

ROBERT GOLDWIN PAPERS, 1973-78

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Biography

Robert A. Goldwin

April 16, 1922 - Born in New York City

1942-46 - Enlisted man and officer, US Cavalry

1950 - B.A., St. John's College, Annapolis, MD

1951-60 - Director of Research, American Foundation for Political Education, Chicago, IL

1954 - M.A., The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

1960-66 - Lecturer in Political Science and Director, Public Affairs Conference, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

1963 - Ph.D., Political Science, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

1966 - Fellow, Guggenheim Foundation

1966-69 - Associate Professor Political Science and Director, Public Affairs Conference Center, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH

1969-73 - Dean and Richard Hammond Elliott Tutor, St John's College, Annapolis, MD

March 1973-December 1974 - Special Advisor to the Ambassador of the United States Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Donald Rumsfeld, Brussels, Belgium

September 1974 - Detailed to the White House Editorial Staff from the Department of State

December 1974-October 1976 - Special Consultant to the President

1976 - Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld

1977-2004 - Director of Seminar Programs, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Washington, DC

2003-- Advisory Council Member for the James Madison Book Award

Scope and Content Note

Robert Goldwin, a former professor of political science and director of public affairs conferences at the University of Chicago and Kenyon College, served in the White House as Special Consultant to the President. Before assuming that position,

Goldwin was an assistant to Donald Rumsfeld, Ambassador to NATO. When Rumsfeld took over from Alexander Haig as Ford's chief of staff, Goldwin assisted him at the White House until November 1975, when Rumsfeld became Secretary of Defense. Goldwin then reported to Richard Cheney, Rumsfeld's former deputy and successor. In addition to his White House duties, Goldwin continued to work with Secretary Rumsfeld on occasional projects and speeches.

Goldwin described his White House role as being "an outsider on the inside" and "an idea collector." He was responsible for insuring the flow of information and ideas to the President from people outside of government. His most well-publicized activity was as the organizer of a series of White House seminars attended by the President, government officials, and academic experts. The seminars were held as informal discussions of the 1975 State of the Union address, crime, affirmative action, ethnicity, unemployment, and the world food situation.

Seminars were but one aspect of Goldwin's liaison with the academic community. He traveled frequently to university campuses for seminars and speaking engagements, relaying ideas and suggestions to the Domestic Council, appropriate government agencies, or occasionally, to the President. In addition, he was always on the lookout for qualified people for presidential appointments and was especially involved in the selection of the Librarian of Congress and the chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Goldwin was also a point of contact within the administration for many organizations concerned with higher education, the arts, the humanities, and a variety of issues affecting the Jewish community in the United States.

Occasionally, Dr. Goldwin prepared or edited drafts of major presidential speeches, including the State of the Union addresses in 1975 and 1976, and a major policy address on crime in April 1975. He also suggested themes for the nation's Bicentennial celebration and proposed a statement of national vision for the President to articulate in anticipation of the 1976 presidential campaign.

The Goldwin Papers provide a unique perspective for researchers interested in how ideas outside government can influence the thinking of a president and his staff. The collection includes scholarly articles, notes from White House seminars, and correspondence with prominent thinkers nationwide. In some cases, a

researcher can track an idea from its genesis in a journal article or White House seminar to eventual inclusion in a presidential speech or statement.

While most of the collection documents Goldwin's various responsibilities as a special consultant to the President, there are also materials reflecting his work for Donald Rumsfeld during Rumsfeld's tenure as Ambassador to NATO and Secretary of Defense. These include speech drafts, information compiled to prepare Rumsfeld for his confirmation hearings as Secretary of Defense, and a lengthy memorandum outlining Rumsfeld's position on arms sales.

An accretion of papers received in 2004 comprises the last two boxes of the collection. These papers include subject files relating to Ford's decision to reorganize his Cabinet and White House staff, commonly known as "The Halloween Massacre," as well as Goldwin's memos, notes, research, and presidential speech preparation on topics such as crime, higher education, moderate Republicanism, and détente. A significant portion of this accretion is made up of presidential speech files, consisting of drafts, press releases, memos, and handwritten notes on themes ranging from crime, the 1976 presidential campaign, veto power, civil rights, and education.

Related Materials (January 2005)

The Goldwin Files in the White House Operations Office include two additional feet of material generated during Goldwin's White House tenure. Much of this file concerns his liaison role with various education organizations, his drafts for several presidential speeches, and documents his extensive contact with prominent Americans on a variety of domestic issues. Other related material includes the Domestic Council staff files of David Lissy on education and Jewish affairs and Sarah Massengale on cultural affairs; the White House Central Files category for education (ED); the files of the speechwriting and editorial staffs for various presidential addresses, including the reading copies of Presidential Speeches and Statements, as well as the White House Central Files category for speeches (SP).

A small, related collection of Goldwin papers is at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University.

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General Subject File, 1973-77.

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Correspondence, memoranda, notes, reports, briefing papers, speeches, and printed material accumulated by Goldwin in his role as a special advisor to NATO Ambassador Donald Rumsfeld and special consultant to the President. Subjects include education, Jews and Israel, affirmative action, arms sales, busing, the role of the president, national vision, crime, the world food situation, State of the Union addresses, ethnicity, and jobs and unemployment. Of particular note are files on White House seminars and Goldwin's work on behalf of Donald Rumsfeld during his tenure as Secretary of Defense.

Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically thereunder.

Box 1 - General Subject File

Status	Title

OPEN Academy for Contemporary Problems

OPEN Aging

OPEN American Council on Education - Report on International

Education (1)-(2)

OPEN Arab Boycott (1)-(5)

Box 2 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN Arms Sales

OPEN Arts

OPEN Asia Foundation (1)-(5)
OPEN Balance of Payments

OPEN Brown, General George S. - Comments on Jews

OPEN Civic Education (1)-(3)

Box 3 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN Clemency

OPEN Committee for an Effective UNESCO

OPEN Department of Defense

OPEN Discrimination in Colleges and Universities (1)-(3)

OPEN Drugs

OPEN Economics

OPEN Federal Budget

OPEN Florida International University

OPEN Foreign Diplomats Luncheon, 3/20/75

OPEN Harvard College - Board of Overseers

OPEN Goldwin, Robert - Article - Western Political Quarterly, 3/76

(1)-(3)

Box 4 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN Goldwin, Robert - Interviews/Lectures

OPEN Goldwin, Robert - Speeches - New College, 2/2/75 (1)-(3)

OPEN Goldwin, Robert - Speeches - Northern Illinois University,

4/28/75

OPEN Goldwin, Robert - Speeches - Maryland Independent

Colleges and Universities Association, 1/29/76 (1)-(3)

OPEN Goldwin, Robert - Speeches - Kenyon College, 2/4/76 (1)-

(2)

Box 5 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN Goldwin, Robert - Speeches - St. John's College, 2/20/76

(1)-(4)

OPEN Goldwin, Robert - Speeches - University of Nebraska,

5/5/76 (1)-(3)

OPEN Goldwin, Robert - Speeches - Council for the Advancement

of Small Colleges, 6/17/76

OPEN Goldwin, Robert - Speeches - Smithsonian Institution,

9/16/76

OPEN Goldwin, Robert - Trips - Berlin, 3/22-26/75 (1)-(2)

Box 6 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN Goldwin, Robert - Trips - Berlin, 3/22-26/75 (3)

OPEN Goldwin, Robert - Trips - Gambier, Ohio, 5/23/76

OPEN Higher Education Issues (1)-(6)

Box 7 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN Jewish Issues (1)-(8)

Box 8 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN Jewish Issues (9)
OPEN Job Creation (1)-(2)

OPEN Kenyon College - Public Affairs Conference Center (1)-(3)

OPEN Library of Congress

OPEN Medicine (1)-(5)
OPEN Mental Health

Box 9 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN Name Bank - Recommendations

OPEN Name Bank - Resumes (1)-(2)

OPEN National Conference on Soviet Jewry (1)-(2)

OPEN National Endowment for the Arts (1)-3)

OPEN National Endowment for the Humanities (1)-(3)

Box 10 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN National Endowment for the Humanities (4)-(5)

OPEN National Gallery of Art

OPEN National Humanities Faculty

OPEN North Atlantic Treaty Organization

OPEN Office of Science and Technology Policy

OPEN Oil Crisis

OPEN Panama Canal

OPEN President - Articles - Saturday Evening Post, 5/76

OPEN President - Articles - U.S. News and World Report, 7/5/76

(1)-(2)

OPEN President - Briefing Book Input

Box 11 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN President - Campaign (1)-(3)

OPEN President - National Vision (1)-(2)

OPEN President - Role of the Executive (1)-(2)

OPEN President - Schedule Proposals

OPEN President - School Desegregation (1)-(2)

Box 12 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN President - School Desegregation (3)-(4)

OPEN President - Speech Ideas

OPEN President - Speech Ideas - Bicentennial

OPEN President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1975 -

Background (1)-(2)

OPEN President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1975 - 1/6/75

Draft (1)-(2)

OPEN President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1975 - 1/6/75

Draft - President's Comments

OPEN President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1975 - 1/7/75

Draft

OPEN President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1975 - 1/9/75

Draft (1)-(3)

Box 13 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1975 - 1/9/75

Draft - President's Comments

OPEN President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1975 - 1/10/75

Draft

OPEN Title

President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1975 - 1/11/75

Draft

OPEN President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1975 -Undated

Drafts

OPEN President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1975 - Follow-up

(1)-(3)

OPEN President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1975 - Reading

Copy

OPEN President - Speeches - Yale Law School, 4/25/75 (1)-(3)

Box 14 - General Subject File

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S	tatus	Title
OPEN		President - Speeches - Yale Law School (4)
OPEN		President - Speeches - Uranium Enrichment, 6/25/75
OPEN		President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1976 - 1/15/76 Draft (1)-(3)
OPEN		President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1976 - 1/16/76 Draft
OPEN		President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1976 - 1/17/76 Draft
OPEN		President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1976 - 1/18/76 Draft
OPEN		President - Speeches - State of the Union, 1976 - Follow-up
OPEN		President - Speeches - Daughters of the American Revolution, 4/21/76
OPEN		President - Speeches - American Jewish Committee, 5/13/76
OPEN		President - Speech Writing Process
OPEN		President - Veto
OPEN		Presidential Appointments
OPEN		Princeton Conference - Advising the President, 10/13/75

Rand Corporation

Regulating Reform

Box 15 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN Rumsfeld, Donald - Confirmation Hearings as Secretary of

Defense, 11/75

OPEN Rumsfeld, Donald - Memoranda (1)-(3)

OPEN Rumsfeld, Donald - Questions and Answers on Arms Sales

OPEN Rumsfeld, Donald - Speeches - Atlantic Institute, 6/2/73

(1)-(3)

OPEN Rumsfeld, Donald - Speeches - Reuters Editors, 3/10/76

Box 16 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN Rumsfeld, Donald - Speeches - North Atlantic Council, ca.

3/76

OPEN Rumsfeld, Donald - Speeches - "The New Charter"

(undelivered) (1)-(4)

OPEN Sangamon State University

OPEN St. John's College

OPEN Smith Richardson Foundation

OPEN Smithsonian Institution (1)-(2)

OPEN Social Security

Box 17 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN South Africa

OPEN Soviet Jews

OPEN Speeches - Unused Ideas

OPEN Strategic Arms Limitations Talks (SALT)

OPEN Student Aid for Higher Education (1)-(2)

OPEN Syrian Jews

OPEN Taxes (1)-(2)

OPEN Thailand

OPEN Trade

OPEN Transportation

OPEN Turkey

OPEN UCLA Associated Students Speakers Program

OPEN Unemployment (1)-(2)

Box 18 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN United Jewish Appeal
OPEN United Nations (1)-(2)

OPEN United Nations Association

OPEN Vietnam War

OPEN War Powers Act
OPEN Welfare Reform

OPEN White House Fellows

OPEN White House Handbook, 10/75 (1)-(2)
OPEN White House Handbook, 4/76 (1)-(3)

Box 19 - General Subject File

Status Title

OPEN White House Organization

OPEN White House Seminars - General

OPEN White House Seminars - State of the Union Themes,

12/9/74

OPEN White House Seminars - State of the Union, 1/11/75
OPEN White House Seminars - Open Discussion, 2/22/75

OPEN White House Seminars - World Food Situation, 4/12/75

OPEN White House Seminars - Affirmative Action, 9/10/75

OPEN White House Seminars - Ethnicity, 9/27/75

OPEN White House Seminars - Jobs and Unemployment, 11/22/75

(1)-(2)

OPEN White House Seminars - Topic Ideas

OPEN White House Staff - Biographies

OPEN White House Transportation Agency

OPEN Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars (1)-(3)

Box 20 - General Subject File

Title Status

Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars (4)-(9) **OPEN**

OPEN Women

OPEN Zionist Organization of America

Name File, 1974-76.

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Correspondence and reference material compiled by Goldwin from his contacts with White House staff, academic colleagues, the media, prominent intellectuals, and the public. Documents issues similar to the above series. Correspondence with some of these individuals also appears in the general subject file.

Arranged alphabetically.

Box 21 - Name File

	Status	Title
OPEN		Anderson, Jack
OPEN		Barzun, Jacques
OPEN		Banfield, Edward
OPEN		Bell, Terrel
OPEN		Brann, Eva
OPEN		Bazelon, David
OPEN		Billington, James
OPEN		Boorstin, Daniel
OPEN		Brandow, George
OPEN		Breslow, Lester
OPEN		Brown, Peter
OPEN		Burger, Warren
OPEN		Burke, Edmund
OPEN		Burns, Arthur
OPEN		Califano, Joseph
Box 22	? - Name File	

Title Status

OPEN Carter, Jimmy

OPEN Cheney, Richard (1)-(3)

OPEN Cochrane, Willard

OPEN Coleman, James

OPEN Connor, James

OPEN Cropsey, Joseph

OPEN Diamond, Martin (1)-(3)

Box 23 - Name File

Status Title

OPEN Emmert, Kirk

OPEN Farrell, Joseph

OPEN Feldsten, Martin (1)-(4)

OPEN Fisher, Max
OPEN Ford, Betty

OPEN Friedman, Milton

OPEN Garment, Leonard

OPEN Ginsburg, David

OPEN Glazer, Nathan

OPEN Goldman, Eric

OPEN Greenspan, Alan

OPEN Harlow, Bryce

Box 24 - Name File

Status Title

OPEN Harris and Yankelovich Survey

OPEN Hartmann, Robert

OPEN Hathaway, Dale E.

OPEN Heffner, Richard

OPEN Hersey, John

OPEN Hesburgh, Rev. Theodore

OPEN Higham, John

OPEN Himmelfarb, Gertrude

OPEN Hodgkinson, Harold

OPEN Horwitz, Robert
OPEN Jackson, Henry M.

OPEN Jaffa, Harry

OPEN Jefferson, Thomas

OPEN Johnson, Gale (1)-(2)

OPEN Jones, Jerry

OPEN Kahn, Herman

Box 25 - Name File

Status Title

OPEN Kass, Leon

OPEN King, John

OPEN Kissinger, Henry (1)-(3)

OPEN Kottman, Roy

OPEN Kraft, Joseph

OPEN Kristol, Irving (1)-(2)

OPEN Leibman, Morris

OPEN Levi, Edward

OPEN Licht, Robert

OPEN Lincoln, Abraham

OPEN Lissy, David

OPEN Locke, John

OPEN Lynn, Jim

Box 26 - Name File

Status Title

OPEN Marcus, Phillip

OPEN Marsh, John

OPEN Mathews, David

OPEN Merrill, Philip

OPEN Meyerson, Martin

OPEN Moynihan, Daniel (1)-(2)

OPEN Nader, Ralph

Status Title Nelson, Charles **OPEN OPEN** Nie, Norman Neldorf, Robert **OPEN OPEN** Nisbet, Robert Novak, Michael **OPEN** Novak, Robert **OPEN** O'Neill, Paul **OPEN**

OPEN Patterson, Orlando

Box 27 - Name File

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	Status	Title
OPEN		Paynter, John
OPEN		Pelzman, Sam
OPEN		Percy, Charles
OPEN		Plattner, Marc
OPEN		Podhoretz, Norman
OPEN		Price, Jayne
OPEN		Raoul-Duval, Michael
OPEN		Reagan, Ronald
OPEN		Reston, James
OPEN		Riesman, David
OPEN		Ripley, S. Dillon
OPEN		Robson, John
OPEN		Rockefeller, Nelson
OPEN		Salk, Jonas
OPEN		Schlesinger, James
OPEN		Scowcroft, Brent
OPEN		Semerad, Roger
OPEN		Smith, Carleton
OPEN		Sowell, Thomas (1)-(2)
OPEN		Spaeth, Robert
OPEN		Spiro, Herbert

Status Title
OPEN Stevenson, Adlai

Box 28 - Name File

	Status	Title
OPEN		Storing, Herbert
OPEN		Strauss, Leo
OPEN		Theis, Paul
OPEN		Thompson, Daniel
OPEN		Todorovich
OPEN		Wakefield, Rowan
OPEN		Warren, Gerald
OPEN		Wattenberg, Ben
OPEN		Weaver, John
OPEN		Wildavsky, Aaron
OPEN		Wilson, James Q.
OPEN		Wilson, Woodrow
OPEN		Wouk, Herman
OPEN		Zarb, Frank

General Subject File Accretion, 1974-78.

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Correspondence, memoranda, notes, reports, briefing papers, speeches, and printed material accrued by Goldwin in his role as a special consultant to the President. Noticeably larger subject matters include crime, higher education, veto power, and the aftermath of President Ford's massive overhaul of his Cabinet.

Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically thereunder.

Box 28 (Continued) - General Subject File Accretion

Status	Title
OPEN	Cabinet Reorganization, 11/3/1975
OPEN	Council of Social Advisers
OPEN	Crime (1)-(2)

Box 29 - General Subject File Accretion

	Status	Title
OPEN		Crime (3)-(4)
OPEN		Goldwin, Robert - Lecture - "Outsider on the Inside"
OPEN		Goldwin, Robert - Memos to the President
OPEN		Goldwin, Robert - Resignation from Government
OPEN		Goldwin, Robert - Trips - Columbus and Chicago, 3/16- 19/75
OPEN		Goldwin, Robert - White House Personnel Information
OPEN		Higher Education (Bell Project)
OPEN		Moderate Republicanism/Public Image (Jim Connor Project)
OPEN		Notes on "Détente"
OPEN		President - Interview - Pepperdine University, 11/11/1975
OPEN		President - Letter - Reply to Gov. M. Thompson - 2/14/76 Draft
OPEN		President - Letters to Robert Goldwin
OPEN		President - "Meet the Press", 11/9/1975
OPEN		President - Schedules
OPEN		President - Speech Ideas
OPEN		President - Speeches - Message to the Congress on Legislative Priorities - 11/8/1974 Press
OPEN		Release - Speeches - Address to the Nation on Energy and Economic Programs - 1/13/1975
OPEN		Follow-up - Speeches - Notre Dame Academic Council, 3/17/1975

Title

Box 30 - General Subject File Accretion

Status

	Status	Title
OPEN		President - Speeches - Boston's Old North Church
		Bicentennial Lantern Service, 4/18/1975
OPEN		President - Speeches - 73rd Annual Convention of the Navy
		League - 4/23/75 Draft
OPEN		President - Speeches - Tulane University, 4/23/75
OPEN		President - Speeches - Message on Crime, 6/19/75

	Status	Title
OPEN		President - Speeches - Statement on the Observance of Independence Day, 1975 - Draft
OPEN		President - Speeches - Statement on the Observance of Independence Day, 1975 - Press
OPEN		Release - Speeches - School Integration, 7-9/75
OPEN		Release - Speeches - NAACP, 7/1/75
OPEN		Release - Speeches - American Legion, 8/19/75
OPEN		Release - Speeches - Dedication of Firestone Fieldhouse at Pepperdine University - 9/20/75
OPEN		Draft - Speeches - National Press Club - 10/29/75 Follow-up
OPEN		Draft - Speeches - North Carolina Central University - 11/14/75 Draft
OPEN		Draft - Speeches - Remarks at the East-West Center/University of Hawaii, 12/7/75
OPEN		Draft - Speeches - Symposium on the American Presidency - 200 Years Later - 1/9/76
OPEN		Draft - Speeches - State of the Union, 1976 - 1/19/76 Fact Sheet
OPEN		Draft - Speeches - State of the Union, 1976 - 1/19/76 Press Release
OPEN		Draft - Speeches - Lincoln Memorial, 2/12/76
OPEN		Draft - Speeches - Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents, 6/14/76
OPEN		Draft - Speeches - Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents, 6/21/76
OPEN		Draft - Statement, 11/5/74
OPEN		Transferred to AV