Extent

3 folders, approximately 146 pages

Summary

This collection contains records regarding actor Christopher Reeve’s May 15, 1996, meeting with President and First Lady Clinton. Following his horseback-riding accident in 1995, Christopher Reeve devoted much of his time to raising public awareness and funding for spinal cord injuries research and treatment, as well as advocating for health insurance reform. The records include scheduling information, meeting briefing materials, correspondence, and newspaper and magazine articles.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2022-0839-F (Seg. 1) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Christopher Reeve was an actor most known for his role as Superman in the 1978 Superman film and its first three sequels. His acting career was most active during the late 1970s to the mid-1990s, though he was also deeply invested in activist causes and political issues. In May 1995, a fall from his horse resulted in a cervical spinal injury that paralyzed Reeve from the neck down. Following his injury, Reeve sought to use his name and influence to advocate for spinal cord injury research and funding, for legislation that would support an increase in disability insurance payment limits, and for organizations that work to spread public awareness and improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. Records in this collection include scheduling information, meeting briefing materials, correspondence, and newspaper and magazine articles.

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, and Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Alpha file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management from 1993 – 1996 and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events. 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. In addition, there are WHORM, WHORM Counsel, WHORM (CL), WHORM (OP), WHORM (Too Late); WHORM (Various Offices); and WHORM (Alpha Project) series. 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. FOIA 2022-0839-F (Seg. 1) includes WHORM records from these subject codes: FG001-07 Appointments Granted, Presidential PR005-01 Photographs Granted, Presidential.

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).

Person Names

Reeve, Christopher, 1952-2004

Topical Subjects

People with disabilities

Processed by

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

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2022-0839-F (Seg. 1):
Box 1

Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
FG001-07 295634SS
PR005-01 171586
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Public Liaison
White, William, Jr.
Christopher Reeve [OA/ID 14202]