Extent

16 folders, 441 pages

Summary

This collection includes materials relating to Viktor Bout (or Butt), a suspected international arms smuggler, the so-called “Merchant of Death.” The records include cables and email regarding travel by members of the National Security Council (NSC) to South Africa, and a meeting of the South African Development Commission (SADC).

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-0685-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 2006-0685-F records came from the NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. The records in question were cables and emails, most of which were closed in their entirety for reasons of national security. The opened documents deal with travel by members of the NSC and a meeting of the SADC (South African Development Commission). Viktor Bout (or Butt), a suspected international arms smuggler, was the target of a large-scale investigation in the final years of the Clinton Administration. Officials at the NSC and Department of State attempted to build a case against the so-called “Merchant of Death.” In the end, their legal maneuverings did not result in his apprehension.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in one collection area—NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems.

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).

Topical Subjects

Illegal arms transfers

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2009. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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Container List

The following is a list of folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-0685-F:
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems
NSC Cables
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[Butt and Schneidman]
[10/02/2000 – 12/20/2000] [OA/ID 530000]
Jan 2001
[Butt and Schneidman]
[01/16/2001] [OA/ID 540000]
Jan 1997-Dec 1998
[Arms Traff & Schneidman & . . .]
[04/24/1998] [OA/ID 520000]
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[Arms Traff & Schneidman & . . .]
[01/29/1999 – 09/14/1999] [OA/ID 530000]
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[Arms Traff & Schneidman & . . .]
[01/05/2001] [OA/ID 540000]
NSC Emails
Exchange Record (Sept 97-Jan 01)
[Butt and Schneidman]
[08/14/2000 – 09/15/2000] [OA/ID 620000]
[10/02/2000 – 11/07/2000] [OA/ID 620000]
[12/07/2000 – 01/31/2001] [OA/ID 620000]

Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97- Jan 01)
[Butt and Schneidman]
[08/10/2000 – 09/18/2000] [OA/ID 630000]
[09/29/2000 – 10/04/2000] [OA/ID 630000]
[10/31/2000 – 11/13/2000] [OA/ID 630000]
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[09/13/2000 – 11/30/2000] [OA/ID 620000]
[11/30/2000] [OA/ID 620000]
[11/30/2000 – 12/06/2000] [OA/ID 620000]
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[Arms Traff & Schneidman & . . .]
[05/21/1999 – 08/15/2000] [OA/ID 630000]