Extent

3 folders, approximately 185 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the Illegal Immigrant Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. The Act was designed to improve border control by imposing criminal penalties for racketeering, alien smuggling, the use or creation of fraudulent immigration-related documents, and increasing interior enforcement by agencies charged with monitoring visa applications and visa abusers. The collection contains correspondence, memoranda, email, talking points for the IIRIRA News Conference, news releases, and news articles.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2011-0320-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. On September 30, 1996, President Clinton signed the Illegal Immigrant Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 ("IIRIRA 96"). IIRAIRA 96 represents an effort by Congress to strengthen and streamline U.S. immigration laws. The Act was designed to improve border control by imposing criminal penalties for racketeering, alien smuggling and the use or creation of fraudulent immigration-related documents and increasing interior enforcement by agencies charged with monitoring visa applications and visa abusers. Employment eligibility verification guidelines are also incorporated into the Act, including sanctions for employers who fail to comply with the regulations and restrictions on unfair immigration-related employment practices, as well as provisions governing the disbursement of government aid to aliens. The collection contains correspondence, memoranda, talking points for the IIRIRA News Conference, news releases, news articles, and email. It also contains a summary of the Act with attached fact sheets from the Department of Justice and some Congressional Record pages.

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, and Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]. 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 Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. WHORM files are processed at the document level; 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 compromised 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 2011-0320-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: IM Immigration - Naturalization

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 in part in accordance with legal exemptions.

Copyright

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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).

Topical Subjects

Emigration and immigration
Noncitizens
Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (United States)

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2011-0320-F:
BOX 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
IM 410522
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Domestic Policy
Bueno, Irene
IIRIRA [Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996]
[OA/ID 17170]
Immigration 1996 Act – IIRIRA – Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility ACT (IIRIRA) [OA/ID 17175]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250,000]
[Welfare Residence & Immigration Responsibility Act]
[10/14/1997 – 06/29/2000]
WHO [OA/ID 500,000]
[Welfare Residence & Immigration Responsibility Act]
[04/01/1997 – 05/22/2000]
Default [OA/ID 1,100,000]
[Welfare Residence & Immigration Responsibility Act]
[06/09/1997 – 06/18/1997]