Extent

11 folders, approximately 812 pages

Summary

This collection contains material regarding the Boys and Girls Nation ceremony held at the White House on July 18, 1996. The records include publications, correspondence, speech drafts, notes, email and schedules.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-0502-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 2006-0502-F contains materials relating to the Ceremony for Boys and Girls Nation at the White House on July 18, 1996. Annually, the American Legion hosts the Boys and Girls Nation programs for high school students in Washington, D.C. As part of their activities, these groups traditionally visit the White House for a ceremony with the President. In 1996, for the 50th anniversary of Boys and Girls Nation, the groups visited the White House together for the second time in their history. President Clinton, who had been a part of Boys Nation in 1963, gave brief remarks at the ceremony. The President referred to various accomplishments and policies, focusing on violence and children's programming on television. In addition, TWA Flight 800 exploded shortly after take off the day before the 1996 White House Ceremony. The President referred to the tragedy in his remarks to the Boys and Girls Nation delegates. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alpha Files contained no relevant records. The WHORM Subject files contained two documents of interest. WHORM Subject File ME002 is a packet of items pertaining to the President’s letter for publication in the 1996 Boys Nation Yearbook. These include the request from Boys Nation representatives for the letter, drafts of the letter, and the 1995 Boys Nation Yearbook. WHORM Subject File WE009 is a group of documents regarding the

President’s remarks at the Boys and Girls Nation ceremony. These include speech drafts and lists of the Boys and Girls Nation representatives. The White House Staff and Office Files contain correspondence, memoranda, publications, research materials, schedules and speeches maintained by individual offices and staff members. The Public Liaison’s office files contain correspondence between Boys Nation staff members and the White House, lists of Boys Nation participants, and information on Boys Nation ceremonies in 1993, 1994, and 1995. In the Office of Speechwriting, both Laura Capps’ and David Shipley’s files contained relevant documents. Laura Capps’ file contains research materials including biographical information on President Clinton, information on the American Legion and the Boys Nation program, and transcripts of President Clinton’s 1996 Boys and Girls Nation speech, as well as other speeches on related topics. David Shipley’s files contain handwritten notes and drafts of the President’s remarks to Boys and Girls Nation, as well as research on specific topics covered in the speech. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Emails contain more documents relating to the 1996 Boys and Girls Nation ceremony. These emails are dated from July 9, 1996 to August 5, 1996. They include conversations regarding planning for the event, schedules, the media advisory, drafts of the remarks, and talking points on children’s television, a topic addressed in the President’s speech.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to the FOIA request were found in three 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 (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. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area. WHORM Subject and WHORM Alpha files are processed at the document level. 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. 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

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential Records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 22) 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).

Organization Names

American Legion

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Staff Archivist, 2008. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-0502-F:
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files
Category Case Number
ME002 Scanned: 177059
WE009 Scanned: 177619SS
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Public Liaison
Boys and Girls Nation Event [OA/ID 8446]
Boys Nation [1] [OA/ID 12207]
Boys Nation [2] [OA/ID 12207]
Boys Nation [3] [OA/ID 12207]
Boys Nation [4] [OA/ID 12207]
Speechwriting
Laura Capps
Boys Nation [OA/ID 12620]
David Shipley
Boys & Girls Nation [1] [OA/ID 10706]
Boys & Girls Nation [2] [OA/ID 10706]
Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Boys Nation; Girls Nation]

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