidance complete the open materials. The Millennium bombing plots, or the Year

2000 attack plots, were a series of coordinated terrorist attacks planned to occur on or near January 1, 2000: the bombing of four sites in Jordan, the bombing of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), and the bombing of the USS The Sullivans. The first two plots were foiled by law enforcement agencies; the third was aborted after a mistake occurred. Newspaper and media reports note that on November 30, 1999, Jordanian intelligence intercepted a call between Abu Zubaydah, the leader of the plot, and Khadr Abu Hoshar, a Palestinian militant. In the conversation, Zubaydah stated, "The time for training is over.” Sensing that an attack was imminent, Jordanian police arrested Hoshar and fifteen others on December 12, 1999. In the United States, an Algerian living in Canada, Ahmed Ressam, planned to bomb Los Angeles International Airport. Authorities arrested him at Port Angeles, Washington, after crossing by ferry from Victoria, British Columbia, on December 14, 1999. Customs officials then found nitroglycerin and four timing devices concealed in a spare tire well of his automobile. He and three other Algerians stood trial for the crime. Ressam began cooperating with investigators in 2001. On July 27, 2005, he was sentenced to 22 years in prison. In Yemen, members of the group planned to bomb USS The Sullivans with a boat laden with explosives. Militants deployed a bomb-laden boat on January 3, 2000, but the over-loaded, bomb-boat sank before detonating.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, Clinton Presidential Records: TRP Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. 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.

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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