Extent

8 folders, approximately 344 pages

Summary

This collection contains records of the National Security Council Emails, Cables and Records Management System regarding the Holy Land Foundation, previously established as the Occupied Land Fund. Records in the collection consist of press clippings, publications, press guidance, emails, cables, and other correspondence regarding the organization, though the great majority of records related to this FOIA request are closed for National Security.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2025-0815-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material.

The Occupied Land Fund was established as an Islamic charity by Shukri Abu Baker in 1988, based in Indiana. Its name would be changed a couple of years later to the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, and in 1992, the organization’s headquarters would be relocated to Richardson, Texas. During the 1990s, the U.S. government began surveilling the charity on suspicions that it was funneling funds to support the Hamas terrorist organization in Gaza. By the year 2000, the Holy Land Foundation (HLF) would be the largest Muslim charity in the United States.

On September 23, 2001, President George W. Bush would issue Executive Order 13224, as part of the

government’s response to the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. This executive order authorized the
U.S. Department of the Treasury, working with the Departments of Justice and State, to block the financial assets of individuals and organizations that provide support and assistance to, or otherwise

associate with, terrorists and terrorist organizations. Though the Department of the Treasury admitted that a substantial amount of the money raised by the HLF went to worthy causes, their determination was that the organization’s primary purpose was to fund Hamas.

On December 4, 2001, the U.S. Government designated the Holy Land Foundation as a Domestic Terror Organization, freezing the organization’s assets and closing the organization down. In 2004, a federal grand jury in Texas indicted the HLF on charges regarding conspiracy, providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization, tax evasion, and money laundering. In 2008, HLF and the five individual defendants were found guilty on all counts.

Materials, including cables and emails, contain press articles, guidance for press briefings, and reports of disruptions in the organization's efforts and its dealings with other corporations.

The majority of 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: ARMS Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems.

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.

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 emails are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date.

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).

Topical Subjects

Pressure groups

Processed by

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

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Container List

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