Extent

22 folders, approximately 293 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to correspondence between President Clinton and President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan. The correspondence covers economic, environmental, and nuclear matters. The collection also includes routine correspondence in response to national holidays and the November 1996 Charkhi Dadri aircraft collision.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2014-0836-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. The records processed in response to this FOIA request concern correspondence between President Clinton and Kazakhtani President Nursultan Nazarbayev. President Nazarbayev began his political career in 1962, when he joined the Communist Party. In 1979, he became the Secretary of the Committee of the Communist Party of the Republic of Kazakhstan. By 1990 he was Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic. In April 1990, the Supreme Soviet named Nazarbayev the first President of Kazakhstan, a position which he retained when Kazakhstan achieved independence from the former USSR in 1991. Since that time, he has won reelection in 1999, 2005, and 2011. His administration has been focused on economic matters, with an emphasis on modernizing Kazakhstan’s economy and pursuing membership in international trade agreements. He has also consistently raised the shrinking of the Aral Sea, due to the diversion of its two major rivers in 1960. In his 1998 autobiography, Nursultan Nazarbayev: My Life, My Times and My Future..., he has called it “one of the most serious ecological disasters faced by our planet today.” Similarly, the Nazarbayev administration, from the beginning, has been committed to de-nuclearization.

Kazakhstan returned its nuclear warheads to Russia in 1995 and destroyed the nuclear testing facility at Semipalatinsk in 2000. The correspondence between Presidents Clinton and Nazarbayev, which continued throughout the entirety of the Clinton administration, concerned these economic, environmental, and nuclear matters. The materials processed in response to this FOIA case consist of administrative forms and memos related to correspondence between the two heads of state from the National Security Council (NSC) Records Management numbered documents. In addition to the topics listed above, there is routine correspondence regarding congratulatory messages for Kazakhstan’s Republic Day on December 16th . The released materials also contain a letter of condolence from President Nazarbayev for the Charkhi Dadri mid-air plane collision in November 1996. The majority of the remaining letters and messages between Presidents Clinton and Nazarbayev are closed for national security reasons.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in this collection area—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).

Person Names

Nazarbaev, Nursultan

Processed by

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

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