Extent

17 folders, approximately 705 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to disparities between sentences related to crack as compared to sentences related to powder cocaine, the disproportionate impact of crack on Black Americans, and recommendations on penalties for crimes involving crack. This collection consists of clippings, correspondence, drafts, legislation, notes, press releases, statements, talking points, and transcripts related to sentencing and crack that date from 1995 to 1998. Correspondence concerns the views and objectives of Members of Congress, the Department of Justice, other government officials, organizations representing black communities, religious leaders, and the Clinton Administration.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2019-1026-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Additional cases containing files on the topic of crack sentencing include 2009-1006-F, 2009-1305-F, 2016-0931-S, and 2016-0099-F. This collection concerns disparities between sentences related to crack as compared to sentences related to powder cocaine, the disproportionate impact of crack on Black Americans, and recommendations on penalties for crimes involving crack. The collection contains clippings, correspondence, drafts, legislation, notes, press releases, statements, talking points, and transcripts related to sentencing and crack that date from 1995 to 1998. Correspondence concerns the views and objectives of Members of Congress, the Department of Justice, other government officials, organizations representing black communities, religious leaders, and the Clinton Administration.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files and Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Subject file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of categories designated by a letter/number combination. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. WHORM files are processed at the document level; whereas, Staff and Office files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area. FOIA 2019-1026-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: FG017 Department of Justice HE006-01 Narcotics JL003 Criminal Matters PU001-07 Clippings to the President SP296 Messages to Congress, 1996.

Access

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Provenance

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