Extent

157 folders, approximately 12,440 pages

Summary

This collection centers on the role of the Clinton Administration in the negotiations leading up to the Good Friday Agreement. The Good Friday Agreement (less commonly known as the Belfast Agreement) was made up of two inter-related documents, both signed on 10 April 1998. The collection contains National Security Council cables, email, and records from NSC European Affairs Office.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-1759-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. Records related to this FOIA request are concerned with the role of the Clinton Administration in the negotiations leading up to the Good Friday Agreement and the continuing peace process thereafter in Northern Ireland. The Good Friday Agreement (less commonly known as the Belfast Agreement) was made up of two inter-related documents, both signed on 10 April 1998. One of the documents was a multi-party agreement signed by most of Northern Ireland's political parties, and the other document was an international agreement between the British and Irish governments. Having been plagued by generations of civil strife and political unrest, in the 1990’s unionist and republicans in Northern Ireland seemingly became more aware that their goals could never be achieved through violence. It was with this backdrop in place that President Clinton served as a catalyst for the peace process. The Administration’s emphasis on human rights, political reform, the potential for economic growth and an overall improved quality of life for the people of Northern Ireland provided the hope and inspiration needed by disputing parties to strive for a peaceful and lasting resolution. The records processed in this first segment, which may be responsive to FOIA request 2006- 1759-F, consist of cables and emails from

the file of the National Security Council (NSC). The bulk of these cables and emails contain press guidance, press releases, foreign media reaction, and updates from the Department of State regarding developments in the peace process. Possibly responsive records were located within NSC files, European Affairs Office. Various correspondence relates to the International Fund for Ireland, a program aimed at providing a more stable environment in Northern Ireland through economic regeneration. There are also copies of news articles concerning President's and First Lady's trip to Ireland in September of 1998.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

FOIA requests which involve an extraordinary number of possibly responsive records may be processed in segments. The first segment of records which may be responsive to this FOIA request were found in two collection areas - Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administrative 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

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Provenance

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Processed by

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