Extent

34 folders, approximately 4,702 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records relating to Maurice Sonnenberg and his service as member of the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Records include administrative paperwork relating to Sonnenberg's service. Sonnenberg was the Former Chairman of the Democratic House and Senate Council, the Executive Vice Chairman of the Foreign Policy Association, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He served as an advisor to five White House administrations advising on topics of intelligence, foreign policy, international trade, and finance.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-1011-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA request 2006-1011-F consists of material concerning Maurice Sonnenberg’s service on the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB). Maurice Sonnenberg was appointed by President William Jefferson Clinton to the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB). He served on the board from 1993-2001. Mr. Sonnenberg was the Former Chairman of the Democratic House and Senate Council, the Executive Vice Chairman of the Foreign Policy Association, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He served as an advisor to five White House administrations advising on topics of intelligence, foreign policy, international trade, and finance. The materials in FOIA 2006-1011-F consist of cables, correspondence, emails, and resumes relating to Sonnenberg’s appointment, reappointment, and service on the PFIAB. Automated Records Management System [Email] (ARMS) and Tape Restoration Project [Email] (TRP) email records responsive to this FOIA originate in the Office of the White House (WHO) and Default emails belonging to no specific agency.

Biographical Note

The President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) was created by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956. Executive Order 10656, signed February 6, 1956, created the President’s Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities. Eisenhower believed that this board of respected and knowledgeable citizens could provide him with unbiased and candid appraisals of United States’ intelligence activities. President John Kennedy, by the signing of Executive Order 10938 on May 4, 1961, renamed the Board of Consultants, the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Though the name was changed, the board continued to operate in much the same fashion. Executive Order 11460, signed by President Richard Nixon on March 20, 1969, again changed the name of the PFIAB to the President’s Advisory Intelligence Board. President Jimmy Carter abolished the board in March of 1977. Carter did, however, retain the Intelligence Oversight Board. The IOB was created by President Gerald Ford in 1976 following a post Watergate investigation by Congress into potential illegal activities of the intelligence agencies. The IOB was tasked with reporting potential illegal activities to the Department of Justice for review. As Ford told Congress in 1976, “I believe [the changes] will eliminate abuses and questionable activities on the part of the foreign intelligence agencies while at the same time allowing them to get on with their vital work of gathering and assessing information.” President Ronald Reagan modified the role of the IOB in 1981 and re-established the PFIAB in 1985 by signing Executive Order 12537. President William Jefferson Clinton combined the IOB and the PFIAB, making the IOB a committee rather than an independent organization. President George W. Bush radically modified the role of both the IOB and the PFIAB following the creation of a Director of National Intelligence. The newly named President’s Intelligence Advisory Board was designated to oversee the intelligence collection activities of any Federal agency engaged in the collection of intelligence or the production of intelligence policy. President Barack Obama more clearly defined the role of the PIAB and strengthened the IOB with the passage of Executive Order 13516. Under President Clinton the PFIAB had between eleven and twelve members, by law it could be no more than sixteen, whose terms were established by the President. Members were chosen for their independence, knowledge, and experience. The members of the President’s Intelligence Advisory Board serve as unpaid observers of the United States intelligence community. Much of their work is highly secret in nature though

Presidents have chosen on occasion to make the Board’s reports, or portions thereof, public. The members of the Board are appointed by the President and the Director serves at the leisure of the President.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in five collections areas—Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject File, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, Clinton Presidential Records: TRP Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, NSC Email, and NSC 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 was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of categories designated by a letter/number combination. White House Staff and Office Files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and documents 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 email are arranged chronologically by creation date. The Tape Restoration Project (TRP) is a database consisting of restored emails from the AutomatedRecords 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. TRP 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 restricted in whole or 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).

Organization Names

United States. President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board

Processed by

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-1011-F:
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Category Case Number
PE002 073649 [Sonnenberg] [OA/ID 12251]
PE002 095263 [Sonnenberg] [OA/ID 12287]
PE002 101303 [Sonnenberg] [OA/ID 12341]
PE002 107130 [Sonnenberg] [OA/ID 14090]
PE002 144329 [Sonnenberg] [OA/ID 12426]
PP 232861SS [OA/ID 13964]
PP 257703SS [Sonnenberg] [OA/ID 13967]
PR005-01 290219 [Sonnenberg] [OA/ID 13998]
WH004 001097 [OA/ID 14123]
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Counsel’s Office
Mauton, Cliff
Maurice Sonnenberg [OA/ID 1888]
Reynolds, Stacy
Sonnenberg, Maurice (update) [OA/ID 7415]
Schaffner, Jane
Sonnenberg, Maurice [OA/ID 18879]
Sonnenberg, Maurice [OA/ID CF 1634]
Sonnenberg, Maurice [1] [OA/ID CF 1639]
Sonnenberg, Maurice [2] [1] [OA/ID CF 1639]
Box 2

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files (continued)
Counsel’s Office
Schaffner, Jane
Sonnenberg, Maurice [2] [2] [OA/ID CF 1639]
Sonnenberg, Maurice [3] [OA/ID CF 1639]
Sonnenberg, Maurice 278 [OA/ID CF 1639]
Sonnenberg, Maurice Irving [OA/ID CF 1634]
Chief of Staff
McClarty, Thomas (Mack)
Correspondence: Maurice Sonnenberg [OA/ID CF 139]
Presidential Personnel
Maurice Sonnenberg [OA/ID 9134]
Przeworksi, Bethany
[Folder #12 – Maurice Sonnenberg] [OA/ID 14273]
Security Office
Sonnenberg, Maurice Irving [OA/ID CF 1901]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Sonnenberg, PFIAB]
[09/29/1995-01/08/2001]
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
[Sonnenberg, PFIAB]
[08/27/1997]
NSC [OA/ID 1200000]
[Sonnenberg, PFIAB, Intelligence]
[04/18/1997-10/17/2000]
Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project [Email]
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
[Sonnenberg, PFIAB]
[09/15/1997]
Box 3
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables
Jan 1995-Dec 1996
[Sonnenberg, PFIAB, Intelligence]
[07/25/1996-08/02/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
Jan 1997-Dec 1998

[Sonnenberg, PFIAB, Intelligence]
[05/008/1998-0831/1998] [OA/ID 520000]
Jan 1999-Dec 2000
[Sonnenberg, PFIAB, Intelligence]
[09/11/1999-09/12/1999] [OA/ID 530000]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System (continued)
NSC Emails
MSMail-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97)
[Sonnenberg, PFIAB, Intelligence]
[07/25/1995-04/18/1997] [OA/ID 590000]
MSMail-Non-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97)
[Sonnenberg, PFIAB, Intelligence]
[03/26/1997-04/08/1997] [OA/ID 605000]
Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01)
[Sonnenberg, PFIAB, Intelligence]
[01/19/1998-01/05/2001] [OA/ID 620000]
Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan 01)
[Sonnenberg, PFIAB, Intelligence]
[07/10/1997-02/01/2000] [OA/ID 630000]