Extent

1 folder, 110 pages.

Summary

This collection consists of records regarding public access to National Security Council (NSC) documents. The case of Armstrong v. the Executive Office of the President raised the question of to what extent the records of the NSC are subject to FOIA requests. In response, President Clinton issued a memorandum on March 24, 1994 to National Security Advisor Anthony Lake and NSC Executive Secretary William Itoh stating that regardless of the decision in the Armstrong case the NSC will continue to provide public access to NSC records. The records in this collection contain memoranda and Anthony Lake's declaration in the Armstrong case.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2008-0978-F are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents responsive to the FOIA . Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA 2008-0978-F contains records regarding public access to National Security Council (NSC) documents. The NSC was created by Congress to advise the President on issues dealing with national security. The case of Armstrong v. the Executive Office of the President dealt with to what extent the records of the NSC are subject to FOIA requests. On March 24, 1994, President Clinton issued a memorandum to National Security Advisor Anthony Lake and NSC Executive Secretary William Itoh. In this memo, the President states that regardless of the decision in the Armstrong case the NSC will continue to provide public access to current NSC records and to those records left at the NSC by prior Administrations, and they will also continue to transfer copies of appropriate NSC records to the next Administration. Clinton Presidential Library’s web site 2008-0978-F http://www.clintonlibrary.gov 2 The NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems contains one folder of responsive material from the NSC Records

Management System. The records consist of memoranda regarding access to National Security Council records. Also included, is the declaration of Anthony Lake in the case of Armstrong v. the Executive Office of the President describing the structure and function of the NSC.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records responsive to this FOIA request were found in one collection area: Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email and Record Management Systems.

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

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2008-0978-F:
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