Extent

7 folders, approximately 169 pages

Summary

This collection consists of memoranda, press releases, forms, correspondence, articles, cables, and email concerning Robert Hermann. Hermann was a member of the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB). A considerable amount of this collection is from the personnel files of Hermann, nearly all of which are closed for personal privacy.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-1010-F are a selective, not necessarily all-inclusive body of documents responsive to the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA request 2006-1010-F contains memoranda, forms, reports, correspondence, articles and emails concerning Robert Hermann. Robert Hermann was a member of the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) during the Clinton Administration. Prior to his appointment to PFIAB, his career included technology and intelligence related positions in both the public and the private sector. Mr. Hermann has published and been referenced in numerous articles discussing applications of technology for the defense industry. Many of the records deemed responsive to this FOIA request came from personnel files and were closed for reasons of personal privacy.

Biographical Note

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 responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files; Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records 2006-1010-F Clinton Library's web site http://www.clintonlibrary.gov 2 Management System (ARMS) Emails; Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project (TRP) Emails. As policy, Staff and Office files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual folders 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) Email is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential Records 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. The Tape Restoration Project (TRP) is a database consisting of restored emails from the Automated Records Management System from July 1994 through June of 2000. The TRP is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential record email. The TRP 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.

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

Hermann, Robert E., 1929-

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 2006-1010-F:
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Counsel’s Office

Cliff Mauton
Hermann, Robert J. [OA/ID CF 1895]
Schaffner
Hermann, Robert [OA/ID CF 1611]
Hermann, Robert [OA/ID CF 1637]
Security Office
Hermann, Robert Jay [OA/ID CF 1887]
Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails
NSC 1994/08 – 1999/12 [OA/ID 125000]
[12/01/1998 – 09/27/1999]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[09/29/1995 – 12/11/2000]
Clinton Presidential Records: TRP Emails
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
[09/15/1998]