Extent

7 folders, 267 pages.

Summary

This collection contains transcripts, packet samples, press releases, draft comments, and e-mails relating to remarks given at the Eighth Millennium Evening, titled “Informatics Meets Genomics,” on October 12, 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. At the October 1999 Millennium Evening, Dr. Vinton G. Cerf, a vice president at MCI WorldCom and co-founder of the Internet, spoke first about Internet technology. The second speaker, biologist Eric Lander of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, discussed his involvement with the Human Genome Project. A question-and-answer session followed the presentations, and President Clinton closed the program with brief remarks about technological progress.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-0509-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 2006-0509-F contains materials relating to remarks given at the Eighth Millennium Evening, titled “Informatics Meets Genomics,” on October 12, 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 October 1999 Millennium Evening featured two accomplished scientists. Dr. Vinton G. Cerf, a vice president at MCI WorldCom and co-founder of the Internet, spoke first. He discussed

the latest research in and uses for Internet technology, particularly the possibility of an inter-planetary connection between Earth and Mars. The second speaker, biologist Eric Lander of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, discussed his involvement with the Human Genome Project. He referenced how the mapping of the human genome would impact policy makers, particularly on matters of privacy and health insurance. Mrs. Clinton introduced the speakers by highlighting the possibilities that technology might present in the future. A question-and-answer session followed the presentations. Many of the questions referenced the privacy issues that accompanied the rapid technological progress. President Clinton closed the program with brief remarks about technological progress. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alpha Files contain no relevant records. The WHORM Subject Files hold one responsive document. Subject File HO is a packet of drafts for the President's remarks on the evening of October 12, 1999. The White House Staff and Office Files consist of 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 file holds a complete transcript of the Eight Millennium Evening, including all of the presentations, comments, and questions. Responsive documents can also be found in the files of the Millennium Council staff. Jennifer Ballen's file contains three samples of the packets given to attendees at the Eighth Millennium Evening. Advisor to the First Lady Ellen Lovell's file holds a press release for the October 12, 1999 event. In the Speechwriting office, Samir Afridi was responsible for drafting the President's comments. His file contains research on past significant American technological discoveries. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Emails also hold relevant records. The responsive documents are dated from September through October 1999. They include drafts of all remarks given at the event, press releases, transcripts, and other discussion among White House staff regarding the Millennium Evening.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are reponsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, 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. WHORM Subject and WHORM Alpha files are processed at the doument level. 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. A complete listing of the categories with detailed descriptions is provided in our research room. 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

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential Records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 2201) and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 522, 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

Clinton, Hillary Rodham

Organization Names

United States. Office of the First Lady

Topical Subjects

Millennium Celebrations (2000)
Human Genome Project
Genomics

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Container List

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HO Scanned: 400269
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First Lady’s Office
First Lady’s Press Office
Lissa Muscatine: FLOTUS Statements & Speeches
SPEECH BINDER 05/04/1999-10/12/1999: Millennium Event at the White House: Informatics Meets Genomics, 10/12/99 [OA/ID 20109]
Millennium Council
Jennifer Ballen
Millennium at the White House 10/12/99 [OA/ID 101125]
Ellen Lovell
8th Millennium Evening—Informatics Meets Genomics Press Release [OA/ID 24190]
Speechwriting
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