Extent

106 assets

Summary

This collection consists of records related to electronic newsletters, news articles, and Department of Justice weekly news summaries pertaining to federal sentencing disparities between crack cocaine and powder cocaine. This collection contains emails and electronic records.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2019-1026-F (Segment 1) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. The Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 established a five-year mandatory minimum sentence for possession of five grams of crack cocaine. By contrast, under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act, people arrested for powder cocaine had to possess 100 times more than that (500 grams) to face a five-year mandatory minimum sentence. Although the racial implications of the sentencing disparity were addressed by the Clinton Administration, the disparity was not changed until the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010. This increased the threshold amount for possession of crack cocaine that triggered mandatory minimum sentences. Materials responsive to this FOIA request include emails regarding electronic newsletters, news articles, and Department of Justice weekly news summaries pertaining to federal sentencing disparities between crack cocaine and powder cocaine.

Record Type

Electronic Records

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas— Clinton Presidential Records: (SAS) Automated Records Management System [Email]; Clinton Presidential Records: (SAS) Tape Restoration Project [Email]; and Clinton Presidential Records: (SAS) Lotus Notes. The Executive Office of the President (EOP) subsystem of the Electronic Records Archive (ERA) contains electronic records created or received by Clinton Administration officials. These records are stored in Search and Access Sets (SAS) that represent their originating computer program. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential email. The Tape Restoration Project (TRP) is a database consisting of restored emails from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) from July 1994 through June of 2000. The TRP is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential email. Lotus Notes is a database that contains files created in the Lotus Notes system. The Lotus Notes system was used as an email management system during the Clinton Administration. This database contains drafts of email, mailing lists, attachments, and other items likely intended for email.

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).

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Container List

The following is a list of Search and Access Sets processed in response to FOIA 2019-1026-F (Segment 1):
Clinton Presidential Records: EOP Search and Access Sets (SAS)
(SAS) Automated Records Management System [Email] contains 94 assets.
(SAS) Tape Restoration Project [Email] contains 10 assets.
(SAS) Lotus Notes contains 2 assets.