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Inventory for FOIA 2014-0026-F

Records pertaining to the implementation of a British Thermal Unit (BTU) Tax also known as an Energy Tax in 1993 by the Clinton Administration

Extent

13 folders, approximately 1,170 pages

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Gore Vice Presidential records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA)(44 USC 22) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)(5 USC 552 as amended) and therefore may be restricted in whole or in part in accordance with legal exemptions.

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Provenance

Official records of the Albert Gore, Jr. vice presidency are in the custody of the Presidential Materials Division in Washington, DC and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processed By

Staff Archivists, September 2014. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in this series are a selective, not necessarily all-inclusive, body of documents responsive to the topic of FOIA request 2014-0026-F. This series contains records related to the Clinton Administration's attempts to implement a form of a broad-based energy tax commonly known as the BTU Tax as part of their economic plan in 1993. This series consists of 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. The bulk of the materials are from 1993.

Within the documents responsive to this FOIA request are Vice Presidential staff member research files comparing the various methods of taxing energy consumption. Also responsive are documents containing comments made by political figures, industry lobbyists, and independent organizations involved with supporting or fighting against implementation of an energy tax. There are also documents suggesting how administration officials should respond to questions about the energy tax among other topics. Additionally there are email messages forwarding remarks made by the President discussing the Energy Tax at public events.

In addition to these topics, there are documents processed within folders responsive to this FOIA request pertaining to other components of the President's Budget plan along with press briefings detailing events that occurred in 1993.

System of Arrangement

Records responsive to this FOIA request were found in the following collections of Gore Vice Presidential records: Automated Records Management System (ARMS) email and White House Staff Member and Office Files.

The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) is a database that contains the unclassified email records of the Clinton White House including the Office of the Vice President. The ARMS dataset is comprised of seven sub-series of email records called "buckets" including the VPO bucket which holds the Gore Vice Presidential email. ARMS email is arranged by search result category, and thereunder chronologically by creation date.

Staff Member and Office Files are the textual records created and/or maintained by White House staff members within their individual offices. These files document all levels of administration activity.

Staff Member and Office Files are processed at the folder level and the documents within are maintained in their original order. Since the files are processed at the folder level, individual documents contained within these folders may not be wholly responsive to the subject area of this FOIA request.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2014-0026-F:

Box 1

Gore Vice Presidential Records: White House Staff Member and Office Files

Office of Counsel

[Staff Member Unknown] Files

Energy/Energy Tax [OA/ID 01592]

Office of Domestic Policy

Michela Alioto Files

BTU Tax [OA/ID 00457]

James Kohlenberger Files

BTU Tax [OA/ID 01258]

Kristin Schneeman Files

Economic Plan Energy Tax (new) [OA/ID 00354]

Greg Simon Files

Energy Tax [OA/ID 00348]

Energy Tax/Policy [OA/ID 00352]

Gore Vice Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]

VPO [OA/ID 70000]

[Energy tax, BTU, Carbon tax, environmental tax]

[02/26/1993-05/10/1993]

[05/10/1993-05/17/1993]

[05/17/1993-05/25/1993]

Box 2

[05/25/1993-06/07/1993]

[06/07/1993-06/10/1993]

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[06/25/1993-08/10/1993]

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