Extent

7 folders, approximately 418 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records regarding Nicholas Biwott's alleged involvement in Kenya's Goldenberg affair of the early 1990's. Goldenberg International Ltd. was accused of receiving as much as $600 million dollars for fictitious diamond and gold exports. Biwott, a Kenyan politician and businessman, was alleged to have been involved, but was never charged with any crime. Included in this collection are National Security Council (NSC) cables regarding the economic situation and corruption in Kenya. The majority of the records responsive to this FOIA are closed for national security reasons.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2009-0845-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA . Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA 2009-0845-F contains records concerning Nicholas Biwott, a Kenyan politician and businessman, and his alleged involvement in improper land and banking transactions. Born on February 22, 1940 in the Chebior village of Kenya, Kipyator Nicholas Kiprono arap Biwott was considered one of Kenya's most powerful politicians during the presidency of Daniel arap Moi. Under Moi, Biwott served as Minister of Regional Development, Science and Technology (1979 – 1982), Minister of Energy (1982 – 1991), Minister of State in the Office of the President (January – December 1997), Minister of East African and Regional Co-operation (1998 – 1999), Minister of Tourism, Commerce, and Industry (1999 – 2001), and Minister of Trade and Industry (June 2001 – December 2002). In 2008, Biwott was elected leader of Kenya's National Vision Party. This FOIA request specifically asks for records dealing with Biwott's alleged involvement in Kenya's Goldenberg affair of the early 1990's. The scandal gets its name from the Goldenberg International company, which was

accused of receiving as much as $600 million dollars in payments for fictitious diamond and gold exports, and is blamed for the near collapse of the Kenyan economy and the years of recession that followed. It was alleged that Nicholas Biwott was involved in the scandal, but he was never charged with any crime. NSC Cables describing the economic situation in Kenya in 1994 through 1998 are included as responsive to this FOIA. A cable from May 2000 regarding corruption in Kenya is also included. 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 these collection areas – Clinton Presidential Records: Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems.

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

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[08/23/1993 – 11/17/1994]
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