

Extent

237 folders, approximately 20,400 pages

Summary

This collection consists of the files from 1993 to 1995 of Elisa Harris, National Security Council (NSC) Director for Nonproliferation and Export Controls. Harris was a primary adviser for United States nonproliferation policy, most notably regarding chemical and biological weapons, international space launch agreements, and the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR). It contains correspondence, press clippings, briefing materials, and reports on these and related topics.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2016-0158-F Segment 2 are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. FOIA 2016-0158-F contains the National Security Council (NSC) files of Elisa Harris, Director for Nonproliferation and Export Controls from 1993 through 2001. Prior to joining the NSC, she was a staff consultant to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1980 through 1984. After several years as an analyst at the Brookings Institution and a research fellow at Harvard University, Harris served in the NSC as Director for Nonproliferation and Export Controls during the entire Clinton administration. As Director, she was responsible for developing administration policy on chemical, biological, and missile proliferation. At the end of President Clinton's second term, Harris returned to academics to become Senior Research Scholar at the Center for International and Security Studies at the University of Maryland (CISSM). As of April 2019, she remains in residence at CISSM. Harris was a primary advisor for U.S. nonproliferation policy, most notably regarding the chemical and biological weapons, international commercial space launch agreements, and the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR). A law passed by Congress and signed by President Reagan in 1985 ordered

the destruction of a vast majority of the U.S. chemical weapons stockpile. In 1989, then-Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Edward Shevardnadze signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, also named the Bilateral Verification Experiment and Data Exchange Agreement. The MOU provided for a system of data disclosures and onsite inspection visits between the United States and the Soviet Union (later Russia) to support the intentions of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The MTCR, established by the G-7 countries in 1989, aimed to curb the proliferation of missile technology through export controls. Harris's files in this segment include correspondence, press clippings, briefing materials, and reports regarding these two international agreements from 1993 through 1995. The files also contain materials regarding the commercial impacts of the export controls, potential sanctions determinations against violators, and the negotiation of international space launch cooperation agreements. Please note that in OA/ID 2559, only the first Chemical Weapons Demilitarization folder was responsive to this case. The second folder contains post-1995 records. The research should note that the majority of the 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 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

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Provenance

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