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**Inventory for 2016-0009-F**

**Records related to President Lennart Meri of Estonia**

**Extent**

Four folders, approximately 113 pages; 31 email messages

**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, April 2017. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

**Related Collections**

FOIA 2014-0024-F, Presidential Materials Division

## **Scope and Content**

The materials in this series are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of records responsive to the topic of FOIA case 2016-0009-F.

This series contains records related to Vice President Al Gore's trip to Copenhagen and Estonia March 11-13, 1995 and a visit by Estonian President Lennart Meri to the White House on October 19, 1995. Records related to the Vice President's trip in March 1995 include maps, fact sheets and a seating chart. Records related to President Meri's visit include a routing slip, fax coversheet and lists related to appointment requests for the meeting. In addition there are generic congratulatory letters written by Vice President Al Gore and President Meri in 1996. There are also letters and memoranda between Vice President Al Gore, Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary and Representative Dick Durbin on the clean-up of radioactive waste at the Paldiski base in Estonia. Also included in this material are fax coversheets, post it notes, a white paper and correspondence with American businesses related to the bidding process for a border security system in Estonia. These records are dated 1994 to 1996.

This series also contains email messages with references to President Lennart Meri. The bulk of the email messages are news articles or broadcast transcripts from an interview Vice President Gore made on the IMUS show in 1999 in which he referenced his relationship to President Meri. The other email messages relate to press releases and statements announcing the October 19, 1995 Gore-Meri meeting, and the President Clinton meeting with Meri in June 1996. There is also an emailed fact sheet on United States Baltic relations, a list of attendees to NATO's [North Atlantic Treaty Organization] 50<sup>th</sup> commemoration dinner and schedules. These email messages are from 1995 to 2000.

## **System of Arrangement**

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

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 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.

The following is a list of emails and folders processed in response to FOIA 2016-0009-F:

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

Country Files

Estonia [Box 019]

Estonia [Box 060]

Meeting Files

10/19/95 – Meeting with Estonian President Lennart Meri; WW [Box 012]

Office of Scheduling

General Files

Copenhagen / Estonia 3/11-13/1995 [OA/ID 00690]

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

VPO [OA/ID 70000]

[Lennart Meri]

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