Extent

79 folders, approximately 2,239 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records relating to Timothy J. Russert. The collection contains correspondence from Tim Russert to members of the White House staff and from White House staffers to Tim Russert. In addition there are email regarding Tim Russert and his show “Meet the Press” and information regarding communications from the White House to members of the Press Corp.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2008-1237-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. Timothy J. Russert was a very well known and respected television journalist. He began his television career on NBC in 1984 as an executive working on special assignments. Russert's first assignment was to handle live broadcasts from Rome where he was able to secure the first American television appearance of Pope John Paul II. He was named the Bureau Chief of NBC‟s Washington Bureau in 1989. His thorough knowledge of the political process in Washington, his intense attention to preparation and an uncanny ability to make complex politics understandable and exciting earned him the hosting chair for “Meet the Press” in 1991. During his tenure as Managing Editor and Moderator of “Meet the Press”, Russert also served as political analyst for the “Today” show and also for “NBC Nightly News”. Russert was born in Buffalo, New York in May 1950. He earned his undergraduate degree from John Carroll College in 1972 and he earned his juris doctor with honors from Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1976. After completing his law studies he took a position as special counsel for Senator Patrick Moynihan. Moynihan ultimately named Russert chief of staff. From 1983 to 1984 Russert served as counsel to New York Governor Mario Cuomo.

Russert was a member of the bar in both New York and the District of Columbia. In 2004, Russert wrote the book Big Russ and Me, about the relationship with his father. In 2005, he released Wisdom of Our Fathers: Lessons and Letters from Daughters and Sons. Both books were New York Times #1 Best Sellers. Russert was awarded an Emmy in 2005 for his coverage of former President Ronald Reagan's funeral. Once hailed by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential men in the world, Russert added this Emmy award to his forty-eight honorary doctorates. President Clinton appeared on “Meet the Press” several times during and after his presidency, including the Fiftieth Anniversary show in November 1997. Russert passed away on June 13, 2008. FOIA request 2008-1237-F contains records from the White House Office of Records Management Alpha Files, Subject Files, White House Chief of Staff , Office of Communications, and Travel Office. The records consist of correspondence, tracking sheets, and invitations. The correspondence is from Tim Russert to members of the White House staff and from White House staffers to Tim Russert. In addition, responsive materials were also found in the Automated Records Management System [Email], Tape Restoration Project [Email], Electronic Daily Diary, and WAVES Search System. These records consists of emails regarding Tim Russert and his show “Meet the Press” and information regarding communications from the White House to members of the Press Corp.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in nine collection areas – Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Alpha Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: Records Management (CL), Clinton Presidential Records: Records Management (OP), Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, Clinton Presidential Records: TRP Emails, Clinton Presidential Records: Electronic Daily Diary, and Clinton Presidential Records: Electronic Waves Files. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Alpha

file was complied by the White House Office of Records Management from 1993-1996 and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events. The WHORM Subject file was complied by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of categories designated by a letter/number combination. In addition, there are WHORM, WHORM Counsel, WHORM (CL), WHORM (OP), WHORM (Too Late); WHORM (Various Offices); and WHORM (Alpha Project) series. 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 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. 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 Tape Restoration Project (TRP) is a database consisting of restored emails from the Automated Records Management System from July 1994 through June of 2000. The TRP is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential record email. The TRP dataset is comprised of 6 sub-series of email records called “Buckets.” The buckets include NPR, OPD, POTUS, WHO, CEA, and Default. TRP 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. The Electronic WAVES Search System is a log of visitors/appointments to the White House and is arranged by name of visitor thereunder 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).

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2010. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Last Modified Date

2012-05-08

Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to 2008-1237-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Alpha Files
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Russert, Timothy J. [1] [OA/ID 16213]
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Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files
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FG001-07 297588SS [OA/ID Unknown]
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FG006-01 117308 [Tim Russert] [OA/ID 100742]
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PP 110015SS [Tim Russert][OA/ID 10721]
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PR015 107715 [OA/ID 14009]
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Clinton Presidential Records: Records Management (CL)
Category Case Number
FG001 208594 [Folder 2] [June „93] [Timothy J. Russert] [OA/ID 8790]
Clinton Presidential Records: Records Management (OP)
Category Case Number
AF 207559 [Tim Russert] [OA/ID 8616]
AF 227630 [Tim Russert] [OA/ID 9749]
AF 234862 [Tim Russert] [OA/ID 9762]
AF 236708 [Tim Russert] [OA/ID 9762]
AF 240371 [Tim Russert] [OA/ID 10634]
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AF 246375 [Tim Russert] [OA/ID 10200]
AF 285352 [Tim Russert] [OA/ID 12899]
AF 316894 [Tim Russert] [OA/ID 13893]
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Chief of Staff
Bowles, Erskine
[Timothy J. Russert – NBC News] [OA/ID 10295]
Stephanopoulos, George
CNBC Tim Russert 2/14/94 [OA/ID 5189]
GS on CNBC with Tim Russert [OA/ID 8037]
Communications
Gearan, Mark
[Timothy Russert] [OA/ID 5162]
Travel Office
Timothy J. Russert [OA/ID 14494]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250,000]
[Tim Russert]
[03/18/1994-10/27/2000]
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[09/27/2000]
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OPD [OA/ID 250,000]
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WHO [OA/ID 500,000]
[Tim Russert]
[11/07/1997-10/26/1998]
Default [OA/ID 1,100,000]
[Tim Russert]
[01/14/1997-03/24/1998]
Clinton Presidential Records: Electronic Daily Diary
[Tim Russert]
[06/29/1993-03/11/1995] [OA/ID 150,000]
[04/07/2000] [OA/ID 150,000]
Clinton Presidential Records: WAVES Search System

[Tim Russert]
[02/05/1993-N.D.] [OA/ID 180,000]