Extent

8 folders, approximately 268 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the establishment of the National Economic Council (NEC) in 1993 and its organization. The collection includes copies, drafts, memorandums, and correspondence regarding Executive Order 12835, Presidential Decision Directive/NEC-2, and general matters concerning workflow and membership of the NEC.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2014-1041-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. The records in this FOIA request detail the establishment and organization of the National Economic Council (NEC). After just five days in office, President Clinton established the NEC on January 25, 1993 by Executive Order 12835. President Clinton then detailed its organization in Presidential Decision Directive/NEC -2 on March 24, 1993. The Council, now housed in the White House Office of Policy Development, has the role of coordinating domestic and international economic policy-making and advice. The WHORM Subject File contains correspondence regarding the Executive Order establishing the National Economic Council (NEC). In addition, the WHORM Subject File contains copies and drafts of this Executive Order. The WHORM Subject File CF contains memoranda on NEC membership. Included is a January 23, 1993 memo from Deputy Chief of Staff Mark Gearan to White House Chief of Staff Mack McLarty outlining membership options. Presidential Decision Directive/NEC-2 on the establishment of the NEC is included along with NEC-3 and NEC-4, which established membership for the Department of Defense and the Small Business Administration. In the National Economic Council files, Sylvia Mathew’s records include correspondence and statements regarding the NEC that concern

workflow, guidelines for briefing the President, initial initiatives, and directives on function and membership. In the White House Counsel’s Office, the files of Bernard Nussbaum hold a copy of Executive Order 12835.

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 Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files CF, and Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files. 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. 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. FOIA 2014-1041-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: FG006-20 National Economic Council.

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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FG006-20 023710SS
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Counsel’s Office
Nussbaum, Bernard
Executive Orders, 1993: Establishment of the National Economic Council [OA/ID CF 32]
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