Extent

11 folders, approximately 621 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the Clinton Administration’s response to the 1998-1999 Kosovo War and subsequent humanitarian concerns. Specific material mentioned in the emails includes OMB discussion of tax benefits for U.S. military personnel serving in the combat zone, Congressional authorization of emergency funding for Kosovo relief efforts, using the federal budget surplus to fund relief, press material and briefings on Kosovo, President Clinton’s statements and remarks, and a September 2000 International Crisis Group Report on FR Yugoslavia and Serbia and Montenegro. This collection only contains emails.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2019-0934-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Sylvia Mathews Burwell was Staff Director of the National Economic Council (NEC) from 1993-1995. From 1995-1997 she was Chief of Staff for Secretary of the Treasury Robert Rubin, and later served as Deputy White House Chief of Staff for Policy from 1997-1998. She was Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) from 1998-2001. Materials responsive to this FOIA request include emails regarding the Clinton Administration’s response to the 1998-1999 Kosovo War and subsequent humanitarian concerns. Specific material mentioned in the emails includes OMB discussion of tax benefits for U.S. military personnel serving in the combat zone, Congressional authorization of emergency funding for Kosovo relief efforts, using the federal budget surplus to fund relief, press material and briefings on Kosovo, President Clinton’s statements and remarks, and a September 2000 International Crisis Group Report on FR Yugoslavia and Serbia and Montenegro.

Record Type

Electronic Records

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 OPD bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Office of Policy Development (OPD) White House user account. 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 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).

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2021. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Last Modified Date

2021-12-23

Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2019-0934-F:
Box 1

Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[From: Sylvia Mathews, Kosovo…]
[04/12/1999 – 09/09/1999]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[From: Sylvia Mathews, Kosovo…]
[04/06/1999 – 08/16/1999]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[To: Sylvia Mathews, Kosovo…]
[04/08/1999 – 09/09/1999]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[To: Sylvia Mathews, Kosovo…]
[10/12/1998 – 10/06/2000]
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
[To: Sylvia Mathews, Kosovo…]
[03/22/1999 – 06/22/1999]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[To: Sylvia Mathews, Serbia…]
[09/26/2000]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[To: Sylvia Mathews, Serbia…]
[03/22/1999 – 06/10/1999]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[Sylvia Mathews, Kosovo…]
[06/29/1999]
NSC [OA/ID 1200000]
[Sylvia Mathews, Macedonia…]
[05/12/1999 – 10/06/2000]
Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project (TRP) [Email]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[To: Sylvia Mathews, Kosovo…]
[10/13/1998 – 11/24/1999]
NSC [OA/ID 1200000]
[Sylvia Mathews, Macedonia…]
[06/22/1999]