Extent

4 folders, approximately 67 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to Roy Cohn, a lawyer and prosecutor from New York. This collection contains records regarding a FOIA request and opening of files concerning Roy Cohn at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2025-0753-F (Segment 2) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material.

This collection contains records regarding Roy Cohn, born February 20, 1927, a lawyer and prosecutor from New York. Cohn graduated from Columbia Law School at age 20. He worked as a clerk for the
U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York before being admitted to the New York Bar. Cohn served as an assistant U.S. attorney who helped prosecute members of the American Communist Party including Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. He worked as chief counsel under Senator Joseph McCarthy
during the Lavender Scare. In 1954 Cohn resigned from McCarthy’s staff and entered private practice as
an attorney in New York where he represented several high-profile clients including Donald Trump. Cohn had close political ties to Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan and worked on Reagan’s 1980 presidential campaign. Cohn was disbarred in 1986 for unethical and unprofessional conduct. He passed away on August 2, 1986, due to complications from AIDS.

This collection contains records regarding a FOIA request and opening of files

concerning Roy Cohn at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject 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.

FOIA 2025-0753-F (Segment 2) includes WHORM records from these subject codes:
FE010-01 Access to Records and Documents
FG006-04 Counsel to the President

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

Cohn, Roy M.

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2025. 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 2025-0753-F (Segment 2):

Box 1

Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File Category Case Number
FE010-01 047974CU
FE010-01 056071CU
FE010-01 067908CU
FG006-04 053481CU