Extent

34 folders, approximately 884 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records on the release of Hamas leader Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook from U.S. custody and his deportation to Jordan in the spring of 1997. These materials include National Security Council (NSC) press guidance on the legal case, emails regarding upcoming NSC Marzook meetings, talking points, and press briefings. The majority of this FOIA case is currently withheld under PRA and FOIA restrictions.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2008-0098-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. The White House Staff and Office Files contain documents related to press guidance about the extradition of Marzook and newspaper articles about the 1995 arrest and 1997 extradition. The Automated Records Management System (Email) consists of Department of State daily press briefings and a President Clinton press briefing from February 1997. FOIA request 2008-0098-F also contains electronic records in the form of emails and cables. It should be noted that because of sensitivities associated with Marzook and his release to Jordan, the majority of this FOIA request is closed in full. The documents that are open are notifications of upcoming NSC meetings regarding Marzook, press articles about the Hamas leader, White House public statements, and press guidance about the Marzook legal case.

Biographical Note

Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook is a senior member of Hamas. Active in the Islamic political work since 1968, Marzook played a significant role in reorganizing Hamas after the mass arrest of its members in 1989. He was elected to be the first Hamas political bureau chief in 1992, and since 1997 has been deputy chairman of the Hamas Political Bureau. In 1995, Marzook was arrested in JFK airport with no formal charges placed against him. Two months after his detainment, Israel filed a request for the U.S. to extradite him. He spent the following 2 years fighting his case in the court system, but the final decision was for his extradition, after which Israel dropped its extradition request. With no formal charges against him, the United States released him, but not wanting him to remain, the U.S. contacted numerous Arab countries to allow Marzook residency. In May 1997, he was deported to Jordan.

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. 2006-1011-F http://www.clintonlibrary.gov 3 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 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. 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 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).

Organization Names

Ḥarakat al-Muqāwamah al-Islāmīyah

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Container List

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Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
National Security Council
 Legal Advisor-Kreczko, Alan
 Marzook, Mousa Abu [OA/ID 2600]
 Transnational Threats-Simon, Steven
 Marzook [OA/ID 2247]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System (Email)
NSC
 [Marzook]
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