Inventory for FOIA Request 2016-0153-F

Records on the files of Steven Pifer, National Security Council Director for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasian Affairs, December 1994 – August 1997

Extent
235 folders, approximately 18,480 pages
6 electronic files, approximately 10 electronic 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, 2016. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content
The materials in FOIA 2016-0153-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material.

FOIA 2016-0153-F contains the Clinton Presidential records produced and maintained by Steven Karl Pifer, who served in the National Security Council’s (NSC) Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasian Affairs Directorate. A graduate of Stanford University, Pifer began his career as a State Department Foreign Service Office in 1978. He joined the NSC in December 1994 as a Director and served until August 1997, eventually becoming Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasian Affairs. President Clinton then appointed him Ambassador to the Ukraine, where he remained until 2000. Mr. Pifer is, as of March 2016, the director of the Brookings Institution’s Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Initiative, a senior fellow in the Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence and in the Center on the United States and Europe.
The records processed in response to this FOIA request represent Mr. Pifer’s working files during his time at the NSC. They address the numerous foreign policy issues and initiatives under his direction, and as such provide historical documentation for Clinton Administration foreign policy concerning the Former Soviet Union (FSU), including Russia, Ukraine, the Baltics, the Caucasus, and Central Asia. After the dissolution of the Soviet Union during the George H. W. Bush Administration, the Clinton Administration’s priorities in the FSU, or the Newly Independent States (NIS), were to encourage economic and political stability, and to prevent the proliferation of the Soviet Union’s nuclear, biologic, and chemical weapons. Foreign aid, particularly to assist in nuclear disarmament, was critical to Administration policy in the NIS. Negotiations concerning the implementation of the 1990 Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) Treaty and the 1991 START II (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) were a large part of U.S.-Russian relations during this period. The expansion and changing role of NATO after the Cold War also figured prominently in U.S.-Russian and U.S.-Ukrainian relations during the 1990s.

Mr. Pifer’s Staff and Office files have been organized according three general subcategories. The Chron Files contain copies of NSC numbered documents maintained in his office. These primarily include copies of memoranda to the National Security Advisor or the President, but also correspondence and reports from 1995 through his departure in 1997. Pifer’s Subject Files consist of memoranda, reports, correspondence, and notes maintained according to subjects he assigned. These files are arranged alphabetically. The Trip Files contain notes and trip briefing books for Mr. Pifer’s travel on behalf of the National Security Council. They are arranged according to type of record (notes, notepads, briefing books), and therein chronologically.

The researcher should note that the majority of these records related to this FOIA case are closed for national security reasons. This is especially true for the daily notes and notepads contained in boxes 16 through 21.

System of Arrangement
Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files.

Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within 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.

CHRON FILES

Box 1

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
National Security Council
   Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasian Affairs
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Box 2

Pifer Chron August 1995 – December 1995: [September 1995] [1] [OA/ID 931]
Pifer Chron August 1995 – December 1995: [December 1995] [1] [OA/ID 931]
Pifer Chron January 1996 – April 1996: [January 1996] [1] [OA/ID 931]
Pifer Chron January 1996 – April 1996: [February 1996] [1] [OA/ID 931]
Pifer Chron January 1996 – April 1996: [March 1996] [OA/ID 931]
Pifer Chron January 1996 – April 1996: [April 1996] [1] [OA/ID 931]
Pifer Chron January 1996 – April 1996: [April 1996] [3] [OA/ID 931]
Pifer Chron June 1996 – August 1996: [June 1996] [1] [OA/ID 931]
Pifer Chron June 1996 – August 1996: [July 1996] [1] [OA/ID 931]
Pifer Chron August 1996 – December 1996: [November 1996] [OA/ID 932]
Pifer Chron August 1996 – December 1996: [December 1996] [1] [OA/ID 932]
Pifer Chron January 1997 – May 1997: [January 1997] [1] [OA/ID 932]
Pifer Chron January 1997 – May 1997: [February 1997] [1] [OA/ID 932]
Pifer Chron January 1997 – May 1997: [March 1997] [1] [OA/ID 932]

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Pifer Chron January 1996 – April 1996: [March 1996] [OA/ID 931]
Pifer Chron January 1996 – April 1996: [April 1996] [1] [OA/ID 931]
Pifer Chron January 1996 – April 1996: [April 1996] [3] [OA/ID 931]

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Pifer Chron August 1996 – December 1996: [November 1996] [OA/ID 932]
Pifer Chron August 1996 – December 1996: [December 1996] [1] [OA/ID 932]
Pifer Chron January 1997 – May 1997: [January 1997] [1] [OA/ID 932]
Pifer Chron January 1997 – May 1997: [February 1997] [1] [OA/ID 932]
Pifer Chron January 1997 – May 1997: [March 1997] [1] [OA/ID 932]

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Pifer Chron January 1997 – May 1997: [April 1997] [OA/ID 932]
Pifer Chron January 1997 – May 1997: [May 1997] [OA/ID 932]
Pifer Chron June 1997 – August 1997: [June 1997] [OA/ID 932]
Pifer Chron June 1997 – August 1997: [July 1997 – August 1997] [OA/ID 932]
SUBJECT FILES
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
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   Administrative [1] [OA/ID 924]
   Administrative [2] [OA/ID 924]
   ABM [Anti-Ballistic Missile]/TMD [Theater Missile Defense] [1] [OA/ID 924]
   ABM [Anti-Ballistic Missile]/TMD [Theater Missile Defense] [2] [OA/ID 924]
   Belarus [1] [OA/ID 924]

Box 6
   Belarus [2] [OA/ID 924]
   Belarus [3] [OA/ID 924]
   BW [Biological Weapons]/CW [Chemical Weapons] [OA/ID 924]
   Caspian Energy [1] [OA/ID 924]
   Caspian Energy [2] [OA/ID 924]
   CFE [Conventional Forces in Europe] [1] [OA/ID 924]
   CFE [Conventional Forces in Europe] [2] [OA/ID 924]
   CIS [Commonwealth of Independent States]; Kazakhstan [OA/ID 924]
   COCOM [Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls] Successor/Arms Transfers/Iran Reactors [1] [OA/ID 924]
   COCOM [Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls] Successor/Arms Transfers/Iran Reactors [2] [OA/ID 924]
   COCOM [Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls] Successor/Arms Transfers/Iran Reactors [3] [OA/ID 924]
   Done Stuff [1] [OA/ID 924]

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   Done Stuff [2] [OA/ID 924]
   Done Stuff [3] [OA/ID 924]
   Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission [1] [OA/ID 929]
   Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission [2] [OA/ID 929]
   Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission [3] [OA/ID 929]
   Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission [4] [OA/ID 929]
   Intelligence Briefings – Purged TS/Numbered Intelligence Documents, 8/2/97 [OA/ID 929]
   Miscellaneous [1] [OA/ID 929]
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   Moldova [OA/ID 929]
   NATO-Russia/Ukraine [1] [OA/ID 929]

Box 8
   NATO-Russia/Ukraine [2] [OA/ID 929]
   NATO-Russia/Ukraine [3] [OA/ID 929]
   NATO-Russia/Ukraine [4] [OA/ID 929]
   NATO-Russia/Ukraine [5] [OA/ID 929]
   NATO-Russia/Ukraine [6] [OA/ID 929]
   NATO-Russia/Ukraine [7] [OA/ID 929]
   NATO-Russia/Ukraine [8] [OA/ID 929]
   NATO-Russia/Ukraine [9] [OA/ID 929]
   NATO-Russia/Ukraine [10] [OA/ID 929]
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NIS [Newly Independent States] Turmoil Conflicts (Nagorno-Karabakh/Georgia/Tajikistan); Russia-NIS [1] [OA/ID 929]
NIS [Newly Independent States] Turmoil Conflicts (Nagorno-Karabakh/Georgia/Tajikistan); Russia-NIS [2] [OA/ID 929]

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NIS [Newly Independent States] Turmoil Conflicts (Nagorno-Karabakh/Georgia/Tajikistan); Russia-NIS [3] [OA/ID 929]
NIS [Newly Independent States] Turmoil Conflicts (Nagorno-Karabakh/Georgia/Tajikistan); Russia-NIS [4] [OA/ID 929]
NIS [Newly Independent States] Turmoil Conflicts (Nagorno-Karabakh/Georgia/Tajikistan); Russia-NIS [5] [OA/ID 929]
NIS [Newly Independent States] Turmoil Conflicts (Nagorno-Karabakh/Georgia/Tajikistan); Russia-NIS [6] [OA/ID 929]
NIS [Newly Independent States] Turmoil Conflicts (Nagorno-Karabakh/Georgia/Tajikistan); Russia-NIS [7] [OA/ID 929]
NIS [Newly Independent States] Turmoil Conflicts (Nagorno-Karabakh/Georgia/Tajikistan); Russia-NIS [8] [OA/ID 929]
Nuclear Materials – Transparency/IRR [Ionizing Radiation Regulations], Loose Nukes [1] [OA/ID 929]
Nuclear Materials – Transparency/IRR [Ionizing Radiation Regulations], Loose Nukes [2] [OA/ID 929]
[Nuclear Summit 1996] [OA/ID 925]
Nunn-Lugar Material [1] [OA/ID 932]

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Nunn-Lugar Material [2] [OA/ID 932]
Nunn-Lugar Material [3] [OA/ID 932]
Nunn-Lugar Material [4] [OA/ID 932]
Nunn-Lugar Material [5] [OA/ID 932]
Nunn-Lugar Material [6] [OA/ID 932]
Nunn-Lugar Material [7] [OA/ID 932]
Nunn-Lugar Material [8] [OA/ID 932]
Nunn-Lugar Material [9] [OA/ID 932]
Nunn-Lugar Material [10] [OA/ID 932]
Nunn-Lugar Material [11] [OA/ID 932]

Box 11
Nunn-Lugar Material [12] [OA/ID 932]
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POW/MIA Commission [2] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Baltics [1] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Baltics [2] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Chechnya [1] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Chechnya [2] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Elections [1] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Elections [2] [OA/ID 933]
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Russia – External [1] [OA/ID 933]
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Russia – Hyde Park [2] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Hyde Park [3] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Internal [1] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Internal [2] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Internal [3] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Internal [4] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Internal [5] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Internal [6] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Internal [7] [OA/ID 933]

Box 13
Russia – Moscow, April 1996 [1] [OA/ID 933]
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Russia – Moscow, April 1996 [3] [OA/ID 933]
Russia – Moscow Summit [OA/ID 933]
Russia – POTUS [President of the United States]/Yeltsin Denver Summit
[OA/ID 925]
Russia – POTUS [President of the United States]/Yeltsin Meeting 1997 (Helsinki) [1]
[OA/ID 925]
Russia – POTUS [President of the United States]/Yeltsin Meeting 1997 (Helsinki) [2]
[OA/ID 925]
Russia – POTUS [President of the United States]/Yeltsin Meeting 1997 (Helsinki) [3]
[OA/ID 925]
Russia – POTUS [President of the United States]/Yeltsin Meeting 1997 (Helsinki) [4]
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Russia – POTUS [President of the United States]/Yeltsin Meeting 1997 (Helsinki) [5]
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Space Policy [OA/ID 925]
START [Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty] [1] [OA/ID 925]
START [Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty] [2] [OA/ID 925]
START [Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty] II Ratification – Duma [1] [OA/ID 925]
START [Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty] II Ratification – Duma [2] [OA/ID 925]
START [Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty] II Ratification – Duma [3] [OA/ID 925]
START [Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty] II Ratification – Duma [4] [OA/ID 925]
Ukraine – Developments [OA/ID 925]
Ukraine – May 1995 Summit [1] [OA/ID 925]
Ukraine – May 1995 Summit [2] [OA/ID 925]
Ukraine – May 1995 Summit [3] [OA/ID 925]
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Ukraine – Nuclear/Denuclearization [2] [OA/ID 925]
Ukraine – Nuclear/Denuclearization [3] [OA/ID 925]
Ukraine – Space Launch [1] [OA/ID 925]
Ukraine – Space Launch [2] [OA/ID 925]
Ukraine – Space Launch [3] [OA/ID 925]
Ukraine – Ukraine/Russia Relations [1] [OA/ID 925]
Ukraine – Ukraine/Russia Relations [2] [OA/ID 925]
Ukraine – U.S./Ukraine Relations [1] [OA/ID 925]
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Box 16
USG [United States Government] Policy [1] [OA/ID 925]
USG [United States Government] Policy [3] [OA/ID 925]

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Pifer Travel: Visas/Passport Photos [OA/ID 931]
Pifer Travel: Leave Slips [OA/ID 931]
Pifer Travel: Gifts [OA/ID 931]
[Pifer] Public Talks/Speaking [1] [OA/ID 930]
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Pifer Daily Notes [06/06/1995 – 08/01/1995] [OA/ID 930]
Pifer Daily Notes [08/01/1995 – 10/06/1995] [OA/ID 930]
Pifer Daily Notes [01/30/1996 – 03/18/1996] [OA/ID 930]
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Box 18
Pifer Daily Notes [05/23/1996 – 07/12/1996] [OA/ID 930]
Pifer Daily Notes [07/19/1996 – 09/10/1996] [OA/ID 930]
Pifer Daily Notes [09/12/1996 – 10/30/1996] [OA/ID 930]
Pifer Daily Notes [10/31/1996 – 01/08/1997] [OA/ID 930]
Pifer Daily Notes [01/08/1997 – 02/05/1997] [OA/ID 930]
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Box 19
Pifer Daily Notes [03/19/1997 – 04/30/1997] [OA/ID 930]
Pifer Daily Notes [05/01/1997 – 06/10/1997] [OA/ID 930]
Pifer Daily Notes [06/11/1997 – 08/05/1997] [OA/ID 930]
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[Pifer] Notepads: [Kiev/Ankara April 1995] [OA/ID 930]
[Pifer] Notepads: [Moscow April 1995] [OA/ID 930]
[Pifer] Notepads: [Moscow with Talbott regarding Bosnia, September 1995]
    [OA/ID 930]
[Pifer] Notepads: [Vice President-Chernomyrdin, Bangor, 10/07/1995] [OA/ID 930]
[Pifer] Notepads: [Moscow, March 20-23, 1996 with Secretary of State] [OA/ID 930]

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[Pifer] Notepads: [Moscow, April 1996] [OA/ID 930]
[Pifer] Notepads: [Gore-Chernomyrdin, Moscow, July 13-16, 1996] [OA/ID 930]
[Pifer] Notepads: [Perry to Moscow, October 16-18, 1996] [OA/ID 930]
    [OA/ID 930]
[Pifer] Notepads: [Kazakhstan/Moscow, November 18-21, 1996] [OA/ID 930]
[Pifer] Notepads: [Lisbon with Vice President, December 2, 1996][OA/ID 930]
[Pifer] Notepads: [Talbott/Fuerth to Moscow, January 21-24, 1997] [OA/ID 930]
    [OA/ID 930]
[Pifer] Notepads: [Paris/Brussels/Moscow, March 3-7, 1997] [OA/ID 930]

Box 21

[Pifer] Notepads: [Paris NATO-Russia Summit, May 27, 1997] [OA/ID 930]
[Pifer] Notepads: [Denver, June 19-20, 1997; New York with Vice President, June 23, 1997] [OA/ID 930]
[Pifer] Notepads: [Madrid, July 7-8, 1997] [OA/ID 930]
[Pifer Trip Books]: Deputy Secretary Talbott’s Trip to Moscow, Kiev, and Ankara, April 6-12, 1995 [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 928]
[Pifer Trip Books]: Deputy Secretary Talbott’s Trip to Moscow, Kiev, and Ankara, April 6-12, 1995 [Binder] [2] [OA/ID 928]
[Pifer Trip Books]: Deputy Secretary Talbott’s Trip to Moscow, Kiev, and Ankara, April 6-12, 1995 [Binder] [3] [OA/ID 928]
[Pifer Trip Books]: Gore/Chernomyrdin Meeting, Maine, October 1995 [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 928]
[Pifer Trip Books]: Gore/Chernomyrdin Meeting, Maine, October 1995 [Binder] [2] [OA/ID 928]

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[Pifer Trip Books]: GCC [Gore Chernomyrdin Commission], July 1996 [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 928]
[Pifer Trip Books]: GCC [Gore Chernomyrdin Commission], July 1996 [Binder] [3] [OA/ID 928]
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[Pifer Trip Books]: Ambassador Collins’ Trip to Baku [Azerbaijan], Yerevan [Armenia], Tbilisi [Georgia], November 11-16, 1996 [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 928]
[Pifer Trip Books]: Ambassador Collins’ Trip to Baku [Azerbaijan], Yerevan [Armenia], Tbilisi [Georgia], November 11-16, 1996 [Binder] [2] [OA/ID 928]
[Pifer Trip Books]: U.S. – Kazakhstan Joint Committee, Third Annual Meeting, November 19-20, 1996 [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 928]
[Pifer Trip Books]: Vice President in Lisbon [Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe], December 1996 [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 928]

Box 23

[Pifer Trip Books]: Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission Eighth Meeting, February 1997 [loose] [1] [OA/ID 924]
[Pifer Trip Books]: Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission Eighth Meeting, February 1997 [loose] [2] [OA/ID 924]
[Pifer Trip Books]: Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission Eighth Meeting, February 1997 [loose] [3] [OA/ID 924]
[Pifer Trip Books]: Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission Eighth Meeting, February 1997 [loose] [4] [OA/ID 924]
[Pifer Trip Books]: Talbott to Moscow, March 1997 [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 924]
[Pifer Trip Books]: Talbott to Moscow, March 1997 [Binder] [2] [OA/ID 924]
[Pifer Trip Books]: Talbott to Moscow, March 1997 [Binder] [3] [OA/ID 924]
[Pifer Trip Books]: Vice President Meeting in New York City with Nazarbayev [Kazakhstan], Chernomyrdin [Russia], Kuchma [Ukraine], June 1997 [Binder] [OA/ID 924]

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[Pifer Trip Books]: Talbott to Moscow, March 1997 [Binder] [1] [disk] [OA/ID 924]

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