NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR. PRESIDENTIAL COUNTRY FILES FOR AFRICA, 1974-77

Collection Type

White House Office Files

Extent

3.1 linear feet (ca. 6,200 pages)

Record Type

Textual

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Provenance

Provenance of the National Security Adviser Files

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Scope and Content Note

The Presidential Country Files for Africa is one of many subcollections that comprise the National Security Adviser Files.

These Presidential Country Files relate to U.S. relations with existing and emerging countries in Africa, and address regional concerns as well as issues specific to individual countries. Materials in the first five folders are filed under "Africa," and the remainder of the collection is arranged by name of country. Memoranda, briefing papers, and comparable materials created by the National Security Adviser, National Security Council staff, and State Department officials, and telegrams exchanged between the State Department and U.S. embassies are contained in these files.

Scope and Content of the Materials

The folders titled "Africa" contain a series of issues papers prepared for presidential briefings regarding the Sahel and the drought in West Africa, and the situation in Southern Africa (Angola, Mozambique, Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Namibia). Other materials concern the Cuban presence in Africa, Secretary Kissinger's remarks at a dinner with representatives of the Organization of African Unity, correspondence from the Presidents of Zaire and Senegal, and U.S. membership in the African Development Fund.

The prevalent topics in this collection are the move to independence and establishment of new government in many countries, especially Angola, and the effort to bring about majority rule in Southern Africa. Just about every country had an interest or involvement in the events taking place in Angola, Mozambique, Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Namibia. Materials relating to these countries are filed throughout the collection. Materials in the folders for Zaire and Zambia are particularly relevant for research on these two main topics. In addition to the relationship between the U.S. and individual countries, the materials also

show U.S. interaction with the former colonial powers and the role of the Organization of African Unity.

Other significant issues are the Ethiopian/Eritrean conflict, the dispute between Algeria and Morocco over Western Sahara (formerly Spanish Sahara), and the Soviet presence in Somalia.

In general, the individual country folders also contain materials relating to military and economic development aid to Africa, appointment of ambassadors to and from various countries, and meetings between U.S. and African officials.

Related Materials (April 2002)

Materials relating to Africa are available in various categories, especially the CO-Countries categories of White House Central Files Subject File. The papers of Stanley Scott, Assistant to the President for Minority Affairs, contain small amounts of materials relating to the Nixon administration's response to a drought in Africa and his later service as Assistant Administrator for Africa in the Agency for International Development.

Related materials 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 upon request. Additional related materials will undoubtedly become available as processing continues on National Security Adviser Files.

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2024-05-16

Box 1 - Country Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Africa - General (1)-(4)
OPEN	Africa - General: State Department Telegrams
OPEN	Algeria (1)-(2)
OPEN	Algeria - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Algeria - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS

Status Title

OPEN Algeria - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE -

NODIS (1)- (3)

OPEN Angola (1)-(3)

Box 2 - Country Files

Status Title

OPEN Angola (4)-(5)

OPEN Angola - Presidential Message

OPEN Angola - State Department Telegrams

OPEN Benin (formerly Dahomey)

OPEN Botswana

OPEN Botswana - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE

- NODIS

OPEN Botswana - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE -

EXDIS

OPEN Botswana - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE -

NODIS

OPEN Burundi

OPEN Cameroon

OPEN Cape Verde

OPEN Central African Republic

OPEN Chad

OPEN Congo

OPEN Ethiopia

OPEN Ethiopia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE -

EXDIS

OPEN Ethiopia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE -

NODIS

OPEN Ethiopia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE -

EXDIS

OPEN Ethiopia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE -

NODIS

OPEN Gabon

Box 3 - Country Files

Status	Title

OPEN Gambia (empty)

OPEN Ghana
OPEN Guinea

OPEN Guinea - State Department Telegrams

OPEN Guinea Bissau (formerly Portuguese Guinea)

OPEN Ivory Coast - State Department Telegrams: From

SECSTATE - EXDIS

OPEN Ivory Coast - State Department Telegrams: From

SECSTATE - NODIS

OPEN Ivory Coast - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE -

EXDIS

OPEN Ivory Coast - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE -

NODIS

OPEN Kenya (1)-(2)

OPEN Kenya - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE -

EXDIS

OPEN Kenya - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE -

NODIS

OPEN Kenya - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE -

EXDIS

OPEN Kenya - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE -

NODIS (1)-(2)

OPEN Lesotho

OPEN Liberia

OPEN Liberia - State Department Telegrams

OPEN Libya

OPEN Libya - State Department Telegrams

Box 4 - Country Files

Status Title

OPEN Malagasy Republic

OPEN Malawi

Status Title

OPEN Maldives (empty)

OPEN Mali

OPEN Mauritania
OPEN Mauritius

OPEN Morocco (1)-(3)

OPEN Morocco - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE -

EXDIS

OPEN Morocco - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE -

NODIS

OPEN Morocco - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE -

EXDIS

OPEN Morocco - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE -

NODIS (1)-(2)

OPEN Mozambique

OPEN Mozambique - State Department Telegrams: From

SECSTATE - NODIS

OPEN Mozambique - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE

- EXDIS

OPEN Mozambique - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE

- NODIS

OPEN Niger

Box 5 - Country Files

Status Title

OPEN Nigeria

OPEN Nigeria - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE -

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OPEN Nigeria - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE -

EXDIS

OPEN Nigeria - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE -

NODIS

OPEN Rhodesia

OPEN Rwanda

Status	Title
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OPEN	Senegal - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Senegal - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Senegal - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Seychelles
OPEN	Sierra Leone
OPEN	Somalia (1)-(3)

OPEN Somalia - State Department Telegrams

NODIS (1)-(4)

OPEN South Africa (1)-(4)

Box 6 - Country Files

Status	Title
OPEN	South Africa - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	South Africa - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	South Africa - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	South Africa - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(4)
OPEN	Sudan (1)-(2)
OPEN	Sudan - State Department Telegrams
OPEN	Swaziland - State Department Telegrams
OPEN	Tanzania - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Tanzania - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	Tanzania - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Tanzania - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE -

Box 7 - Country Files

	Status	Title
OPEN		Togo
OPEN		Tunisia
OPEN		Tunisia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN		Tunisia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN		Tunisia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN		Tunisia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN		Uganda
OPEN		Uganda - Cable Traffic on Entebbe Raid
OPEN		Upper Volta - State Department Telegrams
OPEN		Zaire (1)-(3)
OPEN		Zaire - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN		Zaire - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN		Zaire - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN		Zaire - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(6)

Box 8 - Country Files

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OPEN		Zambia
OPEN		Zambia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN		Zambia - State Department Telegrams: From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(2)
OPEN		Zambia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - EXDIS

Status Title

OPEN Zambia - State Department Telegrams: To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(7)