Extent

129 folders, approximately 7,793 pages

Summary

This collection contains records related to Presidential Emergency Action Directives (PEADs), emergency powers, and emergency authorities. The files consist of correspondence, memorandums, briefing materials, planning materials, reports, and emails on a number of topics related to the use of emergency powers during the Clinton Administration. Topics include domestic assistance, export controls, Y2K, immigration, and the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA).

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2018-0781-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. This collection contains records related to Presidential Emergency Action Directives (PEAD), emergency powers, and emergency authorities. The WHORM Subject files contain correspondence to President Clinton from the Commerce Department, Members of Congress, and the Office of Management and Budget that concern emergency authorities for certain export controls, dairy producers, and El Nino flooding in California; emergency powers to restrict wheat imports; the potential emergency release of Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Funds; and the International Emergency Powers Act (IEEPA) and the Export Administration Act of 1979. These Subject Files also contain executive orders and notices concerning the continuation of emergency regarding export control regulations. The Counsel Office files contain a summary of the President’s Emergency Powers; articles, correspondence, fact sheets, and meeting materials regarding Y2K Emergency Authorities; and emergency planning relating to an influenza pandemic. The National Security Council Files, ARMS Emails, NSC Emails, and NSC Records Management System numbered documents primarily contain

records related to the President’s emergency authorities under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA). These include discussions via memo or email regarding the usage of the IEEPA to enact sanctions in the context of international crime, terrorism, human rights violations, and the wars in the former Yugoslavia. The files also contain reports and memoranda concerning emergency planning for a possible mass immigration event.

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 Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files; Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files CF, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cables, Emails, and Records Management System. 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. 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) was a database that contained email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system held, and allowed access to, unclassified Presidential email. The ARMS database was comprised of seven sub-series of email records called "buckets." The buckets generally represented a specific White House office. The buckets were titled: NPR for National Performance Review, NSC for National Security Council, OPD for Office of Policy Development, POTUS for President of the United States, WHO for White House Office, CEA for

Council of Economic Advisers, and Default for emails not associated with an office. In 2022, the National Archives and Records Administration transferred the majority of Clinton ARMS and TRP records to a records management and access system called ERA. This changed the processing of ARMS and TRP records. For technical reasons, however, NSC emails remained in their own bucket. NSC ARMS emails are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. FOIA 2018-0781-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: AG Agriculture CM003 Food and Kindred Products FA003 Housing FG014-01 Corps of Engineers FG020 Department of Commerce LE Legislation SP293 Messages to Congress, 1993 SP293-42 National Emergency Restrict. US Persons in Weapons Proliferation TA003 Exports TN005 Water.

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

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TA003	022076SS
TN005	074146SS

Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File CF

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TN005	074146SS

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Counsel's Office
Childress, Mark

Summary of Presidents Emergency Powers – Adam Smith [OA/ID 13515]

Rundlet, Peter

Y2K Legal Authorities: Federal Emergency Management Agency [OA/ID 23664]
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Y2K Emergency Authority [2] [OA/ID 17537]

National Security Council

Global Affairs

Eisenhower, James

IEEPA [International Emergency Economic Powers Act] - Colombia Working Group [1][OA/ID 753]
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Russia - IEEPA [International Emergency Economic Powers Act] [1] [OA/ID 753]
Russia - IEEPA [International Emergency Economic Powers Act] [2] [OA/ID 753]
SCG [Special Coordinating Group] [1] [OA/ID 753]
SCG [Special Coordinating Group] [2] [OA/ID 753]

Interamerican Affairs

Avery, Dale

IEEPA [International Emergency Economic Powers Act] [OA/ID 2566]

Box 3

Legal Advisor

DeRosa, Mary

IEEPA [International Emergency Economic Powers Act] Reports (file #1) [1] [OA/ID 2543]
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Krass, Caroline

IEEPA [International Emergency Economic Powers Act] [OA/ID 3114]

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Sparks, John

Russian Crime/IEEPA [International Emergency Economic Powers Act] [1] [OA/ID 1007]

Russian Crime/IEEPA [International Emergency Economic Powers Act] [2] [OA/ID 1007]

Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs

Friedman, Daniel/Stromseth, Jane/Wippman, David

IEEPA [International Emergency Economic Powers Act] Drug Sanctions & Other Sanctions Legislation [OA/ID 2596]

Feldman, Daniel/Wippman, David

Immigration Emergency [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 2547]

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Schwartz, Eric

Immigration - Emergency Vol I [OA/ID 2980]

Immigration Emergency Fund [OA/ID 2980]

Immigration Emergency Concept - no data [OA/ID 3137]

Immigration Emergency [1] [OA/ID 3451]

Immigration Emergency [2] [OA/ID 3451]

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Shea, Dorothy/Schwartz, Eric

Cuba - Immigration Emergency [loose] [OA/ID 2553]

National Security Council

Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs

Shea, Dorothy/Schwartz, Eric

“Operation Distant Shore” - Mass Immigration Emergency Plan [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 2554]

“Operation Distant Shore” - Mass Immigration Emergency Plan [Binder] [2] [OA/ID 2554]

“Operation Distant Shore” - Mass Immigration Emergency Plan [Binder] [3] [OA/ID 2554]

Nonproliferation and Export Controls

Tucker, Maureen

Executive Order 12924: IEEPA [International Economic Powers Act] Reports to Congress [1] [OA/ID 2604]
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Transnational Threats
Cressy, Roger
IEEPA [International Emergency Economic Powers Act] Middle East [OA/ID 3192]
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