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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS STAFF FILES, (1973) 1975-76

Collection Type

White House Office Files

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5.6 linear feet (ca. 11,200 pages)

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Biography

Robert D. Hormats

April 13, 1943 - Born, Baltimore, Maryland

1965- B.A., Tufts University

1966 - M.A., Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

1967 - M.A.L.D., Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

1969 - Ph.D., Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

1969-70 - Staff Member for International Economic Affairs, National Security Council

1970-73 - Senior Staff Member for International Economic Affairs, National Security Council

1973-74 - Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

1974-77 - Senior Staff Member for International Economic Affairs, National Security Council

1977-79 - Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State

1979-81 - Ambassador and Deputy US Trade Representative, Department of State

1981-82 -Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State

1982-87 - Vice President, Goldman Sachs and Co.

1987-? - Vice Chairman, Goldman Sachs International Corp.

2009- -Under Secretary of State, Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment

Scope and Content Note

The NSC International Economic Affairs Staff Files is one of many sub-collections that comprise the National Security Adviser Files and is a valuable source of materials on a wide range of international economic issues.

Scope and Content of the Collection

Gerald Ford became President as the United States and numerous other countries

were experiencing severe economic problems. These problems were precipitated by a series of events in the early 1970s - the collapse of the Bretton Woods monetary system in 1971, the first enlargement of the European Community in 1973, and the oil crisis of 1973-74 - which resulted in a unique combination of recession and inflation. Subsequent increases in energy costs and disappointing food harvests further strained the world economy, particularly in areas such as trade and monetary flows and adjustments. Consequently, many countries moved towards policies of economic nationalism, thereby jeopardizing U.S. desires for an open world economy based on international cooperation.

The NSC International Economic Affairs Staff provided the primary support to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs on these and other international economic issues. The staff prepared decision memoranda, policy recommendations, and briefing papers for the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and drafted papers from him to the President. These concerned many international economic issues, including U.S. economic policy and relations, economic summits, trade, import quotas, monetary affairs, foreign investment, foreign aid, commodities, food, energy, aviation, and maritime affairs. The staff represented the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs at all interagency meetings, including those at the Cabinet level, on foreign economic affairs issues. In addition, the staff coordinated, in conjunction with the Economic Policy Board, the preparation of U.S. positions on international economic issues for presidential summits, speeches, and policy papers, and ensured the proper consideration of economic issues in the preparation of positions on all elements of U.S. foreign and security policy.

Robert Hormats directed the International Economic Affairs Staff from September 1974 through January 1977. As the Senior Staff Member, Hormats had responsibility for all office operations, including the supervision of two assistants, Malcolm Butler and Timothy Deal. Butler, on detail from the Department of State, joined Hormats' staff in March 1975, replacing Denny Ellerman, and focused on foreign aid, commodities, food, and energy. Deal, also on detail from the Department of State, joined the staff in April 1976 and concentrated on trade, aviation, maritime affairs, and east-west economic relations.

For reasons unknown, the collection only documents the second half of the Ford administration. The Presidential Subject File series and the Institutional Subject File series mainly contain materials from late 1975 through December 1976, but do include a few items from 1973 and 1974. The Robert Hormats Chronological File series covers March through December 1976, while the Timothy Deal Chronological File series encompasses April through December 1976.

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Presidential Subject File, (1973) 1975-76.

(Boxes 1-6, 2.2 linear feet)

Memoranda, telegrams, briefing papers, correspondence, talking points, and memoranda of conversations regarding U.S. international economic affairs. This series contains copies of most, if not all, outgoing documents generated by the NSC International Economic Affairs Staff, including attachments received from other agencies, from late 1975 through December 1976. There is information on U.S. economic relations with more than twenty countries, including the United Kingdom, France, Saudi Arabia, and the Soviet Union, preparations for the Rambouillet and Puerto Rico economic summits, foreign aid, PL-480 programs, economic stabilization programs, the Economic Policy Board, monetary affairs, the Agricultural Policy Committee, trade, import quotas, commodities, specialty steel, food, brandy, rice, meat, sugar, the International Coffee Agreement, grain sales, energy, oil prices, OPEC, the Arab economic boycott of Israel, aviation, maritime affairs, and the 1975 U.S.-Soviet Maritime Agreement.

Arranged alphabetically by subject

Box 1 - Presidential Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Agriculture
OPEN	Aid
OPEN	Aviation
OPEN	Arab Boycott
OPEN	Coffee

Status	Title
OPEN	Conference on International Economic Cooperation
OPEN	Country File - Africa
OPEN	Country File - Australia
OPEN	Country File - Canada
OPEN	Country File - Cuba
OPEN	Country File - Egypt
OPEN	Country File - France (1)-(2)
OPEN	Country File - Germany
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Country File - India
OPEN	Country File - Indonesia
OPEN	Country File - Iran
OPEN	Country File - Ireland

Box 2 - Presidential Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Country File - Israel
OPEN	Country File - Italy
OPEN	Country File - Japan
OPEN	Country File - Latin America
OPEN	Country File - Mexico
OPEN	Country File - Morocco
OPEN	Country File - Nigeria
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Country File - People's Republic of China
OPEN	Country File - Poland
OPEN	Country File - Portugal
OPEN	Country File - Saudi Arabia (1)-(3)
OPEN	Country File - South Africa
OPEN	Country File - Vietnam

Box 3 - Presidential Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Country File - United Kingdom (1)-(5)
OPEN	Country File - USSR (1)-(2)

Status	Title
OPEN	East-West Trade
OPEN	Economic Summits - Puerto Rico (1)-(5)

Box 4 - Presidential Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Economic Summits - Puerto Rico (6)-(8)
OPEN	Economic Summits - Rambouillet (1)-(10)

Box 5 - Presidential Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Energy
OPEN	European Community
OPEN	Footwear
OPEN	General Economic
OPEN	Grain
OPEN	Liquid Natural Gas
OPEN	Maritime Affairs
OPEN	Meat (1)-(2)
OPEN	Monetary Affairs
OPEN	Mushrooms
OPEN	Naval Petroleum Reserve
OPEN	Nuclear Exports
OPEN	Oil
OPEN	OPEC (1)-(2)
OPEN	PL-480
OPEN	Poultry/Cognac
OPEN	Presidential Letters
OPEN	Presidential Meetings

Box 6 - Presidential Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Rice
OPEN	Scowcroft Meetings
OPEN	Steel

Status	Title
OPEN	Sugar
OPEN	Vice Presidential Meetings
OPEN	Wheat

Institutional Subject File, (1974) 1975-76.

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Memoranda, correspondence, briefing papers, and memoranda of conversations regarding U.S. international economic affairs. This series contains internal office memoranda and outside supporting materials generated and collected by the NSC International Economic Affairs Staff as they prepared the outgoing documents found in the Presidential Subject File. There is information on U.S. economic relations with more than ten countries, particularly Iran and Italy, the Agricultural Policy Committee, the East-West Foreign Trade Board, foreign investment, aviation, Civil Aeronautics Board decisions, trade, the Generalized System of Preferences, the Economic Policy Board, import quotas, energy, U.S. strategic petroleum reserves, liquid natural gas, oil, commodities, food, grain sales, maritime affairs, and joint cooperation commissions.

Arranged alphabetically by subject

Box 6 (Continued) - Institutional Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Agriculture
OPEN	Aid
OPEN	Aviation (1)-(7)

Box 7 - Institutional Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Aviation - Transatlantic Route Proceeding (1)-(2)
OPEN	Commodities
OPEN	Country File - Africa
OPEN	Country File - Brazil
OPEN	Country File - France
OPEN	Country File - Indonesia
OPEN	Country File - Iran (1)-(2)

Status	Title
OPEN	Country File - Italy (1)-(3)
OPEN	Country File - Latin America
OPEN	Country File - Mexico
OPEN	Country File - Portugal
OPEN	Country File - Saudi Arabia
OPEN	Country File - Venezuela

Box 8 - Institutional Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	East-West Trade
OPEN	Economic Policy Board
OPEN	Energy (1)-(4)
OPEN	Food
OPEN	Generalized System of Preferences
OPEN	Grain
OPEN	International Fund for Agricultural Development
OPEN	Joint Cooperation Commissions (1)-(3)
OPEN	Maritime Affairs
OPEN	Pan American World Airways

Robert Hormats Chronological File, March-December 1976.

(Boxes 9-13, 1.7 linear feet)

Memoranda, decision memoranda, talking points, memoranda of conversations, briefing papers, correspondence, telegrams, and draft presidential statements regarding a broad range of international economic issues. This series apparently served as the office reading file and mostly duplicates the materials found in the Presidential and Institutional Subject Files. There is information on U.S. economic relations with numerous countries, the European Community, the Rambouillet and Puerto Rico economic summits, foreign aid, PL-480 programs, monetary affairs, foreign investment, energy, US strategic petroleum reserves, liquid natural gas, oil, OPEC, trade, import quotas, commodities, food, grain sales, the Agriculture Policy Committee, the East-West Trade Board, the Economic Policy Board, aviation, Civil Aeronautics Board decisions, maritime affairs, the 1975 U.S.-Soviet Maritime

Agreement, the United Nations Commission on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the Ford-Carter transition.

Arranged chronologically.

Box 9 - Robert Hormats Chronological File

Status	Title
OPEN	March - June 1976

Box 10 - Robert Hormats Chronological File

Status	Title
OPEN	June - August 1976

Box 11 - Robert Hormats Chronological File

Status	Title
OPEN	August - October 1976

Box 12 - Robert Hormats Chronological File

Status	Title
OPEN	October - December 1976

Box 13 - Robert Hormats Chronological File

Status	Title
OPEN	December 1976

Timothy Deal Chronological File.

(Boxes 13-14, 0.7 linear feet)

Memoranda, briefing papers, and correspondence regarding Timothy Deal's work on international economic affairs issues from April through December 1976. This series mostly duplicates the materials found in the Presidential and Institutional Subject Files and the Robert Hormats Chronological File. There is information on trade, import quotas, economic relations with the Soviet Union, the East-West Foreign Trade Board, the Generalized System of Preferences, commodities, food, aviation, Civil Aeronautics Board decisions, maritime affairs, and the 1975 U.S.-Soviet Maritime Agreement.

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Box 13 (Continued) - Timothy Deal Chronological File

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OPEN April - August 1976

Box 14 - Timothy Deal Chronological File

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OPEN August - December 1976