Extent

10 folders, approximately 454 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the Clinton Administration's use of and interaction with digital surveillance technologies. This collection consists of background materials, cables, correspondence, and press clipping concerning the Department of Defense and Digital Surveillance Radars, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, and the role of digital surveillance in the context of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) monitoring and safeguards.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2020-0550-F 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 the Clinton Administration's use of and interaction with digital surveillance technologies. The records processed in response to this FOIA consist of correspondence concerning the Department of Defense and Digital Surveillance Radars and background materials on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. National Security Council (NSC) cables primarily mention the role of digital surveillance in the context of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) monitoring and safeguards. The collection also includes NSC email correspondence that contains press clippings which mention digital surveillance. Many of the 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: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. 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 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 ARMS database is comprised of six sub-series of email records called "buckets." The buckets generally represent a specific White House office. The buckets are titled: NPR for National Performance Review, OPD for Office of Policy Development, POTUS for President of the United States, WHO for White House Office, CEA for Council of Economic Advisers, Default for emails not associated with an office, and NSC for National Security Council. ARMS email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. FOIA 2020-0550-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: FG013 Department of Defense.

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

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Container List

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The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2020-0550-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File

Category Case Number
FG013 167906
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Counsel’s Office
Reich, Steven
China - FISA [Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act] [1] [OA/ID 17597]
China - FISA [Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act] [2] [OA/ID 17597]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
NSC [OA/ID 1200000]
[digital surveillance]
[07/16/2000]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables
Jan 1993-Dec 1994 [OA/ID 505000]
[digital surveillance]
[07/07/1994]
Jan 1995-Dec 1996 [OA/ID 510000]
[digital surveillance]
[03/18/1994 – 06/06/1996]
Jan 1997-Dec 1998 [OA/ID 520000]
[digital surveillance]
[01/03/1997 – 08/24/1998]
Jan 1999-Dec 2000 [OA/ID 530000]
[digital surveillance]
[01/07/1999 – 12/13/2000]
NSC Email
Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 630000]
[digital surveillance]
[09/14/1998]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System (continued)
NSC Records Management System
[digital surveillance]
9602941 [OA/ID 1099]

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