Extent

7,400 assets

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the President’s Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST). Subjects covered in these records include National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) and PCAST event calendars, PCAST quarterly plenary sessions, PCAST panel working group meeting summaries, newsletters, press material, Clinton-Gore Education Technology Initiative, technology in the classroom, 21st Century Schools, ecosystems and biodiversity, energy research and development (R&D), renewable energy, natural resources, increasing science R&D funding, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) administration of PCAST meetings and OSTP reports, incorporating PCAST recommendations into the President’s FY 1999 budget request, Climate Change Technology Initiative, President’s Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC), National Nanotechnology Initiative, 2000 State of the Union, and January 2001 White House Conference on Conflict Diamonds. This collection only contains emails and electronic records.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2020-0565-F (Segment 2) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. President Clinton established the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) by Executive Order 12882 in November 1993. The committee advises the President on the administration’s science and technology budgets and policies. PCAST meets in public session an average of four times a year. During the Clinton Administration, PCAST consisted of 19 members and included distinguished individuals from industry, education, research institutions, and other nongovernmental organizations. Materials responsive to this FOIA request include

emails and electronic records mentioning PCAST. Subjects covered in these records include National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) and PCAST event calendars, PCAST quarterly plenary sessions, PCAST panel working group meeting summaries, newsletters, press material, Clinton-Gore Education Technology Initiative, technology in the classroom, 21st Century Schools, ecosystems and biodiversity, energy research and development (R&D), renewable energy, natural resources, increasing science R&D funding, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) administration of PCAST meetings and OSTP reports, incorporating PCAST recommendations into the President's FY 1999 budget request, Climate Change Technology Initiative, President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC), National Nanotechnology Initiative, 2000 State of the Union, and January 2001 White House Conference on Conflict Diamonds. The bulk of the records are from 1997-2000.

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]; Clinton Presidential Records: (SAS) Tape Restoration Project [Email]; and Clinton Presidential Records: (SAS) Lotus Notes. 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. Search strings are used to locate electronic records responsive to FOIA requests, and responsive assets are placed into Search Results Lists (SRLs). Depending on the complexity of the search, there may be multiple SRLs within each SAS. 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 Tape Restoration Project (TRP) is a database consisting of restored emails from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) from July 1994 through June of 2000. The TRP is a database that

contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential email. Lotus Notes is a database that contains files created in the Lotus Notes system. The Lotus Notes system was used as an email management system during the Clinton Administration. This database contains drafts of email, mailing lists, attachments, and other items likely intended for 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

The following is a list of Search and Access Sets processed in response to FOIA 2020-0565-F (Segment 2):
Clinton Presidential Records: EOP Search and Access Sets (SAS)
(SAS) Automated Records Management System [Email] contains 7,192 assets.
(SAS) Tape Restoration Project [Email] contains 202 assets.
(SAS) Lotus Notes contains 6 assets.