Extent

3 SRLs, 198 assets

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the 1992 standoff between federal agents and the Weaver family at Ruby Ridge in Idaho. This collection contains press clippings, departmental and cabinet weekly reports, Congressional hearing transcripts, briefing memos, and schedules regarding the aftermath and investigations that followed during President Clinton's administration.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2024-0403-F (Segment 1) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material, including the 2009- 1006-F and 2023-0127-F (Segment 2). The researcher submitted a request for materials related to the eleven-day standoff between federal agents and Randy Weaver, Weaver’s wife and kids, and family friend Kevin Harris, at Ruby Ridge in the Selkirk Mountains of northern Idaho in August 1992. The encounter resulted in the deaths of Weaver’s teenage son, Samuel, and wife, Vicki, as well as US Marshal Bill Degan. Although the incident took place prior to President Clinton assuming office, it was the subject of intense scrutiny throughout the rest of the 1990s, including internal and criminal investigations and Congressional hearings. In 1995, the Department of Justice settled a civil case brought forth by Randy Weaver, granting $1 million each to the three surviving children and $100,000 to Weaver. This collection contains press clippings, departmental and cabinet weekly reports, Congressional hearing transcripts, briefing memos, and schedules.

Record Type

Textual

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. 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 that contains restored emails from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) from July 1994 through June of 2000. 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).

Subject Headings

Electronic mail Messages Sieges
Idaho--Boundary County
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Person Names

Weaver, Randy, 1948-2022
Weaver, Vicki, 1949-1992

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Container List

The following Search and Access Sets were processed in response to FOIA 2024-0403-F (Segment 1):
Clinton Presidential Records: EOP ERA Search and Access Sets (SAS)
(SAS) Automated Records Management System [Email] contains 172 assets.
(SAS) Tape Restoration Project [Email] contains 24 assets.
(SAS) Lotus Notes contains 4 assets.