Extent

101 folders, approximately 5,779 pages / 56 assets

Summary

This request was for records related to President Clinton’s May 9-12, 1995 trip to Moscow, Russia. On the same trip the President also stopped in Kiev, Ukraine to meet with Leonid Kuchma, President of Ukraine. President Clinton traveled to Russia for Victory in Europe, or V-E Day, commemorations marking the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. The focus of the summit however was a one-on-one meeting between Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin and two plenary sessions. Clinton discussed economic and trade issues, including economic reform and privatization of formerly state-owned companies. They discussed Russian efforts to join the World Trade Organization and for Russia to implement an Oil and Gas Framework Agreement. Most importantly however, there were a number of security issues that the U.S. wanted addressed, including Russian relations with Iran.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2018-0620-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. President William J. Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin held sixteen summits between 1993 and 1999. These records are related to the sixth of their meetings and the second to be held in Moscow, Russia. President Clinton traveled to Russia for Victory in Europe, or V-E Day, commemorations marking the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. While in Moscow President Clinton met with World War II veterans and laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Clinton made a speech at Moscow State University and held a trade event to encourage American investment in Russia. Clinton also had a meeting with members of the Duma. The focus of the summit however was a one-on-one meeting between Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin and two plenary sessions. Clinton discussed economic

and trade issues, including economic reform and privatization of formerly state-owned companies. They discussed Russian efforts to join the World Trade Organization and for Russia to implement an Oil and Gas Framework Agreement. Most importantly however, there were a number of security issues that the U.S. wanted addressed, including Russian relations with Iran. In July 2000, the Department of State, Office of the Historian wrote of the trip: “[Clinton] expressed support for Russian democracy and urged an end to the conflict in Chechnya. President Yeltsin said that legislative elections would be held in December and a presidential election would take place in June 1996. Although no agreement was reached about enlargement of NATO, Russia agreed to take part in the Partnership for Peace program while President Clinton agreed to promote "a special relationship between NATO and Russia." Russia also agreed not to supply nuclear technology to Iran, and to take part in a future international regime to replace COCOM, which had earlier restricted the export of military-related technology to the Soviet Union. Both Presidents agreed to seek early ratification of START II, followed by further nuclear arms reductions, and issued a joint statement that would permit the development of theater missile defenses within the limits set by the ABM Treaty. They issued a joint statement calling for permanent extension of the Nonproliferation Treaty. President Yeltsin agreed not to sell additional arms to Iran, although existing contracts would be honored. Both Presidents reaffirmed their cooperation in combating terrorism and organized crime.” On this same trip, May 11 and 12, 1995, President Clinton traveled to Kiev, Ukraine and met with Ukrainian President Kuchma. The two presidents held a series of bilateral meetings where they discussed economic aid to Ukraine, democracy and elections in Ukraine, nuclear issues, and Ukrainian Russian relations. Clinton also discussed with Kuchma the G-7 plans for aid to repair and clean up Chernobyl, American trade and investment with Ukraine including Exim financing. Clinton thanked Kuchma for agreeing to join the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) and to consider participation in the Partnership for Peace (PFP) initiative. President Clinton laid wreaths at the World War II Eternal Flame and at Babyn Yar and made a speech to the people of Ukraine at Shevchenko University.

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 Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Record: ARMS Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: National Security Council Cable, Email, and Records Management System. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. 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) was a database that contained email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system held, and allowed access to, unclassified Presidential email. The ARMS database was comprised of seven sub-series of email records called "buckets." The buckets generally represented a specific White House office. The buckets were titled: NPR for National Performance Review, NSC for National Security Council, OPD for Office of Policy Development, POTUS for President of the United States, WHO for White House Office, CEA for Council of Economic Advisers, and Default for emails not associated with an office. In 2022, the National Archives and Records Administration transferred the majority of Clinton ARMS and TRP records to a records management and access system called ERA. This changed the processing of ARMS and TRP records. For technical reasons, however, NSC emails remained in their own bucket. NSC ARMS emails are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date.

Access

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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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