Extent

8 folders, approximately 362 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the President's power to authorize digital surveillance and the scope of Presidential Commander In Chief powers with respect to digital surveillance. It contains news articles, email, letters, press briefings, testimony, and transmittal sheets. Some subjects include civil liberties, the Communication Assistance for Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (CALEA), the Cyberspace Electronic Security Act of 1999 (CESA), data encryption, the FBI’s electronic ‘snooper’ Carnivore, the Fourth Amendment, privacy, and government and private industry development and use of digital surveillance systems.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2018-0440-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. The researched requested material related to the President's power to authorize digital surveillance and the scope of Presidential Commander In Chief powers with respect to digital surveillance. Records consist of articles, email, letters, press briefings, testimony, and transmittal sheets. Subjects include the civil liberties, Communication Assistance for Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (CALEA), the Cyberspace Electronic Security Act of 1999 (CESA), data encryption, the FBI’s electronic system “Carnivore”, the Fourth Amendment, privacy, and government and private industry development and use of digital surveillance systems.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, Clinton Presidential Records: TRP Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. 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. 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.

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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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2018-0440-F:
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NSC [OA/ID 1200000]
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[07/22/2000 – 11/20/2000]
Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project (TRP) [Email]
NSC [OA/ID 1200000]
[digital and surveillance]
[09/16/1999]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System

NSC Emails
MSMail-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97) [OA/ID 590000]
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[10/07/1994 – 07/28/1996]
Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 620000]
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Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 630000]
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