Extent

1 SRL, 3,232 assets

Summary

The researcher submitted a request for electronic records related to Congressional liaison Howard Paster. The records responsive to this request came from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS). Records to be opened include appointment requests, daily schedules, talking points, press and press releases, transcripts, memos and draft memos, and internal communications between White House staff.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2020-0557-F (Segment 1) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. The researcher submitted a request for records related to Howard Paster. Howard Paster served as the Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs in 1993. Mr. Paster worked as President Clinton’s chief Congressional liaison on a legislative agenda that included passing the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s Supreme Court nomination, Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, and an unsuccessful attempt at health care reform. Upon resigning at the end of 1993, citing a “lack of stamina” for the position, he returned to public relations firm Hill & Knowlton, this time as the chairman and chief executive. In 2008, Mr. Paster served as the chief operating officer of First Lady Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign. Mr. Paster passed away in 2011 at the age of 66.2 Researchers can read a firsthand account of Mr. Paster’s time at the White House from an interview conducted by the Presidential Oral https://www.denverpost.com/2008/03/20/pr-exec-joins-clinton-campaign/
https://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/14/us/politics/14paster.html History Program at the University of Virginia’s Miller Center at

https://millercenter.org/thepresidency/presidential-oral-histories/howard-paster-oral-history. Electronic records responsive to this request primarily include records sent to Mr. Paster or sent on his behalf by an assistant. Records to be opened include appointment requests, talking points, press and press releases, transcripts, Mr. Paster's daily schedules, memos and drafts, and internal communications between White House staff.

Record Type

Electronic Records

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas— Clinton Presidential Records: (SAS) Automated Records Management System [Email]. The Executive Office of the President (EOP) subsystem of the Electronic Records Archive (ERA) contains electronic records created or received by Clinton Administration officials. These records are stored in Search and Access Sets (SAS) that represent their originating computer program. Search strings are used to locate records responsive to FOIA requests, and responsive assets are placed into Search Results Lists (SRLs). Depending on the complexity of the search, there may be multiple SRLs within each SAS. 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.

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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Container List

The following Search and Access Sets were processed in response to FOIA 2020-0557-F (Segment 1):
Clinton Presidential Records: EOP ERA Search and Access Sets (SAS)
(SAS) Automated Records Management System [Email] contains 3,232 assets.