



# Clinton Presidential Library

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Little Rock, AR 72201

## Inventory for FOIA Request 2019-0153-F

### Records Relating to the Panama Canal

#### Extent

73 folders, approximately 12,509 pages

#### 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

Staff Archivist, 2019. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

#### Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2019-0153-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. **Researchers may consult the following Clinton Presidential Library FOIA cases for related material: 2006-0210-F, 2012-0485-F, 2015-0017-F Segment 2, 2017-0713-F, 2019-0143-F, 2019-0144-F, 2019-0145-F, 2019-0146-F, 2019-0147-F, 2019-0148-F, 2019-0149-F, 2019-0150-F, 2019-0151-F, 2019-0152-F, and 2019-0154-F.**

The Panama Canal is a waterway constructed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century that connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans through the Isthmus of Panama. Per the 1977 Torrijos–Carter Treaties, the Panamanian government took full control of the Canal from the United States on December 31, 1999.

Materials responsive to this FOIA request include emails mentioning the Panama Canal. The bulk of the responsive records include news articles, press guidance, press releases, Congressional committee hearing transcripts, United States Information Agency foreign news media summaries, 1997 Universal Congress of the Panama Canal, controversy regarding

Hutchison-Whampoa company control over shipping container ports, and the December 14, 1999 handover ceremony.

### **System of Arrangement**

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: TRP Emails.

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 seven 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, NSC for National Security Council, and Default for emails not associated with an office.

The NPR bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a National Performance Review (NPR) White House user account. The OPD bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Office of Policy Development (OPD) White House user account. The POTUS bucket was designated for email created and received by the President of the United States (POTUS). Please note that President Clinton never used his POTUS White House user account to send the few emails he wrote while in office. The WHO bucket contains email created or received by individual with an Executive Office of the President White House user account not identified as CEA, NPR, or OPD. The CEA bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) White House user account. The NSC bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a National Security Council (NSC) user account. The Default bucket contains email created or received by unknown or un-recognized email accounts. Email found within the Default bucket often includes email created or received by offices or individuals outside the Executive Office of the President. ARMS email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date.

The Tape Restoration Project (TRP) is a database consisting of restored emails from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) from July 1994 through June of 2000. The TRP is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential record email. The TRP database is comprised of the same seven sub-series of email as in ARMS. TRP email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2019-0153-F:

### **Box 1**

#### **Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]**

OPD [OA/ID 250000]

[Panama Canal]

[06/30/1994 – 08/10/1998]

[12/06/1998 – 05/20/1999]

[05/24/1999 – 10/22/1999]

[10/25/1999 – 12/15/1999]

[12/17/1999 – 12/13/2000]

WHO [OA/ID 500000]  
[Panama Canal]  
[03/30/1993 – 10/24/1995]

**Box 2**

[10/24/1995 – 07/11/1996]  
[07/18/1996 – 10/07/1997]  
[10/08/1997 – 10/20/1997]  
[10/20/1997 – 11/04/1997]  
[11/06/1997 – 06/16/1998]  
[06/18/1998 – 04/16/1999]

**Box 3**

[04/18/1999 – 08/04/1999]  
[08/04/1999 – 08/17/1999]  
[08/17/1999 – 09/14/1999]  
[09/15/1999 – 10/08/1999]  
[10/11/1999 – 10/19/1999]

**Box 4**

[10/19/1999 – 11/12/1999]  
[11/12/1999 – 11/30/1999]  
[11/30/1999]  
[11/30/1999 – 12/02/1999]  
[12/02/1999 – 12/07/1999]

**Box 5**

[12/07/1999 – 12/13/1999]  
[12/14/1999 – 12/22/1999]  
[12/22/1999 – 02/17/2000]  
[02/17/2000 – 09/11/2000]  
[09/12/2000 – 11/07/2000]  
[11/15/2000 – 01/11/2001]

**Box 6**

CEA [OA/ID 950000]  
[Panama Canal]  
[07/10/1997 – 01/05/2001]  
[01/17/2001] [1]  
[01/17/2001] [2]

Default [OA/ID 1100000]  
[Panama Canal]  
[02/24/1993 – 02/25/1994]

[03/01/1994 – 02/07/1995]  
[03/30/1995 – 05/21/1997]

### **Box 7**

[05/22/1997 – 04/13/1998]  
[04/17/1998 – 12/18/1998]  
[12/18/1998 – 05/03/1999]  
[05/12/1999 – 05/30/1999]  
[06/01/1999 – 06/03/1999] [1]  
[06/01/1999 – 06/03/1999] [2]

### **Box 8**

[06/07/1999]  
[06/08/1999 – 06/09/1999]  
[06/11/1999]  
[06/14/1999 – 06/23/1999]  
[06/24/1999]  
[06/29/1999]

### **Box 9**

[06/30/1999 – 07/02/1999]  
[07/06/1999] [1]  
[07/06/1999] [2]  
[07/08/1999 – 07/22/1999]  
[07/26/1999 – 08/05/1999]  
[08/06/1999 – 08/12/1999]

### **Box 10**

[08/12/1999 – 08/20/1999]  
[08/22/1999 – 08/25/1999]  
[08/30/1999]  
[08/31/1999 – 09/28/1999]  
[09/28/1999 – 10/17/1999]  
[10/18/1999]

### **Box 11**

[10/18/1999 – 11/05/1999]  
[11/12/1999 – 11/18/1999]  
[11/23/1999]  
[11/23/1999 – 12/08/1999]  
[12/08/1999 – 12/09/1999]  
[12/10/1999 – 01/03/2000]

### **Box 12**

[01/07/2000 – 10/13/2000]

[10/16/2000 – 01/05/2001]

**Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project (TRP) [Email]**

OPD [OA/ID 250000]

[Panama Canal]

[04/24/1998]

WHO [OA/ID 500000]

[Panama Canal]

[03/02/1998 – 12/08/1999]

CEA [OA/ID 950000]

[Panama Canal]

[04/28/1998]

Default [OA/ID 1100000]

[Panama Canal]

[07/04/1995 – 09/08/1997]

[09/10/1997 – 01/22/1998]

[01/22/1998 – 07/20/1998]

**Box 13**

[07/20/1998 – 05/21/1999]

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