Extent

26 folders, approximately 835 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records from the files of Ambassador Nancy Soderberg and the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia, particularly the war in Kosovo. Ambassador Soderberg served as the Staff Director of the National Security Council from 1993 to 1997 and then as Alternate Representative to the United Nations until the end of the Clinton Administration. Her staff files on this topic were previously processed and released for FOIA 2008-0994-F Segment 2. This collection contains NSC Cables regarding Ambassador Soderberg's meetings on Kosovo with UN representatives and her June 1998 visit to Albania, as well as NSC Emails that discuss planning for Principals and Deputies Committee meetings that she attended.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2019-0944-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. This FOIA contains records relating to Ambassador Nancy Soderberg and the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia, particularly the war in Kosovo from 1997 to 2001. Ambassador Soderberg's staff files regarding the conflicts in Yugoslavia were previously processed for FOIA 2008-0994-F Segment 2. The additional materials processed for this case consist of NSC Cables and Emails. The Cables date from July 1997 through November 2000. They primarily concern UN discussions, especially with the Security Council, regarding the escalating crisis in Kosovo. Many of these cables were either authored by Ambassador Soderberg or discuss her meetings with other UN representatives. Additionally, there are a several cables from the Ambassador's visit to Albania in June 1998. The NSC Emails date from December 1997 through April 2000. They mainly discuss planning for NSC Principals Committee and Deputies Committee meetings on the Kosovo crisis, which Ambassador

Soderberg often attended as the representative for the US Mission to the United Nations. Other collections with materials potentially relevant to this FOIA case include: 2008-0994-F Segment 3 Kosovo 2009-0983-M Declassified Documents Concerning the National Security Council 2014-0548-M Declassified Documents Concerning French President Jaques Chirac and German President Gerhard Schroeder 2019-0935-F William Cohen and Yugoslavia 2019-0881-F Thomas Wilson and Yugoslavia.

Biographical Note

Ambassador Soderberg served as Staff Director and Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, the third-ranking official on the National Security Council (NSC), from 1993 to 1997. President Clinton then appointed her as the Alternate Representative to the United Nations, where she served until the end of the administration in 2001.

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: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. 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

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

Soderberg, Nancy E., 1958-

Geographic Place

Kosovo (Republic)
Former Yugoslav republics

Topical Subjects

Kosovo War (1998-1999)

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2025. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Last Modified Date

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Container List

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The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2019-0944-F:

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Former Yugoslavia – WH [White House] Statements [OA/ID 1404]
Former Yugoslavia – UN [United Nations] Resolution [OA/ID 1404]
Former Yugoslavia [OA/ID 1416]
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Former Yugoslavia – Bosnia [OA/ID 1416]
Former Yugoslavia – Foreign Leader Calls [OA/ID 1416]
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Former Yugoslavia – Owen [OA/ID 1416]

Former Yugoslavia – Sanctions [OA/ID 1416]
Former Yugoslavia – Izetbegovic [OA/ID 1416]
Former Yugoslavia – Newsclips [OA/ID 1416]
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Former Yugoslavia – Jewish Community [OA/ID 1416]
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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System

NSC Cables

Jan 1997-Dec 1998 [OA/ID 520000]

[Soderberg…]

[07/11/1997 – 12/09/1998]

Jan 1999-Dec 2000 [OA/ID 530000]

[Soderberg…]

[01/18/1999 – 11/30/2000]

NSC Email

Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 620000]

[Soderberg…]

[03/10/1998 – 09/29/1998]
[10/02/1998 – 10/13/1998]
[10/14/1998 – 12/21/1998]
[01/11/1999 – 03/11/1999]
[03/17/1999 – 05/07/1999]

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[05/08/1999 – 04/19/2000]

Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 630000]

[Soderberg…]

[12/05/1997 – 08/05/1999]

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