Extent

211 folders, approximately 5,800 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records concerning Donald Steinberg, Senior Director for African Affairs on the National Security Council, and the policy of the Clinton Administration towards Rwanda from 1993 to 1994. These records include reports, memos, correspondence, press briefings, and United Nations documents. The topics include humanitarian assistance rendered by the United States, information regarding the legal issues such as the application of the War Powers Act to Rwanda, genocide, press coverage of Rwanda, and the incoming Rwandan government.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in 2006-0218-F are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA request 2006-0218-F contains records dealing with Donald Steinberg, Senior Director for African Affairs on the National Security Council, and the policy of the Clinton Administration towards Rwanda from 1993-1994. These records include information regarding legal issues such as the application of the War Powers Act to Rwanda and whether or not the violence taking place in the country could be considered to fall within the officially recognized definition of genocide. In addition, these records reveal the concern Steinberg had with the press coverage of the carnage in Rwanda that unfairly emphasized the slowness of the United States to react to the conflict between the Hutus and Tutsis. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alpha Files contain no relevant records. The WHORM Subject Files contain no relevant records. The White House Staff and Office Files contain reports, memos, correspondence, press briefings and guidance, and United Nations documents. These records can all be found in the files of Steinberg and deal in large part with a number of related matters. Foremost,

the overwhelming humanitarian assistance rendered by the United States receives a considerable amount of attention. American policymakers worry about what countries will supply the troops needed to establish some degree of security in Rwanda. Finally, there is much discussion about how the perpetrators of the genocide in Rwanda will be brought to justice. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Emails contain no relevant records. The NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems contain relevant material that adds to an understanding of the explosive situation in Rwanda. For example, there are daily reports concerning major activities in Rwanda and neighboring Burundi. In addition, the new Rwandan government that comes into power is the topic of many emails between Steinberg and his colleagues.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in two collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. As policy, 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

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential Records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 2201) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 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).

Subject Headings

Rwanda
Rwandan Civil War (Rwanda : 1994)
Genocide
Murder
War Powers Resolution (United States)

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Container List

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