NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR. PRESIDENTIAL COUNTRY FILES FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, 1974-77

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White House Office Files

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Scope and Content Note

The Presidential Country Files for East Asia and the Pacific is one of many subcollections that comprise the National Security Adviser Files.

The Presidential Country Files described here concern U.S. relations with countries of eastern Asia and the Pacific Ocean, and address regional issues as well as issues specific to individual countries. Materials in the first several folders concern Southeast Asia, and the remainder of the collection is arranged by country name, with separate sequences for National Security Council documents and State

Department telegrams. The Country Files include folders for the dependencies of Guam and the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands.

Scope and Content of the Materials

Presidential Country Files include materials prepared for and by the National Security Adviser and National Security Council staff. Memoranda, reports, briefing papers, schedule proposals, and telegrams make up the bulk of the collection.

The materials filed under "Southeast Asia" are primarily related to unfolding events in Indochina. These materials concern intelligence reports on the situation in Vietnam and Cambodia, the administration's request of Congress for supplemental assistance, and contingency planning for the evacuation of Americans and refugees. After the fall of Saigon, the focus is on refugee resettlement, disposition of American military equipment left in Vietnam, and consideration of America's policy interests and presence in the region under the new circumstances.

Many significant foreign policy events are covered in these files. Among these are the wars and their aftermath in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos; seizure of the Mayaguez and subsequent investigations into the administration's handling of the incident; and the normalization process with the People's Republic of China. Other major topics are U.S. military bases and the presence of American troops, especially in Thailand, Philippines, Diego Garcia, Republic of China (Taiwan) and Korea. General topics covered throughout the collection include trade, arms transfers, mutual defense agreements, and meetings between American and foreign leaders.

Several countries are worthy of mention for materials on various topics. Thailand is important for research on the Vietnam War, Vietnamese refugees, Mayaguez incident, and U.S. troop withdrawals. Visits of nuclear powered warships are a matter of concern, especially with Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. Materials relating to Timor are available in the folders for Indonesia and Australia. Folders for Japan include materials concerning the defection of a Soviet pilot, and Korea has materials on the "tree incident" in which American soldiers were killed by North Korean soldiers while pruning a tree in the demilitarized zone.

Materials concerning President Ford's trips to the region are also available. The President visited Japan and Korea in 1974, and the People's Republic of China,

Indonesia, and the Philippines in 1975.

State Department telegrams provide an interesting look at communications between officials in Washington and staff at embassies throughout the region. They are valuable for on the scene, current reporting and analyses of conversations and events. The content of the messages covers many topics, and subject access is provided through PRESNET search reports.

Related Materials (April 2002)
All National Security Adviser file titles that include the name of an Indochina country, person, entity, or event have been located and reviewed. A special guide, Core Collections on the Vietnam War, is available on request.

Related materials on topics in addition to the Vietnam War 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 on request. Additional related materials will undoubtedly become available as processing continues on National Security Adviser Files.

Materials relating to East Asia and the Pacific are available in various White House Central Files Subject File categories, especially the CO-Countries categories. WHCF Subject File TR-Trips has case files for the President's Asian trips in 1974 and 1975. The papers of Wolfgang Lehmann, foreign service officer in Vietnam, include materials relating to the fall of Saigon. The papers of James Wilson, a State Department official, contain materials relating to Micronesian status negotiations and refugee issues. The Wilson Papers also contain miscellaneous materials relating to Thailand, the Philippines, and East Asia and the Pacific which predate the Ford administration.

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Box 1 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[Ambassador Kintner's Study of U.S. Policy Interest in the Asian-Pacific Area](#)
OPEN	Southeast Asia (1)-(7)

Status	Title
OPEN	Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
OPEN	Australia (1)-(6)

Box 2 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Australia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Australia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Australia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Australia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Brunei
OPEN	Burma
OPEN	Burma - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Burma - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Cambodia (1)-(13)

Box 3 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Cambodia (14)-(23)
OPEN	Cambodia - Seizing of the Mayaguez, May 1975 (1)-(3)

Box 4 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Cambodia - Seizing of the Mayaguez, May 1975 (4)-(5)
OPEN	Cambodia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Cambodia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(3)
OPEN	Cambodia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(2)

Status	Title
OPEN	Cambodia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(6)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of (3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of (4)

Box 5 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of (5)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of (6)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of (7)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of (8)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of (9)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of (10)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of (11)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	China, Republic of - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (3)
OPEN	Fiji

Status	Title
OPEN	Guam
OPEN	Hong Kong - State Department Telegrams

Box 6 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Indonesia (1)-(7)
OPEN	Indonesia - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Indonesia - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Indonesia - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Indonesia - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(4)
OPEN	Japan (1)-(4)

Box 7 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Japan (5)
OPEN	Japan (6)
OPEN	Japan (7)
OPEN	Japan (8)
OPEN	Japan (9)
OPEN	Japan (10)
OPEN	Japan (11)
OPEN	Japan (12)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan (13)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - MIG-25 Incident (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - MIG-25 Incident (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - MIG-25 Incident (3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - MIG-25 Incident (4)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - MIG-25 Incident (5)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - MIG-25 Incident (6)

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - MIG-25 Incident (7)

Box 8 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (4)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (5)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (6)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (7)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - Kyoto
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (4)

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[Japan - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (5)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[Japan - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (6)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[Japan - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (7)](#)

Box 9 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Korea (1)-(14)

Box 10 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Korea (15)-(20)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[Korea - North Korean Tree Incident, 8/18/76 (1)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[Korea - North Korean Tree Incident, 8/18/76 (2)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[Korea - North Korean Tree Incident, 8/18/76 (3)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[Korea - North Korean Tree Incident, 8/18/76 - Telegrams (1)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[Korea - North Korean Tree Incident, 8/18/76 - Telegrams (2)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[Korea - North Korean Tree Incident, 8/18/76 - Telegrams (3)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[Korea - Operation Paul Bunyan](#)

Box 11 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Korea - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Korea - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(6)
OPEN	Korea - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	Korea - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(9)

Box 12 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Korea - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (10)-(14)
OPEN	Laos
OPEN	Laos - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Laos - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Laos - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	Laos - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Malaysia
OPEN	Malaysia - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Malaysia - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Malaysia - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Malaysia - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Nauru (Folder received empty)
OPEN	New Zealand (1)-(2)

Box 13 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	New Zealand - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	New Zealand - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	New Zealand - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - EXDIS

Status	Title
OPEN	New Zealand - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Papua New Guinea
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (1)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (2)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (3)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (4)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (5)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (6)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (7)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (8)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (9)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (10)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (11)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (12)](#)

Box 14 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (13)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (14)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (15)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (16)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China (17)](#)
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OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - Senator Mansfield's Report to the President](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - EXDIS](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (2)](#)

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (3)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (4)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (5)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (6)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (7)](#)

Box 15 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (2)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (3)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (2)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (3)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (4)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (5)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (6)](#)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (7)](#)

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (8)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (9)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	People's Republic of China - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (10)
OPEN	Philippines (1)
OPEN	Philippines (2)
OPEN	Philippines (3)
OPEN	Philippines (4)
OPEN	Philippines (5)

Box 16 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Philippines - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Philippines - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Philippines - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Philippines - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	Singapore (1)-(3)
OPEN	Singapore - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Singapore - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Singapore - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Singapore - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Thailand (1)-(8)

Box 17 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Thailand (9)-(19)
OPEN	Thailand - Senator Mansfield's Request for Agreements with Thailand (1)-(5)

Box 18 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Thailand - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Thailand - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Thailand - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(4)
OPEN	Thailand - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands (1)-(5)
OPEN	Vietnam (1)-(4)

Box 19 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Vietnam (5)-(19)

Box 20 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Vietnam (20)-(30)
OPEN	Vietnam - Nixon/Pham Van Dong Exchange on Reconstruction (1)-(2)

Box 21 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Vietnam - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Vietnam - State Department Telegrams: - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(3)
OPEN	Vietnam - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(3)

Status	Title
OPEN	Vietnam - State Department Telegrams: - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(5)