Extent

64 folders, approximately 438 pages

Summary

This collection contains material from WHORM Subject CO095. This was the code the the White House Office of Records Management assigned to documents relating to the Republic of Lebanon. The collection consists of correspondence from individual citizens, non-profit organizations, and members of Congress. This correspondence mostly relates to the administration’s 1997 lifting of the travel ban, aid, and concerns over the continued presence of foreign troops in Lebanon.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of material found in WHORM Subject File CO095. This is the code that the White House Office of Records Management assigned to documents relating to the Republic of Lebanon. The United States established consular relations with what would become modern Lebanon in 1833. The relationship between the two countries continued to improve throughout the 19th and first half of the 20th centuries with the establishment of Lebanese American University in 1835, the American University of Beirut in 1866, and the opening of the official American Embassy in 1952. However, the eruption of the Lebanese Civil War in 1975 and the assassination of American Ambassador Francis Meloy Jr.in Beirut in 1976 led to a period of significant tension. During the war, which included opposing military interventions from Syria and Israel, repeated suicide bombings led to the relocation and then closure of the U.S. Embassy in 1984. The conflict continued until 1989, when the Taif Agreement put into place a constitutional reform package. The U.S. Embassy reopened in 1990. Throughout the 1990s, the Clinton Administration gradually re-established relations with Lebanon. The Secretary of State lifted the ban on U.S. citizens traveling to Lebanon 1997. The records in this collection consist of correspondence from individual citizens, non-profit organizations, and members of

Congress. These letters address ongoing matters concerning the U.S. relationship with Lebanon including the travel ban, aid, and foreign influence in Lebanon. On the latter point, the correspondence primarily expresses concern over continued presence of foreign troops in Lebanon, particularly from Syria. Israel withdrew its troops in 2000. The Syrian military left Lebanon in 2005.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files and Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files CF. 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. This systematically processed case includes WHORM records from these subject codes: CO095 Lebanon.

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, 2024. 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 WHORM Subject Code CO095:
Please note that the single asterisk “*” indicates that the category is entirely processed and open.
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Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
CO095* 005895
CO095* 006200
CO095* 008321
CO095* 024408
CO095* 031850SS
CO095* 032865
CO095* 046309

CO095* 050151
CO095* 055018
CO095* 056018SS
CO095* 057135
CO095* 058368
CO095* 069873
CO095* 070515
CO095* 073095
CO095* 073402SS
CO095* 075578
CO095* 076960
CO095* 082026
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
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CO095* 093056
CO095* 104120
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CO095* 165731
CO095* 166810
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