Extent

10 folders, approximately 606 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution. The Fourth Amendment states, “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.” During the later years of the Clinton administration the issue of improperly infringing on the Fourth Amendment rights was regularly discussed in relation to electronic security and privacy issues. This collection contains emails from the National Security Council. It contains transcripts of speeches and testimony before congress. It also contains emails related to proposed legislation or security and criminal issues in the press on the topic of electronic surveillance and privacy.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2020-0549-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 related to the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution. The Fourth Amendment states, “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.” During the later years of the Clinton administration the issue of improperly infringing on the Fourth Amendment rights was regularly discussed in relation to electronic security and privacy issues. This collection contains emails from the National Security Council. It

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Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email] and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System. 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 bucket, there-under by topic, 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).

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2022. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Last Modified Date

2022-12-13

Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2020-0549-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
NSC [OA/ID 1200000]
[Fourth Amendment, Surveillance]
[09/09/1997]
[04/15/1999]
[07/13/1999-07/18/2000]

[07/18/2000-11/29/2000]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Email
A1-Record [OA/ID 570000]
[Fourth Amendment, Surveillance]
[03/03/1994]
MSMail-Record [OA/ID 590000]
[Fourth Amendment, Surveillance]
[06/25/1996-03/27/1997]
[03/27/1997-03/28/1997]
Exchange-Record [OA/ID 620000]
[Fourth Amendment, Surveillance]
[07/18/2000-01/16/2001]
Exchange-Non-Record [OA/ID 630000]
[Fourth Amendment, Surveillance]
[03/24/1998-05/03/2000]
[05/03/2000-07/24/2000]