Extent

64 folders, approximately 11,508 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to fast track authority. The bulk of the responsive records include National Economic Council (NEC) talking points regarding fast track authority, miscellaneous news articles, United States Information Agency (USIA) foreign news media summaries, President Clinton’s remarks and speeches on trade and tariff issues, press briefings on trade issues, administration arguments in favor of fast track authority, and Congressional Quarterly news reports. This collection only contains emails.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2019-0155-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers may consult the following Clinton Presidential Library FOIA cases for related material: 2007-0143-F Segment 2, 2012-0661-F, 2012-0743-F, 2015-0017-F Segment 2, 2017-1073- F, 2019-0142-F, 2019-0143-F, 2019-0144-F, 2019-0146-F, 2019-0148-F, 2019-0151-F, 2019-0152-F, 2019-0153-F, 2019-0154-F, 2019-0156-F. Fast track authority refers to the ability of the President of the United States to negotiate foreign trade agreements with advance approval from Congress. Congress may only vote approve-deny and may not amend fast track authority trade agreements. Fast track authority expired in 1994, and the Clinton Administration unsuccessfully sought Congressional reauthorization of fast track through the remainder of his term. Fast track authority was not restored until 2002 under President George W. Bush. Materials responsive to this FOIA request include emails mentioning fast track authority. The bulk of the responsive records include National Economic Council (NEC) talking points regarding fast track authority, miscellaneous news articles, United States Information Agency (USIA) foreign news media summaries, President Clinton’s remarks and speeches on trade and tariff

issues, press briefings on trade issues, administration arguments in favor of fast track authority, and Congressional Quarterly news reports.

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, and Clinton Presidential Records: TRP Emails. 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 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.

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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