Extent

28 folders, approximately 1,088 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the National Polar-Orbiting Environment Satellite System or NPOESS. NPOESS was a tri-agency program between the Department of Commerce (specifically the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA), the Department of Defense (DOD, specifically the Air Force), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) designed to merge civil and defense weather satellite programs in order to reduce costs and to provide defense weather and climate coverage with improved capabilities. The collection contains correspondence, reports, manuals, briefs, and memos related to the program.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2008-0829-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 2008-0829-F contains correspondence, reports, manuals, briefs, and memos related to or concerning the National Polar-Orbiting Environment Satellite System or NPOESS. NPOESS is a triagency program with the Department of Commerce (specifically the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA), the Department of Defense (DOD, specifically the Air Force), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) designed to merge the civil and defense weather satellite programs in order to reduce costs and to provide defense weather and climate coverage with improved capabilities. In 1994, the National Performance Review reported that converging the existing polar systems from the Department of Commerce (DOC) and Department of Defense (DoD) would result in a more cost efficient integrated system. Converging U.S. polar-orbiting satellite programs, the National Polar- 2008-0829-F

http://www.clintonlibrary.gov 2 orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System was designed to reduce the number of polarorbiting systems from four U.S. satellite groups to three. In May 1994, a convergence plan was submitted to the U.S. Congress stating NPOESS would eliminate the financial redundancy of acquiring and operating polar-orbiting environmental satellite systems, while continuing to satisfy U.S. operational requirement for data from these systems. The current NPOESS mandate extends to the year 2026. The researcher will find correspondence, reports, manuals, briefs, and memos related to or concerning the National Polar-Orbiting Environment Satellite System or NPOESS. Additional materials include email and memoranda regarding discussing the inclusion of the European Meteorological Satellite (EUMETSAT) as part of the NPOESS.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in three collection areas – Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Email, Clinton President Records: Tape Restoration Project (TRP) Email, & NSC Cable, Email, & Records Management System. 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 Records 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 email 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).

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Container List

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The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2008-0829-F:

BOX 1

Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Email

WHO [OA/ID 500000]

[National Polar-Orbiting Environmental Satellite System, NPOESS]

[01/22/1996 – 07/15/1998]

[08/20/1998 – 10/27/1999]

[10/28/1998 – 05/27/1999]

[06/02/1999 – 09/18/2000]

CEA [OA/ID 950000]

[National Polar-Orbiting Environmental Satellite System, NPOESS]

[10/14/1997 – 02/25/1999]

Default [OA/ID 1100000]

[National Polar-Orbiting Environmental Satellite System, NPOESS]

[10/27/1993 – 01/16/1997]

[01/23/1997 – 09/05/1997]

[09/05/1997 – 12/20/2000]

BOX 1

Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Email (continued)

NSC [OA/ID 1200000]

[NPOESS]

[11/25/1997-06/02/2000]

Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project (TRP) Email

WHO [OA/ID 500000]

[National Polar-Orbiting Environmental Satellite System, NPOESS]

[05/13/1998 – 09/18/1998]

Default [OA/ID 1100000]

[National Polar-Orbiting Environmental Satellite System, NPOESS]

[10/27/1997 – 10/13/1998]

BOX 2

Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System

NSC Cables

Jan1993-Dec 1994
[NPOESS]
[11/10/1994-11/18/1994] [OA/ID 505000]
Jan 1995-Dec 1996
[NPOESS]
[05/08/1995-04/24/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
Jan 1997-Dec 1998
[NPOESS]
[12/11/1998] [OA/ID 520000]
Jan 1999-Dec 2000
[NPOESS]
[08/03/1999-03/09/2000] [OA/ID 530000]
NSC Emails
MSMail-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97)
[NPOESS]
[06/08/1996-07/29/1996] [OA/ID 590000]
Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01)
[NPOESS]
[05/20/1998-12/22/2000] [OA/ID 620000]
Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan 01)
[NPOESS]
[05/21/1998-12/24/2000] [OA/ID 630000]
NSC Records Management System
PRS-Presidential Records
[NPOESS and Space Programs]
9307928 [OA/ID 167]
9308083 [OA/ID 168]
9308695 [OA/ID 171]
9308720 [OA/ID 171]
9308737 [OA/ID 171]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System (continued)
NSC Records Management System
PRS-Presidential Records
[NPOESS and Space Programs]
9403290 [OA/ID 473]

9404651 [OA/ID 200]
9404670 [OA/ID 200]
9803602 [OA/ID 2037]
NSC Records Management System
PRS-Presidential Records
[NPOESS and Space Programs]
9803886 [OA/ID 2039]

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