Extent

8,595 photographs in color and black & white film processed from 35mm and 28 video recordings on Betacam format tapes.

Summary

This collection contains photographs and video recordings of the 1997 Presidential Inauguration and related events including pre-Inaugural galas, preparing for Inauguration, and the Inaugural Balls. The material included ranges from January 17th, 1997 through January 21st, 1997, with a subsequent event containing a meeting of the 1997 Inaugural Committee.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2019-0023-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. FOIA request 2019-0023-F contains photographs from the White House Photograph Office (WHPO) and video recordings from the White House Television Office (WHTV) of the 1997 Presidential Inauguration and related events. In addition to the Presidential Inauguration events include pre Inaugural galas, preparing for Inauguration, and the Inaugural Balls. The material included ranges from January 17th, 1997 through January 21st, 1997, with a subsequent event containing a meeting of the 1997 Inaugural Committee. Most of the video selections have been previously released and were not processed in this case. Responsive video includes the Inauguration activities on the Capitol and the Inaugural Balls, material similarly described below in stills. Photographs from January 17th, 1997 are as follows; President William Jefferson Clinton and Vice President Al Gore autograph 1997 Inaugural posters at the White House. Present are poster artist George Rodrigue and Terry McAuliffe. Socks is photographed wearing an Inaugural bow tie on top of the 1997 Inaugural posters. Present are Betty Currie, Glen Maes, and Stephen Goodin. Photographs from January 18th, 1993 are as follows; President William Jefferson

Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton greet Inaugural Gala performers and guests in the Grand Foyer at the White House for the Pre-Inaugural Brunch. Present include Jimmy Smits, Bernadette Peters, Kenny Rogers, Betsey Ebeling, Ricki Seidman, Mike Sheehan, William Kennedy, Melinda Bates, Dick Kelley, Thomas "Mack" McLarty, Paul Begala, Hugh Rodham, and others. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton attends various parties and galas prior to the 1997 Inaugural including the National Women's Political Caucus Inaugural Gala and the Blue Jeans Bash. Photographs from January 19th, 1997 are as follows; President William Jefferson Clinton, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Chelsea Clinton depart the White House via Marine One en route to Landover, Maryland for the Presidential Inaugural Gala. Performers at the Inaugural Gala include Michael Douglas, Whoopi Goldberg, Yo-Yo Ma, Candice Bergen, The Dave Matthews Band, Kenny G, Babyface, Gloria Estefan, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Jimmy Smits, Mark O'Conner, Edgar Meyers, Bernadette Peters, Kenny Rogers, James Taylor, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Trisha Yearwood, Chicago, Bring In 'Da Noise Bring 'Da Funk, the Eastern High School Choir and the Assembled Resurrection Choir. Also in attendance include Vice President Al Gore, Elizabeth "Tipper" Gore, Dorothy Rodham, and Dick Kelley, among others. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton addresses an Emily's List Inaugural event at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC. Photographs from January 20th, 1997 are as follows; President William Jefferson Clinton, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Chelsea Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, and Mrs. Tipper Gore attend Inauguration Day church service at the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Washington, DC. Seated include Dick Kelley, Roger Clinton, Karenna Gore, Kristin Gore, and Al Gore III. Also present include Reverend Jesse Jackson and Mickey Mangun, among others. Following the service President Clinton, the First Lady, the Vice President, and Mrs. Gore proceed to an Inaugural Day reception at the White House for members of Congress. Present include Senators Tom Daschle, Wendell Ford, and John Warner, Representatives Newt Gingrich and Dick Gephardt, among others. President William Jefferson Clinton attends the Inaugural Luncheon in Statuary Hall at the US Capitol. Present are First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton. The President greets individuals present. The President delivers remarks and later signs Proclamation 6968 'National Day of Hope and Renewal.' President William Jefferson Clinton is inaugurated for his second term as President at the US Capitol, along with Vice President Al Gore. The Clinton family stand during the President's Oath. The Gore family stand during the Vice President's Oath. The President delivers his Inaugural Address. President

William Jefferson Clinton, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Chelsea Clinton proceed to the Inaugural Parade down Pennsylvania Avenue. The Clinton Family walk the final blocks of the parade to the viewing stand. The Inaugural Parade passes the viewing box while the Clinton and Gore families look on. President William Jefferson Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton attend the various 1997 Inaugural Balls including the Tennessee Ball, the 21st Century Ball, the Mid-West Ball, the D.C. Armory Ball, the Southern Ball, the Mid-Atlantic Ball, the California Ball, the Veterans' Ball, the Kennedy Center Ball, and the Western & Texas Ball. The President and First Lady make brief remarks and dance at each stop. Photographs from January 23th, 1997 are as follows; President William Jefferson Clinton and Vice President Al Gore attend an event at the Inaugural Committee headquarters in Washington, DC. The President and Vice President greet individuals present including Mike Berman, Harry Thomason, Terry McAulifee, and Vernon Jordan, among others. Most of the video recordings responsive to this case have been previously released by the White House or processed by a processing archivist for release. Due to the scope of the request those releases were described in this finding aid and have been noted in the list of responsive items. Video recordings from January 19th, 1997 are as follows; President William Jefferson Clinton delivers remarks at the end of the Inaugural Gala at the US Air Arena (The main event itself was not recorded by the WHTV unit due to being televised productions). Video recordings from January 20th, 1997 are as follows; President William Jefferson Clinton is inaugurated for his second term as President at the US Capitol, along with Vice President Al Gore. The Clinton family stand during the President's Oath. The Gore family stand during the Vice President's Oath. The President delivers his Inaugural Address. President William Jefferson Clinton, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Chelsea Clinton proceed to the Inaugural Parade down Pennsylvania Avenue. The Clinton Family walk the final blocks of the parade to the viewing stand. The Inaugural Parade passes the viewing box while the Clinton and Gore families look on. President William Jefferson Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton attend the various 1997 Inaugural Balls including the Tennessee Ball, the 21st Century Ball, the Mid-West Ball, the D.C. Armory Ball, the Southern Ball, the Mid-Atlantic Ball, the California Ball, the Veterans' Ball, the Kennedy Center Ball, and the Western & Texas Ball. The President and First Lady make brief remarks and dance at each stop. Video recordings from January 23th, 1997 are as follows; President William Jefferson Clinton and Vice President Al Gore attend an event at the Inaugural Committee headquarters in Washington, DC.

Record Type

Photographs

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in two collections and two series, Clinton Presidential Records: Photographs of the White House Photograph Office and the series therein – Photographs Relating to the Clinton Administration, and Clinton Presidential Records: Video Recordings of the White House Television Office and the series therein – Video Recordings Relating to the Clinton Administration. Processing was done at the folder/contact sheet level for photographs and at the individual item level for video. While this method maintains folder/contact sheet integrity for photographs and tape run time integrity for video, it frequently results in the incidental processing of photographs and video recordings 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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