Extent

31 folders, approximately 929 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records relating to television journalist Barbara Walters. This collections consists of correspondence between Walters and President Clinton, informational and scheduling material on Walters' interviews with President and First Lady Clinton, transcripts such as a transcript of Walters' interview with the First Lady in January of 1996, photocopies of photographs with Walters and President Clinton, material on Walters' attendance to a ceremony involving the King and Queen on Spain in February 2000, and press briefings. The collection also contains emails in preparation for interviews with Walters or scheduling interviews.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2021-0551-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 contains records relating to television journalist Barbara Walters. This collection contains correspondence between Walters and President Clinton, informational and scheduling material on Walters' interviews with President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, a transcript of Walters' interview with the First Lady in January of 1996, photocopies of photographs with Walters and President Clinton, and material on Walters' attendance to a ceremony involving the King and Queen of Spain in February 2000. The collection also contains emails in preparation for interviews with Walters or scheduling interviews. There are transcripts of interviews and press briefings. Barbara Walters was a highly respected and tenacious interviewer who was unafraid to tackle difficult subjects and interviews. Walters joined the NBC Today Show in 1971 and by 1974 she was co-host of the show. Walters interviewed every sitting President of the United States from Richard Nixon to Barack Obama. During the Clinton administration she

interviewed Bill Clinton on September 14, 1993 and 2 April 23, 1996; Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in December 1997, Monica Lewinsky on March 3, 1999, and Albert Gore and wife Tipper on June 23, 2000.

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 Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, Clinton Presidential Records: TRP Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Subject file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of categories designated by a letter/number combination. 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. 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 record email. The TRP database was comprised of the same seven sub-series of email as in ARMS. NSC TRP email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. FOIA 2021-0551-F (Segment 1) includes WHORM records from these subject codes: FG001 President of the United States FG001-06 Appointments – Interviews, Meetings with, Presidential FG001-07 Appointments Granted, Presidential FG006-01 White House Office IV096 Invitations 1996 ME001-02 Birthday Greetings PP Presidential Personal PP005-01 First Lady PR005-01 Photographs Granted, Presidential SO002 Dinners, White House.

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, 2022-2023. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Last Modified Date

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2021-0551-F (Seg 1):
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Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
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Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project (TRP) [Email]
NSC [OA/ID 1200000]
[Barbara Walters]
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NSC Cables
Jan 1993-Dec 1994 [OA/ID 505000]
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NSC Email
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A1-Non-Record (Apr 94-Sept 94) [OA/ID 580000]
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MSMail-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97) [OA/ID 590000]
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Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 620000]
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