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Inventory of FOIA 2014-0027-F

Records pertaining to Vice President Gore's trip to Kazakhstan and Meetings with President Nazarbayev in December 1993

Extent

12 folders, approximately 2,151 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, as amended) 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, April 2015. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections

FOIA 2014-0028-F, 2014-0029-F, 2014-0030-F, 2014-0035-F, FOIA 2014-0040-F, 2014-0042-F, and 2014-0043-F, Presidential Materials Division.

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 2014-0027-F.

This series contains records related to Vice President Gore's trip to Kazakhstan to meet with President Nursultan Nazarbayev. This visit was part of a larger trip to Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Hungary in December 1993, which included the second meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission (GCC) held on December 15-16 in Moscow. The Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission, formally known as the U.S. – Russian Joint Commission on Economic and Technological Cooperation, was a collaborative effort established by President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin after their April 1993 summit meeting in Vancouver, Canada to increase cooperation in space, energy, business development, defense conversion, the environment, science and technology, health, and agriculture. Vice President Al Gore and Russian Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin were appointed and served as co-chairmen and the Commission derives its name from both individuals.

These materials consist of cables to and from US embassies regarding Vice President Gore's December 1993 trip; fact sheets on Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, central Asia, and the Aral Sea; remarks given by Vice President Gore at various signing ceremonies, sessions, dinners, and meetings during the trip; and memoranda that discusses details and issues of the trip, including topics such as Russian defense conversion activities, the safety of nuclear reactors, the pharmaceutical issues, trade, the environment, humanitarian relief, and the Russian Jewish Schneerson Collection of rare books and documents. There are also schedules and summaries for various events and meetings of the trip; and scope papers regarding US-Russian cooperation for defense conversion, science and technology, the environment and Central Asia and Russia, and business development, foreign trade, and investment legislation in Central Asia and Russia.

Also included are talking points, fax coversheets, manifests, background books, press statements, media transcripts, and news articles regarding the trip; letters to and from members of the GCC, from President Akayev of Kyrgyzstan to Vice President Gore, and from various outside organizations offering advice about foreign policy in Central Asia and Russia; and reports about new policies for assisting Russia's entry into US and global trade markets, US-Russia business development, global environmental and sanitation issues, and new technology initiatives in Central Asia and Russia. Additionally, there are maps of Central Asia, as well as notes to Leon Fuerth regarding US policy toward Russia and handwritten notes of Vice President Gore's staff from GCC meetings.

The inclusive date range for this series of records is 1993 to 1994. Due to national security restrictions, about a third of this collection remains closed including talking points, cables, reports, and papers.

System of Arrangement

Records responsive to this FOIA request were found in the Gore Vice Presidential Records: White House Staff Member and Office Files.

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 folders processed in response to FOIA 2014-0027-F:

Box 1

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

National Security Affairs

Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission Files

Vice President's Trip to Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Hungary on December 11-18, 1993 [Folder 1][1][Box 031]

Vice President's Trip to Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Hungary on December 11-18, 1993 [Folder 1][2][Box 031]

Vice President's Trip to Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Hungary on December 11-18, 1993 [Folder 1][3][Box 031]

Box 2

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

National Security Affairs

Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission Files

Vice President's Trip to Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Hungary on December 11-18, 1993 [Folder 2][1][Box 031]

Vice President's Trip to Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Hungary on December 11-18, 1993 [Folder 2][2][Box 031]

Vice President's Trip to Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Hungary on December 11-18, 1993 [Folder 2][3][Box 031]

Box 3

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

National Security Affairs

Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission Files

Vice President's Trip to Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Hungary on December 11-18, 1993 [Folder 3][1][Box 032]

Vice President's Trip to Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Hungary on December 11-18, 1993 [Folder 3][2][Box 032]

Vice President's Trip to Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Hungary on December 11-18, 1993 [Folder 3][3][Box 032]

Box 4

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

National Security Affairs

Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission Files

Vice President's Trip to Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Hungary on
December 11-18, 1993 [Folder 4][1][Box 032]

Vice President's Trip to Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Hungary on
December 11-18, 1993 [Folder 4][2][Box 032]

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