Extent

12 folders, approximately 341 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records relating to Saudi Arabian businessman and arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi. The collection contains cables and emails regarding or mentioning Adnan Khashoggi, related to media articles, funding proposals, economic ideas regarding peace in the Middle East, a request for the First Lady’s assistance in building a children’s hospital in Gaza, and other discussions on foreign relations primarily concerning countries in the Middle East.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2025–0756-F (Segment 1) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Adnan Khashoggi was a Saudi Arabian businessman and arms dealer known for his geopolitical ties, extensive business dealings around the world, and his opulent lifestyle. During his life, he frequently appeared in the press and on television and appeared on the covers of Time and The Washington Post. Khashoggi was implicated as an arms trade middleman in the Iran-Contra affair and was charged with fraud multiple times, though in each case he was either acquitted or the case was dismissed. This collection contains cables and emails that either focus on or refer to Adnan Khashoggi, including media articles, funding proposals, and discussions on foreign relations, primarily concerning countries in the Middle East. Khashoggi’s correspondence also regards the Islamic Development Fund, economic ideas for peace in the Middle East, and a request for the First Lady’s assistance in building a children’s hospital in Gaza. Many 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: WHORM Alpha Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. 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. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) was a database that contained email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system held, and allowed access to, unclassified Presidential email. The ARMS database was comprised of seven sub-series of email records called "buckets." The buckets generally represented a specific White House office. The buckets were titled: NPR for National Performance Review, NSC for National Security Council, OPD for Office of Policy Development, POTUS for President of the United States, WHO for White House Office, CEA for Council of Economic Advisers, and Default for emails not associated with an office. The Tape Restoration Project (TRP) was a database consisting of restored emails from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) from July 1994 through June of 2000. The TRP was a database that contained email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential record email. The TRP database was comprised of the same seven sub-series of email as in ARMS. NSC TRP email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. In 2022, the National Archives and Records Administration transferred the majority of Clinton ARMS and TRP records to a records management and access system called ERA. This changed the processing of ARMS and TRP records. For technical reasons, however, NSC emails remained in their own bucket. NSC ARMS

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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

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).

Processed by

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

Last Modified Date

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2025-0756-F (Seg 1):
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Khashoggi, Adnan [OA/ID 15891]
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
FG006-06 008026 [OA/ID 21744]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables
Jan 1993-Dec 1994 [OA/ID 505000]
[Khashoggi]
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Jan 1995-Dec 1996 [OA/ID 510000]
[Khashoggi]
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Jan 1997-Dec 1998 [OA/ID 520000]
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Jan 1999-Dec 2000 [OA/ID 530000]
[Khashoggi]
[02/16/1999 – 05/15/2000]
NSC Email
Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 620000]
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[09/19/1997]
Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 630000]
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