

Extent

254 folders, approximately 22,803 pages

Summary

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Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-1363-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. This is the third and final segment of 2006-1363-F. This segment of the collection is wide ranging, touching on topics such as human rights, Women's rights, and chemical and nuclear weapons. Much of this collection is administrative in nature with much of it consisting of dialog and drafts between staff of the National Security Council. It discusses China, Burma, Turkey, Cyprus, Iraq, and Iran among others. There is a large volume of records related to the acceptance and passage of treaties particularly the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Law of the Sea (LOS). Present also are issues related to the recognition of Taiwan. While this is correspondence to or from Senator Jesse Helms, many of his letters included additional signatories. The collection features letters to or from a significant majority of the Senators from the

103rd to 106th Congress. Some of those included for example are: Trent Lott, Joseph Biden, John Glenn, Orin Hatch, Olympia Snowe, Daniel Akaka, Christopher Dodd, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Bob Dole, and others. Likewise a large number of members of the House of Representatives are also included. As chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Benjamin A. Gilman also figures prominently in these records. Jesse Helms was first elected to serve in the 93rd Senate in 1972. A Republican from the state of North Carolina, Helms was reelected 1978, 1984, 1990, and 1996. During the Clinton Administration Helms became Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and in 1994 he took seat in the more powerful Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. As Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee he used his power to oppose the Chemical Weapons Convention and Anti-Ballistic Missile Programs. Helms forced the United States into a foreign affairs reorganization by holding up the Chemical Weapons Convention in 1993. He fought for a Theatre Missile Defense system in Europe and for using the military to solidify the might of the United States. Helms strongly supported anti-communism/socialism efforts around the globe. His 1996 Helms-Burton Act took a hardline stand against Cuba. Helms was vociferous in fighting for fair trade with Canada, Russia, China, Japan, and others. Helms was born in Monroe, NC on October 18, 1921. He was educated in Monroe Schools, at Wingate Junior College, now Wingate University, and at Wake Forest University. Helms dropped out of Wake Forest to become a newspaper reporter and radio news reporter, working for both the Raleigh Times and the News & Observer. In 2002, Helms chose to not to run for reelection. In 2005, he published his memoir, *Here's Where I Stand: A Memoir*. Helms died July 4, 2008 and is buried in Raleigh.

Biographical Note

Jesse Helms served in office from January 3, 1973 to January 3, 2003. In 1950, Helms began working on the Senate campaign for Willis Smith and went to Washington as Smith's administrative assistant. Following Smith's death in 1953, Helms moved to Raleigh, NC where he was executive director of the North Carolina Bankers Association. His first elected position was as a Raleigh City Councilman, a position to which he was elected in 1957. In 1960, Helms became executive vice-president of the Capitol Broadcasting Company where he gave a nightly editorial on WRAL-TV. Helms was a conservative Democrat and switched to the Republican party prior to

his 1972 campaign for Senate. He has been frequently cited as a segregationist, if not outright racist. He did however, take interest in human rights concerns. Once in the Senate he became a strong and loud voice against communism and for a strong ballistic missile program. His stand on issues, both domestic and foreign, evolved over the course of his career. Helms refused to compromise when he thought that the United States was going to cede independence or when he perceived a weakening position and he relished being known as “Senator No”.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas— Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files CF, Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System Email, and Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project Email, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. The White House Office of Records Management Office (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Alpha file was compiled by the 2006-1363-F (Segment 3) www.clintonlibrary.gov 3 White House Office of Records Management from 1993 - 1996 and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events. 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. In addition, there are WHORM, WHORM Counsel, WHORM (CL), WHORM (OP), WHORM (Too Late); WHORM (Various Offices), and WHORM (Alpha Project) series. 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 OPD bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Office of Policy Development (OPD) White House user account. 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 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. The Tape Restoration Project (TRP) is a database consisting of restored emails from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) from July 1994 through June of 2000. The TRP is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential record email. The TRP database is comprised of the same six sub-series of email as in ARMS. TRP emails are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. FOIA 2006-1363-F (Segment 3) includes WHORM records from these subject codes: AT Atomic / Nuclear Energy CO009 Armenia CO045 Cuba, Republic of CO090-01 Korea, People's Democratic Republic of (North) CO130 Panama, Republic of CO139 Russia FG264 United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency FO003-02 Mutual Security - Foreign Aid FO009 Treaties HE006-01 Narcotics IT067 North Atlantic Treaty Organization ND017 Weapons - Ordnance - Munitions

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, 2018-2019. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Container List

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The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to 2006-1363-F:

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Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]

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