Extent

6 folders, approximately 166 pages

Summary

This collection consists of correspondence, reports, and email regarding a crash in Roswell, New Mexico in July 1947. The origin of the crashed object remains in dispute today. A July 1995 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, “Government Records: Results of a Search for Records Concerning the 1947 Crash near Roswell, New Mexico,” is included in the files. Also included are email sent to the White House website regarding individual opinions of the Roswell incident.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-0476-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 2006-0476-F consists of correspondence, reports, printed material, and printed electronic emails, regarding a crash in Roswell, New Mexico in July 1947. Roswell, New Mexico became infamous in July 1947 when an object crashed from the sky nearby. The origin of the crashed object remains disputed today. The United States Military reports state that a crashed weather balloon had been recovered in the area while UFO researchers claim the object recovered was an alien aircraft. Records processed in response to the request consists of correspondence to President Clinton urging him to sign an Executive Order regarding government knowledge of UFOs. A July 1995 GAO report “Government Records: Results of a Search for Records Concerning the 1947 Crash Near Roswell, New Mexico” is included in the files. In addition, emails related to the November 30, 1995 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony speech given by President Clinton in Belfast, Northern Ireland was included because of the mention of Roswell within the text. The remaining records contained in this FOIA are emails sent into the White House website regarding individual opinions on the Roswell incident.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA were found in the following collections and arranged accordingly: WHORM Subject File – General; Automated Records Management System (Email); NSC Cables, Emails, and Records Management Systems. 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 22) 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).

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2008. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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Container List

View all digitized files in the National Archives Catalog (NAC)

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-0476-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject File – General
Category Case Number
OS Scanned: Case Number 243544
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Roswell]

[12/11/1996 – 09/23/1997]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems
NSC Cables
January 1997-December 1998
[Roswell]
[06/24/1997] [OA/ID 520000]
NSC Emails
September 1997-January 2001 (Exchange Record)
[Roswell]
[08/28/1998] [OA/ID 620000]
September 1994-September 1997 (MSMail-Record)
[Roswell]
[04/19/1995-11/30/1995] [OA/ID 590000]
NSC Records Management System
PRS-Presidential Records
[Roswell]
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