Extent

30 folders, approximately 2,683 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records relating to the announcement by President Clinton and Prime Minister of Singapore Goh, at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2000 Leaders' Meeting, that the United States and Singapore would begin negotiations concerning a free trade agreement. Also, records pertaining to the participants of APEC 2000.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2009-0013-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) was established in 1989 to promote economic integration around the Pacific Rim to help sustain economic growth through cooperation among the member economies. The dynamic of APEC changed in 1993 when President Clinton invited the leaders of member economies to Blake Island, Washington, instituting what was to become the annual Leaders' Meeting. For APEC 2000, held in Brunei, the focus was on the application of information technology to business and government to promote economic growth and job creation. Other stated goals for the meeting were to continue progress towards a new round of the World Trade Organization (WTO) trade talks, and to improve communities in terms of environmental issues, worker safety, child labor, and job training. Extensive preparations go into any meeting involving the heads of states and the APEC 2000 Leaders Meeting was no exception. White House Staff and Office Files records from the Council of Economic Advisers contain background concerning negotiations that took place directly following APEC 2000. From the National Economic Council the records discuss negotiations and meetings concerning trade with Singapore prior to APEC 2000. Records from the National

Security Council (NSC) Press Office outline some of the logistics involved, provide a list of scheduled events, and define the overall agenda of the meeting. These files also contain numerous press releases made during APEC 2000. Records from the NSC's Office of International Economic Affairs contain reports and correspondence which provide background information in terms of defining issues and updating the President and members of White House staff on the status of ongoing negotiations within APEC and the path of the organization, as established during previous meetings of senior officials. Documents from NSC Records Management which were considered responsive to this FOIA were found in a briefing book, referred to as a "trip book." However, most of these documents have been closed for national security reasons. Records from the Automated Records Management System [Email] contained correspondence concerning the lead up to APEC 2000 and press releases which occurred during the meeting. Most pertinent to this FOIA is an email, which pre-dates APEC 2000, concerning the bills introduced in Congress to initiate formal free trade agreement consultations with Singapore. Records from NSC Cables and NSC Emails, considered responsive to this FOIA, include correspondence concerning the ground work by senior officials in developing an agenda and setting goals for APEC 2000. The scope of information ranges from broad background information concerning APEC to more narrowly focused discussion of Singapore and its economic interaction with the U.S. and other APEC members. The Joint Statement by President Clinton and Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong on a United States - Singapore Free Trade Agreement was made November 16, 2000. The actual agreement was signed by President George W. Bush and Prime Minister Goh on May 6, 2003, ratified by the House of Representatives on June 24, 2003 and put in force January 1, 2004.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files; Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails; and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cables, Emails, and Records Management System. Staff and Office files were maintained at

the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and documents all levels of administration activity. 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

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).

Organization Names

Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
World Trade Organization

Geographic Place

Singapore

Topical Subjects

International trade

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2012. 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 2009-0013-F:
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United States Trade Representative (USTR) – Singapore [1] [OA/ID 24356]
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National Economic Council
Kissenger, William
Singapore FTA [OA/ID 24549]
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APEC [Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation] I: Singapore Ambassador Chan [at] Lael Brainard 6/7/00 / Records to POTUS from Singapore!! [OA/ID 23983]
APEC [Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation] II: Singapore APEC Trade Facilitation 9/12-14 [OA/ID 23983]
National Security Council
International Economic Affairs
Duncan, John
APEC [Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation] 2000 [1] [OA/ID 4024]
APEC [Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation] 2000 [2] [OA/ID 4024]
Hammonds, Holly
ABAC [APEC Business Advisory Council] Report to Economic Leaders, Brunei 2000 [OA/ID 2884]
Briefing Book for APEC [Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation] Summit/Ministerials in Brunei, November 12-16, 2000 [OA/ID 2888]
Briefing Book for APEC [Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation] Summit/Ministerials in Brunei, November 12-16, 2000 (2 copies) [OA/ID 2884]
Leadership Profiles for APEC [Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation] Summit/Ministerails in Brunei, November 12-16, 2000 [OA/ID 2888]
Leadership Profiles for APEC [Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation] Summit/Ministerails in Brunei, November 12-16, 2000 [1] [OA/ID 2884]
Leadership Profiles for APEC [Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation] Summit/Ministerails in Brunei, November 12-16, 2000 [2] [OA/ID 2884]
Press
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files (continued)
Crowley, Philip J. (PJ)
POTUS Trip to Brunei Darussalam (for the APEC Leaders Meeting) and Vietnam (November 13-19, 2000) [1] [OA/ID 3667]
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POTUS Trip to Brunei Darussalam (for the APEC Leaders Meeting) and Vietnam (November 13-19, 2000) [2] [OA/ID 3667]

POTUS Trip to Brunei Darussalam (for the APEC Leaders Meeting) and Vietnam (November 13-19, 2000) [3] [OA/ID 3667]
Records Management
Trip Book-POTUS Trip to Brunei for Participation in APEC, November 14-16, 2000 [binder] [OA/ID 3633]
Trip Book-POTUS Trip to Brunei for Participation in APEC, November 14-16, 2000 [binder] [1] [OA/ID 3634]
Trip Book-POTUS Trip to Brunei for Participation in APEC, November 14-16, 2000 [binder] [2] [OA/ID 3634]
Box 3
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
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