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May 1, 2015

The Honorable W. Neil Eggleston  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20502

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2006-0003-F	Export-Import Bank, HIV/AIDS and ACT UP	3,600	26	3,574

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website printouts, and reports. Topics covered by these records include Vice President Gore’s support for compulsory licensing and parallel imports of AIDS drugs in South Africa, the addition of South Africa to the United States Trade Representative (USTR) “watch list” for potential violations of intellectual property rights of pharmaceutical company patents related to AIDS drugs, and the Export Import Bank’s announcement on July 19, 2000 regarding guaranteed loans to sub-Saharan African countries for the purchase of medicines and medical equipment to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS. Also highlighted in these records are protests of the activist group ACT-UP at campaign events of Vice President Gore in response to the pharmaceutical industry and USTR’s involvement in delaying access to affordable AIDS drugs for South Africans. These records also contain memoranda, correspondence, and press guidance to President Clinton and Vice President Gore regarding initiatives to address the AIDS crisis in Africa and subsequent status reports, plans for White House conference on AIDS, and analysis of editorials published in Huffington Post and the Washington Post on affordable AIDS medicines in Africa. These records are from the Vice Presidential Office of Chief of Staff and Administration, Office of Counsel, Office of Domestic Policy, and the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) email system.

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2007-0002-F	Vice Presidential photo contact sheets from January 20-31, 1993 and January 1-20, 2001	5,807 photographs;	729 photographs	5,078 photographs; 12 pages

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for Gore Vice Presidential photo contact sheets dated January 20-31, 1993 and January 1-20, 2001. The Gore Vice Presidential records proposed for opening from January 20-31, 1993 include photographs depicting the following events: Presidential Inaugural activities, Vice President Gore’s swearing-in ceremony as President of the Senate, an open house at the White House, tours of the West Wing and Old Executive Office Building for President William J. Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, Jr., press conferences, executive signings, traveling on Marine Two, the Cabinet swearing-in “grip and grins” and reception, Vice President Gore’s interview with NBC Nightly News, Madeline Albright’s swearing-in as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall’s funeral, a Democratic Caucus conference, meeting of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Vice President Gore’s meeting with the Prime Minister of Norway Harlem Brundtland, Mary Elizabeth “Tipper” Gore meeting with her Chief of Staff Skila Harris, Vice President Gore’s conference call with President Clinton about family medical leave, and the receiving lines and performances for the National Governors’ Association Dinner.

The photographs proposed for opening from January 1-20, 2001 depict the following events: Vice President Gore swearing in new U.S. Senators including Hilary Clinton as U.S. Senator from New York, a Vice President Gore speech at the Library of Congress, a Senator Lieberman Senate Office party, greetings and drop-bys to various Vice Presidential staff offices, Vice President Gore’s certification of the 2000 presidential election results and the procession of the electoral box from the Senate to the House, a “Tribute to the Clintons” party at the White House with a performance by

Fleetwood Mac, a second swearing in ceremony for Hilary Clinton at Madison Square Garden which included a performance by Billy Joel, an AFL/CIO lunch honoring Vice President Gore, ceremonies and receiving lines with Vice President Gore’s national security staff, a thank you gathering for Vice Presidential staff, and Vice President Gore signing the Vice Presidential desk. There are also posed photographs of Vice President Gore and Oval Office staff, and Vice President Gore and his staff on Air Force Two.

Also included are 12 pages of contact information pertaining to individuals depicted within some of the photos. These records are from the White House Photograph Office.

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2014-0026-F	1993 Energy Tax	1,170	0	1,170

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for material related to the implementation of an Energy Tax in 1993. The Gore Vice Presidential records proposed for opening include talking points, charts, correspondence, reports, newsletters, publications, press releases, faxes, background papers, memoranda, presentation handouts, emails, question and answer documents, summary points, transcripts of press briefings, and calendar items. The inclusive date range for this series of records is 1990 to 1993, but the bulk of the materials are from 1993. These records document the Clinton Administration’s attempts to implement a broad-based energy tax commonly known as the BTU Tax. Within these documents are Vice Presidential staff member research files comparing the various methods of taxing energy consumption. There are also documents containing comments made by political figures, industry lobbyists, and independent organizations involved with supporting or fighting against implementation of an energy tax, question and answer guidance for how administration officials should respond to questions about the energy tax among other topics of significance in 1993, and remarks made by President Clinton discussing the Energy Tax at public events. These records contain memoranda to President Clinton and Vice President Gore describing various energy tax options. There is also a photocopied handwritten note from an unidentified individual to Vice President Gore with an attached memorandum from Alliance to Save Energy outlining incentives to encourage the Natural Gas Industry to support a BTU Tax. These records are from the Office of the Vice President’s Office of Counsel, Office of Domestic Policy, and the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) email system.

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2014-0029-F	September 1993 meeting of Vice President Gore with Russian Prime Minister Chernomyrdin	160	112 in whole; 5 in part	43 in whole; 5 in part

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for material related to meetings of Vice President Al Gore with Undersecretary of Treasury for International Affairs Lawrence Summers and Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin in September 1993. The Gore Vice Presidential records proposed for opening include memoranda, talking points, a list of

committee members, appointment request documents, and form letters. The materials are from 1993. Topics covered by these records include Vice President Gore meeting with the United States members of the Gore Chernomyrdin Commission on September 24, 1993 and a meeting with United States business leaders at a Gore Chernomyrdin Commission session on September 1, 1993. In addition, these records contain form letters signed by Vice President Gore and addressed to various members of the United States Gore Chernomyrdin Commission. These records are from the Office of the Vice President’s National Security Affairs staff.

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2014-0042-F	July 1999 meeting of Gore-Stepashin Commission	150	72	78

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for material related to the July 1999 meeting of the Gore-Stepashin Commission. The Gore Vice Presidential records to be opened includes memoranda, question and answer documents, talking points, printed email, press releases, joint statements, and photocopied news articles. Topics covered by these records include press guidance on the economic and technological cooperation of the U.S. – Russia Commission and the Clinton Administration’s response to a Washington Post article on allegations of Russian corruption. Also included in this material are routine memoranda related to meetings with Prime Minister Sergey Kiriyenko in July of 1998, and press releases with joint statements given on behalf of Vice President Gore and Prime Minister Kiriyenko regarding U.S. and Russia’s cooperation on various economic and technological initiatives. In addition, these records contain talking points to be given by Vice President Gore at the executive session of the U.S.-Russian Commission on Economic and Technological Cooperation in July 1999 and suggested questions and answers for the press session following the executive session. There are also talking points for a meeting between Vice President Gore and Russian Prime Minister Kiriyenko in July 1998. These records are from the Office of the Vice President’s National Security Affairs staff and date from 1996 to 1999.

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2015-0011-F	Vice President Gore and the Grateful Dead	80	0	80

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for material related to the Grateful Dead’s visit to the White House and meeting with Vice President Gore. The Gore Vice Presidential records proposed for opening are photographs that depict the following events: Vice President Gore meeting with the Grateful Dead in the West Wing; the Grateful Dead touring the White House, West Wing Office, and the Oval Office; Council on Environmental Quality Chairperson Kathleen McGinty, Vice President Gore, and others in the Old Executive Office Building for an environmental meeting; Vice President Gore meeting with Tennessee Valley Authority Chairman Craven Crowell in the West Wing; and Vice President Gore meeting with former Governor of Minnesota Rudy Perpich. The photographs were all taken on March 19, 1993.

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2015-0014-F	Top Cop Awards	110	0	110

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for material related to Vice President Gore's attendance and speech at the Top Cop Awards event held on October 25, 1995. The Gore Vice Presidential records proposed for opening include photographs that depict the following events: the Top Cop awards program, presented by the National Association of Police Officers at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC, on October 25, 1995; Vice President Gore attending and speaking at the Top Cop Awards program; Vice President Gore meeting and shaking hands with the Top Cop Award recipients and program attendees. These photographs were all taken on October 25, 1995.

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