Extent

64 folders, approximately 3,080 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to Operation Storm, which many historians describe as the largest European land battle since the Second World War and a decisive victory for Croatia over neighboring Serbia. The Operation officially lasted just three days from August 4th - 7th, 1995. It contains memoranda, agendas, discussion papers, reports, emails, cables and other planning materials concerning Bosnia, Croatia and the former Yugoslavia for National Security Council Deputies Committee Meetings and for National Security Council Principal Committee meetings.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2013-0768-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. (See 2013-0656-M and 2013-0682-M). Operation Storm was a large land battle where Croatia had a decisive victory over neighboring Serbia. The military engagement officially lasted three days from August 4th - 7th, 1995. Losses sustained by the advancing Croatian Army are usually cited as 174 killed and 1,430 wounded, with the Serbians suffering approximately 560 troops killed in the battle. The Croatian Army also captured 4,000 prisoners of war, 54 armored and 497 other vehicles, six aircraft, hundreds of artillery pieces and over 4,000 infantry weapons. Four UN peacekeepers were also killed and 16 were injured. The Croatian capture of the city of Bosansko Grahovo just before the battle officially started, combined with the special police's advance to Gracac, made the Serbian capital city of Knin nearly impossible to defend for the Serbians and the capital fell on the second day of the battle, August 5th . The decisive defeat of the Serbian armed forces in Operation Storm led the Bosnian Serbs to realize that a settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina

had to be negotiated as soon as possible. The success of Operation Storm combined with Operation Mistral 2, a month later, coupled with a devastating NATO air campaign in Bosnia and Herzegovina led to the start of peace talks that would eventually result in the Dayton Agreement in November 1995. Records responsive to this request consist of memoranda, agendas, discussion papers, reports, emails, cables and other planning materials concerning Bosnia, Croatia and the former Yugoslavia for National Security Council Deputies Committee Meetings and for National Security Council Principal Committee meetings. The researcher should note that many of the records released in response to this FOIA request are duplicates of materials that were declassified in October 2013 and are available on the Clinton Digital Library website. In addition, materials responsive to this FOIA are also located in several previously processed FOIA and Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) requests: 2006-0647-F (Genocide in Yugoslavia) 2008-0994-F (Bosnia) 2010-0533-M (Minutes from NSC Principals and Deputies Meetings on Bosnia) 2012-0797-F (Presidential Review Directive 1 (PRD/NSC-1) and the Former Yugoslavia) 2012-0798-F (Principals and Deputies Committee Meetings on Bosnia and the Former Yugoslavia) 2013-0682-M (NSC Principals and Deputies Meetings on Bosnia) 2013-0687-F (Alexander Vershbow’s Bosnia Files) 2014-0293-M (NSC Principals and Deputies Meetings on Bosnian War Criminals) The majority of the records related to this FOIA case are closed for national security reasons.

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: ARMS Emails and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. 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. ARMS emails are

arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under 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 U.S.C. Chapter 22, as amended) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 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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Container List

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National Security Council
Records Management
PC0142 PC Meeting on Bosnia-Hercegovina and Croatia, August 1, 1995
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Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
NSC [OA/ID 1,200,000]
[Operation Storm]
[12/09/1996 – 08/14/2000]

Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Cables
Jan 1995-Dec 1996 [OA/ID 510000]
[Operation Storm]
[08/07/1995 – 08/11/1995]
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NSC Cables
Jan 1999-Dec 2000 [OA/ID 530000]
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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System (continued)
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MSMail-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97) [OA/ID 590000]
[Operation Storm]
[08/28/1995 – 03/09/1996]
NSC Emails
Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01) [OA/ID 620000]
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[09/01/1999 – 02/10/2000]
NSC Emails
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