



## *Clinton Presidential Library*

*1200 President Clinton Avenue  
Little Rock, AR 72201*

December 2, 2019

Rukmini Callimachi  
521 Highland Avenue  
Montclair, NJ 07043

**FOIA Case: 2020-0139-F**

Dear Ms. Callimachi:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 27, 2019 for access to William J. Clinton Presidential records pertaining to records relating to Ambassador Mihai Horia Botez. Your request was received by the William J. Clinton Library on November 27, 2019. FOIA requests for Clinton Presidential records are processed and reviewed for access under provisions of the 1978 Presidential Records Act, as amended (PRA) (44 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2209), which incorporates the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) in substantial part.

A preliminary search of our processed collection holdings revealed approximately 98 pages responsive to your request that are publicly available. Historical records at NARA are not governed by the FOIA fee and fee waiver provisions in section 552(a)(4)(A)(vi). Accordingly, the William J. Clinton Presidential Library does not provide fee waivers for copying. NARA charges standard reproduction fees for copying of historical records in accordance with our statutorily based fee schedule, codified at 44 U.S.C. § 2116(c). We will be happy to provide you with copies of the open and partially open records upon receipt of the reproduction fee of \$.80 per page. You may also view the documents in our research room at the William J. Clinton Presidential Library where a self-service copier is available for the price of \$.25 a page. The Library accepts checks or money orders made out to the National Archives Trust Fund. When you provide a check as payment to the National Archives and Records Administration, please be advised that you authorize them to use the information from your check to make a one-time electronic funds transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When NARA uses information from your check to make an electronic funds transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as early as they day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution. The Library also accepts Visa, Master Card, American Express, or Discover/Novus orders.

You should also be aware that approximately 65 pages of 2013-0416-F related to this request were exempted from release in whole or part in compliance with the restrictions of the PRA and applicable FOIA exemptions, which specify what material may be released to the public. All necessary steps were taken to segregate and release non-exempt information. The 65 pages restricted from access, in whole or in part, are listed along with the exemption categories below. Some pages may be restricted under more than one category. The remaining 33 pages are available, in whole or in part.

FOIA b(1) 61 pages  
FOIA b(6) 4 pages

A list of the PRA restrictions and FOIA exemptions, as well as a copy of the finding aid that describes the processed material is attached.

At this time, you have the right to file an administrative appeal of any Clinton Presidential Records responsive to your FOIA request that have been withheld under an exemption category of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552(b). By filing an appeal, you give the agency a chance to reconsider your request and the agency's decision. To appeal a FOIA exemption, the appeal must be submitted in writing to the attention of the Deputy Archivist of the United States, c/o the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum, 1200 President Clinton Ave, Little Rock, AR 72201. You should explain why you believe this response does not meet the requirements of the FOIA and you should also include a copy of your original request and our denial. Both your appeal letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "FOIA Appeal." Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Library will coordinate your appeal with the appropriate authority. NARA's web site is <http://www.nara.gov>.

Since these are Presidential records administered in accordance with 44 U.S.C. §§2201-2209, NARA must notify the former and incumbent Presidents prior to the release of any information in response to these appeals. Once an appeal determination is made and the notification period has passed, we will contact you.

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison John Laster for assistance at: Presidential Materials Division, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room G-7, Washington, DC 20408-0001; email at [libraries.foia.liaison@nara.gov](mailto:libraries.foia.liaison@nara.gov); telephone at 202-357-5200; or facsimile at 202-357-5941.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202- 741-5769.

We have also identified approximately 409 pages of potentially responsive records, photographs, and video that must be processed in order to respond to your request. Please keep in mind that these totals are an estimate and that all material processed may not be applicable to your specific topic.

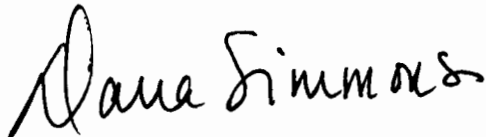
The staff of the William J. Clinton Presidential Library is currently processing and reviewing FOIA requests that precede your request. To treat everyone equitably, we have placed your request in our Expedited Electronic Classified queue by the date it was received in our office.

FOIA requests are processed and reviewed for access under provisions of the PRA and FOIA and are subject to the provisions of NARA regulations at 36 C.F.R. § 1270.46, which require that we notify the representatives of the former President and the incumbent President prior to the release of any Presidential records. Also, it should be noted that documents processed in response to your request may be closed in whole or part in compliance with applicable PRA restrictions and FOIA exemptions.

When processing is complete and the notification period has passed, we will inform you of the availability of these additional requested records. At that point, you may request copies of these records.

If you have any questions regarding your FOIA request, please contact our staff at (501) 244-2877 or [Clinton.library@nara.gov](mailto:Clinton.library@nara.gov). Your case log number is 2020-0139-F. Please have this number accessible for reference during any future contact concerning this FOIA request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Simmons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dana Simmons  
Supervisory Archivist  
William J. Clinton Presidential Library

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## FOIA Exemptions

- 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1): National security classified information.
- 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(2): Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency.
- 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3): Information specifically exempted from disclosure by statute.
- 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4): Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential.
- 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6): Personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
- 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7): Records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of these records could:
  - (b)(7)(A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings;
  - (b)(7)(B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication;
  - (b)(7)(C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
  - (b)(7)(D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of and/or information provided by a confidential source;
  - (b)(7)(E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions; or,
  - (b)(7)(F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual.
- 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8): Information relating to the supervision of financial institutions.
- 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(9): Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.