Extent

44 folders, approximately 2,262 pages

Summary

This collection consists of material regarding Laura D'Andrea Tyson. The files contain memoranda, reports, press releases, testimony, speeches, drafts, graphs, charts, tables, correspondence, talking points, and faxes. For three years (1993-1996) Laura Tyson acted as President Clinton’s top economic advisor. During that time span she headed the Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) for two years and the National Economic Council (NEC) for one year. The records here deal primarily with U.S. trade relations with Russia and Canada and trade policy in the steel sector. Detailed in nature, the talking points pertain to trade with America’s neighbor to the north and address such issues as lumber imports, possible import restrictions on peanut butter, provincial sales taxes, and disputes over beer.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in 2017-0364-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. For a sizable portion of the Clinton administration Laura Tyson served as the President’s chief economic advisor. She held the position of Chair of the CEA (Council of Economic Advisors) from 1993-1995 and acted as Director of the NEC (National Economic Council) from 1995-1996. A number of topics are addressed in the files of Laura Tyson relating to trade. Several folders deal with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the policies of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC). This case contains correspondence, reports, newspaper articles, graphs, charts, tables, speeches, testimony, memoranda, press releases, faxes, and drafts. In Tyson’s records in the CEA, material pertaining to NAFTA can be found in numerous places. A memorandum from Erik Lichtenburg to Tyson describes efforts by the sugar industry

in the U.S. to get corn syrup added to the definition of sweeteners covered under NAFTA. There is a lengthy report entitled “The Impact of a North American Free Trade Agreement on California: A Summary of Key Research Findings” complete with eleven tables in the appendix. In addition, there are folders concerning the anti-NAFTA book entitled Save Your Job, Save Your Country: Why NAFTA Must be Stopped—Now!. Tyson’s papers in the NEC contain many reports about the WTO encompassing drafts intended for conferences and articles that appeared in the journal Foreign Affairs. Included in this material is the article “Greening World Trade” by Daniel C. Esty of the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy. The records pertaining to the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC) can be found in Tyson’s CEA files. They are comprised of press releases from the Department of Commerce, biographies of prominent individuals on the TPCC (such as Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown), graphs relating to exports (there is one entitled “Export-Related Jobs Pay Higher Average Wages Than Other Jobs in Each Category of Exports”), and a copy of the annual report delivered to Congress on September 30, 1993 (“Toward a National Export Strategy: U.S Exports = U.S. Jobs”). Additionally, there are newspaper articles along with an Executive Order issued by President Clinton prolonging the existence of the TPCC.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in this collection area—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files. Staff and Office files are maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. 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 not wholly responsive to the subject area.

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Provenance

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