

Extent

49 folders, approximately 3,133 pages

Summary

This collection consists of the records of Holly Smith related to the People's Republic of China. The collection dates from 1997 to 2000. The records relate primarily to Chinese President Jiang Zemin's October 1997 trip to the United States, President Clinton's June 1998 trip to China, Samuel Berger's 1998 trips to China, and preparatory trips by Jim Steinberg, Ken Lieberthal, and Sandra Kristoff. The collection addresses Taiwan, Tibet, Hong Kong, and human rights issues. Open records include memoranda, correspondence, email, cables, and administrative forms.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2020-0239-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. This Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request was for all records of Holly Smith related to the People's Republic of China. The collection dates from 1997 to 2000. The records relate primarily to Chinese President Jiang Zemin's October 1997 trip to the United States, President Clinton's June 1998 trip to China, Samuel Berger's 1998 trips to China, and preparatory trips by Jim Steinberg, Ken Lieberthal, and Sandra Kristoff. The collection addresses Taiwan, Tibet, Hong Kong, and human rights issues. Open records include memoranda, correspondence, email, cables, and administrative forms. This collection is primarily the portfolio of Jeffery Bader, Jim Keith, and Kenneth Lieberthal that was passed to Smith after she began working in Asian Affairs.

Biographical Note

Holly M. Smith hailed from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Smith is a graduate of the University of Michigan with bachelor degrees in both Chinese and Political Science. She served as an intern, officially called a program support assistant, in the International Economic Affairs Office of the NSC from October 1999 to February 2000. In February, she was hired as a full-time employee of the Asian Affairs office working for Ken Lieberthal. She would later go to the Office of the Deputy General Counsel (Asian Affairs) at the Department of Defense and then to Akin Gump where she was an Associate.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files. 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.

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).

Person Names

Dan, Wang 1969-

Ping, Mei

Gyatso, Tenzin, Dalai Lama XIV, 1935-

Jiang, Zemin, 1912-2012

Wei, Jingsheng

Wei, Jingsheng--Political and social views;

Zhu, Rongji, 1928-

Zukang, Sha, 1947-

Geographic Place

China, Hong Kong

Panama Canal

Tibet

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Container List

Box 1

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files

National Security Council

Asian Affairs

Smith, Holly

[China - Admiral Dennis] Blair Meetings in Beijing February 2000 [OA/ID 2893]

[China] - Hill 1999 [OA/ID 2970]

[China] - Jiang Zemin Visit 1997 (Joint Statement) [OA/ID 2970]

[China] - John Kamm 1998 [OA/ID 2970]

[China] - Mil to Mil 1999 [OA/ID 2970]

[China] - Miscellaneous Chron Files 1998 [OA/ID 2970]

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[Jeff Bader's] Meeting Notes [1997-1999] [1] [OA/ID 2622]

[Jeff Bader's] Meeting Notes [1997-1999] [2] [OA/ID 2622]

[Jeff Bader's] Meeting Notes [1997-1999] [3] [OA/ID 2622]

1998 China - Economic Issues [OA/ID 2622]

1998 China - Human Rights [OA/ID 2622]

1998 China - Human Rights Kristoff Trip [OA/ID 2622]

1998 China - Military [OA/ID 2622]

1998 China - Policy Papers [OA/ID 2622]

1998 China - Wang Dan [OA/ID 2622]
1998 China - Wei Jingshen [OA/ID 2622]
1999 China - Yang Jiechi Visit [OA/ID 2622]
1998 POTUS Trip - Berger Meetings [OA/ID 2622]
1998 POTUS Trip - Human Rights [OA/ID 2622]
1998 POTUS Trip - Legislation [OA/ID 2622]
1998 POTUS Trip - Logistics [OA/ID 2622]
1998 POTUS Trip - Matrices [OA/ID 2622]
1998 POTUS Trip - Nonproliferation [OA/ID 2622]
1998 POTUS Trip - Public Affairs [OA/ID 2622]

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1998 POTUS Trip - Taiwan [OA/ID 2622]
1998 POTUS Trip - Tiananmen [OA/ID 2622]
1998 POTUS Trip - Tibet [OA/ID 2622]
1998 Trade Development Agency (TDA) Sanctions for China [OA/ID 2622]
1999 - 2000 Berger / Lieberthal Meetings with Chinese Officials [1][OA/ID 2622]
1999 - 2000 Berger / Lieberthal Meetings with Chinese Officials [2][OA/ID 2622]
1999 - 2000 Berger / Lieberthal Meetings with Chinese Officials [3][OA/ID 2622]
Berger Trip [1] [OA/ID 2622]
Berger Trip [2] [OA/ID 2622]
Berger Trip [3] [OA/ID 2622]
Berger Trip: China - General [OA/ID 2622]
China - Corruption / Stability 1999 [OA/ID 2970]
China - Human Rights 1999 [OA/ID 2970]
Hong Kong - POTUS Visit, July 2-3, 1998 [OA/ID 2970]

Box 4

Hong Kong 1999 [1] [OA/ID 2970]
Hong Kong 1999 [2] [OA/ID 2970]
Hong Kong 1999 [3] [OA/ID 2970]
Hong Kong - Panama Canal 1999 [OA/ID 2970]
Jiang Visit - Liu Huaqiu [OA/ID 2622]
Tibet 1999 [1] [OA/ID 2970]
Tibet 1999 [2] [OA/ID 2970]