Extent

21 folders, approximately 1,170 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records concerning the “Ring Around Serbia.” The “Ring Around Serbia” refers to a ring of FM transmitters that were placed in countries bordering Serbia in an effort to counter the state-controlled media of Slobodan Milosevic. The files primarily contain cables, email, outlines, memos, and memcons.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-0206-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 2006-0206-F contains materials from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Emails and the NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. “Ring Around Serbia” refers to a ring of FM transmitters that were placed in countries bordering Serbia in an effort to counter the state-controlled media of Slobodan Milosevic. These transmitters became fully operational by October 1999 and they played a major role in the eventual downfall of the Serbian dictator. The ARMS Emails provide basic, rudimentary information about the “Ring Around Serbia.” There are telcon notes and emails that describe in broad terms the effort on the part of the United States and its allies to broadcast Serbian language programming into Serbia. These records don’t offer much in the way of detail or insight. The NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems form the substantive core of this collection. Cables, emails, outlines, memos, and memcons show how pivotal the “Ring Around Serbia” was in the strategic campaign devised by NATO to bring about regime change in Serbia. Weaning public support away from Milosevic comprised an integral part in the overall plan finally adopted by the members of this organization.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in two collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems.

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential Records is governed by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552 as amended) and the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 22) 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, 2006. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Last Modified Date

2006-10-25

Container List

The following is a list of folders processed in response to 2006-0206-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails
Default 1998/01-1999/12 [OA/ID 1100000]
[…Ring Around Serbia]
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[10/06/1999] [3]
[10/06/1999] [4]
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[…Ring Around Serbia]
[01/24/2000-10/03/2000]
NSC 1994/08-1999/12 [OA/ID 1200000]
[…Ring Around Serbia]
[04/19/1999-08/20/1999]
NSC 2000/01-2001/01 [OA/ID 1250000]
[…Ring Around Serbia]
[05/19/2000-05/20/2000]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems
NSC Cables
January 1999-December 2000 [OA/ID 530000]
[…Ring Around Serbia]
[04/08/1999-12/14/1999]
[12/16/1999-09/15/2000]

NSC Emails
September 1997-January 2001 [OA/ID 620000]
[…Ring Around Serbia]
[04/19/1999-05/02/1999]
[05/03/1999-05/05/1999]
[05/08/1999]
[05/09/1999-05/17/1999]
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Box 2
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[07/23/1999-09/23/1999]
[09/24/1999-09/01/2000]
[09/03/2000-12/15/2000]
March 1997- January 2001 [OA/ID 630000]
[…Ring Around Serbia]
[05/07/1999-12/15/2000]