Extent

Approximately 360 photographs in color and black & white film processed from 35mm negatives and 78 minutes & 25 seconds of audio recordings from two (2) cassette tapes.

Summary

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to the American community at the Ambassador’s residence in Sofia, Bulgaria. The First Lady also greets Marines present and guests in a rope line. Additional images include a Forum 2000 dinner & visit to St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague, Czech Republic. Audio records includes remarks to the American Community at the Ambassador’s residence and a question-&-answer session with students at the American College of Sofia.

Record Type

Photographs

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in two collection areas and two series— Clinton Presidential Records: Photographs of the White House Photograph Office and the series therein — Photographs Relating to the Clinton Administration, and Clinton Presidential Records: Records of the First Lady’s Office and the series therein — Audio Recordings from Jennfier Smith. Processing is done at the Folder/Contact sheet level and individual item level. While this method maintains folder/contact sheet integrity and audio recording run time, it frequently results in the processing of photographs & audio recordings that are not wholly responsive to the subject area.

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.

Copyright

Photographs in this collection that were prepared by officials of the United States government as part of their official duties are in the public domain. Researchers are advised to consult the copyright law of the United States (17 U.S.C. Chapter 1) which governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material.

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 photograph contact sheets/folders & audio recordings processed in response to
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Clinton Presidential Records: Photographs of the White House Photograph Office
Series: Photographs Relating to the Clinton Administration
Photograph Contact Sheets:
Book 673 (P67200-P67299)
P67226 October 12, 1998
P67227 October 12, 1998
P67228 October 12, 1998
P67229 October 12, 1998
P67230 October 12, 1998
P67231 October 12, 1998
P67232 October 12, 1998
P67233 October 12, 1998

P67235 October 12, 1998
P67237 October 12, 1998
P67242 October 12, 1998
P67245 October 12, 1998
Clinton Presidential Records: First Lady’s Office
Series: Jennifer Smith
OA/ID: OA 15296
Audio Recordings:
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