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National Security Adviser. Trip Cables of Brent Scowcroft, 1975-77

Collection Type

White House Office Files

Extent

2.5 linear feet (ca. 3,000 pages)

Record Type

Textual

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Scope and Content Note

The "Trip Cables of Brent Scowcroft" 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](#).

These files are for trips on which National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft accompanied the President and consist entirely of cables transmitted to and from Brent Scowcroft through the White House Situation Room. A "SCOTO" folder is available for three trips, but the major portion of the collection consists of "TOSCO" folders. The cables transmit White House Situation Room reports, summaries of daily newspaper reporting and editorial comment, memoranda concerning the ongoing work of the National Security Council, and options papers requiring a decision by Scowcroft. Information is available on a wide range of issues concerning foreign policy and national security, including the Middle East, oil

prices, the crisis in Lebanon, Southern Africa, foreign aid, and the defense budget. August 1976 trip files contain a considerable amount of material concerning the Korean tree incident.

Files for two of the trips contain material relating to the presidential campaign. Materials concerning the Republican National Convention and the foreign policy plank of the party platform are in folders for the August 1976 trip to Kansas City/Vail. The files for the October 1976 trip to San Francisco/Los Angeles contain material relating to the campaign in general and especially to the foreign policy debate.

In many cases only the transmittal cover sheets are available in the folders. Researchers may find some of the actual transmissions in White House Situation Room collections "Noon and Evening Notes" and "Brent Scowcroft's Morning Newspaper Summaries."

Related Materials (March 2011)

"Trip Briefing Books and Cables of President Ford" and "Trip Briefing Books and Cables of Henry Kissinger" are closely related collections. Related materials are also available in many other collections, especially those 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 collections openings and to view online collections and documents.

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Boxes 1-6

Scowcroft Trip File, 1975-77. (2.5 linear feet)

Trip files consisting of communications between Brent Scowcroft and White House and National Security Council staff during times he was traveling with the President. Communications consist of White House Situation Room reports concerning current international events and staff memoranda concerning National Security Council operations. Subject content covers a wide range of issues

concerning foreign policy and national security such as the Middle East, Lebanon, oil prices, Africa, the Korean tree incident, foreign aid, and the defense budget. Also materials relating to the 1976 Republican National Convention and the foreign policy campaign debate. Arranged chronologically by date of trip.

Box 1 Scowcroft Trip File

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>November-December 1975 – People’s Republic of China - SCOTO</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>November-December 1975 – People’s Republic of China - TOSCO (1)</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>November-December 1975 – People’s Republic of China - TOSCO (2)</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>November-December 1975 – People’s Republic of China - TOSCO (3)</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>November-December 1975 – People’s Republic of China - TOSCO (4)</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>November-December 1975 – People’s Republic of China - TOSCO (5)</u>
OPEN	December 23-30, 1975 - Vail - SCOTO
OPEN	December 23-30, 1975 - Vail - TOSCO (1)-(2)

Box 2 Scowcroft Trip File

Status	Title
OPEN	December 23-30, 1975 – Vail - TOSCO (3)-(6)
OPEN	June 27-28, 1976 – Economic Summit, Puerto Rico - TOSCO (1)-(2)
OPEN	August 1976 - Kansas City/Vail - SCOTO
OPEN	August 1976 - Kansas City/Vail - TOSCO (1)-(4)

Box 3 Scowcroft Trip File

Status	Title
OPEN	August 1976 - Kansas City/Vail - TOSCO (5)-(13)

Box 4 Scowcroft Trip File

Status	Title
OPEN	August 1976 – Kansas City/Vail - TOSCO (14)-(18)

Status	Title
OPEN	October 4-10, 1976 - San Francisco/Los Angeles - TOSCO (1)-(5)

Box 5 Scowcroft Trip File

Status	Title
OPEN	October 4-10, 1976 - San Francisco/Los Angeles - TOSCO (6)-(11)
OPEN	November 8-15, 1976 - Palm Springs - TOSCO (1)-(5)

Box 6 Scowcroft Trip File

Status	Title
OPEN	December 19, 1976 - January 2, 1977 - Vail - TOSCO (1)-(9)