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Inventory for FOIA Request 2006-0228-F (seg 1)

Records Relating to the Clinton Administration's Tracking of Osama Bin Laden

Extent

171 folders, 10,672 pages

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).

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2010-2011. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in 2006-0228-F are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials.

The Clinton Administration spent time and resources tracking down Osama Bin Laden in its attempts to eliminate his terrorist network. These records show that the National Security Council utilized methods at its disposal to keep apprised of the whereabouts of the leader of Al-Qaeda. Published sources describe several unsuccessful military actions specifically targeting Bin Laden. There were also a number of occasions where the Clinton Administration held back from striking Bin Laden and his organization for fear of collateral damage and the possible ensuing media backlash.

FOIA request 2006-0228-F consists of press releases, executive orders, memos, newspaper articles, reports, papers, cables, handwritten notes, and briefing materials. On the topic of Osama Bin Laden there are scarce routine communications in the files, and as a result the overwhelming majority of the material in this case, save for some open press material, is closed for reasons of national security. The open records reveal a few basic facts about Bin Laden and Al-Qaeda, the efforts of the Clinton

Administration to identify the financial resources of the terrorist organization, and press statements by Clinton and other leading officials of the increasing danger to the United States posed by the rise of Islamic nationalism.

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Materials: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files, and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems.

The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. 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.

Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity.

WHORM files are processed at the document level; whereas, 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.

FOIA 2006-0228-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes:
FG001-07 Appointments Granted, Presidential

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-0228-F:

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Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File

Category	Case Number
FG001-07	417250 [Osama or Usama]
FG001-07	425513 [Osama or Usama]
[FG001-07]	417129 [Osama or Usama]

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files

Counsel's Office

 Ruff, Charles

 NSC – Osama Bin Laden [OA/ID 17988]

National Security Council

 APNSA – Berger, Samuel

 Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism, UBL [Usama Bin Laden] [OA/ID 2407]

 Intelligence Programs – Mitchell

 UBL [Usama Bin Laden], 1998 [OA/ID 3029]

 UBL Finances, 1999 [1] [OA/ID 3029]

 UBL Finances, 1999 [2] [OA/ID 3029]

 UBL Finances, 1999 [3] [OA/ID 3029]

 Legal Advisor – DeRosa, Mary

 UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – [E.O. on Economic Measures] [OA/ID 3200]

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files (continued)

NESA – Pollack

UBL/UAE [Usama Bin Laden/United Arab Emirates] [OA/ID 2582]

Nonpro/Export Controls – Samore, Gary

Bin Laden [1] [OA/ID 3021]

Bin Laden [2] [OA/ID 3021]

Press – Fallin/Stockwell

Usama Bin Laden (Sudan) [OA/ID 3109]

Staff Director – Soderberg, Nancy

Terrorism – Usama Bin Laden [OA/ID 1408]

Strategic Planning – Bobbitt, Philip

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Finances [1] [OA/ID 1753]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Finances [2] [OA/ID 1753]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Finances [3] [OA/ID 1753]

CSG [Counter-Terrorism Security Group] Minutes – UBL [OA/ID 3528]

Box 2

TNT – Clarke, Richard

[UBL/Bin Laden] [1] [OA/ID 3784]

[UBL/Bin Laden] [2] [OA/ID 3784]

[UBL – Jordan Case] [OA/ID 3784]

TNT – Cressey, Roger

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Embassy Bombings #1 [1] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Embassy Bombings #1 [2] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Embassy Bombings #1 [3] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Embassy Bombings #1 [4] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Embassy Bombings #1 [5] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Embassy Bombings #1 [6] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Embassy Bombings #1 [7] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Embassy Bombings #1 [8] [OA/ID 3188]

Box 3

TNT – Cressey, Roger

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Post-Embassy Bombings [1] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Post-Embassy Bombings [2] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Post-Embassy Bombings [3] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Post-Embassy Bombings [4] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Post-Embassy Bombings [5] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Post-Embassy Bombings [6] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Post-Embassy Bombings [7] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Post-Embassy Bombings [8] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Post-Embassy Bombings [9] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Post-Embassy Bombings [10] [OA/ID 3188]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Finances [1] [OA/ID 3190]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Finances [2] [OA/ID 3190]

Box 4

TNT – Cressey, Roger

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Finances [3] [OA/ID 3190]

UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Finances [4] [OA/ID 3190]

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- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Finances [5] [OA/ID 3190]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Finances [6] [OA/ID 3190]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Related, 1999 [1] [OA/ID 3190]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Related, 1999 [2] [OA/ID 3190]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing [1] [OA/ID 3191]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing [2] [OA/ID 3191]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing [3] [OA/ID 3191]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing [4] [OA/ID 3191]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing [5] [OA/ID 3191]

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TNT – Cressey, Roger

- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing [6] [OA/ID 3191]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing [7] [OA/ID 3191]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing [8] [OA/ID 3191]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing [9] [OA/ID 3191]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing [10] [OA/ID 3191]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing [11] [OA/ID 3191]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing #2 [1] [OA/ID 3191]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing #2 [2] [OA/ID 3191]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing #2 [3] [OA/ID 3191]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing #2 [4] [OA/ID 3191]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Financing #2 [5] [OA/ID 3191]

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TNT – Cressey, Roger

- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Lebanon [OA/ID 3929]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Updates [1] [OA/ID 3929]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Updates [2] [OA/ID 3929]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Updates [3] [OA/ID 3929]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Drugs [OA/ID 3932]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Finances [1] [OA/ID 3932]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Finances [2] [OA/ID 3932]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Internet [OA/ID 3932]

TNT – Gordon-Hagerty, Lisa

- Usama Bin Laden [UBL]/WMD Documents [1] [OA/ID 3553]
- Usama Bin Laden [UBL]/WMD Documents [2] [OA/ID 3553]

TNT – Kurtz, Paul/Montgomery

- UBL [Usama Bin Laden], 2000 [1] [OA/ID 3578]
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden], 2000 [2] [OA/ID 3578]

TNT - Simon, Steven

- Usama Bin Laden [1] [OA/ID 2243]
- Usama Bin Laden [2] [OA/ID 2243]

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TNT – Simon, Steven

- Usama Bin Laden [3] [OA/ID 2243]
- Usama Bin Laden [4] [OA/ID 2243]
- Usama Bin Laden [5] [OA/ID 2243]

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- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] [OA/ID 2243]
- TNT - Simon, Steven/Benjamin, Daniel
- UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Finances [OA/ID 3927]
- [Usama] Bin Laden [1] [OA/ID 3928]
- [Usama] Bin Laden [2] [OA/ID 3928]
- Russia – UBL [Usama Bin Laden], Late 1999 [OA/ID 3928]
- TNT – Telleen, Erik K.
 - [Usama] Bin Laden Background & Network [OA/ID 3924]
 - UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Related [OA/ID 3924]
 - [Usama] Bin Laden – [USSS] Cole Attack [1] [OA/ID 3924]
 - [Usama] Bin Laden – [USSS] Cole Attack [2] [OA/ID 3924]
 - [Usama] Bin Laden – [USSS] Cole Attack [3] [OA/ID 3924]

Box 8

- TNT – Wechsler, William
 - UBL [Usama Bin Laden] Disruption Ideas Folder [OA/ID 3926]
 - UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Related [1] [OA/ID 3926]
 - UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Related [2] [OA/ID 3926]
 - UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Related [3] [OA/ID 3926]
 - UBL [Usama Bin Laden] – Related [4] [OA/ID 3926]

Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems

NSC Records Management

- [UBL or Osama or Usama]
 - 9805870 [OA/ID 2055]
 - 9805958 [OA/ID 2056]
 - 9806027 [OA/ID 2056]
 - 9806085 [OA/ID 2057]
 - 9900789 [OA/ID 2709]
 - 9901266 [OA/ID 2713]
 - 9902885 [OA/ID 2724]
 - 9903209 [OA/ID 2726]
 - 9904505 [OA/ID 2734]
 - 9904777 [OA/ID 2736]
 - 9905235 [OA/ID 2739]
 - 9905785 [OA/ID 2743]
 - 9905810 [OA/ID 2743]
 - 9906524 [OA/ID 2747]
 - 9907864 [OA/ID 2756]
 - 9908157 [OA/ID 2758]
 - 9909164 [OA/ID 2766]
 - 0002388 [OA/ID 4085]
 - 0004219 [OA/ID 4096]
 - PC 0282 PC Meeting on Usama Bin Laden, 1998 [OA/ID 3906]

Box 9

NSC Cables

- Jan 1993 – Dec 1994
 - [Bin Lad*; Osama; Usama]
 - [01/20/1993 – 06/17/1993] [OA/ID 505000]

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[07/06/1993 – 11/03/1993] [OA/ID 505000]
[01/07/1994 – 02/25/1994] [OA/ID 505000]
[03/01/1994 – 04/30/1994] [OA/ID 505000]
[05/03/1994 – 06/29/1994] [OA/ID 505000]
[07/02/1994 – 10/22/1994] [OA/ID 505000]
[11/04/1994 – 12/30/1994] [OA/ID 505000]

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Jan 1995 – Dec 1996

[01/03/1995 – 01/18/1995] [OA/ID 510000]
[02/02/1995 – 06/30/1995] [OA/ID 510000]
[07/03/1995 – 07/28/1995] [OA/ID 510000]
[08/03/1995 – 08/31/1995] [OA/ID 510000]
[09/01/1995 – 09/27/1995] [OA/ID 510000]
[10/02/1995 – 10/31/1995] [OA/ID 510000]
[11/01/1995 – 11/30/1995] [OA/ID 510000]
[12/01/1995 – 12/18/1995] [OA/ID 510000]
[12/20/1995 – 12/28/1995] [OA/ID 510000]

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[03/01/1996 – 03/14/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[03/15/1996 – 03/29/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[04/01/1996 – 04/05/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[04/08/1996 – 04/26/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[05/01/1996 – 05/15/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[05/16/1996 – 05/31/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[06/01/1996 – 06/11/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[06/12/1996 – 06/21/1996] [OA/ID 510000]

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[06/22/1996 – 06/29/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[07/01/1996 – 07/05/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[07/06/1996 – 07/12/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[07/13/1996 – 07/19/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[07/20/1996 – 07/31/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[08/01/1996 – 08/10/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[08/12/1996 – 08/19/1996] [OA/ID 510000]

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[08/20/1996 – 08/30/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[09/03/1996 – 09/10/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[09/11/1996 – 09/16/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[09/17/1996 – 09/22/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[09/23/1996 – 09/30/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[10/01/1996 – 10/07/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[10/08/1996 – 10/14/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[10/15/1996 – 10/18/1996] [OA/ID 510000]

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Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems (continued)

[10/22/1996 – 10/31/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[11/01/1996 – 11/09/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[11/12/1996 – 11/21/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[11/22/1996 – 11/28/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[12/01/1996 – 12/16/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[12/17/1996 – 12/19/1996] [OA/ID 510000]
[12/21/1996 – 12/31/1996] [OA/ID 510000]

Box 15

NSC Emails

MSMail – Record (Sept 94 – Sept 97)

[Bin Lad*; UBL; Usama]

[07/11/1995 – 12/19/1995] [OA/ID 590000]
[02/20/1996 – 06/29/1996] [OA/ID 590000]
[07/03/1996 – 07/22/1996] [OA/ID 590000]
[08/01/1996 – 09/13/1996] [OA/ID 590000]
[10/09/1996 – 11/22/1996] [OA/ID 590000]
[01/02/1997 – 04/29/1997] [OA/ID 590000]
[05/01/1997 – 05/22/1997] [OA/ID 590000]

MSMail – Non-Record (Sept 94 – Sept 97)

[Bin Lad*; Usama]

[02/10/1996 – 05/22/1997] [OA/ID 605000]

MSMail – Last Filtered Mail

[Bin Lad*]

[04/04/1997] [OA/ID 610000]

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