Extent

117 folders, approximately 9,894 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records pertaining to Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. It includes news articles, press coverage, publications, email, and cables. Topics include Chavez' candidacy, drug interdiction, flood relief, inaugurations, oil production, OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. He made a controversial visit to Iraq in August 2000 and was a friend and vocal supporter of Fidel Castro, mentions of which appear throughout the collection.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2017-0405-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Hugo Chavez (b.1954- d.2013) was an officer in the Venezuelan army when he was captured while participating in a failed coup d' etat in 1992. He spent two years in prison and was released under a presidential pardon. Rising to popularity as a folk hero of the downtrodden, he founded the new party called the Movement of the Fifth Republic. He ran as this party's candidate for president in 1998 and was inaugurated in 1999. He went on to be elected twice more and served as president until his death from cancer in 2013. Unclassified textual material open for this collection consists of a publication of Venezuela's "Transitional Economic Plan 1999-2000" and routine correspondence between President Clinton and President Chavez. Electronic mail consists mostly of press guidance and is primarily news incident driven. Subjects include Chavez' candidacy, drug interdiction , inaugurations, oil production, OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), and a particularly bad flooding disaster in Venezuela in December 1999 for which Chavez first accepted and then rejected US aid. He made a controversial visit to Saddam Hussein in August 2000 and was a friend and vocal supporter of the regime of Fidel Castro's

Cuba, mentions of which appear throughout the collection.

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, Clinton Presidential Records: TRP 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 seven 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, NSC for National Security Council, and Default for emails not associated with an office. The NSC bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a Nationals Security Council (NSC) user account. 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 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 2017-0405-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: GI002 Gifts to the President.

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).

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2018 and 2019. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Last Modified Date

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2017-0405-F:
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Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
GI002 294027
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Special Envoy for the Americas
Dennison, Richard
Venezuela Trip November 11-14, 2000 [OA/ID 20319]
General Files
Venezuela: Council on Foreign Relations [OA/ID 20317]
Venezuela: Legislation [OA/ID 20317]
Kruse, Melissa Murray
Chavez 1999-2000 Economic Program [OA/ID 19834]
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