

Extent

11 folders, approximately 201 pages

Summary

This collection contains records from the White House Office of Records Management regarding Paul Schell, a lawyer who served as the mayor of Seattle, Washington from 1998 to 2002. This collection consists of correspondence about the 1999 World Trade Organization (WTO) Seattle Ministerial, between Paul Schell and President Clinton, and the 2000 White House U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2026-0057-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material.

Paul Schell was a lawyer who served as the mayor of Seattle, Washington from 1998 to 2002. This collection of records contains material relating to correspondence about the 1999 World Trade Organization (WTO) Seattle Ministerial, about Paul Schell, and between Paul Schell and President Clinton, and the 2000 White House U.S. Conference of Mayors.

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 Project, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files , 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 2026-0057-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: FG052 United States Courts of Appeals
FI004 Budget and Appropriations
HU016 Women
IT138 World Trade Organizations (WTO)
IV Invitations
MC002 Mayors' Conferences
NR004 Land
UT002 Electricity

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

Schell, Paul, 1937-

Organization Names

World Trade Organization

Geographic Place

Washington (State)--Seattle

Processed by

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

Last Modified Date

2025-12-03

Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2026-0057-F:

Box 1

Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Alpha Project
AF 400873 [Paul Schell]

Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File

Category Case Number

FG052 107829CU

FI004 433876

[HU016] 409211

IT138 276992

IT138 414365

IV 251742

[MC002] 417117

NR004 402343

[UT002] 439621

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files

Presidential Personnel

Category Case Number

AF 241798 [Paul Schell] [OA/ID 10471]