Extent

77 folders, approximately 6,300 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to The United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, part of the United States Information Agency (USIA). The Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy merged with the Department of State in October of 1999. The Commission provided oversight of U.S. Government activities intended to understand, inform, and influence foreign publics. The files contain correspondence, email memoranda, news articles, reports, and records related to commission appointments.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-0200-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 2006-0200-F contains material from several agencies and individuals including the United States Information Agency (USIA). The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alpha Files contain only one record relating to the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. It is a letter of recommendation for an individual to be reappointed for another term with the United States Advisory Commission. The WHORM Subject Categories for the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy contain seven subject file categories. These categories contain reports, such as, “United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, 1993 Report”, “Public Diplomacy in the Pacific Century”, and “Kosovo: Shaping the World’s View of America’s Foreign Policy”. They contain invitations and thank you letters to various meetings and events. The records also contain lists of presidential appointments to the commission. The FG299 subject file contains recommendation letters for appointments to the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy and memos

relating to appointments of nominees. It also contains reports, which include, “Consolidation of USIA into the State Department: An Assessment After One Year”. The ME001 subject file contains appreciation letters from the president for people retiring from the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. The White House Staff and Office Files contain correspondence, memoranda, news articles, and reports. The files of Ann Walker contain the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, 1993 Report. The Presidential Personnel files contain memorandums with background information about the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy and the recommendation for appointments to the commission. Bruce Lindsey’s files contain another copy of the 1993 Report and some brochures. The files of Mike O’Connor contain emails of news articles and memorandums regarding the selection or appointment of members to the commission. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Emails contains biographical information, announcements and approvals of individuals selected for the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. They contain Presidential Commissions, schedules, proposed agendas, weekly reports, personnel announcements, and copies of Press Releases relating to the appointments. They also contain Senate Confirmations, decision memos, and Daybooks from the Cloakroom, Reuters, and National Journal. The category also contains a file relating to all the Subject File categories and their titles. The NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems contains more information relating to staffing, appointments, and resignations within the United States Information Agency (USIA) and the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. The records contain information regarding the reorganization of USIA and Public Diplomacy into the State Department. They also contain reports, “State Report on Foreign Affairs and Restructuring Act Conference Report” and “New Diplomacy for the Information Age” as well as press guidance information from the State Department.

Biographical Note

The United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy is part of the United States Information Agency (USIA). The Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy merged with the Department of State in October of 1999. The Commission, which was created by Congress, is a bipartisan panel of six members who are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. They provide oversight of

U.S. Government activities intended to understand, inform, and influence foreign publics. The Commission reports its findings and recommendations to the President, the Congress, the Secretary of State, and to the American people.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in five collection areas – Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Alpha Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. 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 foler integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area. The WHORM Alpha file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events.

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).

Organization Names

United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy
United States Information Agency
United States. Department of State

Processed by

Staff Archives Specialist, 2006. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Last Modified Date

2006-08-31

Container List

Please note that a single “*” indicates that the category is entirely processed and open.
The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-

0200-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Alpha Files
Category Case Number
AF: Pell, Claiborne Scanned: Case Number 249145
The WHORM Subject file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a
series of categories designed by a letter/number combination. A complete listing of the categories with
detailed descriptions is provided in our research room.
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files
Category Case Number
CO148 Scanned: Case Number 313256
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FG298 Scanned: Case Number 014958
FG299 Scanned: Case Numbers 000941 – 072269SS
FG299 Scanned: Case Numbers 072347SS – 256065SS
FG299 Scanned: Case Numbers 285836 - 433905
ME001 Scanned: Case Number 060416
PE002-01 Scanned: Case Numbers 252278SS – 252377SS
RS Scanned: Case Number 008336
Clinton Presidential Records: National Security Council [URMS]
VOA/Voice of America 9302542 [OA/ID 460]
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files Communications
Ann Walker Files
[U.S. Advisory Commission – U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. 1993 Report] [OA/ID 12966]
Presidential Personnel
[Public Diplomacy, U.S. Advisory Commission on] [OA/ID 24008]
Counsel’s Office
Bruce Lindsey
[Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy] [OA/ID 24805]
Mike O’Connor
[Hank Brown (U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy)] [1] [OA/ID 13631]
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[Dolan, Charles H. (U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy)] [OA/ID 13632]
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Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails
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[10/04/1994 – 08/03/1997]
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[06/26/1998 – 04/02/1999]
Default 2000/01 – 2001/01 [OA/ID 1,150,000]
[10/25/2000 – 01/17/2001]
NSC 1994/08 – 1999/12 [OA/ID 1,200,000]
[05/11/1999 – 09/15/1999]
NSC 2000/01 – 2001/01 [OA/ID 1,250,000]
[09/11/2000 – 10/20/2000]

Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cables, Email, and Records Management Systems

NSC Cables

January 1993-December 1994

[02/10/1993] [OA/ID 500000]

January 1995-December 1996

[06/30/1995-07/03/1995] [OA/ID 510000]

January 1997-December 1998

[02/18/1997-11/19/1998] [OA/ID 520000]

January 1999-December 2000

[01/05/1999-12/05/2000] [OA/ID 530000]

NSC Emails

MS Mail-Record

(September 1994-September 1997)

[01/17/1995-12/18/1995] [OA/ID 590000]

[01/02/1996-12/12/1996] [OA/ID 590000]

[01/27/1997-05/13/1997] [OA/ID 590000]

Exchange-Record

(September 1997-January 2001)

[10/29/1997-11/20/1998] [OA/ID 620000]

[02/10/1999-12/04/2000] [OA/ID 620000]

Exchange-Non-Record

(March 1997-January 2001)

[07/18/1997-08/15/1997] [OA/ID 630000]

[05/06/1998] [1] [OA/ID 630000]

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[04/05/1999] [OA/ID 630000]

NSC Records Management System

PRS – Presidential Records

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