Extent

5 folders, approximately 41 pages

Summary

This collection consists of correspondence from and concerning Illinois State Senator Barack Obama. The collection consists of written correspondence, emailed correspondence, and White House visitor access records. The topics included in this collection include the proposed Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Air regulations, Obama’s election for Illinois State Senate, and his invitation to White House events.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2012-0748-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. The collection contains correspondence from Illinois State Senator Barack Obama to President Clinton regarding the proposed Environmental Protecion Agency’s Clean Air regulations concerning ozone and particulate matter (PM). Further, this collection contains email consisting of correspondence concerning Barack Obama. Primarily, email discusses Obama’s election for Illinois State Senate and his invitation to White House events.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas – Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email], and Clinton Presidential Records: Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES). The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Alpha file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management from 1993 – 1996 and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events. 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. In addition, there are WHORM, WHORM Counsel, WHORM (CL), WHORM (OP), WHORM (Too Late); WHORM (Various Offices); and WHORM (Alpha Project) series. WHORM files are processed at the document level. 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. The United States Secret Service maintained two databases to monitor entry and access to White House offices: the Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES) and Access Control Records (ACR). The WAVES database was used to manage appointments for entry to White House offices. Visitors were issued temporary id badges to monitor their movement around White House offices. WAVES ACR is an access control system that was used to record entry and exit at entry points around White House offices using id/access badges. WAVES records are printed and arranged by traditional WAVES Records or the ACR series and there under chronologically by date. FOIA 2012-0748-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: FG122 Environmental Protection Agency.

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

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2012-0748-F:
BOX 1

Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
FG122 221856
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[Obama]
[10/05/1999]
WHO [OA/ID 500000]
[Obama]
[06/11/1999 – 08/30/2000]
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
[Obama]
[12/20/1999]
Clinton Presidential Records: Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES)
[Obama]
[07/15/1993] [OA/ID 180000]