Extent

Approximately 51 folders, 3,279 pages

Summary

This collection consists of the speechwriting records of Thomas Rosshirt, Director of Speechwriting in the National Security Council. Rosshirt prepared speeches for President William J. Clinton and National Security Advisor Samuel R. Berger between 1999 and 2001. This collection contains clippings, correspondence, email, faxes, memos, printed materials, reports, and speeches.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2008-0703-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA request 2008-0703-F consists of clippings, correspondence, emails, faxes, memos, printed materials, reports, and speeches utilized by Thomas Rosshirt (Director of Speechwriting, National Security Council). Rosshirt prepared speech remarks delivered by President William J. Clinton and National Security Advisor Samuel R. Berger between 1999 and 2001. Rosshirt’s speechwriting efforts for President Clinton concerned the President’s trip to Vietnam; remarks at the Memorial Day Ceremony in Arlington, Virginia; remarks at Camp Foster Marine Base in Okinawa; remarks at the Council of the Americas 30th Washington Conference; the debt cancellation announcement for Jubilee2000; the Armed Forces Farewell at Fort Myer, Virginia; remarks to the Israeli Policy Forum; and awarding the Medal of Honor to both former President Theodore Roosevelt and to Captain Ed W. Freeman. Rosshirt’s speechwriting efforts also included National Security Advisor Berger’s remarks at Tel Aviv University and an article concerning Saddam Hussein.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in the Clinton Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. 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 by 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).

Subject Headings

Speechwriting
Speechwriters
Speeches, addresses, etc., American

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2011. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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Container List

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