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Inventory for FOIA 2014-0028-F

**Records pertaining to Correspondence between Vice President Al Gore and Russian
Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin on the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat
Reduction from 1992 to 1998**

Extent

Nine folders, approximately 906 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, October 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 2014-0028-F.

This series consists of correspondence between Vice President Al Gore and Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin on a variety of topics. The correspondence includes letters and cables, some of which are written in Russian. The bulk of these records are closed due to national security restrictions.

Correspondence between Vice President Gore and Prime Minister Chernomyrdin not closed for national security restrictions include exchanges of condolences, holiday greetings, invitations, and messages on generic topics of public interest such as the loan of a Russian twelfth-century icon to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the successful joint docking of the Space Shuttle Discovery with the orbital space station Mir.

Documents processed within folders responsive to this FOIA request for correspondence also include the following: form letters, reports, printed emails, cables, memoranda, notes, cover sheets, photocopied news articles, press guidance, and public statements. The topics of these records include: financial aid for Russia, the International Space Station, accession of the Russian Federation to the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the potential environmental impact of decisions made by the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission. There are also letters between Leon S. Fuerth, National Security Advisor to Vice President Gore, and Mikhail Tarasov, foreign policy aide to Chernomyrdin, on administrative issues such as facilitating meetings of the U.S.-Russian Joint Commission on Economic and Technological Cooperation also known as the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission. Ambassador Yuli M. Vorontsov is another correspondent who appears in the documents processed in this material.

The date range for this series of records is 1993 to 1997.

System of Arrangement

Records responsive to this FOIA request were found in 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 2014-0028-F:

Box 1

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

National Security Affairs

Mike Hamel Working Files

VP - Chernom Letters [Box 029]

Gore-Chernomyrdin Messages [Box 029]

[Staff Member Unknown] Files

Cherno - VP Letters / VP - Chernom Letters [1] [Box 078]

Cherno - VP Letters / VP - Chernom Letters [2] [Box 078]

Cherno - VP Letters / VP - Chernom Letters [3] [Box 078]

Cherno - VP Letters / VP - Chernom Letters [4] [Box 078]

Cherno - VP Letters / VP - Chernom Letters [5] [Box 078]

Box 2

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

National Security Affairs

[Staff Member Unknown] Files

Chernomyrdin - Correspondence [1] [Box 078]

Chernomyrdin - Correspondence [2] [Box 078]

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