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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR. PRESIDENTIAL AGENCY FILE, 1974-1977

Collection Type

Personal Papers

Extent

8.8 linear feet (ca. 16,600 pages)

Record Type

Textual

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Scope and Content Note

The Presidential Agency File is one of many sub-collections that comprise the National Security Adviser Files. The provenance of the Ford National Security Adviser Files and an explanation of the designations "Presidential" and "Institutional" are provided in [Appendix A](#).

The Agency File is one component of the material collected and maintained by the National Security Council as a "Presidential Acquisition" file for eventual deposit in the President's Library. It contains the originals of many documents addressed to President Ford, quite a few of which were stamped "The President has seen" by the White House Staff Secretary's Office. The collection also includes many documents to or from National Security Advisers Henry Kissinger and Brent Scowcroft that relate to presidential policy decisions, meetings between the President and agency officials, or issues in which the President was heavily involved.

The collection is arranged by the names of government agencies or international organizations. The largest files concern the Department of Defense, CIA, NATO, U.S. Mission to the United Nations, and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Smaller, but significant, files concern the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB), Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA), Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, the Department of State, planning for State visits by foreign leaders, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the National Security Council.

Prominent recurring topics include decisions on agency budgets, presidential personnel appointments, and the organization and operations of agencies. There is much policy advice to President Ford on weapons systems, nuclear nonproliferation, arms control, intelligence issues, and a wide variety of other matters.

Across the collection, the frequently high-level communications provide insight into the leadership and personalities of such agency heads as William Colby and George Bush at CIA, James Schlesinger and Donald Rumsfeld at the Defense Department, Donald Rumsfeld as Ambassador to NATO, and Daniel Patrick Moynihan as Ambassador to the United Nations.

Some noteworthy topics are clustered according to agency. The CIA and PFIAB folders contain significant material relating to Rockefeller Commission and Congressional investigations of the intelligence community. Document requests, testimony, reorganization recommendations, and the Intelligence Oversight Board are treated. The CIA folders include many widely-distributed economic and oil reports from 1976.

PFIAB folders also concern an experiment in competitive analysis of Soviet military and other capabilities. This PFIAB initiative led to the formation of a group known as "Team B," whose reports provided an alternative analysis to that given in a National Intelligence Estimate.

NATO folders are especially relevant to issues in Spain and Portugal, and to the dispute involving Cyprus, Greece, and Turkey. Much of the latter topic relates to the impact on NATO of the U.S. arms embargo against Turkey.

United Nations folders relate in large part to the Middle East. Topics include UN Emergency Forces in the Sinai Peninsula, UN Disengagement Observer Forces in the Golan Heights, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and a UN resolution equating Zionism with racism. Other areas of concern are Cambodia, North and South Vietnam, North and South Korea, and the so-called North-South dialog over the needs of developing countries.

Related Materials (October 2009)

Other materials on these Federal agencies and international organizations appear in White House Central File Subject File categories FG (Federal Government Organizations) and IT (International Organizations).

Documents on the agencies and issues reflected in this collection appear in numerous locations in many different collections. Most are in collections received from the office of the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. Researchers can locate relevant materials via PRESNET search reports, which are provided upon request. New information is entered into the PRESNET database as collections become available for research. Researchers are encouraged to consult the Ford Library website for announcements of collection openings and to view online collections and documents.

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Memoranda, briefing papers, reports, testimony, speeches, and occasional memoranda of conversations. The materials are arranged by the name of agencies or international organizations. Folders for individual agencies contain both documents originated by the agency and those originating elsewhere that concern the operation or work of the agency.

The agencies/international organizations with the largest files are the Department of Defense, CIA, NATO, U.S. Mission to the United Nations, and Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Some of the issues documented include arms control, defense budget, intelligence matters, international economic and energy matters,

military weapons systems, nuclear nonproliferation policy, State visits of foreign leaders, and Vice President Rockefeller's foreign trips and meetings with foreign officials.

Arranged by agency/international organization name and chronologically thereunder. For some agencies with extensive materials there are separate folders at the end of the chronological sequence for large reports, State Department telegrams, testimony before congressional committees, or briefing books.

Box 1 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	Agency for International Development
OPEN	ANZUS Council
OPEN	Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (1)-(13)

Box 2 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (14)-(16)
OPEN	Army, Department of
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency (1)-(9)

Box 3 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency (10)-(12)
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Colby Report
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Economic Intelligence Weekly, 1/28/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Economic Intelligence Weekly, 2/4/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Economic Intelligence Weekly, 2/11/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Economic Intelligence Weekly, 2/18/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Economic Intelligence Weekly, 3/17/76

Status	Title
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Economic Intelligence Weekly, 6/30/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Economic Intelligence Weekly, 7/28/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Economic Intelligence Weekly, 8/4/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Economic Intelligence Weekly, 9/8/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Economic Intelligence Weekly, 9/15/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Economic Intelligence Weekly, 11/3/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Economic Intelligence Weekly, 11/17/76

Box 4 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Economic Intelligence Weekly, 11/24/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Economic Intelligence Weekly, 12/1/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - International Oil Developments, 1/29/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - International Oil Developments, 2/5/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - International Oil Developments, 2/12/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - International Oil Developments, 2/26/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - International Oil Developments, 7/1/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - International Oil Developments, 7/15/76

Status	Title
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - International Oil Developments, 7/29/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - International Oil Developments, 9/9/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - International Oil Developments, 11/4/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - International Oil Developments, 11/18/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - International Oil Developments, 12/2/76
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - International Oil Developments, 1/13/77

Box 5 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - President's Commission (1)-(2)
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - President's Commission: Implementation of Recommendations (1)-(3)
OPEN	Central Intelligence Agency - Statement by Director Colby Before the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, 2/20/75 (1)-(2) - Statement by Director Colby Before the Rockefeller Commission (1)-(3)
OPEN	Appropriations Committee, 2/20/75 (1)-(2) - Statement by Director Colby Before the Senate Appropriations Committee, 1/15/75 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Central Treaty Organization (CENTO)

Box 6 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	Commerce, Department of (1)-(3)
OPEN	Council of Economic Advisers
OPEN	Council on International Economic Policy
OPEN	Defense, Department of (1)-(8)

Box 7 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	Defense, Department of (9)-(18)

Box 8 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	Defense, Department of (19)-(28)

Box 9 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	Defense, Department of (29)-(40)

Box 10 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	Defense, Department of - Report on the Relative Status of Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve
OPEN	Defense, Department of - Report to Congress on the FY 1976 Budget (1)-(5)

Box 11 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	Defense, Department of - Report to Congress on the FY 1977 Budget (1)-(6)
OPEN	Defense, Department of - Rumsfeld Confirmation Briefing Book (1)-(2)

Box 12 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	Economic Policy Board
OPEN	Energy Research and Development Administration (1)
OPEN	Energy Research and Development Administration (2)
OPEN	Energy Research and Development Administration (3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Energy Research and Development Administration (4)
OPEN	Energy Research and Development Administration (5)
OPEN	Energy Research and Development Administration (6)
OPEN	Energy Research and Development Administration (7)
OPEN	Energy Research and Development Administration (8)
OPEN	Energy Research and Development Administration (9)

Status	Title
OPEN	Energy Research and Development Administration (10)

Box 13 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	Environmental Protection Agency
OPEN	Federal Bureau of Investigation
OPEN	Federal Energy Administration
OPEN	Federal Energy Administration - Presidential Budget Review on the Oil Storage Program, Nuclear Policy Implementation, and Earthquake Research (includes some ERDA and Department of the Interior programs), (1)-(4)
OPEN	General Services Administration
OPEN	Intelligence Community - NSC Semiannual Review (1)-(4)
OPEN	Intelligence Oversight Board
OPEN	International Labor Organization
OPEN	Joint Chiefs of Staff

Box 14 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	Joint Chiefs of Staff - Presidential Briefing, 8/74 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Justice, Department of
OPEN	Labor, Department of
OPEN	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (1)-(6)
OPEN	National Science Foundation
OPEN	National Security Council (1)-(5)

Box 15 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	NATO (1)-(12)

Box 16 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	NATO (13)-(20)
OPEN	NATO - 1975 NATO Defense Planning Questionnaire (1)-(5)

Box 17 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	NATO - 1976 NATO Defense Planning Questionnaire (1)-(4)
OPEN	NATO - Report on Security and Effectiveness of Nuclear Weapons (1)-(3)
OPEN	NATO - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE, EXDIS
OPEN	NATO - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE, NODIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	NATO - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE, EXDIS (1)-(5)

Box 18 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	NATO - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE, NODIS (1)-(3)
OPEN	Office of Management and Budget (1)-(3)
OPEN	Office of Telecommunications Policy
OPEN	President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (1)-(7)

Box 19 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (8)</u>
OPEN	President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (9)
OPEN	President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (10)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (11)</u>
OPEN	President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board - Leo Cherne/Green Book Affair
OPEN	Selective Service System
OPEN	Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
OPEN	State, Department of (1)-(7)
OPEN	State Visits - Planning (1)

Box 20 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	State Visits - Planning (2)-(6)
OPEN	Transportation, Department of

Status	Title
OPEN	Treasury, Department of the (1)-(2)
OPEN	United States Information Agency
OPEN	USUN (U.S. Mission to the United Nations), (1)-(7)

Box 21 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	USUN (U.S. Mission to the United Nations), (8)-(12)
OPEN	USUN - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE, EXDIS
OPEN	USUN - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE, NODIS (1)-(3)
OPEN	USUN - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE, EXDIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	USUN - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE, NODIS (1)-(2)

Box 22 - Agency File

Status	Title
OPEN	USUN - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE, NODIS (3)-(9)
OPEN	Vice President (1)-(4)
OPEN	Vice President - Trip to King Faisal's Funeral (1)-(2)
OPEN	World Bank