Extent

4 folders, 50 pages.

Summary

This collection contains e-mails, draft remarks, background materials, and memoranda pertaining to the President’s remarks in support of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) at the Distinguished American Endorsement Event on November 2, 1993. During this event, well-respected individuals, including former President Jimmy Carter, publicly endorsed NAFTA. President Clinton followed these endorsements with his own argument in favor of the agreement. President Clinton outlined the economic and foreign policy benefits of the treaty and asked Americans to inform Congress of their support. Congress passed the necessary legislation later that month.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-0511-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 2006-0511-F contains material pertaining to the President’s remarks in support of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) at the Distinguished American Endorsement Event on November 2, 1993. President George H. W. Bush had negotiated and signed NAFTA during his administration, and President Clinton sought legislation that would allow his own administration to implement the treaty. As part of its final push for congressional approval, the Clinton administration hosted the November 1993 event. During this event, well-respected individuals, including former President Jimmy Carter, publicly endorsed NAFTA. President Clinton followed these endorsements with his own argument in favor of the agreement. President Clinton outlined the economic and foreign policy benefits of the treaty and asked Americans to inform Congress of their support. Congress passed the necessary legislation later that month. The White

House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alpha files contain no relevant records. The WHORM Subject files contain one responsive document. Subject file TA005 consists of speech cards sent to the President in preparation for his remarks at the Distinguished American Endorsement Event. The White House Staff and Office Files contain correspondence, memoranda, publications, research materials, and speeches maintained by individual offices and staff members. In the Office of Speechwriting, Michael Waldman was responsible for drafting President Clinton's remarks at this event. His files contain background materials pertinent to the speech, including general memoranda discussing the administration's efforts to obtain support for NAFTA. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Emails contain a transcript of President Clinton's actual remarks at the Distinguished American Endorsement Event.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA were found in three collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, and Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Emails. 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. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area. WHORM Subject and WHORM Alpha files are processed at the document level. 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. A complete listing of the categories with detailed descriptions is provided in our research room. 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 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.

Subject Headings

North American Free Trade Agreement (1992 December 17)
Free trade
International trade

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Container List

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TA005 Scanned: 043061SS
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NAFTA Speech Texts [OA/ID 13660]
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