Extent

8 folders, 49 pages

Summary

This collection consists of correspondence, memos, notes, and lists pertaining to pardons and commutations granted and denied by President Clinton for the two years of 1995 and 1996. One specific case concerns Peter MacDonald, Sr., who was denied a pardon during that time, but whose sentence was later commuted on January 20, 2001.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in 2012-0020-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA 2012-0020-F contains records dealing with the topic of presidential pardons for the period of 1995-1996. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files contain correspondence, memos, notes, and lists pertaining to pardons and commutations granted and denied by President Clinton for the two years of 1995 and 1996. One specific case concerns Peter MacDonald, Sr., the former Chairman of the Navajo Nation Tribal Council of Delegates, who received a federal prison term of 15 years for various offenses. A memo in the collection goes into great detail as to why MacDonald’s request for a pardon should be denied. It must be pointed out that although the pardon request was denied in 1996, MacDonald’s sentence was commuted January 20, 2001.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in one collection area—Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contain 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. FOIA 2012-0020-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: JL001 Amnesty- Clemency- Pardons JL001-01 Pardon Applications (Approved) JL001-02 Pardon Applications (Disapproved).

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 processed in response to 2012-0020-F:
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JL001 199661SS [Loose] [OA/ID 23378]
JL001-01 167128SS [OA/ID 23375]
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