Extent

19 folders, approximately 2,101 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to President Clinton’s trip to Australia in November 1996, the President’s participation in the 1996 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit meeting in the Philippines and Prime Minister Howard’s visit to the United States in 1999. It contains memorandums, schedules, talking points, press releases, remarks, and speech transcripts

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2017-0493-F 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 2017-0493-F was for records pertaining to Australian Prime Minister John Howard. Per the requester, the search was limited to White House Staff and Office files. This collection includes background materials, schedules, memorandums, emails, press releases, press pool reports, press conference transcripts, talking points, remarks, and speech transcripts pertaining to President Clinton’s trip to Australia in November 1996 and the President’s participation in the 1996 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit meeting in the Philippines. During this 1996 APEC trip, President Clinton visited Hawaii and Alaska and met with the royal family and government officials of Thailand. This collection also includes memorandums, schedules, and press releases pertaining to Prime Minister Howard’s visit to the United States and meeting with President Clinton in 1999, and Prime Minister Howard’s remarks on climate change delivered in the Australian Parliament on November 20, 1997. John Howard became Prime Minister of Australia in 1996 as leader of the Liberal/National Coalition. He was first elected to the Australian Parliament in 1974, and was Leader of the Opposition from 1985- 1989 and 1995-1996. He served as Prime Minister until the 2007

Australian federal election, when the opposition Labor Party defeated the Liberal/National Coalition and Howard lost his seat in the Australian House of Representatives. Prime Minister Howard is known for supporting gun control legislation in the aftermath of the 1996 Port Arthur massacre, introducing a value added tax in 2000, and overseeing the deployment of Australian military forces in International Force East Timor (INTERFET) in response to civil unrest in East Timor following the 1999 East Timor independence referendum. During his third and fourth terms as Prime Minister, Howard authorized Australian military support for the Global War on Terrorism, including the 2001 War in Afghanistan and 2003 invasion of Iraq. He retired from politics following his defeat in the 2007 Australian federal election.

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. 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.

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

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2017-0493-F:
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National Security Council
Asian Affairs

Keith, James/Huso, Ravic
APEC [Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation] – Asian Affairs 1998 [OA/ID 1943]
Australia – Asian Affairs 1998 [OA/ID 1943]
Pritchard, Charles
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President's Visit to Australia – November 19-23, 1996 [binder] [OA/ID 2594]
[Trip File – Australia, Philippines (APEC) [Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation], and Thailand, 1996] [OA/ID 2411]
International Economic Affairs
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President's Visit to Australia – November 19-23, 1996 [binder] [2] [OA/ID 3624]

President’s Visit to Australia – November 19-23, 1996 [binder] [OA/ID 3625]
Speechwriting
Benjamin, Daniel
POTUS Speeches – Australia, 1996 [OA/ID 1847]