

C. WILLIAM KONTOS PAPERS, 1976-82

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Scope and Content Note

C. William Kontos was named first Director of the United States Sinai Support Mission on January 15, 1976. This independent body was formed by joint resolution of Congress to organize, coordinate and provide overall management of an American early-warning system in the Sinai, and to maintain the UN buffer zone between Egyptian and Israeli forces. Kontos, as the Director of the Mission, was designated a Special Representative of the President and reported to him through his Assistant for National Security Affairs. The President was required by Congress to submit a status report at least every six months.

The papers consist of photocopies of nine speeches delivered by Kontos and copies of the thirteen Reports to Congress and five general reports. The speeches cover the history, formation, role and status of the Sinai Support Mission (SSM) and its overseas arm, the Sinai Field Mission (SFM), and the use of technology as a peace keeping tool, with SSM tactical early warning system using sensor technology as an example.

The congressional reports span April 30, 1976 to May 25, 1982. The Mission's peacekeeping operation ended April 25, 1982, when Israel completed its withdrawal from the Sinai and Egyptian sovereignty was re-established. The general reports include Department of State publications on the SSM, the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty and a Foreign Service Post Report.

Grouped by speeches, congressional reports, and general reports and arranged chronologically thereunder.

Related Materials (September 1982)

Related materials can be found in White House Central Files Subject File categories FG 418 (Sinai Support Mission), CO 71 (Israel), CO 159 (Israel), and ND 18/CO 7 (Wars - Middle East. Scattered materials on the Sinai accord also appear in the staff files of the Congressional Relations Office and elsewhere.

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Speeches, 1976-79.

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Arranged chronologically.

Box 1 - Speeches

Status	Title
OPEN	5/1/76 - American Foreign Policy and Our Permanent Interests
OPEN	6/4/76 - The U.S. Peacekeeping Role in the Sinai
OPEN	7/4/76 - Remarks for Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at Sinai Field Mission
OPEN	8/25/76 - Remarks to the Policy Planning Staff on the Role of the Sinai Support Mission
OPEN	9/15/76 - Remarks to Open Forum on the Role and Status of the Sinai Support Mission
OPEN	10/7/76 - Notes on Arms Control Prospects for Middle East Confrontation States
OPEN	7/9-22/78 - Use of Technology in Peacekeeping: Lessons From The U.S. Sinai Field Mission
OPEN	7/15-28/79 - Use of Technology in Peacekeeping: Lessons From the U.S. Sinai Field Mission
OPEN	11/6-8/79 - Use of Technology in Peacekeeping: Lessons From the U.S. Sinai Field Mission

Reports to Congress, 1976-82.

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Thirteen reports to Congress on the work of the Sinai Support Mission.

Arranged chronologically.

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Status	Title
OPEN	Reports to Congress, 4/76 - 5/82

General Reports, 1978-80.

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The general reports include Department of State publications on the Sinai Support Mission, the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, and a foreign service post report.

Arranged chronologically.

Box 1 (Continued) - General Reports

Status	Title
OPEN	4/78 - Between Egypt and Israel: The Establishment of the U.S. Sinai Field Mission
OPEN	4/79 - The Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty
OPEN	6/80 - Watch in the Sinai
OPEN	8/80 - U.S. Sinai Field Mission - Post Report
OPEN	Undated - Peace in the Sinai