Extent

91 folders, approximately 8,099 pages

Summary

This collection consists of material related to the 1995 rape of a 12 year old Okinawan girl by three U.S. servicemen stationed on the island and the subsequent discussions of the closure of Futenma air base. It contains correspondence between members of Congress and the President and correspondence from other concerned citizens about the rape incident and more broadly about the presence of U.S. troops in Okinawa. It also contains press reports, briefings for various administration personnel visiting Japan, and emails between National Security Council staff about MCAS Futenma and about the Special Action Committee on Okinawa's report.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2016-0420-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. On September 4, 1995, three U.S. servicemen - who were stationed at Camp Hansen on Okinawa - rented a van and kidnapped a 12-year-old local girl. They drove her to a secluded beach, and raped her. The three servicemen were convicted for the crime in a Japanese court and served their sentences in Japan. This incident led to mass protests and increased debate over the continued presence of U.S. forces in Japan, especially on the island of Okinawa. While the three US servicemen were awaiting trial, they were held in pretrial confinement on the U.S. military base as part of the status of forces agreement (SOFA). The fact that they were not being held in the local jail particularly angered many Okinawan citizens who saw this treatment as unfair. As a consequence of large protests regarding jurisdiction and local opposition to U.S. bases on Okinawa, the bilateral Security Consultative Committee (composed of the U.S. Secretaries of State and Defense and their Japanese counterparts, also known as the “2+2”) established the Special

Action Committee on Okinawa (SACO) to address the burdens of base-hosting communities in Okinawa. The SACO recommended noise reduction initiatives at Kadena Air Base, land reversion initiatives that have returned approximately 1/6th of the land that was being used by the U.S. military on Okinawa, and other concessions that have been implemented over the years. One of the most important consequential recommendations made by the SACO was to relocate Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Futenma, which is located in the urban environment on Ginowan City. However, as of 2016 the base has not been relocated, and its fate is tied up in local electoral politics and the lack of a suitable replacement. As of 2016, there were still approximately 50,000 U.S. military personnel stationed in Japan and Okinawa, along with approximately 40,000 dependents of military personnel and another 5,500 American civilians employed by the United States Department of Defense. The United States Navy's Seventh Fleet is based in Yokosuka, Kanagawa Prefecture and the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF) is based on Okinawa. This collection contains correspondence between concerned members of Congress and the President and correspondence from other concerned citizens about the rape incident and more broadly about the presence of U.S. troops in Okinawa. It also contains press reports, briefings for various administration personnel visiting Japan, and emails between National Security Council staff about MCAS Futenma and the SACO report. The majority 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 these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Subject file was compiled by the

White House Office of Records Management and is a series of categories designated by a letter/number combination. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. WHORM files are processed at the document level; whereas, 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 six 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, and Default for emails not associated with an office. The WHO bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Executive Office of the President White House user account not identified as CEA, NPR, or OPD. 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 emails are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. FOIA 2016-0420-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: CO085 Countries - Japan ND004 National Security – Defense, Mobilization – Manpower, Materials ND007 National Security – Defense, Military Personnel ND009 National Security – Defense, Properties, Installations WE001 Welfare – Children (Welfare Services – Adoption – Abuse)

Access

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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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