Extent

186 folders, approximately 12,031 pages [24 pages of Electronic Records]

Summary

This collection consists of records related to presidential pardons and commutations of sentences. This collection consists of correspondence, reports, and tables asking President Clinton to grant or deny executive clemency for particular individuals.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-1704-F (Segment 4) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material, including 2006-0222- F; 2006-0371-F; 2007-0960-F; 2008-1268-F; 2009-0736-F; 2010-0452-F; 2010-0791-F; 2013-1026-F; 2022-0223-F. This collection contains material regarding President Clinton and executive clemency. Executive clemency is a broad term which refers to the President’s constitutional power to exercise leniency toward applicants who have committed federal crimes. Pardons and commutations of sentences are two different forms of executive clemency. The President generally grants a pardon when the applicant accepts responsibility for the crime and has established good conduct after being sentenced. Pardons do not imply innocence. Pardons can allow for applicants to vote or sit on a jury, increased employment opportunities, and a change in deportation status. When the President grants a commutation of sentence, the sentence is totally reduced or partially reduced. The applicant must have started serving the sentence and not be challenging the conviction in the courts. Commutation of sentence does not change the conviction status, imply innocence, or remove civic issues associated with criminal conviction. Once commutation is granted, an applicant may be released from part of his or her financial obligations that were imposed as part of the sentence. Commutations have no effect on immigration status. During the Clinton Administration, pardon applications were processed by the Department of Justice

(DOJ). After reviewing all relevant information on the applicant, the DOJ's Pardon Attorney, Deputy Attorney General, and/or Acting Deputy Attorney General made the recommendations to grant or deny executive clemency to President Clinton. Margaret Love served as the Pardon Attorney from 1990 to 1997 and Roger Adams served as Pardon Attorney from 1997 until the end of the Clinton Administration. Philip Heyman was Deputy Attorney General from 1993 to 1994, Jamie Gorelick was Deputy Attorney General from 1994 to 1997, and Eric Holder served as Deputy Attorney General from 1997 to 2001. The DOJ's recommendation to grant or deny executive clemency was primarily documented in correspondence, reports, and tables sent to the White House. Redacted information in these reports and tables includes personal information concerning crimes committed as a juvenile, private testimony as an informant, presentence investigation reports, incident reports while incarcerated, and the details of background investigations. Many redactions in these materials also concern medical issues and Personally Identifiable Information (PII). The collection also contains correspondence and petitions from concerned members of the public advocating for executive clemency for specific applicants. For a list of pardoned individuals and offenses, see the DOJ's "Pardons Granted by President William J. Clinton (1993-2001)" webpage.

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), Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. WHORM files are processed at the document level; whereas, 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.

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

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

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Container List

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