

Extent

2 SRLs, 199 assets

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the position of Comptroller General, the director of the GAO. Electronic records to be opened consist of internal correspondence regarding candidates for the position, including meeting scheduling and updates on nominations, as well as press releases, and correspondence regarding swearing in the newly confirmed Comptroller General.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2025-0877-F (Segment 2) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material.

The Comptroller General of the United States is the director of the Government Accountability Office (GAO, formerly known as the General Accounting Office until 2004), 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. President Clinton appointed David M. Walker as Comptroller General in the fall of 1998. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Walker was a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) and partner at Arthur Andersen, LLP, an accounting firm based in Chicago, Illinois, which provided services to large corporations.

Electronic records in this collection consist of internal correspondence and discussions among staffers regarding the candidates for Comptroller General, including scheduling meetings and updates on the progress of the nomination.

Additional records include press releases, lists of Senate confirmations that include David Walker as Comptroller General, as well as requests and discussions regarding Vice President Al Gore conducting various swearings-in.

Record Type

Electronic Records

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] and Clinton Presidential Records: (SAS) Tape Restoration Project [Email]. 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

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.

Copyright

Documents in this collection that were prepared by officials of the United States government as part of their official duties are in the public domain. Researchers are advised to consult the copyright law of the United States (17 U.S.C. Chapter 1) which governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material.

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

2025-12-05

Container List

The following is a list of Search and Access Sets processed in response to 2025-0877-F (Segment 2):

Clinton Presidential Records: EOP ERA Search and Access Sets (SAS) (SAS)

Automated Records Management System [Email] contains 154 assets. (SAS) Tape Restoration Project [Email] contains 45 assets.