

Extent

59 folders, approximately 2,599 pages

Summary

This collection contains records related to William Cohen and the former Yugoslavia. Open records are from Staff & Office files, ARMS emails, and the National Security Council's Cable, Email, and Records Management System. The records include administrative paperwork related to records management as well as correspondence and memorandum. Included are declassified documents related to Principal Committee (PC) meetings on Kosovo, Montenegro, and Serbia. The collection dates from October 1997 to December 2000.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2019-0935-F (segment 1) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Researchers interested in this FOIA should also see 2020-0099-F. The researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to William Cohen and the former Yugoslavia. Open records are from Staff & Office files, ARMS emails, and the National Security Council's Cable, Email, and Records Management System. The records include administrative paperwork related to records management as well as correspondence and memorandum. Included are declassified documents related to Principal Committee (PC) meetings on Kosovo, Montenegro, and Serbia. The collection dates from October 1997 to December 2000. William Cohen, Bill as he was often called, was Secretary of Defense from January 24, 1997 to January 20, 2001 succeeding William Perry. Prior to becoming the Secretary of Defense Cohen represented Maine in the United States Senate. A member of the Republican party, Cohen represented Maine from 1979 to January 3, 1997. Cohen chose not to run for office in the 1996 election citing his frustration with partisan gridlock. Cohen intended on moving into private life. President

Clinton's selection of Cohen for Secretary of Defense was the first (according to the Center for Strategic and International Studies) time that a President chose someone from an opposing political party to sit in the Cabinet. Cohen was frequently used in foreign policy negotiations; more than he was saber rattling. That said, under Cohen military recruitment increased, retention increased, and defense spending increased. Following his term as Secretary of Defense, Cohen retired from public service.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Library: Staff & Office Files, Clinton Presidential Library: ARMS Emails, 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. 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 2019-0935-F:

Box 1

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files

National Security Council

Records Management

PC0267 PC Meeting on Kosovo, April 16, 1998 [OA/ID 3905]

PC0269 PC Meeting on Kosovo and UNPREDEP, April 8, 1998 [OA/ID 3906]

PC0300 PC Meeting on Kosovo, September 22, 1998 [OA/ID 3907]

PC0360 PC Meeting on Kosovo [OA/ID 3896]

PC0365 PC Meeting on Montenegro and Serbia [OA/ID 3896]

PC0366 PC Meeting on Montenegro and Serbia [OA/ID 3896]

PC0367 PC Meeting on Montenegro [OA/ID 3896]

PC0372 PC Meeting on Kosovo [OA/ID 3892]

PC0374 PC Meeting on Kosovo [OA/ID 3892]

PC0375 PC Meeting on Kosovo [OA/ID 3892]

PC0389 PC Meeting on Serbia and Montenegro [OA/ID 3892]

PC0390 PC Meeting on Serbia and Montenegro [OA/ID 3892]

PC0392 PC Meeting on Serbia and Montenegro [OA/ID 3892]

PC0397 PC Meeting on FRY, Kosovo, and Bosnia [OA/ID 3892]

Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]

NSC [OA/ID 1200000]

[Secretary Cohen...]

[06/10/1999-10/20/1999]

Box 2

Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]

NSC [OA/ID 1200000]

[William Cohen...]

[10/15/1997-09/29/1998]

[02/12/1999-05/18/1999]

Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System

NSC Cables

Jan 1997-Dec 1998

[William Cohen...]

[06/27/1997-11/05/1998]

Jan 1999-Dec 2000 [OA/ID 530000]

[SECDEF Cohen...]
[02/05/1999-10/12/2000]
[Secretary Cohen...]
[02/04/1999-07/09/1999]
[07/09/1999-10/18/1999]
[10/18/1999-07/13/2000]
[William Cohen...]
[02/07/1999-10/19/2000]

NSC Emails

Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 620000]
[SECDEF Cohen...]
[09/30/1998-06/18/1999]
[Secretary Cohen...]
[04/06/1998-06/17/1998]

Box 3

Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System

NSC Emails

Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 620000]
[Secretary Cohen...]
[06/17/1998-10/02/1998]
[10/05/1998-02/04/1999]
[03/23/1999-04/12/1999]
[04/12/1999-05/13/1999]
[05/13/1999-05/18/1999]
[05/26/1999]
[06/14/1999]
[06/14/1999-07/12/1999]
[07/12/1999-07/22/1999]
[09/08/1999-12/21/1999]
[02/18/2000-05/16/2000]

Box 4

Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System

NSC Emails

Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 620000]
[Secretary Cohen...]
[08/04/2000-12/06/2000]
[William Cohen...]

[07/21/1998-04/27/1999]
[04/27/1999-02/01/2000]
[02/22/2000-09/20/2000]
Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 630000]
[SECDEF Cohen...]
[05/05/2000]
[Secretary Cohen...]
[06/03/1998-10/05/1998]
[10/15/1998-03/25/1999]
[03/26/1999-07/22/1999]
[10/12/1999-08/04/2000]
[William Cohen...]
[06/20/1998-02/23/2000]
NSC Records Management System
[SECDEF Cohen...]
9908820 [OA/ID 2763]
[Secretary Cohen...]
9708376 [OA/ID 1658]
9805868 [OA/ID 2055]
9808449 [OA/ID 2074]
9902322 [OA/ID 2720]
9902459 [OA/ID 43320]
9903133 [OA/ID 2725]
9905376 [OA/ID 2740]
9905580 [OA/ID 2741]
9906154 [OA/ID 2745]
9906977 [OA/ID 2750]
0002810 [OA/ID 4088]
0007177 [OA/ID 4113]