Extent

2 folders, approximately 80 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records concerning the pardon of Samuel Loring Morison. Morison was a civilian intelligence analyst at the Naval Intelligence Support Center (NISC). He was charged with espionage and theft of government property under the Espionage Act of 1917 for giving classified photographs to Jane’s Defense Weekly, an English Journal. On October 17, 1985, Morison was convicted in Federal Court on two counts of espionage and two counts of theft of government property. He was sentenced to two years in prison on December 4, 1985. President Clinton pardoned Samuel Loring Morison on January 20, 2001, the last day of his presidency

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2010-0791-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA request 2010-0791-F contains material pertaining to the pardon of Samuel Loring Morison. Morison was a civilian intelligence analyst at the Naval Intelligence Support Center (NISC). He was charged with espionage and theft of government property under the Espionage Act of 1917 for giving classified photographs to Jane’s Defense Weekly, which is an English Journal. On October 17, 1985, Morison was convicted in Federal Court on two counts of espionage and two counts of theft of government property. He was sentenced to two years in prison on December 4, 1985. President Clinton pardoned Samuel Loring Morison on January 20, 2001, the last day of his presidency. The WHORM Subject Categories contain one subject file category. The category contains correspondence and memoranda. The White House Staff and Office Files contain records from the Counsel’s Office that contain correspondence, reports, and news articles.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas – Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files. 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.

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, 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 2010-0791-F:
BOX 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files
Category Case Number
JL001 Case Number: 283892
Clinton Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files
Counsel’s Office
Cabe, Meredith
Samuel Loring Morison [OA/ID 24950]

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