Extent

24 folders, approximately 844 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the 1995 Quebec Referendum on Sovereignty. The Referendum asked Québécois voters whether Quebec should secede from Canada and become an independent state. This collection consists of cables, correspondence, email, notes, press guidance, schedules, and talking points.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2007-0302-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA request 2007-0302-F consists of cables, correspondence, emails, notes, press guidance, schedules, and talking points concerning the 1995 Quebec Referendum on Sovereignty. The “No” side of this referendum was opposed to sovereignty and desired for Quebec to remain a part of Canada’s federal structure. A key campaigner for this federalist argument was Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chrétien. The “Yes” side of the referendum desired a sovereignty characterized by a “new economic and political partnership…respecting the future of Quebec.” The “Yes” side of the referendum was led by the Premier of Quebec James Parizeau and Lucien Bouchard, the leader of the Bloc Québécois party. Votes for the 1995 Quebec Referendum were cast on October 30, 1995. The “No” side won a narrow majority (50.6%) of the vote.

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: ARMS Emails, Clinton Presidential Records: Electronic Daily Diary, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. 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. 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. The Electronic Daily Diary is a log of the President’s daily activities and is arranged chronologically by 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 (PRA).

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[Quebec and refer]
[11/06/1995] [OA/ID 1200000]
Clinton Presidential Records: Electronic Daily Diary
[Quebec and refer]
[10/30/1995] [OA/ID 150000]
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