Extent

73 folders, approximately 6,400 pages

Summary

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Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2020-0242-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 James Keith related to the People’s Republic of China. The collection dates from 1997 to 1998. The records relate primarily to a series of trips that National Security Advisor Samuel Berger took to prepare for later summits between the Chinese and the United States. The collection addresses Taiwan, Tibet, Hong Kong, human rights issues, military, and nonproliferation issues. Other persons of note present in this collection are Wang Dan, Jiang Zemin, and Liu Huaqiu. The Asian Affairs directorate of the NSC during the Clinton administration had the tendency to share issues among multiple staff members. This collection reflects that practice and contains records related to China from Jeffery Bader and Ravic Huso. Open records include

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Biographical Note

Ambassador James Keith grew up in Asia and began his career in foreign service in 1980. Keith spent his career as a foreign service officer for the U.S. Department of State, serving in multiple embassies across Asia. Immediately following his time in the White House, he was the Director of the Office of Chinese Affairs and later Counsel General for the United States to Hong Kong. President George W. Bush named him Ambassador to Malaysia in April 2007, and he was confirmed by the Senate in May. He served in Malaysia until March 2010 when he was tasked with taking up the Deputy Chief of Mission post at Kabul, Afghanistan.

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)

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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).

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Geographic Place

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Tibet
Panama--Panama Canal

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Electronic Records

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