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**Inventory for FOIA 2014-0043-F**

**Records related to the Meeting between Vice President Gore and Russian Prime Minister Chernomyrdin on September 24, 1997**

**Extent**

One folder, approximately 139 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, February 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, and 2014-0042-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 2014-0043-F.

This series contains records related to a series of meetings between Vice President Al Gore and Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin held in September 1997 as part of the ninth meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission (GCC). Additionally, there are documents related to the sixth meeting of the Commission held in Washington, DC in January 1996. The 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 Gore and Prime Minister Chernomyrdin were appointed and served as co-chairmen and the Commission derives its name from both individuals.

These materials consist of routine memoranda which provide background for events attended by Vice President Gore including his meeting with the U.S. Delegation to the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission and his arrival in Moscow in July 1996. Also included are drafts of Vice President Gore's arrival statement, his opening statement and remarks to the GCC Plenary Opening session at the sixth meeting of the Commission, and the transcript of the press conference held by Vice President Gore and Prime Minister Chernomyrdin at the conclusion of the meeting. The inclusive date range for this series of records is 1996 through 1997.

Due to national security restrictions, the majority of this collection including the memoranda of conversations (memcons) and talking points from the ninth meeting of the Commission remain closed.

**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 2014-0043-F:

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

National Security Affairs

Meeting Files

[Loose Material: Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission Memcons, September 1997] [Box  
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