Extent

32 folders, approximately 2,400 pages

Summary

This collection contains materials from the National Security Council. The collection consists of a number of specific documents concerning Usama bin Laden and the initial terrorist assaults of al-Qaeda against the United States. These documents are referenced in Chapter 4 of the 9/11 Commission Report. In the process of locating responsive records, additional records dealing mainly with terrorism were processed into the collection. The files contain correspondence, memos, testimony, talking points, speeches, fax cover sheets, articles, email, and schedules. The collection consists of files from Samuel (“Sandy”) Berger and Richard A. Clarke.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-0191-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 2006-0191-F contains materials from the National Security Council. This FOIA request asked for a number of specific documents concerning Usama bin Laden and the initial terrorist assaults of al-Qaeda against the United States. These documents could be found in Chapter 4 of the 9/11 Commission Report. In the process of locating responsive records, additional papers dealing mainly with terrorism wound up in the collection. The White House Staff and Office Files contain correspondence, memos, testimony, talking points, speeches, fax cover sheets, articles, emails, and schedules. The files of Samuel (Sandy) Berger consist primarily of memos and correspondence describing in detail meetings with world leaders. These meetings involved principally Berger and President Clinton. Richard A. Clarke files include presidential decision directives (classified and unclassified versions) dealing with topics such as critical infrastructure, memos and reports about the counternarcotics campaign of the United States, and papers

describing the involvement of the United States in peace keeping operations directed by the United Nations. The NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems contains material from which one might gain some knowledge of terrorist plans and activities. However, practically all the records in this section are closed for reasons of national security.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in two collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files and 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 folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area. 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.

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)

Subject Headings

Terrorism
September 11 Terrorist Attacks (2001)

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Container List

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A complete listing of the categories with detailed descriptions is provided in our research room.

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Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
National Security Council
Samuel Berger – National Security Advisor
SRB Emails & Notes, 1/98-7/98 [1] [OA/ID 1485]
SRB Emails & Notes, 1/98-7/98 [2] [OA/ID 1485]
SRB Emails & Notes, 1/98-7/98 [3] [OA/ID 1485]
SRB Emails & Notes, 1/98-7/98 [4] [OA/ID 1485]
SRB Emails & Notes, 1/98-7/98 [5] [OA/ID 1485]
SRB Emails & Notes, 1/98-7/98 [6] [OA/ID 1485]
SRB Emails & Notes, 1/98-7/98 [7] [OA/ID 1485]
SRB Emails & Notes, 1/98-7/98 [8] [OA/ID 1485]
Richard A. Clarke – Transnational Threats
February Chron – 1998 [1] [OA/ID 1381]
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February Chron – 1998 [7] [OA/ID 1381]
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February Chron – 1998 [10] [OA/ID 1381]
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February Chron – 1998 [12] [OA/ID 1381]
February Chron – 1998 [13] [OA/ID 1381]
Richard A. Clarke – Transnational Threats
September Chron – 1998 [1] [OA/ID 1758]
September Chron – 1998 [2] [OA/ID 1758]
September Chron – 1998 [3] [OA/ID 1758]
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September Chron – 1998 [5] [OA/ID 1758]
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September Chron – 1998 [8] [OA/ID 1758]
September Chron – 1998 [9] [OA/ID 1758]
September Chron – 1998 [10] [OA/ID 1758]

Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems
NSC Emails
September 1997-January 2001
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