Extent

1,109 assets

Summary

This collection consists of records related to cryptography, encryption, Pretty Good Privacy, or Philip Zimmerman. Philip Zimmerman is a computer scientist and software engineer who created and released the email encryption software Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) in 1991. The bulk of the records consist of electronic newsletters, listserv digests, and news articles regarding internet privacy rights, encrypting sensitive information communicated via the internet, and the legality of exporting encryption software such as PGP. This collection contains emails and other electronic records.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2020-0544-F (Segment 1) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Materials responsive to this FOIA request include emails and electronic records mentioning cryptography, encryption, Pretty Good Privacy, or Philip Zimmerman. Philip Zimmerman is a computer scientist and software engineer who created and released the email encryption software Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) in 1991. The bulk of the records consist of electronic newsletters, listserv digests, and news articles regarding internet privacy rights, encrypting sensitive information communicated via the internet, and the legality of exporting encryption software such as PGP.

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 2020-0544-F (Segment 1):
Clinton Presidential Records: EOP Search and Access Sets (SAS)
(SAS) Automated Records Management System [Email] contains 955 assets.
SRL ARMS_cryptography_PGP contains 921 assets.
SRL ARMS_cryptography_Phil Zimmerman contains 34 assets.
(SAS) Tape Restoration Project [Email] contains 153 assets.
SRL TRP_cryptography_PGP contains 149 assets.
SRL TRP_cryptography_Phil Zimmerman contains 4 assets.
(SAS) Lotus Notes contains 1 asset.