Extent

15 Folders, approximately 400 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records concerning Evelyn Lieberman who served as a member of the United States Information Agency (USIA). Lieberman was the Director of Voice of America (VOA) from 1997 to 1998 and Director of the International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB) until 1999. The records include email regarding press statements and the merging of USIA and the Department of State in 1999. Also included are email about the bureaucratic relations between the National Security Council (NSC), the USIA, and the Department of State.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 20060212F 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 20060212F contains materials gathered exclusively from the White House Automated Records Management System Emails and the NSC Cable and Email systems. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Categories contain no relevant records. The WHORM Alpha Files contain no relevant records. The White House Staff and Office Files contain no relevant records. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Emails focus primarily on an April 18, 1997 White House Press Briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry and Dr. Elaine Kamarck. Dr. Kamarck was the Vice President’s Senior Policy Advisor and a key figure in planning the reorganization of the Federal Government’s various foreign relations focused agencies. In this briefing, McCurry and Kamarck explain the future of a reorganized USIA and note Evelyn Lieberman’s role in maintaining the editorial independence of the VOA during the transition process. The NSC Cable and Email systems contain records centering around bureaucratic relations between the National Security Council, USIA, and the

Department of State’s Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs (Established as a result of the merger of USIA into the Department of State.) In one series of emails, NSC staffers discuss the complexities arising from the 1999 assignment of a NASA detail to Kosovo who was representing NSC but financed by USIA. In another set of messages, NSC representatives review a proposal from Evelyn Lieberman to schedule a Presidential meeting with former USIA employees who served as guides during the 1959 American National Exhibit in Moscow. There are also a small section of records highlighting Lieberman’s administrative duties at USIA in the form of requests for staffing changes from the International Broadcasting Bureau station in Sri Lanka. The NSC Records Management System contains no relevant records.

Biographical Note

Evelyn Lieberman held two positions within the United States Information Agency (USIA) during the Clinton Administration. She served first as Director of the Voice of America in January 1997 and on December 4, 1998 took on another role as Director of the International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB). Ms. Lieberman held both positions until she joined the Department of State. Upon her appointment as Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy on October 1, 1999, Lieberman’s main task was to oversee the integration of the former USIA into the Department of State’s Bureau of Public Affairs.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in three collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cables and Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Records Management System. As policy, Staff and Office Files are processed at the folder level; individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. WHORM Subject and WHORM Alpha files, by contrast,

are processed at the document level. While this method of processing Staff and Office Files maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area. 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.

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential Records is governed by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552 as amended) and the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 22) 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

United States. Department of State
United States Information Agency

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2007. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-0212F:
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[04/21/1997] [OA/ID 550000]
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[USIA]
[01/13/1999] [OA/ID 650000]
WHO 1999/122000/03
[USIA]
[12/14/1999] [OA/ID 750000]
WHO 2000/042000/06
[USIA]

[06/07/2000] [OA/ID 800000]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable and Email Systems
NSC Cables
Jan 1997Dec 1998
[USIA]
[12/29/1998] [OA/ID 520000]
Jan 1999Dec 2000
[USIA]
[01/25/199912/29/1999] [OA/ID 530000]
NSC Emails
MSMailRecord (Sept 94Sept 97)
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[02/15/199604/18/1997] [OA/ID 590000]
ExchangeRecord (Sept 97Jan 01)
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ExchangeNonRecord (Mar 97Jan 01)
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