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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR. PRESIDENTIAL COUNTRY FILES FOR AFRICA, 1974-77

Collection Type

White House Office Files

Extent

3.1 linear feet (ca. 6,200 pages)

Record Type

Textual

Access

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Provenance

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Scope and Content Note

The Presidential Country Files for Africa is one of many subcollections that comprise the National Security Adviser Files.

These Presidential Country Files relate to U.S. relations with existing and emerging countries in Africa, and address regional concerns as well as issues specific to individual countries. Materials in the first five folders are filed under "Africa," and the remainder of the collection is arranged by name of country. Memoranda, briefing papers, and comparable materials created by the National Security Adviser, National Security Council staff, and State Department officials, and telegrams exchanged between the State Department and U.S. embassies are

contained in these files.

Scope and Content of the Materials

The folders titled “Africa” contain a series of issues papers prepared for presidential briefings regarding the Sahel and the drought in West Africa, and the situation in Southern Africa (Angola, Mozambique, Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Namibia). Other materials concern the Cuban presence in Africa, Secretary Kissinger’s remarks at a dinner with representatives of the Organization of African Unity, correspondence from the Presidents of Zaire and Senegal, and U.S. membership in the African Development Fund.

The prevalent topics in this collection are the move to independence and establishment of new government in many countries, especially Angola, and the effort to bring about majority rule in Southern Africa. Just about every country had an interest or involvement in the events taking place in Angola, Mozambique, Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Namibia. Materials relating to these countries are filed throughout the collection. Materials in the folders for Zaire and Zambia are particularly relevant for research on these two main topics. In addition to the relationship between the U.S. and individual countries, the materials also show U.S. interaction with the former colonial powers and the role of the Organization of African Unity.

Other significant issues are the Ethiopian/Eritrean conflict, the dispute between Algeria and Morocco over Western Sahara (formerly Spanish Sahara), and the Soviet presence in Somalia.

In general, the individual country folders also contain materials relating to military and economic development aid to Africa, appointment of ambassadors to and from various countries, and meetings between U.S. and African officials.

Related Materials (April 2002)

Materials relating to Africa are available in various categories, especially the CO-Countries categories of White House Central Files Subject File. The papers of Stanley Scott, Assistant to the President for Minority Affairs, contain small amounts of materials relating to the Nixon administration’s response to a drought in Africa and his later service as Assistant Administrator for Africa in the Agency for International Development.

Related materials are available in other processed segments of National Security Adviser Files. Researchers can identify the file locations of these materials from PRESNET search reports, which are available upon request. Additional related materials will undoubtedly become available as processing continues on National Security Adviser Files.

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Box 1 - Country Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Africa - General (1)-(4)
OPEN	Africa - General: State Department Telegrams
OPEN	Algeria (1)-(2)
OPEN	Algeria - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Algeria - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Algeria - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)- (3)
OPEN	Angola (1)-(3)

Box 2 - Country Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Angola (4)-(5)
OPEN	Angola - Presidential Message
OPEN	Angola - State Department Telegrams
OPEN	Benin (formerly Dahomey)
OPEN	Botswana
OPEN	Botswana - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Botswana - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Botswana - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS

Status	Title
OPEN	Burundi
OPEN	Cameroon
OPEN	Cape Verde
OPEN	Central African Republic
OPEN	Chad
OPEN	Congo
OPEN	Ethiopia
OPEN	Ethiopia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Ethiopia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Ethiopia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Ethiopia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Gabon

Box 3 - Country Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Gambia (empty)
OPEN	Ghana
OPEN	Guinea
OPEN	Guinea - State Department Telegrams
OPEN	Guinea Bissau (formerly Portuguese Guinea)
OPEN	Ivory Coast - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Ivory Coast - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Ivory Coast - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Ivory Coast - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Kenya (1)-(2)

Status	Title
OPEN	Kenya - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Kenya - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Kenya - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Kenya - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	Lesotho
OPEN	Liberia
OPEN	Liberia - State Department Telegrams
OPEN	Libya
OPEN	Libya - State Department Telegrams

Box 4 - Country Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Malagasy Republic
OPEN	Malawi
OPEN	Maldives (empty)
OPEN	Mali
OPEN	Mauritania
OPEN	Mauritius
OPEN	Morocco (1)-(3)
OPEN	Morocco - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Morocco - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Morocco - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Morocco - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	Mozambique

Status	Title
OPEN	Mozambique - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Mozambique - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Mozambique - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Niger

Box 5 - Country Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Nigeria
OPEN	Nigeria - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Nigeria - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Nigeria - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Rhodesia
OPEN	Rwanda
OPEN	Senegal - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Senegal - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Senegal - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Seychelles
OPEN	Sierra Leone
OPEN	Somalia (1)-(3)
OPEN	Somalia - State Department Telegrams
OPEN	South Africa (1)-(4)

Box 6 - Country Files

Status	Title
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OPEN	South Africa - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	South Africa - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	South Africa - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	South Africa - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(4)
OPEN	Sudan (1)-(2)
OPEN	Sudan - State Department Telegrams
OPEN	Swaziland - State Department Telegrams
OPEN	Tanzania - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Tanzania - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	Tanzania - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Tanzania - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(4)

Box 7 - Country Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Togo
OPEN	Tunisia
OPEN	Tunisia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Tunisia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Tunisia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Tunisia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Uganda
OPEN	Uganda - Cable Traffic on Entebbe Raid

Status	Title
OPEN	Upper Volta - State Department Telegrams
OPEN	Zaire (1)-(3)
OPEN	Zaire - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Zaire - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Zaire - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Zaire - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(6)

Box 8 - Country Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Zambia
OPEN	Zambia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Zambia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	Zambia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Zambia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(7)