Extent

3 folders, approximately 106 pages

Summary

This collection contains transcripts, remarks, background information, talking points, and speech drafts relating to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton’s remarks at the Fifth Millennium Evening, held at the White House on January 25, 1999. President and Mrs. Clinton created the Millennium Council in 1997 to oversee commemorative and celebratory activities in anticipation of the beginning of the 21st century. The Council entitled the January 1999 Millennium Evening “The Meaning of the Millennium.” Featuring theologian and religious historian Martin E. Marty and medieval historian Natalie Zemon Davis, the program compared contemporary religious and secular reactions to the year 2000 to similar trends during the previous millennial transition in the year 1000.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-0504-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 2006-0504-F contains materials relating to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton’s remarks at the Fifth Millennium Evening, held at the White House on January 25, 1999. President and Mrs. Clinton created the Millennium Council in 1997 to oversee commemorative and celebratory activities in anticipation of the beginning of the 21st century. As part of this mission, the Millennium Council produced a series of lectures and programs at the White House called Millennium Evenings, beginning in 1998. The topics of each program varied, and the evenings generally showcased a prominent scholar or an artist as speaker. The Council entitled the January 1999 Millennium Evening “The Meaning of the Millennium.” Featuring theologian and religious historian Martin E. Marty and medieval historian Natalie Zemon Davis, the program compared contemporary

religious and secular reactions to the year 2000 to similar trends during the previous millennial transition in the year 1000. Mrs. Clinton began the evening with remarks that emphasized this comparison and introduced the speakers. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alpha files and the WHORM Subject files contain no relevant records. The White House Staff and Office Files contain correspondence, memoranda, publications, research materials, schedules and speeches maintained by individual offices and staff members. In the First Lady's Press Office, Lissa Muscatine's files contain a transcript of the entire event, including both Mrs. Clinton's introduction and a question-and-answer section following the guest speakers' lectures. In the First Lady's Speechwriting Office, Laura Schiller drafted Mrs. Clinton's remarks for the Fifth Millennium Evening. Her files contain background information on the event and the guest speakers, memoranda, and drafts of speeches and talking points for both President and Mrs. Clinton. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Emails, contain two responsive records. One is an email addressing the theme for the Fifth Millennium Evening. The other is a complete transcript of the event.

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 and Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Emails. 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. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Email 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.

Access

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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

Clinton, Hillary Rodham
Marty, Martin E., 1928-2025
Davis, Natalie Zemon, 1928-2023

Organization Names

United States. Office of the First Lady

Topical Subjects

Millennium Celebrations (2000)

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-0504-F.
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
First Lady’s Office
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Lissa Muscatine: FLOTUS Statements & Speeches
SPEECH BINDER 12/01/1998-04/20/1999: Fifth Millennium Evening, The White House, January 25, 1999 [OA/ID 20109]
Speechwriting
Laura Schiller: Events, Awards, Lectures 1/99-3/99
Millennium Evening-1/25/99 [OA/ID 24625]
Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[12/23/1998-01/27/1999]