Extent

157 folders, approximately 27,316 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the Chronological Files of Robert Bell, National Security Council Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control. This segment runs from January 1995 to February 1998. It consists of memoranda and correspondence about administration policies concerning the daily operations of the military including a number of approvals for various Significant Military Exercises and scheduling proposals for the President to attend military related functions such as the Army vs. Navy football game

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2016-0152-F (Seg. 2) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 2016-0152-F was for the Chron Files of Robert Bell, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and Senior Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control, National Security Council (NSC). Many National Security Council directorates maintained Chronological, or Chron, files as part of their record keeping. These files are collections of records on which that directorate, or a particular staff member, gave advice or held some role in drafting. They are maintained in order by date. This collection dates from January 1995 to February 1998. The Defense Policy and Arms Control directorate of the NSC during the Clinton administration dealt primarily with issues related to the United States military and with non-proliferation issues. It includes policy discussions on the drafting of Presidential Decision Directives (PDD) as well as records related to treaties on landmines, Nonproliferation (NPT), and the Conventional Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). The collection includes interagency working group documents on chemical weapons issues and the chemical weapons

convention (CWC). The collection also includes a significant number of correspondence from Congress to either the President, Samuel Berger or Donald Kerrick. Likewise the collection contains Presidential correspondence to the Senate on nominations to the US military office corps. The bulk of the collection contains memoranda and correspondence dealing with administration policies concerning the daily operations of the military. The collection also contains a number of Legislative Referral Memorandum (LRM) on proposed legislation or testimony to be given before congressional committees. Records in this collection include those related to military operations in Bosnia, tensions over Iraqi disarmament issues, and the 1997 Ottawa treaty to ban the use / production of anti-personnel landmines. The collection also includes a number of approvals for various Significant Military Exercises, scheduling proposals for the President to attend military related functions such as the Army vs. Navy football game, and includes records related to meetings of the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTC). A significant portion of the collection is administrative paperwork related to the operation of the directorate. Robert Bell, served a long and distinguished career in the service of the United States. A veteran of the United States Air Force, Bell was a staff member for the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the Senate Committee on Armed Services. He also worked in the office of Senator Samuel Nunn. In January 1993, Bell was hired to work at the NSC. He served on the NSC staff until 1999 when he was appointed as North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Assistant Secretary General for Defense Investment. Many of these 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 this collection area — Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office 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.

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, 2018. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Last Modified Date

2018-06-05

Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2016-0152-F (seg 2):

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Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files

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