Extent

141 folders, approximately 9,738 pages

Summary

This collection consist of records regarding sweat shop abuses and administration efforts to combat them. It includes articles, cables, drafts, emails, letters, lists, memos, notes, press releases, proposed legislation, reports, schedules, speech cards, and transcripts. Some of the subjects covered include the apparel industry, Central American labor laws, child labor, China, El Salvador, the Fair Labor Association, fashion industry, garment factories, Haiti, human rights abuses, human trafficking, immigration, Indonesia, international agreements, labor laws, Saipan, sweatshops, Vietnam, and wages.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2018-1072-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. There were a number of initiatives undertaken by the Clinton Administration and its Department of Labor to combat sweatshop abuses. The No Sweat Initiative and the Trendsetter List both began in 1995 after a high-profile bust of an El Monte, California sweatshop for “slavery.” A Fashion Industry Forum was held in 1996. In addition, the Apparel Industry Partnership formed in 1996 and ran through 1998. Lastly, an interagency task force on sweatshops was launched in 1997. Records in this collection consist of agreements, articles, cables, drafts, emails, letters, lists, memos, notes, press releases, proposed legislation, reports, schedules, speech cards, and transcripts. Subjects covered include apparel industry, Apparel Industry Partnership meetings, Central America, child labor, China, El Salvador, Fair Labor Association, fashion industry, garment factories, Haiti, human rights abuses, human trafficking, immigration, Indonesia, international agreements, labor laws, Saipan, sweatshops, Vietnam, and wages.

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; Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM (OP) [Outgoing Presidential]; 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 Alpha file was compiled by the 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. 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 NPR bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a National Performance

Review (NPR) White House user account. The OPD bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Office of Policy Development (OPD) White House user account. The POTUS bucket was designated for email created and received by the President of the United States (POTUS). Please note that President Clinton never used his POTUS White House user account to send the few emails he wrote while in 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 CEA bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) White House user account. The NSC bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a National Security Council (NSC) user account. 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 email 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 seven sub-series of email as in ARMS. TRP email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. FOIA 2018-1072-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: [BE003] [Business-Economics-Industry] [BE003-14] [Business-Economics-Industry-Textile, Apparel, and Leather Industry] [CO054] [Countries-El Salvador, Republic of] [ED] [Education] [FG001-07] [Federal Government-Organizations-Appointments Granted-Presidential] [FG207] [Federal Government-Organizations-National Labor Relations Board] [IV097] [Invitations-1997] [ME001] [Messages-Sent to Individuals] [PU001-07] [Publications-Clippings to the President] [SP300] [Speeches-Press Conferences].

Access

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Provenance

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Processed by

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FG207	020316
IV097	222321
ME001	221977
PU001-07	149114SS
	197471SS [US News & World Report, 2/16/96, “Sweatshop Christmas”]
	214191SS
	214824SS
	250027
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Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: (OP)

Scan ID [Name of Person or Organization]

308915 [Eradicate Sweatshop Conditions]

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files

Cabinet Affairs

Adlakha, Raj and O’Shea, Sean

Sweatshop/Child Labor Event – January 16, 2001 [OA/ID 23690]

Silverman, Stephen

Apparel Industry/Partnership Event [OA/ID 11552]

Chief of Staff

Ickes, Harold

Sweatshop-General [OA/ID 9153]

Tramontano, Karen

Saipan Sweatshop-AFL/CIO [Video] [OA/ID 18975]

Sweatshops [OA/ID 17828]

Sweatshops [OA/ID 18979]

Communications

General Files

Apparel Industry 4/14/97 [OA/ID 19982]

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Domestic Policy Council

Warnath, Stephen

Sweatshops [Folder 1] [1] [OA/ID 9575]
Sweatshops [Folder 1] [2] [OA/ID 9575]
Sweatshops [Folder 1] [3] [OA/ID 9575]
Sweatshops [Folder 1]: Fashion Industry Forum [OA/ID 9575]
Sweatshops [Folder 1]: Verification [OA/ID 9575]
Sweatshops [Folder 2] [1] [OA/ID 9575]
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National Economic Council

Caplan, John

No Sweat U [OA/ID 17468]

Seidman, Ellen

Sweatshop Working Group AH Lewis Noon-Thursdays-231 [OA/ID 13056]

Siewert, Jake

No Sweat [OA/ID 13557]

Silverman, Mark

Sweatshop Initiative [OA/ID 11816]

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Sperling, Gene

Sweatshop Initiative [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 20237]
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Sweatshops [Empty] [OA/ID 10091]

Policy Development

Brainard, Lael

Apparel Industry Partnership [OA/ID 20585]

Public Liaison

Echaveste, Maria

American History Museum Sweatshop Exhibition [OA/ID 11658]
Department of Labor/Apparel Industry Partnership [1] [OA/ID 11671]
Department of Labor/Apparel Industry Partnership [2] [OA/ID 11671]
Department of Labor/Apparel Industry Partnership [3] [OA/ID 11671]
Department of Labor/Apparel Industry Partnership [4] [OA/ID 11671]
Marymount Report – Sweatshop Solutions [OA/ID 12010]
Sweatshops: Apparel/Department of Labor [1] [OA/ID 12010]
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Herman, Alexis and Moy, Ruby

Folder #7 [White House Staffing Memo July 23 re Sweatshop Initiative] [OA/ID 7681]

O'Keefe, Peter

White House Apparel Industry Partnership Event [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 18054]
White House Apparel Industry Partnership Event [Binder] [2] [OA/ID 18054]
White House Apparel Industry Partnership Event [Binder] [3] [OA/ID 18054]

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OPD [OA/ID 250000]

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WHO [OA/ID 500000]

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MSMail-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97) [OA/ID 590000]
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