Extent

105 folders, approximately 7,663 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the assassination investigation of President John F. Kennedy. The John F. Kennedy Records Collection Act was passed by Congress in 1992 in response to widespread doubt by the American public surrounding the circumstances of Kennedy’s death. The Assassination Records Review Board was created by this Act and given the task of identifying and declassifying files on the assassination. This collection consists of letters from the Assassination Records Review Board, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Secret Service regarding the release of Kennedy era documents. These records discuss Lee Harvey Oswald’s activities prior to November 22, 1963 and the U.S. government’s investigation of President Kennedy’s murder.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-0528-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was killed while riding in a Presidential motorcade in Dallas, Texas. Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested and charged with the murder, but was himself shot and killed less than 24 hours later. The John F. Kennedy Records Collection Act was passed by Congress in 1992 in response to widespread doubt by the American public surrounding the circumstances of Kennedy’s death. The Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) was created by this Act and given the task of identifying and declassifying files on the assassination. The board finished its work on September 30, 1998 and its records are housed at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland. Records from the White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files primarily consist of letters and memoranda concerning the creation and funding of the ARRB,

as well as, the selection of its board members. Within these files there is also a copy of the 1992 JFK Records Collection Act (Public Law 102-526, passed by the 102d Congress). One file of responsive material was found in the White House Office of Records Management (OP). Included is correspondence between the President and a student regarding Clinton's memories of the Kennedy assassination. Responsive White House Staff and Office Files were found in the Counsel's Office, Management and Administration, and National Security Council files. These files consist of letters from the ARRB, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the United States Secret Service (USSS) regarding the release of Kennedy era documents. Photocopies of a portion of the records released by the ARRB are included in this collection. These records discuss Lee Harvey Oswald's activities prior to November 22, 1963 and the U.S. government's investigation of President Kennedy's murder. Also included are copies of Russian language documents regarding the Kennedy Assassination given by President Yeltsin to President Clinton at a meeting between the two leaders in Cologne, Germany on June 20, 1999. The Automated Records Management System (Email) contains press briefings, news transcripts, and transcripts of Presidential remarks. Most are regarding Yeltsin's gift to Clinton of Kennedy era documents. The NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems contain additional records regarding the Kennedy assassination. The NSC Cable System contains requests for documents sent to foreign governments for records related to the assassination. The NSC Email System consists mostly of NSC press guidance regarding Yeltsin's gift and transcripts of Presidential remarks. A NSC memo to the President summarizing the Russian documents is also included. The NSC Records Management System contains memoranda and letters dealing with the public release of records gathered by the Assassination Records Review Board. Included is a June 27, 1995 memo to the President regarding the process of handling document disputes between the Review Board and the originating agencies. Also included are translations of some of the Russian documents gifted by President Yeltsin, including a letter from Jacqueline Kennedy to Soviet Leader Nikita Khrushchev reaffirming her desire for peace between the two countries following her husband's death.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM (OP), Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, Clinton Presidential Records: TRP Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. 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. In addition, there are WHORM, WHORM Counsel, WHORM (CL), WHORM (OP), WHORM (Too Late), WHORM (Various Offices), and WHORM (Alpha Project) series. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and documents all levels of administration activity. WHORM files are processed at the document level; whereas, 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. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential 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

Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963
Oswald, Lee Harvey

Topical Subjects

Assassination
Murder

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2011. 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 2006-0528-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
FE010 Case Number 078406CU
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Case Number 279375SS
FG065 Case Number 008211
Case Number 208529
FI004-02 Case Number 078455SS
Case Number 215486SS
JL003-01 Case Number 064764
Case Number 064768
LE Case Number 416740
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM (OP)
187325 [Kennedy Assassination]
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Counsel’s Office
Cabe, Meredith
John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board (Release Notices) [1] [OA/ID 18221]
John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board (Release Notices) [2] [OA/ID 18221]
Karcher, Emily
Files From the Safe: Kennedy Shooting Records Appeal [OA/ID CF 1449]

Peterson, Shelli
Kennedy Assassination Review Board [OA/ID 16447]
Schroeder, Trey
Assassination Records Review Board [Folder 1] [OA/ID CF 865]
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Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files (continued)
Assassination Records Review Board [Folder 1]: Meeting, April 12, 1996 [OA/ID CF 865]
Assassination Records Review Board [Folder 2] [OA/ID CF 865]
Assassination Records Review Board [Folder 2]: Notice of formal determinations, releases and designations [OA/ID CF 865]
Assassination Records Review Board [Folder 2]: Notice of formal determinations, releases, corrections and reconsiderations 10/11/1996 [OA/ID CF 865]
Assassination Records Review Board [Folder 2]: Notice of formal determinations, releases, corrections and reconsiderations 10/30/1996 [OA/ID CF 865]
Assassination Records Review Board FY 1996 Report, February 1997 [Binder] [OA/ID CF 865]
Management and Administration
Moore, Matt
Presidential Assassination Records Review Board [OA/ID CF 104]
Unanticipated Needs Beginning to End for Assassination Records Review Board [OA/ID
CF 104]
National Security Council
Access Management
Leary, William
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Assassination Records Review Board Fiscal Year 1996 Report [OA/ID 3641]
[Assassination Records Review Board Reply to the FBI, August 8, 1995] [Binder] [Folder 1] [1] [OA/ID 3642]
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[Assassination Records Review Board Reply to the FBI, August 8, 1995] [Binder] [Folder 1] [3] [OA/ID 3642]
[Assassination Records Review Board Reply to the FBI, August 8, 1995] [Binder] [Folder 2] [1] [OA/ID 3642]

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Assassination Records Review Board Reply to the Secret Service, May 22, 1998 [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 3642]
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Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files (continued)
Assassination Records Review Board Reply to the Secret Service, May 22, 1998 [Binder] [3] [OA/ID 3642]
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[Assassination Records Review Board Response to the Petition for Postponement, May 23, 1996] [OA/ID 3641]
[FBI Appeals of the JFK Assassination Records Review Board] [1] [OA/ID 3642]
[FBI Appeals of the JFK Assassination Records Review Board] [2] [OA/ID 3642]
[FBI Appeals of the JFK Assassination Records Review Board] [3] [OA/ID 3642]
[Howard Shapiro to Jack Quinn re: FBI Appeal, December 13, 1996] [OA/ID 3642]
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Kennedy Records Review Board [2] [OA/ID 3641]
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Legal Advisor
Derosa, Mary
JFK Records Act [OA/ID 2953]
Russia/Ukraine/Eurasian Affairs
Harris, Cody
JFK [OA/ID 1765]

Medish, Mark
Russia-Kennedy Documents [OA/ID 2878]
Staff Director
Soderberg, Nancy
Kennedy Records, March 1995 [OA/ID 1405]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
NSC [OA/ID 1200000]
[Kennedy and Assassination...]
[04/01/1995 – 07/15/1997]
[10/15/1997 – 04/17/1998]
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[11/22/1998 – 06/22/1999]
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[02/25/2000 – 10/27/2000]
Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project (TRP) [Email]
NSC [OA/ID 1200000]
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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables
Jan 1993-Dec 1994
[Kennedy and Assassination]
[01/06/1993 – 03/15/1994] [OA/ID 505000]
Jan 1995 – Dec 1996
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[08/16/1995] [OA/ID 510000]
[Kennedy and Assassination]
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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System (continued)
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