Extent

35 folders, approximately 2,959 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to drugs, crime, justice in minority communities, racial attitudes and relations, legislation pertaining to cocaine mandatory minimum sentencing, Office on the President’s Initiative for One America agenda, action plan, and weekly reports, discrimination in the criminal justice system, improving the criminal justice system, Ben Johnson’s speaking engagements and meetings with civil rights leaders, and President’s Advisory Board to the President’s Initiative on Race press materials. It contains correspondence, memoranda, reports, drafts, statements, news articles, publications and emails.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2018-0997-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. FOIA request 2018-0997-F was for records relating to Robert B. “Ben” Johnson and racial disparities in the criminal justice system. This collection consists of correspondence, memoranda, reports, drafts, statements, news articles, publications and emails. The staff and office files contain some draft copies of “Part IV: The Opportunity We Deserve” from President Clinton’s Book on Race, several reports and new articles relating to drugs, crime, justice in minority communities and racial attitudes and relations. The records also contain a report from the Miami Dade Police Department regarding police complaints and race. The emails concern United States Sentencing Commission legislation pertaining to cocaine mandatory minimum sentencing, talking points, remarks, press releases, and news articles on racial issues, Office on the President’s Initiative for One America agenda, action plan, and weekly reports. In addition, there are records related to discrimination in the criminal justice system, improving the criminal justice system, Ben Johnson’s

speaking engagements and meetings with civil rights leaders, and the President’s Advisory Board to the President’s Initiative on Race press materials. 2018-0997-F http://www.clintonlibrary.gov 2 Robert B. “Ben” Johnson began working for the Clinton Administration in 1993 as an Associate Director in the Office of Public Liaison and Special Assistant to the President for outreach to the African American community. In 1999, he was appointed Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Office on the President's Initiative for One America.

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: TRP Emails. 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 email. The ARMS database is comprised of seven sub-series of email records called "buckets." The buckets generally represent a specific White House office. The buckets are titled: NPR for National Performance Review, OPD for Office of Policy Development, POTUS for President of the United States, WHO for White House Office, CEA for Council of Economic Advisers, NSC for National Security Council, and Default for emails not associated with an office. The NPR bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a National Performance Review (NPR) White House user account. The OPD bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Office of Policy Development (OPD) White House user account. The POTUS bucket was designated for email created and received by the President of the United States

(POTUS). Please note that President Clinton never used his POTUS White House user account to send the few emails he wrote while in office. The WHO bucket contains email created or received by individual with an Executive Office of the President White House user account not identified as CEA, NPR, or OPD. The CEA bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) White House user account. The NSC bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a National Security Council (NSC) user account. The Default bucket contains email created or received by unknown or un-recognized email accounts. Email found within the Default bucket often includes email created or received by offices or individuals outside the Executive Office of the President. ARMS email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date. The Tape Restoration Project (TRP) is a database consisting of restored emails from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) from July 1994 through June of 2000. The TRP is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential record email. The TRP database is comprised of the same seven sub-series of email as in ARMS. TRP email 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).

Organization Names

President's Initiative on Race (U.S.)

Topical Subjects

Discrimination in criminal justice administration

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2018. 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 2018-0997-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files

President’s Initiative For One America
Johnson, Ben
Packet Independent Review Bill Police Complaints and Race 10/29/99 [OA/ID 15462]
Johnson, Ben; Burns, Edmund; Lingenfelter, Michael
Crime [OA/ID 14280]
Inequality of Justice [report] [1] [OA/ID 14275]
Inequality of Justice [report] [2] [OA/ID 14275]
[President’s Book on Race – Part IV: The Opportunity We Deserve] [OA/ID 14276]
[Racial Attitudes and Relations at the Close of the Twentieth Century] [OA/ID 14276]
Racial Profiling [1] [OA/ID 14280]
Racial Profiling [2] [OA/ID 14280]
Public Liaison
Herman, Alexis; Moy, Roy
Folder #9 – Memo from Ben Johnson RE: Racial Justice [OA/ID 6659]
Johnson, Ben; Hilton, Steve
[Drugs, Crime, and the Justice System] [report] [OA/ID 10164]
Box 2
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[Ben Johnson, Arrests…]
[04/29/1997 – 06/10/1999]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Ben Johnson, Arrests…]
[10/17/1995 – 09/17/1998]
[09/25/1998 – 10/27/2000]
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
[Ben Johnson, Arrests…]
[08/10/1999]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[Ben Johnson, Criminal Justice…]
[11/12/1997 – 08/23/2000]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
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[04/29/1998] [1]
[04/29/1998] [2]

[04/29/1998 – 10/09/1998]
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email] [continued]
Box 3
[11/05/1998 – 08/23/2000]
[08/23/2000 – 11/30/2000]
CEA [OA/ID 950000]
[Ben Johnson, Criminal Justice…]
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[Ben Johnson, Racial Disparities…]
[10/05/1999]
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[12/30/1998 – 06/02/1999]
[06/14/1999 – 03/01/2000]
[03/07/2000 – 07/12/2000]
[07/13/2000 – 11/20/2000]
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[Ben Johnson, Racial Disparities…]
[07/08/1999 – 07/09/1999]
Box 4
Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project (TRP) [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[Ben Johnson, Arrests…]
[08/31/1998]
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[Ben Johnson, Racial Disparities…]
[08/04/1998]

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