Extent

97 folders, approximately 4,210 pages

Summary

The Camp David Summit of the Middle East Peace Process was held July 11-25, 2000 at Naval Support Facility Thurmont, more commonly known as Camp David. This collection includes records from the NSC related directly to the Camp David Summit of the Middle East Peace Process (MEPP). Responsive documents in the collection are dated primarily between June and August 2000. Early in July 2000, President Clinton proposed initial points of discussion and President of the Palestenian National Authority, Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak agreed to come to Camp David. The meetings at Camp David were, by all accounts, frank, open, unprecedented, and historic. Given the highly sensitive nature of the dialogue during the Middle East Peace Process a majority of the records are closed for foreign relations or national security reasons.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2008-0729-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. The Camp David Summit of the Middle East Peace Process was held July 11-25, 2000 at Naval Support Facility Thurmont, more commonly known as Camp David. This collection includes records from the NSC related directly to the Camp David Summit of the Middle East Peace Process (MEPP). Responsive documents in the collection are dated primarily between June and August 2000. Researcher’s interested in the whole of the Middle East Peace Process should also consult 2008-0728-F. Open records in this collection consist of materials compiled in preparation for the summit. The collection includes records related to the logistics of holding a significant summit at Camp David. There are both regular and e-mail records of correspondence between the public and members of the U.S. government offering

advice for the summit. The collection includes Congressional correspondence related to the summit. There are also a limited number of press releases and drafts of public statements. The term Middle East Peace Process is often used in reference to all Arab-Israeli summits, conferences, or agreements. It is a wholly appropriate term in that U.S. negotiators have often—given the complexity of history, culture, and religious disagreements—focused on the process of achieving peace. One step leads to the next, and to the next, and so forth in an effort to reach final agreement.

Biographical Note

The summit at Camp David was intended to bring final agreement on a number of issues between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. It was intended to be the culmination of a long and difficult dialogue between the Palestinians and the Israelis. A comprehensive study of the MEPP during the Clinton Administration can be found in Dennis Ross' The Missing Peace: The Inside Story of the Fight for Middle East Peace (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004). As former U.S. Envoy to the Middle East, Ross offers unique insight into the Palestinian Israeli peace process during the Clinton Administration. As for the summit itself, according to former Secretary of State Madeline Albright, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak was pushing Clinton for a Camp David style summit to establish agreements on permanent issues. She further noted, in her book Madame Secretary (New York: Miramax Books, 2003), that while Barak wanted a summit, Palestinian National Authority President Yassar Arafat did not. Early in July 2000, President Clinton proposed initial points of discussion and Arafat and Barak agreed to come to Camp David. The meetings at Camp David were, by all accounts, frank, open, unprecedented, and historic. Both Israel and the Palestinian Authority met with the understanding that ideas discussed were not final and each side was willing to discuss previously off-limits topics. Albright notes that by working in small groups the parties were able to "work through the main issues together." She also notes that topics of discussion included, "borders (and settlements), security, refugees, and Jerusalem." (Albright, 486). Discussions often went into the early morning hours. Scheduled to attend the G-7/8 summit in Japan July 21-23, Clinton left Camp David for Japan with the understanding that the parties would continue talking. He returned from a shortened Japan trip and immediately went back to the MEPP meetings at Camp David. By July 24, the parties could see that on certain topics they were not going to reach an agreement,

particularly Jerusalem and the right of return for Palestinian refugees. Ultimately, no final agreement could be made at Camp David and the historic meeting came to an end with only the agreement to keep talking. Given the highly sensitive nature of the dialogue during the Middle East Peace Process a majority of the records are closed for foreign relations or national security reasons.

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, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. 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 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 administrative 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 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. FOIA 2008-0729-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: CO Countries – Geographic Areas FG Federal Government - Organizations FO Foreign Affairs PR Public Relations WH White House Administration

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential Records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. Chapter 22) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 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).

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FO006	Case Number: 424404
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Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files:
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Executive Secretary
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Bradtke Working Book – POTUS Trip to Camp David for MEPP [Middle East Peace Process] Negotiations, July 2000 [2] [OA/ID 3449]
Bradtke, Robert
Camp David – MEPP [Middle East Peace Process] July 2000 [1] [OA/ID 4161]
Camp David – MEPP [Middle East Peace Process] July 2000 [2] [OA/ID 4161]
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Crowley, Phillip
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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables

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NSC Emails
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