Extent

69 folders, 849 pages

Summary

This collection consists of correspondence, memoranda, reports, and logs highlighting the successful effort of Fife Symington to obtain a pardon from President Clinton before he left office. A Republican, the former Governor of Arizona was a staunch supporter (as the records found here attest to) of two of Clinton's groundbreaking legislative initiatives: NAFTA and welfare reform.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in 2008-1034-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA 2008-1034-F contains records relating to correspondence, meetings, and phone calls between President Clinton and Governor Symington of Arizona largely for the period 1993-1997. There is some material that covers the time 1998-2000, most of it devoted to Symington's successful attempt to gain a pardon from Clinton before he left office. Symington had resigned the governorship in September 1997 after being convicted of bank fraud. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains correspondence, memoranda, and reports highlighting topics such as NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), welfare legislation, and environmental issues. It is important to note that Symington (although a Republican) stood with the President on many of the ongoing matters of the day. He was an especially vocal supporter of NAFTA and consistently praised Clinton for his unstinting efforts to win the approval of Congress for the controversial treaty. The White House Staff and Office Files contain papers (correspondence, forms, affidavits, etc.) sent by Symington's representatives to President Clinton in an effort to obtain a pardon for their client. Symington's original conviction had been overturned on appeal, but he faced the prospect of new trial until pardoned by Clinton. The

electronic records give the dates of phone calls and meetings between the two men.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Alpha Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, 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 compiled 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 compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of categories designated by a letter/number combination. 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 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. The Electronic Daily Dairy 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 the visitor thereunder by the date. FOIA 2008-1034-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: CO112 Mexico (United Mexican States) DI002 Natural Disasters FG006-01 White House Office FG006-06 National Security Council FG012 Federal Government FG013 Federal Government FG018 Federal Government FG052 Court of Appeals, U.S. FG122 Environmental Protection Agency FG130 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation FI004 Budget- Appropriations FO002 Diplomatic Affairs-Consular Relations HE007-01 Air Pollution- Acid Rain HE007-02 Sewage Systems

IS001 Accident- Hospital-Medical-Health-Medicare-Unemployment IT012 General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT) IV Invitations IV093 Invitations 1993 IV094 Invitations 1994 JL003 Criminal Matters ME001-02 Birthday Greetings ND007 Military Personnel ST State Governments TA005 Trade Agreements WE Welfare.

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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