Extent

3 folders, approximately 224 pages

Summary

This collection consists of the list of cases before the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel, 1996-2000. The list produced is a hard copy of the electronic database maintained by the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) on behalf of ISCAP. This unclassified list reflects the cases before the panel from 1996 to December 15, 2000. It identifies documents on appeal and it shows agency decisions on declassification as well as the panel's ruling on the appeal. This database was available in an electronic form from the ISOO by request.

Scope and Content Note

The Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP) was authorized by President William Jefferson Clinton in Executive Order 12958 signed April 17, 1995. The Executive Order (EO) created a six person panel who would advise the President on declassification of national security information. This six member panel was comprised of senior level staff members designated by the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Archivist of the United States, and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. The executive secretary was the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO); part of the National Archives and Records Administration. In addition ISOO staff was to assist in the daily administration of ISCAP. ISCAP was originally charged with three responsibilities: first, to decide appeals by authorized persons who have filed classification challenges under Section 1.9 of the EO; second, the panel was to approve, deny, or amend agency exemptions from automatic declassification; third, the panel was to decide on mandatory review appeals by individuals whose requests for declassification had been denied at the agency level. Executive Order 13526, signed by President

Barack Obama, amended EO 12958 and added two additional duties for the panel. They now also inform senior agency officials and the public of their appeal decisions and they have final decision on agency requests to remove file series from automatic declassification at 25 years. The first meeting of ISCAP was in May 1996. That first panel was chaired by Roslyn Mazer, Department of Justice with Joan Dempsey, Department of Defense; Michael Kurtz, National Archives and Records Administration; William Leary, National Security Council; Frank Machak, Department of State; and Richard Wilhelm, Intelligence Community; filling out the list. The list produced for this FOIA is a hard copy of the electronic database maintained by the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) on behalf of ISCAP. This unclassified list reflects the cases before the panel from 1996 to December 15, 2000. It identifies documents on appeal and it shows agency decisions on declassification as well as the panel's ruling on the appeal. This database was available in an electronic form from the ISOO by request.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in one collection area—Clinton Presidential Records: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel. The records of ISCAP are maintained by ISOO on behalf of the National Security Council. As such they are considered to be Presidential Record.

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).

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Container List

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