Extent

5 folders, approximately 130 pages

Summary

This collection consists of material relating to Rod J. Rosenstein, who President Trump nominated to be Deputy Attorney General for the U.S. Department of Justice in January 2017. It contains correspondence, reports, faxes, court orders and motions, and emails. During the Clinton administration Rosenstein served as Counsel to Deputy Attorney General Philip Heymann from 1993-1994.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in 2017-1193-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Records related to Rosenstein's work during the Clinton Administration primarily focus on the aftermath of the Branch Davidian Standoff in Waco, Texas. Deputy Attorney General Philip B. Heymann decided to have a panel of ten unpaid outside experts review the FBI's handling of the Branch Davidian siege. Rosenstein, who at that time was Counsel to Deputy Attorney General Heymann, corresponded with Alan A. Stone, a professor of law and psychiatry at Harvard University. Stone, was designated to be a member of the panel of unpaid outside experts, however was unable to participate in preliminary briefings. Stone released a separate report from the panel on November 8, 1993, about a month after the remaining nine members of the panel came out with their conclusions. Stone's paper, "Report and Recommendations Concerning the Handling of Incidents Such as the Branch Dravidian Standoff in Waco, Texas," was critical of the conduct of the FBI during the siege. Among other things, Stone faulted FBI agents for exposing the children in the Branch Davidian compound to tear gas for an inordinate amount of time. Stone's work eventually was featured on PBS as part of the Frontline series. The Counsel's Office contains correspondence between Rosenstein and Stone and Heymann and

Stone. Stone’s 47 page report, addressed to Deputy Attorney General Heymann, gets reproduced in its entirety. Also included in the Staff and Office files of the Counsel's Office are court orders and motions pertaining to the civil court case Marin v. Dept. of Defense, et al. (95-CV-02175), which was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Email from the Automated Records Management System contains an article written by Pete Yost. Email from the Tape Restoration Project contains an email to John Podesta concerning an Independent Counsel Symposium that occurred on February 19, 1998. The Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES) contains the White House visitor records of Rod Rosenstein.

Biographical Note

Rod Jay Rosenstein began to work for the federal government soon after receiving his J.D. degree cum laude in 1989 from Harvard Law School. During the Clinton Administration he served as Counsel to Deputy Attorney General Philip B. Heymann (1993-1994), Special Assistant to Criminal Division Assistant Attorney General Jo Ann Harris (1994-1995), and as an Associate Independent Counsel (1995- 1997) working (at the behest of Ken Starr) on the Whitewater investigation. As of April 25, 2017, Rosenstein began serving as the Deputy Attorney General.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, Clinton Presidential Records: TRP Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: Electronic WAVES Files. Staff and Office files were 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 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. ARMS emails are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. The OPD bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Office of Policy Development (OPD) White House user account. 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. The Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES) is a database of visitors/appointments to the White House and is arranged by name of visitor there-under by date.

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 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

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Container List

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The following is a list of folders processed in response to 2017-1193-F:

Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Counsel’s Office
Johnson, Rochester (Ches)
Materials Sent to Rod Rosenstein on 9/20/1996: Miscellaneous Pleadings Re: Marin v. Dept of Defense, et al. [OA/ID CF 905]
Mikva, Abner
[Waco – Rosenstein/Stone Correspondence] [OA/ID 7554]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]

[Rod Rosenstein]
[01/14/1998]
Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[Rod Rosenstein]
[02/11/1998]
Clinton Presidential Records: Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES)
WAVES
[Rod Rosenstein]
[04/28/1996 – 03/26/1998] [OA/ID 180000]

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