Extent

6 folders, approximately 285 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records on the 2000 Millennium attack plots and the subsequent after action review by the federal government. These materials include National Security Council cover sheets, report summaries, budgetary requests, and memos on the distribution of summaries from Principals Committee meetings.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2007-1741-F are a systematic body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA request 2007-1741-F contains records on the 2000 Millennium attack plots and the subsequent after action review by the federal government. It should be noted that many of the documents regarding the Millennium plots and review have been withdrawn due to national security restrictions. The Year 2000 attack plots were terrorist attacks planned to occur on or near January 1, 2000: the bombing of four sites in Jordan, the bombing of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), and the bombing of the USS The Sullivans. The first two plots were foiled by law enforcement agencies; the third was aborted after a mistake occurred. While the various attacks were planned to occur around the same date, there is no evidence that the three plots were coordinated in any way. On November 30, 1999, Jordanian intelligence intercepted a call between Abu Zubaydah, the leader of the plot, and Khadr Abu Hoshar, a Palestinian militant. In the conversation, Zubaydah stated, "The time for training is over.” Sensing that the attack was imminent, Jordanian police arrested Hoshar and fifteen others on December 12, 1999. Ahmed Ressam, an Algerian living in Canada, planned to bomb LAX. He was arrested at Port Angeles, Washington, after crossing by ferry from Victoria, British Columbia, on December 14, 1999. Customs officials then found nitroglycerin and four timing devices concealed in a spare tire

well of his automobile. He and three other Algerians stood trial for the crime. Ressam began cooperating with investigators in 2001. On July 27, 2005, he was sentenced to 22 years in prison. In Yemen, members of the group planned to bomb USS The Sullivans with a boat laden with explosives. Militants deployed a bomb-laden boat on January 3, 2000, but the over-loaded bomb boat sank before detonating. The White House Staff and Office Files contain reports and speeches. These materials focus on the government’s response to the foiled attacks, including a summary of the recommendations by the National Commission on Terrorism and emergency budget supplementals by various federal agencies. The NSC Records Management System includes Records Management Office (RMO) profile sheets and routine memos from the National Security Council Executive Secretary regarding the distribution of conclusions from a Principals Committee meeting on the Millennium after action review.

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.

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

Terrorism
Millennium Celebrations (2000)

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Staff Archivist, 2010. 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 2007-1741-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files

National Security Council
Multilateral & Humanitarian Affairs
Patten, Wendy
Counterterrorism…Group [Millennium] [OA/ID 3135]
Transnational Threats
Cressey, Roger
Millennium Threat Budget-AAR [After Action Review] [1] [OA/ID 3932]
Millennium Threat Budget-AAR [After Action Review] [2] [OA/ID 3932]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems
NSC Records Management
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PC0376 PC Meeting on Millennium Terrorism Alert After Action Review
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