Extent

2 folders, approximately 25 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to President Clinton’s participation in a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Operation Frantic. Operation Frantic was a joint US-USSR campaign of shuttle bombing missions flown from June through September 1944 over strategic German-held targets by United States Army Air Force bombers which were maintained and refueled out of Ukraine. The records consist of National Security Council cables between embassies covering diplomatic arrangements for US veterans and aircraft to visit Poltava during the official ceremony in September 1994. In addition, there is a cable which refers to the historical connection of the 4th Fighter Wing to Operation Frantic as justification for establishing “sister base relations” between Myrgorod and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in 1996. President Clinton’s participation was limited to making a joint speech with Boris Yeltsin in the White House Rose Garden on September 27, 1994. Russian and American veterans of World War II were in attendance. For information about this speech please see a folder called “Yeltsin WWII Ceremony 9/27/94” in the records of NSC speechwriter Anthony Blinken which were opened under FOIA request 2006-0459-F.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2015-0135-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about additional related materials. FOIA 2015-0135-F concerns records related to President Clinton’s participation in a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Operation Frantic. Operation Frantic was a joint US-USSR campaign of shuttle bombing missions flown from June through September 1944 over strategic German-held targets by United States Army Air Force bombers which were maintained and refueled out of Ukraine.

The USAAF bombers used three Ukrainian airfields located in Poltava, Pyriatyn, and Myrgorod. Poltava was considered the primary base of operations. The records consist of National Security Council cables between embassies covering diplomatic arrangements for US veterans and aircraft to visit Poltava during the official ceremony in September 1994. In addition, there is a cable which refers to the historical connection of the 4th Fighter Wing to Operation Frantic as justification for establishing “sister base relations” between Myrgorod and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in 1996. President Clinton’s participation was limited to making a joint speech with Boris Yeltsin in the White House Rose Garden on September 27, 1994. Russian and American veterans of World War II were in attendance. For information about this speech please see a folder called “Yeltsin WWII Ceremony 9/27/94” in the records of NSC speechwriter Anthony Blinken which were opened under FOIA request 2006-0459-F.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management System.

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential Records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC Chapter 22, as amended) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 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

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2015-0135-F:
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NSC Cables
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[04/12/1994-09/09/1994]
Jan 1995-Dec 1996 [OA/ID 510000]
[Operation Frantic]
[09/03/1996]