Extent

594 assets

Summary

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Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-1704-F (Segment 5) 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 consists of the final segment of records related to “all pardon applications and/or pardon grants considered or executed by President William J. Clinton.” This collection consists of email communication concerning presidential pardons. As requested, individuals listed on the Department of Justice Website page title Pardons Granted by President Clinton (1993-2001) were queried with the search terms: “pardon” or “clemency.” This collection includes email responsive to the request concerning William Borders, Stuart Cohn, Henry Flipper, William Fugazy, Aaron Golden, Patricia Hearst Shaw, David Herdlinger, Ruben Johnson, Howard Mechanic, Freddie Meeks, Samuel Morison, Richard Pezzopane, and Jack Weinstein. This collection also contains email sent to and from Meredith E. Cabe concerning the

pardon process and pardon applications. Meredith E. Cabe served as Associate White House Counsel from 1998 to 2001. In her position as Associate Counsel, Cabe received and reviewed pardon requests with other White House Counsel, Beth Nolan and Bruce Lindsey, and the Department of Justice.

Record Type

Electronic Records

System of Arrangement

ACCESS NOTES: Output Packages Upon release, researchers can request an Output Package containing the open electronic files processed in response to this FOIA. If multiple search strings were utilized to effectively respond to the FOIA request, the Output Package will include sub-folders for each separate search string. Asset Inventory The Output Package will include a Microsoft Excel sheet generated by the Electronic Records Archive, which will serve as an asset inventory. The asset inventory is intended to supplement research by associating an asset ID (or file name – usually a string of letters, numbers, and underscores) with metadata such as the original Creator, Date, and Subject Line. File Formats & Attachments In addition to the asset inventory, the Output Package will contain responsive assets, withdrawal sheets, redacted assets, and attachments. File formats can include (but are not limited to) html, txt, pdf, msoff, doc, docx, and xls. Email assets with attachments in proprietary formats such as MSoff, PDF, doc, and other legacy files will contain hexadecimal (hex) code “dumps.” This appears at the end of an email as a series of numbers and letters following an “ATTACHMENT” page break. Whenever possible, these attachments are included with their parent email as a separate file in the Output Package. If the asset does not contain any FOIA restrictions, the parent asset and its proprietary attachment will be associated by file name. If redactions were made, the attachment will be combined with the original email asset into a single PDF. When converting electronic files from legacy systems, there is a possibility that some data was lost and could not be recovered. This occurs most often with proprietary attachments that are no longer supported by current operating systems. In some instances, archivists may be able to provide access to the document by converting attachments to text independent of its original format.

If an email attachment would not open and could not be converted to readable text, this will be noted in the email asset’s withdrawal sheet, and the associated hexadecimal code will be redacted.

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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

The following is a list of Search and Access Sets processed in response to FOIA 2006-1704-F (seg 5):
Clinton Presidential Records: EOP ERA Search and Access Sets (SAS)
(SAS) Automated Records Management System [Email] contains 594 assets.