Extent

3 folders, approximately 122 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the July 1993 report from Secretary of State Warren Christopher on how the Reagan-era State Department managed the human rights situation and reported the conditions of Human Rights practices in El Salvador during the Salvadoran Civil War. The collection includes correspondence between the State Department and members of Congress, emails between National Security Council (NSC) staffers concerning the Secretary's report, and State Department cables regarding implementation of the recommendations contained in the Secretary's report.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2017-0436-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. The United Nations brokered peace agreement that ended the Salvadoran Civil War in January of 1992, also created a Truth Commission to investigate human rights abuses. This U.N. Truth Commission released its final report on March 15th , 1993, and just five days later, the Salvadoran Legislature, led by the National Republican Alliance (ARENA) party, passed an amnesty law that provided immunity to anyone implicated in the U.N. Truth Commission report. In the wake of this U.N. report and as a result of congressional requests, Secretary of State Warren Christopher created a special internal State Department panel to review how the Reagan-era State Department had managed the human rights situation and to report on the condition of Human Rights practices in El Salvador in 1993. Secretary Christopher's report was released in July 1993 and concluded that there were indeed flaws in the way the State Department had reacted to reports of human rights violations in El Salvador. Records responsive to this FOIA collection include

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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 and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. 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. FOIA 2017-0948-F includes WHORM records from this subject code: [CO054] [El Salvador, Republic of]

Access

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Provenance

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Container List

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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
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[Panel on El Salvador]
[01/20/1993 – 01/19/1994]
NSC Email
A1-Record (Jan 93–Sept 94) [OA/ID 510000]
[Report, El Salvador …]

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