Extent

90 folders, approximately 11,107 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records relating to Gene Sperling and Banking Regulation, Cato Institute, Contract with America, Financial Deregulation, Glass-Steagall, Goldman Sachs, Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, Heritage Foundation, and James Buchanan. Gene Sperling was President Clinton’s economic adviser and was responsible for coordinating economic policy and chairing policy meetings with the economic cabinet. He served as Deputy Director and then Director of the National Economic Council during the Clinton Administration. He served as Deputy Director from 1993 – 1996 and then Director from 1996 – 2001. The collection contains correspondence, emails, memos, talking points, reports, and news articles. The collection consists of materials on the Republican Contract with America ’94, Congressional Research Service Reports, Cato Institute on Social Security Issues, The Impact of a Balanced-Budget Amendment and the Contract with America on State Finances. The vast majority of emails in this collection contain news media material, specifically TV news program transcripts.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2019-0568-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Gene Sperling was President Clinton’s economic adviser and was responsible for coordinating economic policy and chairing policy meetings with the economic cabinet. He served as Deputy Director and then Director of the National Economic Council during the Clinton Administration. He served as Deputy Director from 1993 – 1996 and then Director from 1996 – 2001. In 2011, President Barack Obama appointed Sperling to serve again as the Director of the National Economic Council. Sperling is the first and only person to have served in this capacity for two

presidents. Before coming to the White House Sperling served as Deputy Director of Economic Policy for the Clinton Presidential Transition team and as Economic Policy Director for the Clinton-Gore Presidential campaign. He also served as the chief economic adviser for Hillary Clinton during her 2008 presidential campaign. During the Clinton administration Sperling worked on economic initiatives which included the 1993 Deficit Reduction Act, 1997 bipartisan Balanced Budget Act, Save Social Security First, Earned Income Tax Credit, the New Markets Tax Credit, the Children's Health Insurance Program, expanded debt relief to poor nations, stronger international protections against abusive child labor and the Gramm-LeachBliley Act. Records in FOIA 2019-0568-F consist of correspondence, emails, memos, talking points, reports, and news articles. The collection contains materials on the Republican Contract with America '94, Congressional Research Service Reports, Cato Institute on Social Security Issues, The Impact of a Balanced-Budget Amendment and the Contract with America on State Finances, Contract with America Tax Relief Act of 1995, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and weekly reports from Goldman Sachs on U.S. Economics Analysis. The vast majority of emails in this collection contain news media material, specifically TV news program transcripts.

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 Operations [WHORM] Subject Files; Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files; and Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails. 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 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. FOIA 2019-0568-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: PL Political Affairs PL005-02 Political Affairs – Democratic Party PL005-04 Political Affairs – Republican Party PU Publications PU001-07 Publications – Clippings viewed by 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

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