Extent

8 folders, approximately 622 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to a proposed agreement to eliminate or reduce trade barriers among all countries of South and Central America. The proposal failed to gain any support and the signing deadline of January 1, 2005 passed with no agreement. It consists of news articles, various working group meeting schedules and agendas, travel related material, reports to Congress on the status of trade negotiations, summit strategy reports, working group reports and trade ministerial meeting minutes

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2017-0395-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. The Free Trade Area of the Americas was a proposed agreement to eliminate or reduce trade barriers among all countries of Central and South America. The proposal was first discussed at the Summit of the Americas in Miami, Florida in November of 1993. The proposal failed to gain any support and the signing deadline of January 1, 2005 passed with no agreement. This collection consists of news articles, various working group meeting schedules and agendas, travel related material, reports to Congress on the status of trade negotiations, summit strategy reports, working group reports and trade ministerial meeting minutes. The majority of these 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 this collection area—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity.

Access

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Provenance

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Container List

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