Extent

4 folders, approximately 155 pages

Summary

This collection contains records regarding Strobe Talbott and the former Yugoslavia from 1997 to 2001. As Deputy Secretary, Mr. Talbott was heavily involved in the diplomatic efforts surrounding the resolution of the conflicts in the region. The collection primarily consists of State Department cables authored by Deputy Secretary Talbott concerning ongoing United States Government, United Nations, and NATO efforts in the Balkans.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2019-0950-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 records regarding Strobe Talbott and the former Yugoslavia from 1997 to 2001. Previously a Time Magazine correspondent for American-Soviet relations, Mr. Talbott joined the State Department as Ambassador-at-large and Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for the Newly Independent States in 1993. A year later he became the Deputy Secretary of State. In this capacity, he was heavily involved in the diplomatic efforts concerning the resolution of the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia. The majority of the records processed for this case consist of State Department cables authored by Deputy Secretary Talbott concerning ongoing United States Government, United Nations, and NATO efforts in the Balkans. Several of the cables concern official visits and activities in coordination with the American Embassy in Skopje, Macedonia. Also included are media reports that mention Mr. Talbott’s involvement in the Balkans. The majority of records related to this FOIA case are 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: 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 2019-0950-F Segment 1:
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NSC Cables
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