Extent

9 folders, approximately 279 pages

Summary

This collection contains material regarding a bilateral meeting between President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto while both were attending the G-7 Summit in Lyons, France on June 27, 1996. The records processed for this collection consist of National Security Council email correspondence, briefing papers, and planning materials for the meeting, as well as the transmittal material for the resulting memorandum of conversation.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2021-0707-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 a bilateral meeting between President Clinton and Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto of Japan on June 27, 1996 while both leaders were in Lyons, France for the G-7 Summit. The head of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), Prime Minister Hashimoto had been elected to office in January of that year, after the resignation of his predecessor Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama. After the LDP lost seats in the 1998 election, Prime Minister Hashimoto resigned. The new LDP President, Foreign Minister Keizō Obuchi, seceeded him. During Prime Minister Hashimoto’s term, ongoing trade issues influence much of the relationship between the United States and Japan. In 1993, the two nations signed the Framework for a New Economic Partnership, and then renewed it in 1995. Under this agreement, the two nations were heavily involved in trade negotiations in the semiconductor, insurance, and civilian aircraft industries at the time of the meeting between President Clinton and Prime Minister Hashimoto. Public reports regarding the private portion of the meeting indicate that the two leaders discussed these matters heavily. The United States and Japan issued a Joint Statement Concerning

Semiconductors on August 2, 1996 and Supplementary Measures Regarding Insurance on December 24, 1996. During the expanded portion of the meeting, President Clinton and Prime Minister Hashimoto also discussed the terrorism and the June 25, 1996 bombing of the Khobar Towers facility in Saudi Arabia, food aid to North Korea, engagement with China and Russia, and international efforts in the Bosnia conflict. The records responsive to this collection include NSC email discussions regarding preparation for the bilateral meetings in Lyon as well as transcripts of official press briefings prior to and immediately following the Clinton-Hashimoto meeting. The NSC Records Management System files contain transmittal materials for meeting related briefing papers, the memorandum of conversation, and follow up correspondence between President Clinton and Prime Minister Hashimito. The files also include logistical planning materials for the bilateral meetings that took place in Lyons. The researcher should consult FOIA 2008-1184-F Segment 2 for the briefing book for the President’s trip to the 1997 G-7 Summit, including the bilateral meetings. Many of the records related to this FOIA case are closed for national security reasons.

Record Type

Electronic Records
Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in this collection area—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).

Person Names

Hashimoto, Ryūtarō, 1937-2006

Organization Names

Group of Seven (Organization)

Geographic Place

France--Lyon
Japan

Topical Subjects

G7 Summit

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Container List

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NSC Email
MSMail-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97) [OA/ID 620000]
[Hashimoto and G-7]
[06/10/1996 – 06/22/1996]
[06/24/1996 – 07/12/1996]
NSC Records Management System
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9604027 [OA/ID 1106]
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