Extent

6 folders, approximately 523 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records relating to the presidential pardon of Edward Downe, Jr. In 1992, the Securities and Exchange Commission [SEC] charged Downe, a former director of the Bear Stearns investment firm of providing inside information to friends and family in order to make illegal stock trades in the late 1980’s. The records in this collection contain the petition for a pardon, character afffidavits, and correspondence in support of the petition.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2009-0736-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA request 2009-0736-F contains material pertaining to the Presidential pardon of Edward Downe, Jr. on January 20, 2001. The material includes the petition for a pardon, character afffidavits, and correspondence in support of the petition. In 1992, the Securities and Exchange Commission [SEC] charged Downe, a former director of the Bear Stearns investment firm of providing inside information to friends and family in order to make illegal stock trades in the late 1980’s. According to the SEC, Downe and his friends amassed $13 million in profits. He was convicted of charges including wire fraud, filing false income tax returns, and securities fraud. Downe was sentenced to three years' probation and community service for the federal violations. In 1994 he agreed to pay back $11 million.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in one collection area – Clinton Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files. Staff and Office Files were maintained at the folder level by staff members withing their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. 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.

Access

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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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Container List

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The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2009-0736-F:
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files
Counsel's Office
Cabe, Meredith
Edward Downe [1] [OA/ID 24947]
Edward Downe [2] [OA/ID 24947]
Edward Downe [3] [OA/ID 24947]
Lindsey, Bruce
Pardon/Clemency – Edward Downe – [Untitled Redwell #1] [OA/ID 21523]
Pardon/Clemency – Edward Downe – [Untitled Redwell] [1] [OA/ID 21529]
Pardon/Clemency – Edward Downe – [Untitled Redwell] [2] [OA/ID 21529]

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