Inventory for FOIA 2014-0030-F

Records pertaining to the Second Meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission in December 1993 in Moscow

Extent
Nine folders, approximately 800 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, December 2014. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.
Related Collections

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 2014-0030-F.

This series contains records related to the second meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission (GCC) held in December 1993 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 Yelstin 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 a trip book detailing Vice President Gore’s travel to Frankfurt, Germany, Almaty, Kazakhstan, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Moscow, Russia, and St. Petersburg, Russia from December 11-18, 1993. There are also remarks made by Vice President Gore during the signing ceremony along with a summary of results from the meeting, and copies of signed agreements and statements pertaining to five areas: space cooperation, trade and business development, defense conversion, science and technology, and energy, nuclear safety, and environment. Additional materials consist of White House press releases which describe the progress and efforts of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission as well as a transcript from a press conference held in Almaty, Kyrgyzstan, and data on activities in support of the Gore-Chernomyrdin process. The inclusive date range for this series of records is 1993 to 1994.

Due to national security restrictions, about half of this collection remains closed including memoranda of conversation, talking points, and committee 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 2014-0030-F:
Box 1

Gore Vice Presidential Records: White House Staff Member and Office Files
National Security Affairs
  Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission Files
    G-C [Gore-Chernomyrdin] Agreements, December 1993 [Box 031]
    GCC [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission] 2 [1] [Box 031]
    GCC [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission] 2 [2] [Box 031]
    [Loose Material: Second Meeting of Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission] [1] [Box 031]
    [Loose Material: Second Meeting of Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission] [2] [Box 031]

Box 2

Gore Vice Presidential Records: White House Staff Member and Office Files
National Security Affairs
  Meeting Files
    Binder: U.S. – Russia Commission Meetings from September 1993 to July 1999
    [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission 1-4] [1] [Box 042]
    Binder: U.S. – Russia Commission Meetings from September 1993 to July 1999
    [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission 1-4] [2] [Box 042]
    Binder: U.S. – Russia Commission Meetings from September 1993 to July 1999
    [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission 1-4] [3] [Box 042]
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    [Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission 1-4] [4] [Box 042]

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