Extent

5 folders, approximately 53 pages

Summary

This collection contains records regarding Daniel Sewer and the former Yugoslavia. Mr. Serwer directed the European Office of Intelligence and Research at the State Department and was a Special Envoy for the Bosnian Federation. In 1998, he became the Vice President for Peace and Stability Operations at the United States Institute for Peace (USIP), where he served until 2010. The records primarily consist of email correspondence with Mr. Sewer during his tenure at USIP regarding the ongoing conflict in Kosovo, as well as National Security Council emails mentioning him as an expert on the region.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2019-0890-F Segment 1 are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. This collection contains materials regarding Daniel Serwer and the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia from 1996 to 2001. A career State Department Minister-Counselor, Mr. Serwer directed the European Office of Intelligence and Research and was a Special Envoy for the Bosnian Federation. In 1998, he left the State Department to take on the role of Vice President for Peace and Stability Operations at the United States Institute for Peace (USIP), an institution Congress established in 1984 to promote conflict resolution and international peace. Mr. Serwer remained there until 2010. He is now a Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. The records released in response to this FOIA case mostly consist of unclassified emails. These include a list of Kosovo experts consulted by the U.S. media that includes Mr. Serwer and an internal NSC email suggesting consultation with him on Serb democratization. The emails also include correspondence sent to or from Mr.

Serwer’s USIP email address from 1999 to 2000 regarding external discussions, reports, and media regarding the ongoing conflict in Kosovo. The case also contains a July 1996 State Department Cable sent to Serwer regarding a visit by European Union (EU) officials to Sarajevo, Zagreb, and Belgrade.

Record Type

Electronic Records

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas— Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. 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. In 2022, the National Archives and Records Administration transferred the majority of Clinton ARMS and TRP records to a records management and access system called ERA. This changed the processing of ARMS and TRP records. For technical reasons, however, NSC emails remained in their own bucket. NSC ARMS emails are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date.

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

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2019-0890-F Segment 1:
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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables

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