Extent

8 folders, approximately 78 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to James Hamilton, who served as a member of the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) from 1995 to 1997. This collection consists of correspondence and emails relating to Hamilton’s appointment to the PFIAB and Hamilton’s service with the PFIAB.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2006-1003-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA request 2006-1003-F consists of material concerning James Hamilton’s service on the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB). Hamilton was appointed by President William Jefferson Clinton to the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB). He served on the board from 1995 to 1997. The President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) was created by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956. Executive Order 10656, signed February 6, 1956, created the President’s Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities. Eisenhower believed that this board of respected and knowledgeable citizens could provide him with unbiased and candid appraisals of United States’ intelligence activities. President John Kennedy, by the signing of Executive Order 10938 on May 4, 1961, renamed the Board of Consultants, the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Though the name was changed, the board continued to operate in much the same fashion. Executive Order 11460, signed by President Richard Nixon on March 20, 1969, again changed the name of the PFIAB to the President’s Advisory Intelligence Board. President Jimmy Carter abolished the board in March of 1977. Carter did however, retain the Intelligence Oversight Board. The IOB was created by President Gerald Ford in 1976 following a post Watergate investigation by Congress

into potential illegal activities of the intelligence agencies. The IOB was tasked with reporting potential illegal activities to the Department of Justice for review. As Ford told Congress in 1976, “I believe [the changes] will eliminate abuses and questionable activities on the part of the foreign intelligence agencies while at the same time allowing them to get on with their vital work of gathering and assessing information.” President Ronald Reagan modified the role of the IOB in 1981 and re-established the PFIAB in 1985 by signing Executive Order 12537. President William Jefferson Clinton combined the IOB and the PFIAB, making the IOB a committee rather than an independent organization. President George W. Bush radically modified the role of both the IOB and the PFIAB following the creation of a Director of National Intelligence. The newly named President’s Intelligence Advisory Board was designated to oversee the intelligence collection activities of any Federal agency engaged in the collection of intelligence or the production of intelligence policy. President Barak Obama more clearly defined the role of the PIAB and strengthened the IOB with the passage of Executive Order 13516. Under President Clinton the PFIAB had between eleven and twelve members, by law it could be no more than sixteen, whose terms were established by the President. Members were chosen for their independence, knowledge, and experience. The members of the President’s Intelligence Advisory Board serve as unpaid observers of United States intelligence community. Much of their work is highly secret in nature though Presidents have chosen on occasion to make the Board’s reports, or portions thereof, public. The members of the Board are appointed by the President and the Director serves at the leisure of the President. The materials in FOIA 2006-1003-F consist of correspondence and emails relating to Hamilton’s appointment to the PFIAB and Hamilton’s service with the PFIAB.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collections areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject File; Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails; Clinton

Presidential Records: NSC Cable, NSC Email, and NSC Records Management System. 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. WHORM files are processed at the document level. 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 2006-1003-F http://www.clintonlibrary.gov 3 States, WHO for White House Office, CEA for Council of Economic Advisers, and Default for emails not associated with an office. FOIA 2006-1003-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: FG006-14 President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

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

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-1003-F:
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Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
FG006-14 170876SS
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Hamilton and PFIAB]
[11/01/1995-01/09/2001]
NSC [OA/ID 1200000]
[James Hamilton and PFIAB]
[12/06/1995-02/19/1999]
Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System
NSC Emails
MSMail-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97)
[James Hamilton and PFIAB…]
[12/07/1995-12/08/1995] [OA/ID 590000]
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MSMail-Non-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97)

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[01/08/1997] [OA/ID 605000]
Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01)
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[11/04/1997-11/07/1997] [OA/ID 620000]
Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan 01)
[Jim Hamilton and PFIAB…]
[11/04/1997-11/07/1997] [OA/ID 630000]