Extent

1797 assets

Summary

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Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2021-0471-F (Segment 1) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. This collection consists of email records related to the creation of the first presidential internet website. This collection contains correspondence between the White House and a team of individuals and organizations that were involved in transforming communications and connectivity at the White House. Email from this collection is mostly exchanged between 1993 and 1994, with a few emails from 1995. Email from 1993 mostly concerns connecting White House users to the internet and the development and maintenance of the White House email account. The Executive Office of the President (EOP) internet group included representatives from the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), the Office of Communications, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and Trusted Information Systems (TIS). Email from 1994 mostly concerns the development of the White House website or webpage, “Welcome to the White House.” The EOP web team consisted of David Lytel of the OSTP, Tom Kalil of the National Economic Council, Jock Gill of the Office of Media Affairs, Paul Richard of the Office of the Staff Secretary, and Lynda Rathbone of the Office of the Counselor to the President. Smart Valley Inc. (SVI), an internet

infrastructure company, also contributed to the development and testing of the White House website. The White House internet website was made public on October 20, 1994. The new internet website was described as an electronic “citizen’s handbook” and announced by Vice President Al Gore at the “Future of Communications” White House public event.

Record Type

Electronic Records

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas— Clinton Presidential Records: (SAS) Automated Records Management System [Email] The Executive Office of the President (EOP) subsystem of the Electronic Records Archive (ERA) contains electronic records created or received by Clinton Administration officials. These records are stored in Search and Access Sets (SAS) that represent their originating computer program. 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.

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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Container List

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