Extent

5 folders, approximately 78 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records regarding John Deutch and his service as a member of the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB). Deutch was appointed to the PFIAB by President George H.W. Bush in 1990 and served until 1993. The collection includes correspondence, memos, and emails.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-1004-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. J

Biographical Note

John Deutch was appointed by President George H.W. Bush to the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) in 1990 and served until 1993. In 1993, President William Jefferson Clinton selected Deutch to serve as Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisitions and Technology. In 1994, Deutch was appointed Deputy Secretary of Defense and in May 1995, he was sworn in as Director of Central Intelligence (DCI). He served as DCI until December 1996. Currently Deutch is an Institute Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been a member of the MIT faculty since 1970. Deutch has served on many different government commissions. He served on the President’s Nuclear Safety Oversight Committee (1980-1981); the President’s Commission on Strategic Forces (1983); the White House Science Council (1985-1989); the President’s Commission on Aviation

Safety and Security (1996); the Commission on Reducing and Protecting Government Secrecy (1996); and as Chairman of the Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (1998-1999) Deutch was born in Brussels, Belgium on July 27, 1938. He earned a bachelor's degree in History and Economics from Amherst College. In 1961, he earned a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering, and in 1966, he earned a PhD in Chemistry, both from MIT.

The President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) was created by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956. Executive Order 10656, signed February 6, 1956, created the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities. Eisenhower believed that this board of respected and knowledgeable citizens could provide him with unbiased and candid appraisals of United States' intelligence activities. President John Kennedy, by the signing of Executive Order 10938 on May 4, 1961, renamed the Board of Consultants, the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Though the name was changed, the board continued to operate in much the same fashion. Executive Order 11460, signed by President Richard Nixon on March 20, 1969, again changed the name of the PFIAB to the President's Advisory Intelligence Board. President Jimmy Carter abolished the board in March of 1977. Carter did, however, retain the Intelligence Oversight Board. The IOB was created by President Gerald Ford in 1976 following a post Watergate investigation by Congress into potential illegal activities of the intelligence agencies. The IOB was tasked with reporting potential illegal activities to the Department of Justice for review. As Ford told Congress in 1976, "I believe [the changes] will eliminate abuses and questionable activities on the part of the foreign intelligence agencies while at the same time allowing them to get on with their vital work of gathering and assessing information." President Ronald Reagan modified the role of the IOB in 1981 and re-established the PFIAB in 1985 by signing Executive Order 12537. President William Jefferson Clinton combined the IOB and the PFIAB, making the IOB a committee rather than an independent organization. President George W. Bush radically modified the role of both the IOB and the PFIAB following the creation of a Director of National Intelligence. The newly named President's Intelligence Advisory Board was designated to oversee the intelligence collection activities of any Federal agency engaged in the collection of intelligence or the production of intelligence policy. President Barack Obama more clearly defined the role of the PIAB and strengthened the IOB with the passage of Executive Order 13516. Under President Clinton the PFIAB had between eleven and twelve members, by law it could be no more than sixteen, whose terms were established by the President. Members were chosen for their independence, knowledge, and experience. The members of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board serve as unpaid observers of the United States intelligence community. Much of their work is highly secret in nature though Presidents have chosen on occasion to make the Board's reports, or portions thereof, public. The members of the Board are appointed by the President and the Director serves at the leisure of the President.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas— Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files; Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files; Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System (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. 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 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 2006-1004-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: FG Federal Government - Organizations.

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.

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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).

Person Names

Deutch, John M., 1938-

Organization Names

United States. President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-1004-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
FG006-14 Case Number: 031483
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Security Office
Easley, Charles
Deutch, John [OA/ID CF 1261]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Deutch and PFIAB]
[02/24/1994 – 03/13/1995]

Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Email
Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan 01)
[Deutch and PFIAB..]
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