Extent

26 folders, approximately 1,560 pages

Summary

This collection consists of material concerning the development of Presidential Decision Directive (PDD) 49. The PDD, which President Clinton signed on September 14, 1996, outlined the Administration’s policy for space programs emphasizing exploration, economic cooperation, and national security. The records in this collection include fact sheets, press materials, memoranda, cables, and emails.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in 2008-0830-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. On May 15, 1995, President Clinton issued Presidential Review Directive (PRD)/NSTC-2, ordering an interagency working group (IWG) to conduct a comprehensive review of national space policy in light of the domestic and international changes that came with the end of the Cold War. The PRD tasked the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Security Council (NSC) with cochairing this body. It also specified that the review include National Space Policy Directives (NSPD)1 through 7, all of which had been signed by President George H.W. Bush. At the conclusion of its work, the IWG presented Presidential Decision Directive (PDD) 49 to the President. The PDD, which President Clinton signed on September 14, 1996, outlined a new space policy. It stated space programs goals emphasizing exploration, economic competition, and national security. The administration released an unclassified, detailed fact sheet on the new policy on September 19, 1996. This fact sheet emphasized that, “The United States is committed to the exploration and use of outer space by all nations for peaceful purposes and for the benefit of all humanity.” It also detailed specific guidelines for both the national security and commercial sectors. In the White House Staff and Office files, a majority

of the documents related to this FOIA are located in National Security Council's records. In the Defense Policy directorate, relevant material is located in the files of Steven Andreasen, Robert Bell, Betsy Pimentel, Edward Bolton, and James Seaton. The Records Management directorate also contains responsive documents. This records include memos and emails between NSC staff regarding the development of the new space policy and PDD, newspaper and magazine articles discussing space policy, several copies of the press release on the PDD and the unclassified fact sheet, copies of PRD-2, and unclassified versions of NSPD numbers 1 through 7. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Emails and the Tape Restoration Project (TRP) Emails contain memos and correspondence concerning space policy. Specifically, responsive emails include but are not limited to correspondence related the President's remarks on National Space Policy on September 19, 1996. The NSC Cables, Emails, and Records Management System also contains relevant material. This consists of discussion and correspondence between NSC staff regarding the space policy review and PDD-49, as well as another copy of the press release. Many of the records related to this FOIA are closed for national security reasons.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas – Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cables, Emails, and Records Management System. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. 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. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. WHORM files are processed at the document level; whereas, Staff and Office files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents

are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. 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 Automated Records Management System (ARMS) is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential 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 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) und the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

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Container List

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PU001-07 Case Number: 189539SS
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Misc. 96 Speeches: Space Policy Announcement – 9/19/96 [OA/ID 14438]
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National Security Council
Defense Policy
Andreasen, Steven
National Space Policy, October – December 1996 [OA/ID 3826]
Bell, Robert
Space Policy, April – June 1996 [OA/ID 1864]
National Space Policy, July – September 1996 [OA/ID 1864]
Pimentel, Betsy/Bolton, Edward
National Space Policy [1] [OA/ID 2903]

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Records Management
PDD-49 National Space Policy, September 14, 1996 [1] [OA/ID 4119]
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[National Space Policy]
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Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project [Email]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Space Policy 1996]
[02/01/1996]
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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cables, Emails, and Records Management System
NSC Cables
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NSC Emails
MSMail – Record (Sept 94 – Sept 97)
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[National Space Policy]
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