Extent

2 Folders, approximately 62 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the surprise birthday party for White House Chief of Staff, John Podesta’s 50th birthday held in the State Dining Room of the White House, January 8, 1999. This collection consists of email between White Staff planning the event.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-0544-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA request 2006-0544-F contains records related to the surprise birthday party held in the State Dining Room of the White House, January 8, 1999. From January 1993 to 1995, John Podesta served as a White House staff secretary and Assistant to President Clinton. He served as Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff from 1997 to 1998, and then as Chief of Staff from October 1998 to January 2001. The Automated Records Management System [Email] files responsive to this request contain email correspondence concerning Podesta’s 50th birthday. The email may be best described as correspondence between White Staff concerning details and preparation for the birthday celebration in the state dining room. Many of the records produced for this FOIA were closed for personal privacy reasons.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in the Electronic Records Collections: Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]. 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 six 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, and Default for emails not associated with an office.

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

Offical 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).

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2007. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-0544-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[Podesta Birthday]
[01/08/1999]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Podesta Birthday]
[01/04/1999 – 01/29/1999]