## Extent

2 folders, approximately 29 pages

## Summary

This collection contains records regarding Rafe Pomerance and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands from 1997 to 2001. Mr. Pomerance joined the State Department in 1993 as Deputy Assistant of State for Environment and Development. He over saw the Department’s efforts on a variety of environmental issues. This included the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat, adopted in Ramsar, Iran in 1971. The records in this collection consist of State Department cables with ongoing discussions on international environmental matters that involved the Ramsar Convention, as well as the 1999 Conference of Contract Parties (COP) meeting in Costa Rica.

## Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2022-0482-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. This collection includes materials regarding Rafe Pomerance and the Ramsar Convention on the Wetlands from 1997 to 2001. Mr. Pomerance joined the State Department in 1993 as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Environment and Development. In this role he served in the Bureau of Oceans and Environmental Scientific Affairs (OES) and oversaw the Department’s efforts on a variety of environmental issues. One such matter was the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat, adopted in Ramsar, Iran in 1971. By the Clinton Administration, its emphasis had expanded to include all wetland related issues. The United States joined the Convention in 1986 and during the 1990s contributed funding to the Convention, participated in Standing Committee Meetings, and assisted with the trienniel Conference of Contracting Parties (COP). After leaving the State Department in 1999, Mr. Pomerance founded

the Climate Policy Center. The records processed in response to this FOIA case consist of NSC Cable traffic. This correspondence from the State Department addresses ongoing discussions on international environmental matters that involve the Ramsar Convention and planning for the 1999 COP meeting in Costa Rica. Many of these reference Mr. Pomerance as a key contact for Ramsar related matters. The cables also include a copy of a 1998 letter from him to Ramsar Buerau Secretary General Delmar Blasco regarding US Government funding.

**Record Type**

Textual

**System of Arrangement**

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems.

**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.

**Last Modified Date**

2022-10-19

**Container List**

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2020-0482-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables
Jan 1997-Dec 1998 [OA/ID 520000]
[Ramsar and Pomerance]
[02/05/1997 – 05/19/1998]
Jan 1999-Dec 2000 [OA/ID 530000]
[Ramsar and Pomerance]
[02/03/1999]