Extent

10 folders, approximately 369 pages

Summary

This collection contains records related to memorandum of conversation and memorandum of telephone conversation between the President of the European Commission, Romano Prodi and President Clinton. Memorandum of conversation are often called memcon and memorandum of telephone conversation are frequently referred to as telcon. Records released in this collection include press statements, talking points, administrative records relating to drafting and routing documents, and draft agenda. Romano Prodi was appointed as President of the European Commission September 16, 1999. This collection dates from September 1999 to January 2001.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2021-0245-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. The researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for memorandum of conversation and memorandum of telephone conversation between the President of the European Commission, Romano Prodi and President Clinton. Memorandum of conversation are often called memcon and memorandum of telephone conversation are frequently referred to as telcon. Records released in this collection include press statements, talking points, administrative records relating to drafting and routing documents, and draft agenda. Romano Prodi was appointed as President of the European Commission September 16, 1999. This collection dates from September 1999 to January 2001. The European Commission (EC) is the governing body for the European Union (EU). It is not unusual to see the terms used interchangeably in American vernacular. The EC is governed by 27 commissioners. Every five years the European Council proposes a president as well as a new slate of

commissioners to the European Parliament for consideration. Following a vote by the parliament the European Council appoints the commissioners. The EC has offices, called Directorate-Generals, across Europe and focuses on strategy and policy, law, budgets and funding, international relations, and finally political priorities for the whole of Europe. Romano Prodi was Prime Minister of Italy from May 18, 1996 to October 21, 1998. He then was nominated to be President of the EC and appointed to that post on September 16, 1999. He served as President of the EC until November 21, 2004. Prodi would later serve as Prime Minister of Italy for a second term between 2006 and 2008. A significant number of records in this collection remain closed for national security reasons.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity.

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

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2021-0245-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff & Office Files
National Security Council
International Economic Affairs
Duncan, John
E.U. - POTUS/Prodi Joint Declaration [OA/ID 2860]
E.U. [European Union] - POTUS/Prodi Meeting Write-up [OA/ID 4026]
E.U. - U.S./E.U. Summit December 15, 1999, Washington, D.C. [OA/ID 2860]
E.U. - U.S./E.U. Summit December 17, 1999, Washington, D.C. [OA/ID 2860]

Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Emails
Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 620000]
[Prodi, Memcon, Telcon]
[11/05/1999-11/18/1999]
[11/24/1999-07/17/2000]
Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 630000]
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NSC Records Management
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NSC Records Management (continued)
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