## Extent

51 folders, approximately 2,329 pages

## Summary

This collection is primarily related to the Military Construction Appropriations Act of 1997. This collection contains email records related to legislative updates of the Military Construction Act of 1998. The legislative updates keep track of the latest action on a particular bill and the expected action in the next days and weeks. The emails also track legislative action following President Clinton’s use of the line item veto in October 1997. The collection also consists of Statements of Administration Policy and correspondence regarding both the 1997 and 1998 appropriations bills.

## Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2007-0625-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. In October 1997, President Clinton used the line item veto on the Military Construction Act of 1998. Researchers should also see 2007-0624-F related to the line item veto. In addition, researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. The Military Construction Appropriations Act of 1997 (H.R. 3517) made appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. This bill became law when President Clinton signed it on September 16, 1996. The Military Construction Appropriations Act of 1998 (H.R. 2016), was first presented in the U.S. House of Representatives under the sponsorship of Representative Ron Packard (R-CA). The bill was introduced June 6, 1997 and passed out of the House July 8, 1997 with a vote of 395-14. The Senate took the bill under consideration the next week and passed it 98-2 on July 22, 1997. The conference reports were agreed upon in early September 1997 and the bill was presented to the President on September 18, 1997. President Clinton signed the bill September 30, 1997 and the bill became Public Law 105-45. A week later, October 6, 1997, President Clinton used

his line item veto authority to cancel thirty-eight projects. Canceling these projects was estimated to save $290 million out of a total bill of $9.2 billion. As Clinton noted at the signing, —[these projects] were not requested by the military, cannot make a contribution to our national defense in the coming year, and will not immediately benefit the quality of life and well-being of our men and women in uniform.‖ Perhaps more boldly Clinton stated, —The use of the line item veto saves the tax payers…and makes clear that the old rules have, in fact, changed.‖ The next day two separate bills were introduced in the House to disapprove the cancellations. House Resolution 2624 and H.R. 2631 were sponsored by Representatives in districts where military construction, or milcon, projects were cancelled. Representative Joe Skeen (R-NM) sponsored H.R. 2631 with fifty-six co-sponsors. In the Senate H.R. 2631 became S.1292, Ted Stevens (R-AK) sponsored the disapproval bill which passed out of the Senate unanimously. The President vetoed S.1292 on November 13, 1997. In February 1998, both the House and the Senate revisited the issue and voted to override the President's veto in Public Law 105-159, restoring the cancellations. This collection contains email records related to legislative updates of the Military Construction Act of 1998. The legislative updates keep track of the latest action on a particular bill and the expected action in the next days and weeks. The emails also track legislative action following President Clinton's use of the line item veto in October 1997. The collection also consists of Statements of Administration Policy and correspondence regarding both the 1997 and 1998 appropriations bills.

**Record Type**

Textual

**System of Arrangement**

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in four collections areas—Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email], Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project [Email] and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and

correspondence. 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. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. WHORM files are processed at the document level; whereas, 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. 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 Records email. The ARMS dataset is comprised of 6 sub-series of email records called —Buckets.‖ The buckets include NPR, OPD, POTUS, WHO, CEA, and Default. ARMS emails are arranged chronologically by creation date. The Tape Restoration Project (TRP) is a database consisting of restored emails from the Automated Records Management System from July 1994 through June of 2000. The TRP is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential record email. The TRP dataset is comprised of 6 sub-series of email records called "Buckets." The buckets include NPR, OPD, POTUS, WHO, CEA, and Default. ARMS emails are arranged chronologically by creation date.

**Access**

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential Records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC Chapter 22) 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)

**Topical Subjects**

Armed Forces--Military construction operations--Law and legislation

**Processed by**

Staff Archivist, 2011. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

**Last Modified Date**

2012-09-25

**Container List**

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2007-0625-F:
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Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject File
Category Case Number
FG001 171168SS [OA/ID 21811]
FG013 231086 [OA/ID 21749]
FI004 243758 [OA/ID 15183]
IV 238963 [OA/ID 23374]
ND 172948SS [OA/ID 14065]

ND 213706 [OA/ID 14065]
ND 238958 [OA/ID 14065]
ND008 237601 [OA/ID 14072]
ND008 238104 [OA/ID 14072]
ND008 238116 [OA/ID 14072]
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ND008 239699 [OA/ID 14072]
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ND009 237030 [OA/ID 14072]
PR011 193989 [OA/ID 14001]
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Legislative Affairs
Maldon, Al
Military Construction 96 [OA/ID CF 1017]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[MILCON or Military Construction]
[10/16/1997 – 10/29/1997]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[MILCON or Military Construction]
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Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email] (continued)
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
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[10/17/1997 – 11/07/1997]
[11/08/1997 – 12/01/1997]
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
[MILCON or Military Construction]
[08/20/1996 – 10/17/1997]
NSC [OA/ID 1200000]
[Milcon, Military Construction, HR 2016]
[10/03/1997-02/23/1998]
Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project [Email]
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
[MILCON or Military Construction]
[07/24/1996 – 07/11/1996]
[07/14/1997 – 09/17/1997]
[09/19/1997 – 11/13/1997]
Box 5
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables
Jan. 1997-Dec. 1998
[Milcon, Military Construction, HR 2016]
[08/14/1997-10/09/1997] [OA/ID 520000]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System (continued)
NSC Emails
Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01)

[Milcon, Military Construction, HR 2016]
[10/02/1997-11/13/1997] [OA/ID 620000]
Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan 01)
[Milcon, Military Construction, HR 2016]
[09/24/1997-11/12/1997] [OA/ID 630000]
NSC Records Management
[Milcon, Military Construction, HR 2016]
9706753 [OA/ID 1644]