Extent

6 folders, approximately 308 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to cold fusion which is also referred to as LENR or Low Energy Nuclear Reactions. This collection consists of correspondence and scientific reviews concerning research and funding. Cables focus on experiments being undertaken by various nations, international nuclear cooperation, and reactions to media claims.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2021-0413-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Researchers can see additional materials on cold fusion in the Domestic Policy Council files of Ira Magaziner on Electronic Commerce. Cold fusion, also referred to as LENR or Low Energy Nuclear Reactions, is a hypothetical kind of nuclear reaction that could be induced to occur at near room temperature. This contrasts with “hot” fusion, which occurs at extremely high temperatures and under high pressure, such as within stars and atomic bombs. Though there is no currently accepted model for attaining reliable and replicable results, interest in cold fusion remains and some experiments continue. Unclassified textual records include correspondence and scientific reviews concerning research and funding for cold fusion. NSC cables focused on cold fusion and related experiments being undertaken by various nations, international nuclear cooperation, and reactions to media claims relating to cold fusion. The majority of NSC records related to this FOIA case are closed for national security reasons.

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 File and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems.

Access

This 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

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Subject Headings

Cold Fusion

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2021-0413-F:
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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables
Jan 1993-Dec 1994 [OA/ID 505000]
[Cold fusion or low energy nuclear...]
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[Cold fusion or low energy nuclear...]
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[Cold fusion or low energy nuclear...]
[07/16/1998 – 07/18/1998]
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