

Extent

26 folders, approximately 989 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the consideration and nomination of the Comptroller General of the United States who served as the director of the Government Accountability Office (GAO, formerly known as the General Accounting Office) during the Clinton Administration. This collection consists of correspondence with names for consideration, letters of support for potential candidates, resumes of candidates, correspondence from the Comptroller General Commission, documentation on the consideration and appointment process, and a list of presidential appointments for October 21, 1998.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2025-0877-F (Segment 1) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Previously processed records relevant to this topic can be found in FOIA collection 2022-0496-F.

The Comptroller General of the United States is the Director of the Government Accountability Office (GAO, formerly known as the General Accounting Office), a legislative branch agency founded by Congress in 1921 to ensure the fiscal and managerial accountability of the Federal Government. The Comptroller General is appointed for a fifteen-year term by the President of the United States with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Comptroller General may not be reappointed. The Comptroller General had the responsibility to audit the financial statements that the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget presented to the Congress and the President.

This collection contains records relating to the consideration and nomination of the Comptroller General and Deputy Comptroller of the United States during the Clinton Administration. Included are correspondence with names for consideration, letters of support for potential candidates, resumes of candidates, correspondence from the Comptroller General Commission, documentation on the consideration and appointment process, and a list of presidential appointments for October 21, 1998.

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, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files CF, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM (OP), and Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office 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. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity.

Staff and Office files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area.

FOIA 2025-0877-F (Segment 1) includes WHORM records from these subject codes: FG042 General Accounting Office

PE002-01 Schedule C Appointments

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).

Organization Names

United States. General Accounting Office

Processed by

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

Last Modified Date

2026-06-03

Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2025-0877-F (Segment 1):

Box 1

Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File

Category Case Number

FG042 217248

FG042 217376

FG042 217915

FG042 217921

FG042 218049

FG042 229895

FG042 231627

FG042 241697

FG042 242928

FG042 255180

Box 1

Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File (continued)

Category Case Number

FG042 255550

FG042 255907

FG042 256709

FG042 266703

FG042 268909SS

FG042 295550SS

PE002-01 295828SS

Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: (OP)

255066 Erskine Bowles

271479 Erskine Bowles
273517 [1] Erskine Bowles
273517 [2] Erskine Bowles

Box 2

280836 Erskine Bowles

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files

Counsel's Office

Whalen, Kathleen

Comptroller General Appointment - GAO [OA/ID CF 817] Legislative Affairs

Hoffmann, Marty; Rustique, Virginia; Kuryk, Hildy Comptroller General [OA/ID 17931]

Kuryk, Hildy

Nominations - Comptroller General [OA/ID 17371] Presidential Personnel

General Files

Comptroller General, General Accounting Office [OA/ID 24004]