Extent

Approximately 6,307 photographs in color and black & white film processed from 35mm negatives.

Summary

This collection contains photographs relating to the Israeli and Palestinian Peace Process, as well as material related to the broader topic of Middle East Peace. The collection includes materials from Prime Minister Netanyahu's July 1996 White House visit, an October 1996 peace summit in Washington, D.C., a December 1998 trip to Gaza City, Prime Minister Ehud Barak's July 1999 visit to the White House and Camp David, the January 2000 Sheperdstown peace talks, and the December 2000 meeting with President-elect George W. Bush. Key individuals in these records include President William Jefferson Clinton, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Vice President Albert "Al" Gore Jr., Prime Minister Binyamin (Benjamin) Netanyahu of Israel, Prime Minister Ehud Barak of Israel, Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), and King Hussein of Jordan.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2017-0231-F are a selective body responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. FOIA request 2017-0231-F contains photographs from the White House Photograph Office (WHPO) relating to the Israeli and Palestinian peace process during the Clinton Administration. Included are materials relating to arrivals & departures, meetings prior to and following events, speaking engagements including ceremonies and press briefings, signing ceremonies relating to the topic, and conferring with senior administration officials. Materials range from July 9, 1996, which was Prime Minister Netanyahu's visit to the White House, October 1 through 2, 1996, during a peace summit in Washington, DC, December 14, 1998, during a trip to Gaza City, Gaza, July 15 through 16, 1999 and July 18 through 19, 1999, which encompasses Prime

Minister Ehud Barak’s visit to Camp David and the White House, January 3 through 10, 2000, and during the Shepherdstown peace talks, which were meetings regarding the upcoming Camp David Peace Summit, and December 19, 2000, which was a meeting with President-elect George W. Bush. Key individuals in the photographs include President William Jefferson Clinton, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Vice President Albert “Al” Gore Jr., Prime Minister Binyamin (Benjamin) Netanyahu of Israel, Prime Minister Ehud Barak of Israel, Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), and King Hussein of Jordan. Photographs from July 9th, 1996, are as follows: President William Jefferson Clinton is briefed in the Oval Office prior to the official visit of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Present are Vice President Albert “Al” Gore, Jr., Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Samuel “Sandy” Berger, Leon Fuerth, Leon Panetta, and George Stephanopoulos, among others. President William Jefferson Clinton greets Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. The two meet in the Oval Office. After the meeting, the two proceed across the Rose Garden towards the White House Residence. President William Jefferson Clinton, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and the United States and Israeli delegations have lunch. Present are Vice President Albert “Al” Gore Jr., Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Robert Rubin, Mickey Kantor, Dennis Ross, Mark Parris, John Deutch, Samuel “Sandy” Berger, among others. President William Jefferson Clinton and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu participate in a joint press conference in the East Room. President William Jefferson Clinton greets Mrs. Netanyahu in the Oval Office. Photographs from October 1st, 1996, are as follows: President William Jefferson Clinton participates in a briefing prior to meetings with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Chairman Yasser Arafat. Present are Vice President Albert “Al” Gore Jr., Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Tony Lake, Mark Parris, Dennis Ross, Leon Panetta, Martin Indyk, and Mike McCurry, among others. President William Jefferson Clinton meets with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office. President William Jefferson Clinton meets with Chairman Yasser Arafat in the Oval Office. President William Jefferson Clinton participates in a meeting with King Hussein bin Talal, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and Chairman Yasser Arafat in the Oval Office. Present is Vice President Albert “Al” Gore, Jr. The principals depart for a press pool event on the North Grounds. Photographs from December 14th, 1998, are as follows: President William Jefferson Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton arrive at Gaze International Airport. They participate in a ceremony with Chairman Yasser Arafat and his wife Mrs. Suha Arafat. President William Jefferson Clinton and First Lady

Hillary Rodham Clinton participate in a luncheon with Chairman Yasser Arafat and Mrs. Suha Arafat at the Zahrat al Madaen (Flower of the City). President William Jefferson Clinton participates in a meeting with Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza. Present are Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Samuel “Sandy” Berger, and Dennis Ross, among others. President William Jefferson Clinton addresses the Palestinian National Council at the Shawa Center in Gaza. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Mrs. Suha Arafat, and Chelsea Clinton visit various centers in Gaza, including the Palestine Avenir Foundation, the Women’s Empowerment Center, and the Children’s Therapy Center. Photographs from July 15th through July 16th, 1998, are as follows: President William Jefferson Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton depart the White House for Camp David following their greeting of Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Mrs. Nava Barak. They arrive at the Camp David landing zone. Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Mrs. Nava Barak depart Camp David. President William Jefferson Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton also depart en route to Des Monies, Iowa. Photographs from January 3rd, 2000 are as follows: President William Jefferson Clinton departs Fort McNair for Shepherdstown. The President arrives at the US Fish and Wildlife Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. President William Jefferson Clinton meets with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Samuel “Sandy” Berger, Dennis Ross, Martin Indyk, and Bruce Riedel, among others, at the US Fish and Wildlife Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The US delegation meets with Prime Minister Ehud Barak at the Clarion Hotel in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. President William Jefferson Clinton also participates in individual meetings with Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara of Syria and Prime Minister Barak. President William Jefferson Clinton participates in individual meetings with Foreign Minister Farouk alShara of Syria and Prime Minister Ehud Barak at the US Fish and Wildlife Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright meets with Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara. (January 3rd, 2000 cont.) President William Jefferson Clinton greets the public on the streets of Shepherdstown, West Virginia. President William Jefferson Clinton walks on the grounds with Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara of Syria and Prime Minister Ehud Barak at the US Fish and Wildlife Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Photographs from January 4th, 2000 are as follows: President William Jefferson Clinton is briefed prior to meetings at Shepherdstown. Present are Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Samuel “Sandy” Berger, Bruce Riedel, and Martin Indyk, among others. President William Jefferson Clinton meets with Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara of Syria and Prime Minister Ehud Barak at the Clarion Hotel in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Secretary of State

Madeleine Albright meets with Prime Minister Ehud Barak. Photographs from January 5th, 2000 are as follows: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright meets with Prime Minister Ehud Barak during a working lunch. Photographs from January 6th, 2000 are as follows: President William Jefferson Clinton is briefed prior to Shepherdstown peace talks at the Clarion Hotel. Present are Secretary of State Madeline Albright, Samuel “Sandy” Berger, Bruce Riedel, Martin Indyk, and Dennis Ross, among others. President William Jefferson Clinton meets with Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara and Prime Minister Ehud Barak in separate meetings at the Clarion Hotel. Photographs from January 7th, 2000 are as follows: President William Jefferson Clinton and Samuel “Sandy” Berger depart for Shepherdstown. The President arrives via Marine One at the Shepherdstown landing zone. President William Jefferson Clinton is briefed prior to Shepherdstown peace talks. Present are Secretary of State Madeline Albright, Bruce Riedel, Martin Indyk, Dennis Ross, Robert Malley, and Maria Echaveste, among others. President William Jefferson Clinton meets with Prime Minister Ehud Barak at the Clarion Hotel. President William Jefferson Clinton participates in a trilateral talk with Foreign Minister Farouk alShara and Prime Minister Ehud Barak. Present also are Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Samuel “Sandy” Berger. (January 7th, 2000 cont.) President William Jefferson Clinton stops at a café in Shepherdstown. Photographs from January 8th, 2000 are as follows: Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Mrs. Nava Barak walk in Shepherdstown. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara participate in a working lunch. Photographs from January 9th, 2000 are as follows: President William Jefferson arrives in Shepherdstown via Marine One. President William Jefferson Clinton is briefed by senior staff. Present are Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Samuel “Sandy” Berger, Dennis Ross, Bruce Riedel, and Maria Echaveste, among others. President William Jefferson Clinton meets with Prime Minister Ehud Barak. President William Jefferson Clinton has dinner with Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara at the US Fish and Wildlife Center. Present are Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Samuel “Sandy” Berger, among others. Photographs from July 5th, 2000 are as follows: President William Jefferson Clinton is briefed prior to delivering a statement regarding the upcoming Camp David Peace Summit. Present are Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Samuel “Sandy” Berger, Dennis Ross, Joe Lockhart, John Podesta, and Maria Echaveste. President William Jefferson Clinton delivers a press statement in the Press Briefing Room at the White House regarding the upcoming Camp David Peace Summit. Photographs from July 7th, 2000 are as follows: President William Jefferson

Clinton is briefed on the upcoming Camp David Peace Summit. Present are Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Samuel “Sandy” Berger, Dennis Ross, Gamal Helal, Bruce Riedel, Robert Malley, and Jim Steinberg, among others. Photographs from July 9th, 2000 are as follows: President William Jefferson Clinton attends a meeting regarding the Camp David Peace Summit. Present are Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Samuel “Sandy” Berger, Dennis Ross, Gamal Helal, Aaron Miller, and Jim Steinberg, among others. Photographs from December 19th, 2000 are as follows: President William Jefferson Clinton meets with President-Elect George Walker Bush at the White House. They meet in the Oval Office and have lunch in the Private Residence. President-Elect Bush departs the White House via the South Portico.

Record Type

Photographs

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in one collection area and one series— Clinton Presidential Records: Photographs of the White House Photograph Office and the series therein—Photographs Relating to the Clinton Administration. Processing is done at the Folder/Contact sheet level. While this method maintains folder/contact sheet integrity, it frequently results in the processing of photographs that are not wholly responsive to the subject area. Some images responsive to this case were also previously processed in FOIA case # 2015-0709-F

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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