Extent

13 folders, approximately 800 pages

Summary

This collection consists of material from the Presidential Diary relating to the retreat to Chautauqua, New York, in preparation for a debate with Senator Robert Dole. The records include schedules, call logs, remarks, press briefings, and press releases. Included is a press schedule for Chautauqua and a transcript of the debate.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 20060233F 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 20060233F contains material from the Presidential Diary. For many years Ellen McCathran served as Presidential Diarist, and she occupied that position during the Clinton Administration. She recorded the activities of staff members and prominent advisors as they gathered in Chautauqua, New York to help prepare President Clinton for a scheduled debate in Hartford, Connecticut with his Republican opponent, Senator Robert Dole. These preparations encompassed a period starting in late September and ending in early October 1996. The White House Staff and Office Files contain daily schedules of the President and Vice President, telephone call logs for the President, remarks by the President, press briefings by administration officials, and press releases dealing with nominations, appointments, bill signings, proclamations, and executive orders. There is information about what transpired in Chautauqua and the debate itself in Hartford. Notable in this regard is a press schedule for Chautauqua and a transcript of the debate between Clinton and Dole. A flurry of activity concerning the Middle East peace process took place during the last part of 1996. You can find press briefings which discuss the progress being made in negotiations between Chairman Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Press releases normally

pertain to routine matters such as the President making an appointment to the Architectural & Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, making a nomination to be U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Texas, and issuing proclamations for German American Day and Child Health Day.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in one collection area—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files. 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

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Container List

The following is a list of folders processed in response to 20060233F:
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[Presidential Diary Box 132] – September 28, 1996 [CF OA/ID 200095]
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