Extent

35 folders, approximately 3,263 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the 1993 and 1994 Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission meetings concerning U.S.-Russia science, technology, and space cooperation It contains press briefings, press releases, cables, emails, memorandums, reports, talking points and speech transcripts related to President Clinton’s visit to Russia and Ukraine in May 1995

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2015-0491-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist for related material. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 2015-0491-F was for Clinton Presidential Records related to the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission and the Global Positioning System (GPS), satellites, or space policy. This collection includes 1993 and 1994 Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission meeting briefing books, cables and emails pertaining to Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission meetings, U.S.-Russia science, technology, and space cooperation, commercial space launches, press briefings, press releases, and speech transcripts related to President Clinton’s visit to Russia and Ukraine in May 1995. The Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission (GCC) was a combination of bilateral working groups created by President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin in April 1993. Led by Vice President Al Gore and Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, the purpose of the GCC was to encourage U.S.-Russia cooperation in the fields of science and technology, space, economics and business, energy, the environment, health, and agriculture. The GCC held ten official meetings between 1993 and 1998, with occasional meetings in later years after Chernomyrdin’s dismissal as Prime Minister of Russia in 1998. A significant portion of the records related to this FOIA case are closed for national security reasons.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are 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, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System. 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 seven 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, NSC for National Security Council, and Default for emails not associated with an office. The NPR bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a National Performance Review (NPR) White House user account. The OPD bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Office of Policy Development (OPD) White House user account. The POTUS bucket was designated for email created and received by the President of the United States (POTUS). Please note that President Clinton never used his POTUS White House user account to send the few emails he wrote while in office. The WHO bucket contains email created or received by individual with an Executive Office of the President White House user account not identified as CEA, NPR, or OPD. The CEA bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) White House user account. The NSC bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a National Security Council (NSC) user account. The Default bucket contains email

created or received by unknown or un-recognized email accounts. Email found within the Default bucket often includes email created or received by offices or individuals outside the Executive Office of the President. ARMS email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation 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 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 is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2015-0491-F:

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Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasian Affairs
Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission (GCC), Moscow, December 1993 (Briefing Book) [OA/ID 1025]

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
National Security Council
Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasian Affairs
Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission (GCC), Washington, June 1994 (Briefing Book) [OA/ID 1025]

Gottemoeller, Rose
Working Groups: [Gore-Chernomyrdin Science, Environment and Space] [OA/ID 242]

Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email] NSC [OA/ID 1200000]
[Gore-Cherno*, GPS]
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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables
Jan 1993-Dec 1994 [OA/ID 505000]
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[07/21/1994 – 12/27/1994]

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NSC Emails
A1-Record (Jan 93-Sept 94) [OA/ID 570000]
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MSMail-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97) [OA/ID 590000]
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NSC Emails
MSMail-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97) [OA/ID 590000]
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