Extent

4 folders, approximately 141 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the passing and signing of the 1996 welfare reform bill, discussion of the implementation and consequences of the bill, and talking points on welfare reform.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2020-0555-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act was signed into law on August 22, 1996 and enacted changes to U.S. social welfare programs. Records responsive to this FOIA request include email correspondence leading up to the passing and signing of the 1996 welfare reform bill, discussion of the implementation and consequences of the bill, and talking points on welfare reform.

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. 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 individuals 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.

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).

Topical Subjects

Public welfare
Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (United States)

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Container List

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The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2020-0555-F:

Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[welfare reform meeting]
[07/08/1996 – 07/31/1996]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[welfare reform, president]
[07/31/1996 – 08/02/1996]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[welfare reform, president]
[07/30/1996 – 08/02/1996]
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
[welfare reform, president]
[07/31/1996 – 08/02/1996]

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