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Inventory for FOIA Request 2008-0098-F

Records on the release from U.S. custody of Hamas leader Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook and his deportation to Jordan

Extent

15 folders, 740 pages

Access

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Provenance

Official records of William Jefferson Clinton's presidency are housed at the Clinton Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

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Staff Archivist, 2011. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2008-0098-F are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials.

Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook is a senior member of Hamas. Active in the Islamic political work since 1968, Marzook played a significant role in reorganizing Hamas after the mass arrest of its members in 1989. He was elected to be the first Hamas political bureau chief in 1992, and since 1997 has been deputy chairman of the Hamas Political Bureau. In 1995, Marzook was arrested in JFK airport with no formal charges placed against him. Two months after his detainment, Israel filed a request for the U.S. to extradite him. He spent the following 2 years fighting his case in the court system, but the final decision was for his extradition, after which Israel dropped its extradition request. With no formal charges against him, the United States released him, but not wanting him to remain, the U.S. contacted numerous Arab countries to allow Marzook residency. In May 1997, he was deported to Jordan.

The White House Staff and Office Files contain documents related to press guidance about the extradition of Marzook and newspaper articles about the 1995 arrest and 1997 extradition.

The Automated Records Management System (Email) consists of Department of State daily press briefings and a President Clinton press briefing from February 1997.

FOIA request 2008-0098-F also contains electronic records in the form of emails and cables. It should be noted that because of sensitivities associated with Marzook and his release to Jordan, the majority of this FOIA request is closed in full. The documents that are open are notifications of upcoming NSC meetings regarding Marzook, press articles about the Hamas leader, White House public statements, and press guidance about the Marzook legal case.

System of Arrangement

Records that were responsive to this FOIA request were found in three collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files; Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails; and Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems.

Box 1

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files

National Security Council

Legal Advisor-Kreczko, Alan
Marzook, Mousa Abu [OA/ID 2600]

Transnational Threats-Simon, Steven
Marzook [OA/ID 2247]

Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System (Email)

NSC

[Marzook]
[02/13/1997-05/02/1997] [OA/ID 1200000]

Clinton Presidential Records: NSC Cable, Email, and Records Management Systems

NSC Cables

Jan 1997-Dec 1998
[Marzook]
[01/28/1997-02/18/1997] [OA/ID 520000]
[02/24/1997-05/03/1997] [OA/ID 520000]

NSC Emails

MsMail-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97)
[Marzook]
[01/29/1997-02/13/1997] [OA/ID 590000]
[02/14/1997-03/05/1997] [OA/ID 590000]
[03/07/1997-03/26/1997] [OA/ID 590000]
[03/27/1997-04/02/1997] [OA/ID 590000]
[04/03/1997-04/07/1997] [OA/ID 590000]

MsMail-Non-Record (Sept 94-Sept 97)

[Marzook]

[01/30/1997-03/04/1997] [OA/ID 605000]

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[03/10/1997-04/10/1997] [OA/ID 605000]

NSC Records Management System

PRS-Presidential Records

[Marzook]

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9701570 [OA/ID 3224]

9702433 [OA/ID 1612]

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