Extent

5 folders, approximately 395 pages

Summary

This collection was made available via a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. The FOIA request was for the meeting minutes of the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP). This collection includes the minutes from the regular meetings of the ISCAP. The committee met regularly, as needed, that was roughly twice a quarter, on a calendar year basis. Included in this collection are the minutes of the ISCAP from 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999. The minutes for 2000 were processed as part of FOIA request 2012-0286-F. The ISCAP held its first meeting May 31, 1996 and it held no meeting in January 2001.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2012-0755-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. This request was for the minutes of the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP). Included in this collection are the minutes of the ISCAP from 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999. The minutes for 2000 were processed as part of FOIA request 2012-0286-F. The ISCAP held its first meeting May 31, 1996 and it held no meeting in January 2001. The ISCAP was authorized by President William Jefferson Clinton in Executive Order 12958 signed April 17, 1995. Their authority is codified at 32 CFR Part 2003. The Executive Order (E.O.) created a six person panel who would advise the President on declassification of national security information. This six member panel was comprised of senior level staff members designated by the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Archivist of the United States, and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. The executive secretary was the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO); part of the National Archives and

Records Administration (NARA). In addition ISOO staff was to assist in the daily administration of ISCAP. ISCAP was originally charged with three responsibilities: first, to decide appeals by authorized persons who have filed classification challenges under Section 1.9 of the E.O.; second, the panel was to approve, deny, or amend agency exemptions from automatic declassification; third, the panel was to decide on mandatory review appeals by individuals whose requests for declassification had been denied at the agency level. Executive Order 13526, signed by President Barack Obama, amended E.O. 12958 and added two additional duties for the panel. They now also inform senior agency officials and the public of their appeal decisions and they have final decision on agency requests to remove file series from automatic declassification at 25 years.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in one collection area—Clinton Presidential Records: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel. The records of ISCAP are maintained by ISOO on behalf of the National Security Council. As such they are considered to be Presidential Record.

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).

Processed by

Staff Archivist, January 2014. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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Container List

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