Extent

9 folders, approximately 28 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to Memorandums of Conversation, or memcons, and Telephone Conversations, or telcons, between President Clinton and John Howard, Prime Minister of Australia. The collection contains National Security Council Records Management System numbered documents and includes administrative paperwork tracking various memcons and telcons through the White House routing system.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2017-0784-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about other related material. The majority of the records related to this FOIA case are closed for national security reasons. Freedom of Information Act Request 2017-0784-F was for all Memcon (memoranda of conversation) and Telcon (telephone conversation) records related to Australian Prime Minister John Howard in the National Security Council Records Management System (RMS). This collection contains administrative paperwork tracking these documents through the National Security Council's system. John W. Howard, a member of Australia's Liberal Party, was first elected to a government position in 1974 as MP of the Division of Bennelong. In 1985 and 1995 he was elected as leader of the Liberal Party. Howard was elected March 2, 1996 to be Prime Minister of Australia and served in that role until electoral defeat in November 2007. His four terms as Prime Minister represents the second longest service in that position in modern Australian history. In 2008, Howard was awarded the Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) and in 2012 was awarded the Order of Merit (OM) by Queen Elizabeth II. Howard visited the Clinton White House in June 1997 and July 1999. He was active in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

where he worked with President Clinton on economic issues. Between March 1996 and January 2001, Australia and the United States worked closely together in the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) in Iraq, the International Force for East Timor (INTERFET), Operation Southern Watch, and Operation Northern Watch

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in this collection area—Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Records Management System.

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, 2017. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Last Modified Date

2017-10-23

Container List

View all digitized files in the National Archives Catalog (NAC)

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2017-0784-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Records Management System
[Prime Minister John Howard, Australia]
9607572 [OA/ID 1130]
9607872 [OA/ID 1132]
9704573 [OA/ID 1629]
9800938 [OA/ID 3252]
9801022 [OA/ID 2016]
9904457 [OA/ID 2734]
9905745 [OA/ID 2743]
9906582 [OA/ID 2748]
9906628 [OA/ID 2748]

Content Available Online