Extent

5 folders, approximately 196 pages

Summary

This collection contains material regarding Patrick Eddington. From 1988 to 1996, Mr. Eddington served as a military image analyst. After leaving government service, he advocated on Gulf War Illness issues and made allegations concerning the exposure of American soldiers to chemical agents. The records in the collection consist of email correspondence regarding Mr. Eddington, particularly media appearances related to Gulf War Illness related matters. There are also general emails from the National Security Council Records Management Office regarding a records request he made.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2020-0569-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 Patrick G. Eddington. Mr. Eddington served as a military image analyst from 1988 to 1996. After leaving government service, he advocated on Gulf War Illness issues. His 1997 book, Gassed in the Gulf: The Inside Story of the Pentagon-CIA Cover-up of Gulf War Syndrome, made allegations concerning the exposure of American soldiers to chemical agents during the 1991 Persian Gulf War. From 2000 to 2014, Mr. Eddington served as a communications director and then a senior policy advisor to Congressman Richard Holt. He joined the Cato Institute as a Senior Fellow in 2014. The records responsive to this case include email correspondence regarding Mr. Eddington. Many of these emails are news clippings mentioning him, particularly in the context of Gulf War Illness related matters. There are also email discussions between NSC staff regarding Mr. Eddington’s book and advocacy on the issue. In addition, there are several transcripts from the times he appeared as a guest on Fox News’ Crier

Report. Finally, there are some general emails from the NSC Records Management office regarding a records request made by Mr. Eddington.

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) 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.

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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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 2020-0569-F (seg 1):
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Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
NSC [OA/ID 1200000]
[Patrick Eddington or Pat Eddington]
[04/09/1998 – 11/03/2000]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables
Jan 1993-Dec 1994 [OA/ID 505000]
[Patrick Eddington or Pat Eddington]

[01/26/1993 – 01/19/1994]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System (continued)
NSC Email
MsMail-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97) [OA/ID 590000]
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[10/26/1996 – 12/06/1996]
Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 620000]
[Patrick Eddington or Pat Eddington]
[09/19/1997 – 01/26/1997]
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[Patrick Eddington or Pat Eddington]
[09/10/1997 – 05/28/1999]