Extent

29 folders, approximately 1,425 pages

Summary

This collection contains e-mails, draft remarks, press releases, articles, invitations, and background information pertaining to remarks by the President and the First Lady at the Millennium Matinee event held at the White House on June 12, 2000. 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 9th Millennium Evening, renamed Millennium Matinee due to its earlier time frame, was entitled “Exploration under the Seas-Beyond the Stars.” The event showcased scientific discoveries in the deep ocean and in outer space. Both the President and the First Lady gave brief remarks at the event in front of an audience of local schoolchildren, and participated in a question-and-answer session. In their remarks, President and Mrs. Clinton discussed American’s heritage of exploration, the importance of studying the oceans and outer space, as well as a recent draft report on climate change.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-0510-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 2006-0510-F contains materials relating to remarks by the President and the First Lady at the Millennium Matinee event held at the White House on June 12, 2000. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alpha Files contained no relevant records. The WHORM Subject Files contained one responsive document. WHORM Subject File SC consists three drafts of the President’s speech at the Millennium Matinee. These drafts are dated June 11 and June 12, 2000. 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 Office, Speechwriter Laura Schiller's file contains email correspondence and research regarding Mrs. Clinton's remarks at the Millennium Matinee, as well as drafts of those remarks. The Millennium Council files of Jennifer Ballen, Sarah Howes, and Ellen Lovell contain relevant material. Jennifer Ballen's file consists of documents relating to the event as a whole, including invitations, event programs and welcome letters, press releases, and articles. Sarah Howes' files include invitation lists, research on both ocean and outer space exploration, background information on the speakers and participants, event logistics, and related correspondence. Ellen Lovell was Deputy Assistant to the President and Advisor to the First Lady for the Millennium Program. Her files contain correspondence regarding the Millennium Matinee event, background information on speakers and participants, planning documents, speech drafts, and research on exploration. In the Office of Speechwriting, Samir Afridi was responsible for writing the President's remarks for this event. His file consists of research and correspondence on topics related to ocean and outer space exploration. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Emails contain more documents regarding the President's and First Lady's remarks at the Millennium Matinee on June 12, 2000. The relevant emails are dated May 10, 2000 to August 15, 2000. They contain general discussion of the Millennium Matinee, correspondence regarding the President's and First Lady's remarks, drafts of these remarks, press schedules for the First Lady, and briefing materials.

Biographical Note

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. The topics varied each time, and the evenings generally showcased a prominent scholar or an artist as speaker. The 9th Millennium Evening, renamed Millennium Matinee due to its earlier time frame, was entitled "Exploration Under the Seas-Beyond the Stars." The event showcased scientific discoveries in the deep ocean and in outer space. Guest speakers were marine researcher Marcia McNutt and astrophysicist Neil de Grasse Tyson. Both the President and the First Lady gave brief remarks at the event

in front of an audience of local schoolchildren, and participated in a question-and-answer session. In their remarks, President and Mrs. Clinton discussed American's heritage of exploration, the importance of studying the oceans and outer space, as well as a recent draft report on climate change.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive 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 [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 document 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) is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential 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 the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552 as amended) and therefore records may be

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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

Millennium Celebrations (2000)

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Container List

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The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-0510-F:

Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files
Category **Case Number**
SC Scanned: 423136

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
First Lady's Office
Speechwriting
Laura Schiller: Events 3/2000, 6/2000, 7/2000, 12/2000 and Ireland 2000 Millennium Matinee-6/12/00 [OA/ID 24621]
Millennium Council
Jennifer Ballen
Ninth Millennium Evening-June 12, 2000: Exploration Under the Sea, Beyond the Stars [OA/ID 21033]
Sarah Howes
SeaSpace Invitations [1] [OA/ID 21053]
SeaSpace Invitations [2] [OA/ID 21053]
SeaSpace Background Sea [OA/ID 21053]
SeaSpace Background Space [OA/ID 21053]
SeaSpace Teachers/Students [OA/ID 21053]
SeaSpace Speakers [OA/ID 21053]
SeaSpace Remarks [OA/ID 21053]
SeaSpace Visuals [OA/ID 21053]
SeaSpace Remote Visual [OA/ID 21053]

Box 2
Earth Science Video for Ghassem Asrar (beta) [OA/ID 21053]
Earth Science Video for Ghassem Asrar (VHS) [OA/ID 21053]
Home: Earthday Music Video (beta) [OA/ID 21053]
Report from Mars Sampler Tape 3/6/00 (VHA) [OA/ID 21053]
Ellen Lovell

Millennium Matinee #9: Under the Sea-Beyond the Stars [1] [OA/ID 21049]
Millennium Matinee #9: Under the Sea-Beyond the Stars [2] [OA/ID 21049]
Millennium Matinee #9: Under the Sea-Beyond the Stars [3] [OA/ID 21049]
Possible Speakers: Millennium Evening #9 June 12, 2000 Space & Ocean Exploration [OA/ID 21049]
Millennium Matinee: Write-ups [OA/ID 21049]
Millennium Matinee #9: Q & A [OA/ID 21049]
Millennium Matinee: Newsclips on ocean, space [OA/ID 21049]
Millennium Matinee #9: Articles [OA/ID 21019]

Speechwriting
Samir Afridi
Millennium Event: Under the Sea, Beyond the Stars-East Room-6/12/00 [OA/ID 21112]

Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[Millennium Matinee; Under the Sea Beyond the Stars]
[05/10/2000-06/12/2000]

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WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Millennium Matinee; Under the Sea Beyond the Stars]
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[06/12/2000-08/15/2000]

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