Extent

53 folders, approximately 592 pages

Summary

This collection contains correspondence between Reverend Jessie L. Jackson of the National Rainbow Coalition and members of the Clinton White House staff. Topics in this collection include discussions on social justice; speeches and sermons; event invitations; and recommendations for appointments, social reform strategies, crime legislation, and foreign policy.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2020-0345-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. FOIA request 2020-0345-F contains correspondence between Reverend Jessie L. Jackson of the National Rainbow Coalition and members of the Clinton White House staff. Topics include social justice, speeches and sermons, recommendations for political appointment, foreign policy, event invitations, crime legislation, and minority economic empowerment. Founded by Rev. Jackson in 1984, the National Rainbow Coalition sought to unite diverse minority groups including African Americans, Jewish Americans, Arab Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and LGBTQ+ individuals, as well as disabled veterans and youth for mutual political empowerment and to promote public policy issues. The Coalition’s main goals were to build a broad base of support to demand social reform, expand voting registration, and affirmative action. The National Rainbow Coalition merged with Operation PUSH (People United to Save/Serve Humanity) in 1996.

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) Alpha Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, NSC Email, and NSC Records Management Systems. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Alpha file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management from 1993 – 1996 and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events. 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. In addition, there are WHORM, WHORM Counsel, WHORM (CL), WHORM (OP), WHORM (Too Late); WHORM (Various Offices); and WHORM (Alpha Project) series. 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. FOIA 2020-0345-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: CO001-01 Africa CO051 Dominican Republic FG001-02 Personal Representative of the President FG006-03 Chief of Staff FG017-02 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) FG020-01 Bureau of Census FG022-03 Surgeon General of the USA FG050 Courts, Federal FG059-02 Superior Court of the District of Columbia FG114 District of Columbia FG114-01 District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistant Authority, Established 1995 FG123 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission FG128 Federal Communications Commission FG207 National Labor Relations Board FG479 Resolution Trust Corporation IT130 European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD) FOIA 2020-0345-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes (continued): IV Invitations IV093 Invitations, 1993 IV096 Invitations, 1996 JL001 Amnesty – Clemency – Pardons JL003 Criminal Matters JL006 Law Enforcement – Police Matters LA005 Strikes – Work Stoppages - Arbitration LG Local Governments ME001-02 Birthday Greetings ME001-04 Illness/Get Well PL008 Voting, Political PP005-01 First

Lady PR005-01 Photographs Granted, Presidential RM Religious Matters SP879 Responsible Citizenship and the American Committee, Georgetown University, DC, 7/6/95 TA005 Trade Agreements TR337 Nicaragua / El Salvador / Honduras / Guatemala, 3/7-11/99 UT001 Communications - Telecommunications WE001 Children (Welfare Services – Adoption – Abuse) WE010 Poverty Programs.

Access

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Provenance

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Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2022. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Last Modified Date

2022-08-03

Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2020-0345-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Alpha Files
Jesse L. Jackson
National Rainbow Coalition
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
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FG006-03 230104
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FG020-01 294175
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FG050 131080
FG059-02 141115CU
FG059-02 151510CU
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FG128 151777
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IV096 186622
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JL003 059076
JL006 300302
LA005 045554
LG 000740
LG 014137
ME001-02 122985
ME001-02 136355
ME001-02 238176
ME001-02 280586
ME001-02 401066
ME001-02 431054
ME001-04 025169
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PR005-01 181244
RM 208558
SP879 123945 [Rainbow Coalition]
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TR337 297548
UT00l 144633
WE001 085780
WE010 199148
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Chief of Staff
Ickes, Harold
Rainbow Coalition - Names [OA/ID 9154]
National Economic Council
Sperling, Gene
Rainbow Coalition [OA/ID 10095]
Press Secretary
General Files
[Jessie Jackson/Rainbow Coalition] [OA/ID 4015]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cables, Emails, and Records Management Systems

NSC Records Management
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9504548 [OA/ID 588]