Extent

18 folders, approximately 887 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) initiative. It contains memorandums, reports, talking points, remarks, and news articles. Topics addressed in these records include the justification for and effects of debt relief, HIPC progress reports, outcomes, and success indicators, strengthening and improving the HIPC initiative, and achieving long-term poverty reduction through economic and social reforms.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2016-0943-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 2016-0943-F was for Clinton Presidential Records related to the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative. The following search terms were used to conduct the search: “HIPC” and “Heavily Indebted Poor Countries.” This collection includes records from the staff and office files of the National Economic Council and National Security Council pertaining to HIPC. Topics highlighted in this collection include the justification for and effects of debt relief, HIPC progress reports, outcomes, and success indicators, strengthening and improving the HIPC initiative, and achieving long-term poverty reduction through economic and social reforms. This collection also includes records relating to African debt issues, U.S. Department of the Treasury, World Bank and International Monetary Fund HIPC documents, the Cologne Debt Initiative, the United States Fiscal Year 2000 Federal Budget and HIPC funding, and Debt Relief for Poverty Reduction Act of 1999. This collection consists of memorandums, reports, talking points, remarks, and news articles. In 1996, the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and members of the worldwide financial community created the

HIPC initiative to relieve unmanageable burdens of debt held by some of the world's poorest countries. A 1999 revision of HIPC expanded access to debt relief and defined certain criteria countries seeking debt relief through HIPC must meet to qualify for the program, such as enacting economic and social reforms designed to reduce poverty. As of 2017, 36 countries have received full debt relief under the HIPC, including 30 African nations.

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, 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. 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.

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Provenance

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Container List

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National Security Council
African Affairs
Smith, Gayle/Byrne, Cathy/Dempsey, Nora

Dempsey – HIPC [Heavily Indebted Poor Countries] / Debt [OA/ID 3061]
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Internal Documents on Debt (Leading to HIPC [Heavily Indebted Poor Countries] Initiative) [OA/ID 3202]
International Economic Affairs
Samans, Richard
Background Papers on the Enhanced HIPC [Heavily Indebted Poor Countries] Initiative, November 19, 1999 [binder] [1] [OA/ID 3947]
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Background Papers on the Enhanced HIPC [Heavily Indebted Poor Countries] Initiative, November 19, 1999 [binder] [2] [OA/ID 3947]
Shah, Sonal
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