Extent

23 folders, approximately 1,210 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the death of Amy Biehl, a 26 year old native of California who was killed on August 25, 1993 in the Guguletu Township outside of Cape Town, South Africa. Included are letters, public statements, and press articles related to Ms. Biehl's murder and to the foundation created in her name. Also included is the 1993 Country Report on Human Rights Practices in South Africa.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2009-0960-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. Responsive records from the WHORM subject file include a condolence letter to the parents of Amy Biehl after her death. Also included is correspondence and information about the foundation created by her parents in her name. Responsive records from the NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems include press reports on the murder and trial that followed, and the 1993 Country Report on Human Rights Practices in South Africa. Peter and Linda Biehl attended the White House State Dinner for the Republic of South Africa on May 22, 2000. The guest list for the event is included. President Clinton's remarks from the September 23, 1998 presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to President Mandela are also included, along with President Clinton's condolence letter to Amy's parents and correspondence with Amy's sister, Molly.

Biographical Note

Amy Elizabeth Biehl of Newport Beach, California was killed on August 25, 1993 in the Guguletu Township outside of Cape Town, South Africa. She was 26 years old. Ms. Biehl dedicated her life to ending apartheid, the system of racial segregation and discrimination that existed in South Africa from 1948 - 1994. She traveled to the country as a Fulbright Exchange Scholar conducting research on women's rights and helping register voters in underprivileged communities. On the evening of August 25, she was driving friends home to the black township of Guguletu when she was killed. Four young men, members of the Pan African Student Organization (PASO), were convicted of her murder and sentenced to 18 years. In 1998, after serving 5 years of their sentence, they were granted amnesty from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, a decision that was supported by Amy Biehl's parents, Peter and Linda Biehl. The Amy Biehl Foundation, a non-profit organization benefiting children in the Western Cape of South Africa, was created by her parents in her name. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was created in 1995 by Nelson Mandela's Government of National Unity. Its purpose was to help South Africa heal from the years of apartheid by investigating human rights abuses, assisting with rehabilitation, and granting amnesty for politically motivated crimes.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas- Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. 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. In addition, there are WHORM, WHORM Counsel, WHORM (CL), WHORM (OP), WHORM (Too Late); WHORM (Various Offices); and WHORM (Alpha Project) series. 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 Diary is a log of the President’s daily activities and is arranged chronologically by date. FOIA 2009-0960-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: ME001-03 Messages: Condolence/Death PP005-01 Presidential Personal: First Lady

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).

Subject Headings

Murder
South Africa--Cape Town

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2013. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2009-0960-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
ME001-03 035406
PP005-01 224739 [Peter Biehl]
Clinton Presidential Records: Electronic Daily Diary
[Biehl]
[11/23/1993] [OA/ID 150000]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables
Jan 1993-Dec 1994 [OA/ID 505000]
[Biehl and not Chile*]
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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System (continued)
[09/07/1993 – 01/17/1994]
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[10/28/1994 – 12/19/1994]

Jan 1995-Dec 1996 [OA/ID 510000]
[Biehl and not Chile*]
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Jan 1997-Dec 1998 [OA/ID 520000]
[Biehl and not Chile*]
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[09/29/1997 – 03/10/1998]
Jan 1999-Dec 2000 [OA/ID 530000]
[Biehl and not Chile*]
[01/04/1999 – 12/14/2000]
NSC Emails
A1-Record (Jan 93-Sept 94) [OA/ID 570000]
[Biehl and not Chile*]
[08/26/1993 – 01/31/1994]
MSMail-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97) [OA/ID 590000]
[Biehl and not Chile*]
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MSMail-Non-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97) [OA/ID 605000]
[Biehl and not Chile*]
[10/24/1994 – 05/22/1995]
Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 620000]
[Biehl and not Chile*]
[01/16/1998 – 08/03/1998]
Box 2
[08/26/1998 – 09/22/1998]
[09/23/1998 – 10/18/2000]
Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 630000]
[Biehl and not Chile*]
[01/23/1998 – 07/29/1998]
[07/29/1998 – 07/30/1998]
[08/04/1998 – 04/28/2000]
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