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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR. PLANNING AND COORDINATION STAFF FILES, 1972-75

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Scope and Content Note

The NSC Planning and Coordination Staff Files is one of many sub-collections that comprise the National Security Adviser Files. The Planning and Coordination Staff, headed by Richard Kennedy from 1973 to 1975, dealt primarily with politico-military matters but also handled an array of issues including foreign assistance and arms transfer policy. Its officers were responsible for a full range of government-wide planning and coordination of national security and foreign policy topics within the National Security Council system. They worked closely with the senior geographic and functional officers in the development of NSSMs and NSDMs and were responsible for:

- (1) preparing analytical papers for the President and the National Security Adviser based on those studies,
- (2) coordinating political as well as military contingency planning and crisis

management and (3) coordinating security assistance program issues. They were also involved with preparation for meetings of the NSC and its various sub-groups. The Contingency Plan File is small and fragmentary and focuses on just a few countries. The most significant materials deal with Peru, Chile, Portugal and Spain. All records date from August 1974 to March 1975. Some topics include foreign elections, influence of the Soviet Union and the ASEAN alliance.

Significant documentation is found in the second series, the Security Assistance File. The materials, which are all from the Nixon administration, primarily address various forms of security and/or foreign assistance (both military and economic.) Topics include: aeronautical modernization, the Agency for International Development, authorization bills for the State Department, USIA, Military Assistance Service Fund (MASF), Military Assistance Program (MAP), Senate and House committees dealing with security assistance, and an ACDA conventional arms transfer study. Countries and regions addressed include: Cambodia, Taiwan, Jordan, Israel, Laos, South Vietnam, Indochina and South East Asia. There is also background information on a variety of Security Assistance legislation including: The Foreign Assistance Acts of 1971, 1972, 1973; the Foreign Assistance Appropriations Act of 1974; the Department of Defense Supplemental Authorization Act of 1973, the Mutual Development and Cooperation Act of 1973 and the International Development Act. The material provides an overview of budget negotiations between the executive and legislative branches.

Related Materials (August 2015)

The most closely related materials are in the relevant Presidential Country Files collections and the appropriate NSC Staff files which sometimes include guidelines for dealing with contingencies. Records in the National Security Council Institutional Files also deal with substantive political, military and economic issues of foreign countries.

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Contingency Plan File, 1974-75.

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Memoranda, cables, and reports concerning contingency planning for potential

developments in several countries during the early part of the Ford administration. The materials reflect the work of the NSC Contingency Planning Working Group, an interagency committee. The largest files concern Chile, Peru, Portugal, and Spain..

Arranged alphabetically by country name.

Box 1 - Contingency Plan File

Status	Title
OPEN	Australia
OPEN	Chile / Peru (1)-(3)
OPEN	Italy
OPEN	Korea
OPEN	Portugal (1)-(3)
OPEN	Spain (1)-(2)

Security Assistance File (FY 1974), 1972-74.

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Memoranda, cables, congressional bills, briefing papers, reports, and occasional notes on meetings. The materials all date from the Nixon administration and cover security assistance budgets and legislation for only a single fiscal year. The bulk of the file dates from calendar year 1973, although significant materials from the second half of 1972 and the first half of 1974 also appear. The series covers the security assistance budget planning process in the Executive Branch and also the development in the Legislative Branch of legislation authorizing and appropriating security assistance funds. It concerns both military and economic assistance.

Arranged alphabetically by title and chronologically thereunder.

Box 2 - Security Assistance File

Status	Title
OPEN	Aeronautical Modernization, September 1972
OPEN	Agency for International Development, April 1972- November 1973 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Arms Control and Disarmament Agency - Conventional Arms Transfer Study, May-August 1973 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Assistance to Taiwan, January 1973

Status	Title
OPEN	Authorization Bill for Resettlement of Russian Jews, May 1972
OPEN	Authorization Bills for State, USIA, and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, May 1972-February 1973
OPEN	Bipartisan Leadership Meeting, May 1, 1973
OPEN	Cambodia, August 1972-September 1973
OPEN	Commitments of Future-Year Security Assistance Funds, September 1972
OPEN	Congressional Ceiling at FY 1972-73 Level
OPEN	CPD Proposal by Country
OPEN	Defense Data and the Annual 620(s) Assessment and Review, November 1973
OPEN	Definitions
OPEN	Department of Defense Supplemental Authorization Act (H.R. 12565), June 1974
OPEN	East Asia and Pacific Security Assistance Program
OPEN	East Asia Regional Development Program, July-August 1972
OPEN	Economic Assistance Provisions - Foreign Assistance Act of 1973 and Foreign Assistance Act of 1974, January 1974
OPEN	Emergency Security Assistance Act of 1974 (Israel and Cambodia), October 1973
OPEN	Excess Defense Articles (EDA), September 1972
OPEN	Foreign Assistance Act of 1971, January 1972
OPEN	Foreign Assistance Act of 1972, April-October 1972

Box 3 - Security Assistance File

Status	Title
OPEN	Foreign Assistance Act of 1973 (S. 1443), November 1972-April 1974 (1)-(11)
OPEN	Functions and Organization of the Office of the Undersecretary for Security Assistance, October 1972

Status	Title
OPEN	FY 1974 Budget - Decisions, May 1972-February 1973 (1)-(2)

Box 4 - Security Assistance File

Status	Title
OPEN	FY 1974 Budget - Submission: Jordan, November 1973
OPEN	FY 1974 Budget - Summary Review, November 15, 1972 (1)-(2)
OPEN	FY 1975 Security Assistance Program - Congressional Strategy, September-December 1973
OPEN	Grant Material Assistance, September-October 1973
OPEN	House Foreign Affairs Committee, July 1973
OPEN	H.J.Res. 636 (Continuing Resolution), January-June 1973
OPEN	H.J.Res. 1331 (Continuing Resolution), October 1972
OPEN	H.R. 8687 (Military Procurement, Research, and Development), November 1971
OPEN	H.R. 9286 - Amendment (Aid to Cambodia and Laos), September 1973
OPEN	H.R. 9526 (Naval Vessel Loan Bill), March 1972
OPEN	Indochina Reconstruction, May 1973-March 1974
OPEN	International Affairs and Finance, December 1972
OPEN	Laos Field Budget Submission, July 1972
OPEN	Laos Program Review, August 24, 1972
OPEN	Meeting on Security Assistance with Mr. Tarr and Admiral Peet, February 1973
OPEN	Military Assistance for Laos and Vietnam, November 1972
OPEN	Military Assistance Program, June 1973-June 1974 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Military Assistance Service Funded (MASF) Budget, October 1972-October 1973
OPEN	Multi-Year Credits for the Philippines

Box 5 - Security Assistance File

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OPEN	Mutual Development and Cooperation Act of 1973, May-October 1973 (1)-(5)
OPEN	Notes on Meetings, November 1972-January 1973
OPEN	PL-480
OPEN	Program Decision Memoranda for the Defense Agencies and Defense-Wide Programs, August 1972
OPEN	Proposed Executive Order on "Delegating Certain Authority of the President to the Secretary of State", March 1974
OPEN	RDT&E Assistance, January 1974
OPEN	S. 2059 (International Development Act), March-April 1974
OPEN	S.Con.Res. 67 (Termination of Assistance Under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961), April 1974
OPEN	Secretary Laird's Concerns on Assistance Funding, January 1973
OPEN	Security Assistance Budget Planning Ceilings, July-August 1972
OPEN	Security Assistance Planning Guidance, May 1972
OPEN	Security Assistance Legislative Issues Meeting, August 3, 1973
OPEN	Security Assistance Program Review Committee Steering Group, September-October 1972
OPEN	Security Assistance Review Schedule, April 1972
OPEN	Senate Appropriations Committee Changes, August 23, 1972
OPEN	Spring Planning Review on "The Future of Foreign Aid", May 1972
OPEN	State Department Appeal of Security Assistance Budget Decisions, February 1973
OPEN	Vietnam Program Review, August 22, 1972