Extent

2,775 photographs in color and black & white film processed from 35mm negatives and 14 video recordings in BetacamSP & Digital Betacam format totaling approximately 323 minutes (5.38 hours) total run time.

Summary

The photographs and video processed in this collection are related to the Middle East peace process. Included are items relating to stops in Israel, Masada, Bethlehem, and Gaza City on December 12 through 15, 1998.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2017-1244-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. FOIA request 2017-1244-F contains photographs and video recordings of President William Jefferson Clinton’s travel to the Middle East from December 12 through 1, 1998 to Israel, including stops in Jerusalem, Gaza, Masada, and Bethlehem. Key individuals include President Clinton, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Chelsea Clinton, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu & Mrs. Sara Netanyahu, Chairman Yasser Arafat & Mrs. Suha Arafat, and Mrs. Leah Rabin, and the United States Delegation including Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Samuel “Sandy” Berger, Bruce Riedel, Maria Echaveste, and various members of Congress. Events including arrivals and departures, meetings, and press opportunities. Material from December 12, 1998 is as follows; President William Jefferson Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton fly to Israel aboard Air Force One. Present are Representatives Rick Lazio and Sam Gejdenson, and Senators Paul Wellstone and Arlen Specter. The President and First Lady participate in an arrival ceremony at Ben Gurion International Airport. They are met by President Ezer Weizman & Mrs. Reuma Weizman and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu & Mrs. Sara Netanyahu. Material from December 13, 1998 is as follows; President William

Jefferson Clinton & First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton have breakfast with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Mrs. Sara Netanyahu. Later the President meets with the United States' Congressional Delegation. Present are Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Senators Arlen Specter & Paul Wellstone, and Representatives Peter Deutsch, John Fox, Brad Sherman, Nick Rahall, Sander Levin, and Jane Harman, among others. The President has a staff briefing with Secretary Albright, Samuel "Sandy" Berger, Dennis Ross, Bruce Riedel, Rob Malley, and Maria Echaveste. President William Jefferson Clinton is presented with a gift from Mayor Ehud Olmert. President William Jefferson Clinton and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu have a bilateral meeting. The President and Prime Minister later address the people of Israel in Ussishkin Hall at the Jerusalem Convention Center. President William Jefferson Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visit the gravesite of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Accompanying the President and First Lady are Mrs. Leah Rabin, Dalia RabinPelossof (daughter of Mrs. Rabin), and Noa Ben-Artzi (granddaughter of Mrs. Rabin). President William Jefferson Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton meets with President Ezer Weizman and Mrs. Reuma Weizman at Beit Hanassi. The principals participate in a Menorah lighting ceremony. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Mrs. Sara Netanyahu visit various locations in Jerusalem, Israel, including the Neve Shalom Community, the Hadassah Medical Center, and the Sadie Rennert Center. President William Jefferson Clinton & First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton attend dinner hosted by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Mrs. Sara Netanyahu. Material from December 14, 1998 is as follows; Air Force One sits on the tarmac at Tel Aviv, Israel. President William Jefferson Clinton participates in an arrival ceremony at Gaza City, Gaza (A large amount of additional material responsive to December 14, 1998 was processed in FOIA # 2017-0231-F and should be referenced). Material from December 15, 1998 is as follows; President William Jefferson Clinton is briefed at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel. President William Jefferson Clinton attends a trilateral meeting with Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. The President delivers remarks to the press following the trilateral. President William Jefferson Clinton, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Chelsea Clinton arrive at the Dead Sea Landing Zone to visit the mountaintop fortress at Masada, Israel. Present are Prime Minister Binyamin Nentanyahu and Mrs. Sara Netanyahu. President William Jefferson Clinton, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Chelsea Clinton visit the Church of the Nativity with Chairman Yasser Arafat and Mrs. Suha Arafat in Bethlehem, Israel. President William Jefferson Clinton greets U.S. Marines at the

Jerusalem Hotel. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton greets Congressional Delegation members at the Jerusalem Hotel. The First Lady later addresses the U.S. Embassy & Consulate general community. The First Lady also address a Shimon Peres Peace Center event and meets with families of missing soldiers. President William Jefferson Clinton meets with Labor Leader Ehud Barak at the Ben Gurion International Airport. President William Jefferson Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton depart Israel.

Record Type

Photographs

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in two collections and two series, Clinton Presidential Records: Photographs of the White House Photograph Office and the series therein – Photographs Relating to the Clinton Administration, and Clinton Presidential Records: Video Recordings of the White House Television Office and the series therein – Video Recordings Relating to the Clinton Administration. Processing was done at the folder/contact sheet level for photographs and at the individual item level for video. While this method maintains folder/contact sheet integrity for photographs and tape run time integrity for video, it frequently results in the incidental processing of photographs and video that are not wholly responsive to the subject area. Some video recordings responsive to this case have been released through prior auspices, which include White House Television Office releases.

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).

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2017.

Container List

The following is a list of photograph contact sheets/folders and video recordings processed in response
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