Extent

19 folders, approximately 483 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to “Middle Class Bill of Rights” tax relief, talking points, speech drafts, press briefings, and news media summaries of the President’s speech. This collection contains memoranda, letters, and emails.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2020-0805-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. On December 15, 1994, President Clinton delivered an address to the nation from the Oval Office and spoke about a Middle Class Bill of Rights. Materials responsive to this FOIA request include letters and emails regarding the “Middle Class Bill of Rights” tax relief, talking points, speech drafts, press briefings, and news media summaries of the President’s speech.

Record Type

Electronic Records

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: White House Staff and Office Files, and Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails. 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. 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. FOIA 2020-0805-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: FG001-07 Appointments, Granted, Presidential SP788 Address to the Nation, 12/15/94.

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).

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Container List

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The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2020-0805-F:
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Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
FG001-07 289020SS
SP788 089681SS
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SP788 091794SS
SP788 091943
SP788 092442
SP788 092452SS
SP788 093472
SP788 104767
SP788 104784
SP788 104788
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Political Affairs
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Address to the Nation 12/15/94 [OA/ID 20655]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[Middle Class Bill of Rights...]
[12/12/1994 – 12/17/1994]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
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