Extent

115 folders, approximately 8,494 pages

Summary

This collection consists of Gene Sperling's files related to Japan. Sperling served as Deputy Director of the National Economic Council from 1993 to 1996 and then as NEC Director from 1996 to 2001. This collection includes articles, briefing books, clippings, correspondence, graphs, newsletters, notes, papers, press statements, remarks, reports, and tables. This collection consists of the findings and views of the Department of State, Treasury Department, and the National Economic Council on Japan’s economic, financial, and political challenges and also efforts to strengthen Japan’s economy. The collection also focuses on trade with Japan, especially with flat glass and steel.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2020-0281-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. The collection contains Gene Sperling’s files related to Japan and the records of the National Security Council related to Sperling and Japan. Folder titles in this collection reference dates ranging from 1995 to 2000. The collection concerns the financial crisis in Japan during the 1990s. The collection contains articles, briefing books, clippings, correspondence, graphs, newsletters, notes, papers, press statements, remarks, reports, and tables. Correspondence includes the Treasury Department’s memoranda titled “Japan Watch”. The collection also contains congressional correspondence on issues related to bilateral trade and economic conditions. Head of State correspondence includes letters to Japanese Prime Ministers Ryutaro Hashimoto, Keizo Obuchi, and Yoshiro Mori. Events include Japanese Prime Minister Hashimoto’s visit to the United States in April 1997, the G-7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in Tokyo in January 2000, G-

8 meetings in Okinawa and Tokyo in July 2000, the United States' bilateral meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Mori in July 2000, and G-8 Meetings in September 2000. Topics include the findings and views of the Treasury Department and the National Economic Council on both Japan's economic, financial, and political challenges and efforts to strengthen Japan's economy. These efforts include banking reform, deregulation, and fiscal stimulus. The collection also focuses on trade with Japan, especially with flat glass and steel.

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 Staff and Office Files and Clinton Presidential Records: National Security Council Cable, Email, and Records Management System. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. Staff and Office files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area.

Access

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Provenance

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

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