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**Inventory for FOIA 2016-0042-F**

**Photographs of Vice President Al Gore and the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission as well as the Environmental Task Force and the Measurements of Earth Data for Environmental Analysis (MEDEA) Program**

**Extent**

27 folders, 211 contact sheets containing approximately 6,330 photographs

**Access**

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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 are 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 2014-0028-F, 2014-0029-F, 2014-0030-F, 2014-0032-F, 2014-0035-F, FOIA 2014-0040-F, 2014-0041-F, and 2014-0048-F, Presidential Materials Division.

## **Scope and Content**

The contact sheets in this collection relate to Vice President Gore and his work on the Environmental Task Force and the Measurements of Earth Data for Environmental Analysis (MEDEA) Program as well as the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission.

The Environmental Task Force and follow-on MEDEA group was established in 1992 at the urging of then-Senator Al Gore. MEDEA (Measurements of Earth Data for Environmental Analysis) was a group of roughly sixty scientists, cleared for access to classified material, who sought to determine whether the technical assets of the intelligence community could be used productively by the scientific community to deal with natural disasters and track such problems as global warming, ozone depletion, deforestation, desertification, and oceanic degradation.

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.

People photographed include but are not limited to Vice President Al Gore, Second Lady Tipper Gore, President Bill Clinton, First Lady Hillary R. Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Senator Joseph Biden, Rahm Emanuel, Leon Fuerth, National Security Advisor Samuel (Sandy) Berger, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, Russian Environmental Affairs adviser Alexey V. Yablokov, and MEDEA Chair Gordon MacDonald.

Locations in photographs include but are not limited to the United States Embassy in Moscow; the White House; the Old Executive Office Building; the State Department; the Capitol; Air Force II; the Pinetree Compound and Samara, Russia; Andrews AFB; Chicago; San Jose University; Lockheed Martin facility in San Jose, California; and CIA Headquarters.

Key event dates include:

September 1-2, 1993 – Chernomyrdin visits White House; Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission meetings

September 15, 1993 – Environmental Task Force meeting

November 19, 1993 – Meeting with Alexey V. Yablokov

May 3, 1994 – Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission meeting

June 21-24, 1994 - Chernomyrdin visits White House  
February 24, 1995 – CIA declassification of satellite imagery event  
June 29, 1995 – Gore visits Moscow  
September 13, 1995 – Meeting with MEDEA Chair, Gordon MacDonald  
December 15, 1995 – GCC Meeting with Russian representatives  
January 30, 1996 - Chernomyrdin visits White House; Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission meetings  
May 14, 1996 – Roundtable meeting with MEDEA representatives  
July 10, 1996 – Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission meeting  
July 15, 1996 – Gore visits Moscow; Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission meetings  
February 3-8, 1997 - Chernomyrdin visits White House; Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission meetings  
September 21-24, 1997 – Gore visits Russian Pinetree Compound  
March 10-13, 1998 - Chernomyrdin visits White House and California; Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission signing ceremony

### **System of Arrangement**

Records responsive to this FOIA request were found in the Vice Presidential records of the White House Photograph Office.

The White House Photograph Office assigned each roll of 35 mm film a unique roll number. The roll numbers for the Vice Presidential photographs begin with “V” in order to distinguish them from the Presidential photographs taken by White House photographers during the administration. The office created a contact sheet for each roll of film and organized them in binders by film type (color or black and white) and roll number. The contact sheets responsive to this request are arranged by binder book number, and thereunder, by roll number. The Photograph Office left gaps in the roll numbers for unexplained reasons.

Archival processing of photographs is done at the contact sheet level.

The following is a list of photograph contact sheets processed in response to FOIA 2016-0042-F:

### **Gore Vice Presidential Records: White House Photograph Office Vice Presidential Photographs**

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Book 19 (V002411-V002550)

V002429      September 15, 1993

Book 23 (V002928-V003073)

V003015      November 19, 1993

Book 8 (B/W) (V002826-V003779)

V003035      November 19, 1993

Book 9 (B/W) (V003785-V004745)

V004434      May 3, 1994

Book 38 (V004804-V004940)

V004924      June 24, 1994  
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Book 39 (V004941-V005017)

V004946      June 23, 1994  
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Book 60 (V006923-V007023)

V006968      February 24, 1995  
V006969      February 24, 1995

Book 14 (B/W) (V008117-V008696)

V008126      June 29, 1995

V008127      June 29, 1995

Book 74 (V008501-V008602)

V008581      September 13, 1995

Book 84 (V009494-V009598)

V009578      December 15, 1995

Book 16 (B/W) (V009658-V0010498)

V009879      January 30, 1996

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Book 89 (V010003-V010110)

V010081      February 16, 1996

Book 98 (V010904-V010993)

V010947      May 14, 1996

Book 104 (V011428-V011530)

V011529      July 10, 1996

Book 18 (B/W) (V011271-V011821)

V011530      July 10, 1996

V011586      July 15, 1996

V011587      July 15, 1996

Book 105 (V011530-V011627)

V011576      July 15, 1996

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