Extent

23 folders, approximately 1,022 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the Arctic Council, the Arctic Policy group, and the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy. The Arctic Council was established on September 19, 1996 with the signing of the Declaration on the Establishment of the Arctic Council, more commonly known as the Ottawa Declaration between: Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, the Russian Federation, Sweden, and the United States of America. The Arctic Council was created to promote cooperation, coordination, and interaction between the arctic states. This collection dates approximately January 1993 to January 2001 and includes memos, speech drafts, discussion papers, and email.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2010-1159-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. The Arctic Council was established on September 19, 1996 with the signing of the Declaration on the Establishment of the Arctic Council, more commonly known as the Ottawa Declaration. On behalf of the United States it was signed by Undersecretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs, Timothy E. Wirth. The Arctic Council began with the intention, as stated in the Ottawa Declaration, of being a high level working group for promoting cooperation, coordination, and interaction between the arctic states. There were eight permanent member states: Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, the Russian Federation, Sweden, and the United States. There were also three indigenous population groups included as permanent members: the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, the Saami Council and the Association of Indigenous Minorities of the North, Siberia and the Far East of the Russian Federation. In many ways the Arctic Council was simply a

reorganization—or more formal organization—of the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy (AEPS). It had its foundation in the AEPS and carried on many of the environmental protection and environmental policy programs of the AEPS. The AEPS began with the urging of Finland to discuss environmental protection with fellow arctic states. Discussion that began in 1989 culminated in the June 1991 signing of the non-binding, multilateral agreement. Several member countries felt that the AEPS did not adequately address all the issues related to their arctic regions. A significant number of scientific studies were carried out under the programs of the AEPS. Many of these studies focused on better understanding and protecting the arctic environment. Canada was a strongly vocal proponent increasing the mandate of the AEPS. They proposed the creation of the Arctic Council. Their proposal included the programs of the AEPS and added the goal of sustainable development. The chair of the Arctic Council rotates among the eight members each serving a two year term. Canada held the first chairmanship followed by the United States in 1998 to 2000. The United States will again serve as chairman beginning in 2015. Much of the work of the Arctic Council in the United States is conducted by the United States Department of State. The department’s Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs—often referred to as Oceans, Environment and Science or OES—is the lead agency on many of the Arctic Council’s programs. This collection dates approximately January 1993 to January 2001. The collection includes memos and email related to the Arctic Policy Group and the implementation of the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy (AEPS). It includes draft documents establishing the protocol of the AEPS and the organization of the AEPS working parties. The collection includes discussion papers on the need for an Arctic Council and the proposed organization of the task force. A large number of cables are included dealing primarily with meetings with Canada to discuss the implementation of the Arctic Council. The collection also includes White House email consisting of correspondence, press releases, and statements related to the Arctic Council. In addition, the collection contains forms, letters, memoranda, and messages referring to the establishment of the Arctic Council. This material concerns the Presidential Message for the “senior Arctic officials” meeting in Washington. D.C. in November of 1999, Inuit concerns with the Arctic Council, and the State of Alaska’s support of this Council.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files; Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files; Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]; Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and 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. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. WHORM files are processed at the document level; whereas, Staff and Office files are processed at the folder level, that is, 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. 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. FOIA 2010-1159-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: ME002 Messages (Sent to Groups / Organizations) ST002 Alaska WE Welfare.

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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