Extent

19 folders, approximately 914 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records regarding Betty Friedan. It contains correspondence, notes, news releases, book draft, and emails. The subject file records in this collection relate to Ms. Friedan’s seminar on "Reframing Family Values", Guild Hall’s Annual Academy of the Arts Lifetime Achievement Award, and remarks made by the President to the Renaissance Group in 1994. The electronic records in this collection primarily concern the inclusion of Betty Friedan in various White House events regarding women’s rights as well as labor, and discuss her consideration for the Presidential Medal of Freedom, an award she ultimately did not receive.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2016-1010-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. This collection consists of records concerning Betty Friedan, noted women’s right activist, author, and outspoken feminist. She is credited as the “mother” of second-wave feminism following the publication of her book, The Feminine Mystique, in 1963. She was one of the founders and presidents of the National Organization of Women, and worked to further the rights of women until her death in 2006 at the age of 85. The subject file records in this collection include correspondence, notes, a program booklet, and news releases relating to Ms. Friedan’s seminar on “Reframing Family Values”, Guild Hall’s Annual Academy of the Arts Lifetime Achievement Award, and remarks made by the President to the Renaissance Group in 1994. The staff and office records are from the National Economic Council and contain correspondence, notes, and a draft copy of a book, “Building A New Paradigm: Women, Men, and Community.” The electronic records in

this collection primarily concern the inclusion of Betty Friedan in various White House events regarding women’s rights as well as labor, and discuss her consideration for the Presidential Medal of Freedom, an award she ultimately did not receive. There are no emails from Betty Friedan.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas— Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Alpha Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, Clinton Presidential Records: TRP Emails. 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 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. 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 2016-1010-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: HU Human Rights ME Messages PP Presidential (Personal) SP Speeches

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

2017-01-04

Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2016-1010-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Alpha Files
Friedan, Betty
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject Files
Category Case Number
HU016 155516
ME002 286112
PP005-01 063333 [Betty Friedan]
PP005-01 097859 [Betty Friedan]
PP005-01 085203 [Betty Friedan]
PP005-01 140142 [Betty Friedan]
SP 062012
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
First Lady’s Office
Verveer, Melanne
Betty Friedan [OA/ID 104433]
National Economic Council
Tyson, Laura D’Andrea

Betty Friedan [1] [OA/ID 8461]
Betty Friedan [2] [OA/ID 8461]
Betty Friedan [3] [OA/ID 8461]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[“Betty Friedan”]
[05/10/1996 - 02/26/1999]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[“Betty Friedan”]
[12/19/1994 - 07/22/1998]
[07/30/1998 - 02/22/1999]
[03/05/1999 - 10/30/2000]
CEA [OA/ID 9500000]
[“Betty Friedan”]
[09/25/1999 - 09/25/1999]
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
[“Betty Friedan”]
[06/05/1995 - 06/04/1997]
Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project (TRP) [Email]
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
[“Betty Friedan”]
[04/03/1997 - 04/16/1997]