Extent

54 folders, approximately 2,000 pages

Summary

This collection consists of materials related to President Clinton’s trip to Chautauqua, New York, in early October 1996. The records include plane manifests, schedules, correspondence, and memoranda relating to the activities of the President and First Lady during the trip, a list of advisors and staff, and the accommodations, reservations and billing arrangements with hotels.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-0231-F 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 2006-0231-F contains materials from several agencies and individuals, including the Advance Office and Travel Office. These two departments were responsible for arranging the trips and campaign stops of personnel in the Clinton Administration. Prominent advisors and staff members came to Chautauqua in October 1996 to get ready for a scheduled debate in Hartford, Connecticut between President Clinton and his Republican opponent, Senator Robert Dole. These preparations became quite intense in nature and ended up lasting several days. As a consequence, the stay in Chautauqua took on the look of a presidential retreat. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Categories contain only two records related to the retreat at Chautauqua. WHORM Subject File FG001-07 has copies of the President’s daily schedule for October 4 and 5, 1996. On these two days President Clinton was heavily involved in mock debates as a way of getting up to speed for his encounter with Senator Dole. The WHORM Alpha Files contain no relevant records. The White House Staff and Office Files contain plane manifests, lists of contact persons, daily schedules of the President, correspondence, and memoranda maintained by individual staff members

and offices. The files of Catherine Cornelius consist of letters dealing with hotel accommodations, reservations, and billing arrangements, memos regarding the addition of photographers, stenographers, and other personnel to the party traveling with the President, and lists of the debate prep team. Christopher Szymanski files include invoices and checks for White House Airlift Operations associated with the journey of the First Lady to Chautauqua. Made up of a trip book for the President's stay at Buffalo and Chautauqua, the files of Stephanie Streett contain material that can largely be found elsewhere in the collection. Constituting a vital addition to the textual records, the files of Theresa Faye Granger have a considerable amount of information concerning press arrangements for the excursion to Chautauqua. Contract bids and detailed descriptions of the food and beverages offered to the press can be found in these documents. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Emails throw a little more light on the retreat of the President at Chautauqua. There are press briefings in which the debate preparations for Senator Dole receive a little attention, travel plans of the President including flight times, and press releases outlining the President's trip to New York. Also, it should be noted that many copies of the President's daily schedule for his few days in Chautauqua are located in the emails.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in three collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails. As policy, Staff and Office Files are processed at the folder level. That is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. WHORM Subject and WHORM Alpha files are processed at the document level. 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 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).

Geographic Place

New York (State)--Chautauqua

Topical Subjects

Debates

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2006. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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Container List

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Advance Office
Catherine A. Cornelius Files
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Trip Book of POTUS – Oct. 1996 – Book I – Cherry Hill, NJ – 10/3/96 [empty] [OA/ID 19558]
Trip Book of POTUS – Oct. 1996 – Book I – Boston, MA – 10/3-4/96 [empty] [OA/ID 19558]
Trip Book of POTUS – Oct. 1996 – Book I – Debate Prep – 10/3-6/96 [OA/ID 19558]
Trip Book of POTUS – Oct. 1996 – Book I – New York, NY – 10/4/96 [OA/ID 19558]
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Trip Book of POTUS – Oct. 1996 – Book I – Portland, Maine – 10/7/96 [OA/ID 19558]
Trip Book of POTUS – Oct. 1996 – Book I – Stamford, CT – 10/7/96 [OA/ID 19558]
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Trip Book of POTUS – Oct. 1996 – Book I – Debate #2 – San Diego, CA – 10/16/96 [OA/ID 19558]
Trip Book of POTUS – Oct. 1996 – Book I – Orange County, CA – 10/17/96 [OA/ID 19558]
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Christopher Szymanski Files
F61005 – 10/5-6/96 – New York, NY – Chautauqua, NY – Hartford, CT – Car/Misc. Bills [OA/ID 14632]
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F61005 – 10/5-6/96 – New York, NY – Chautauqua, NY – Hartford, CT – Travel Authorization Forms [OA/ID 14632]
F61005 – 10/5-6/96 – New York, NY – Chautauqua, NY – Hartford, CT – Trip/ Summary Schedule [OA/ID 14632]
Scheduling Office
Stephanie Streett Files
Buffalo, Chautauqua, New York Trip (October 3-5, 1996) [OA/ID 20686]
Travel Office
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