Extent

7 folders, approximately 157 pages

Summary

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Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2012-0248-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. Records opened in this collection relate to Christopher Hitchens. Specifically, email may be best described as correspondence to and from White House staff , concerning Christopher Hitchens or comments made by Hitchens as well as his affidavit. The majority of the National Security Council email records processed for this FOIA are closed for national security reasons.

Biographical Note

Christopher Hitchens (1949 – 2011) was an English American author and journalist for The New Statesman, The Nation, Vanity Fair, and Slate. Hitchens maintained a long friendship with Sidney Blumenthal, Clinton Administration Advisor. The friendship was damaged after Hitchens filed an affidavit, swearing that Blumenthal had characterized Monica Lewinsky’s relationship with the President as a “stalker.”

This was contradictory to testimony provided to the grand jury by Sidney Blumenthal during the Star investigation.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas - Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email], Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cables, Emails, 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 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. 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 record 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.

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).

Person Names

Hitchens, Christopher

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2012. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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Container List

View all digitized files in the National Archives Catalog (NAC)

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2012-0248-F:

Box 1

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Counsel's Office
Mills, Cheryl; Ruff, Charles; Craig, Gregory
Hitchens, Christopher [OA/ID 14291]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Christopher Hitchens]
[10/25/1993 – 05/19/1999]
[06/09/1999 – 07/12/1999]
NSC[OA/ID 1200000]
[Christopher Hitchens]
[02/16/1999]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Hitch]
[02/07/1999 – 03/02/2000]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cables, Emails, and Records Management System
NSC Emails
Exchange – Record (Sept 97 – Jan 01)
[Christopher Hitchens]
[02/13/1999 – 02/16/1999] [OA/ID 620000]
Exchange – Non-Record (Mar 97 – Jan 01)
[Christopher Hitchens]
[02/11/1999 – 02/13/1999] [OA/ID 630000]

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