

NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR. PRESIDENTIAL COUNTRY FILES FOR MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA, 1974-77

Collection Type

Federal Records

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14 linear feet (ca. 28,000 pages)

Record Type

Textual

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Scope and Content Note

The Presidential Country Files for the Middle East and South Asia is one of many subcollections that comprise the National Security Adviser Files.

This particular subcollection concerns U.S. relations with all countries in the Middle East and South Asia, encompassing both regional and bilateral matters. In arrangement, the first folders concern the Middle East in general or the United States Sinai Support Mission. The rest of this substantial collection is arranged alphabetically by country name and thereunder by type of document, i.e. National Security Council letterhead memos in the first folders, Secretary of State – Embassy cables in the next folders. Egypt is included here, but researchers should consult Presidential Country Files for Africa for the other Arab nations of North Africa.

Scope and Content of the Materials

Presidential Country Files include materials prepared for and by the National Security Adviser and National Security Council staff. Memoranda, reports, briefing papers, schedule proposals, correspondence, and telegrams make up the bulk of the collection.

Materials in the “Middle East – General” folders relate to a variety of topics including arms sales, economic and military assistance, reassessment period in American Middle East policy, Palestine Liberation Organization, Arab boycott of companies trading with Israel, and tensions between India and Pakistan. The Sinai Support Mission materials concern the establishment of the Mission and the appointment of C. William Kontos as its director.

Materials on several significant foreign policy events are found throughout the collection under multiple country headings. These events include the Sinai II

disengagement negotiations between Israel and Egypt, negotiations with Greece and Turkey to resolve the Cyprus partition crisis, and the emerging civil war in Lebanon. Other topics include Arab-Israeli relations in general, Palestinian representation in the Middle East peace process, arms sales, military cooperation, economic assistance, and concern about the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Several country headings merit special mention. Egypt and Israel are significant for materials on all aspects of the peace process and related topics such as U.S. military and economic assistance, the United Nations, monitoring stations in the Sinai, and transport of Israeli cargo through the Suez Canal. Folders for Egypt also include material on cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The Syria, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia folders include materials relating to the Middle East peace process, Arab-Israeli relations, Lebanon, arms sales, and military training. Materials in Saudi Arabia folders are also relevant for discussions about oil and the Arab boycott of businesses dealing with Israel. In addition to materials concerning Cyprus, folders for Greece and Turkey also contain information about their conflict over territorial sea and continental shelf in the Aegean Sea, military base negotiations, and the U.S. arms embargo against Turkey. The Iran and Iraq folders contain material on the conflict between these countries and their relations with the Kurds. Specific to Iran are materials on Iranian investment in the U.S., especially in Pan American Airways, U.S.-Iranian bilateral oil agreements, manufacturing co-production agreements, and uranium enrichment. Folders for India and Pakistan have materials relating to their bilateral relations, Bangladesh, and development and proliferation of nuclear weapons. Materials for India also concern naval deployments in the Indian Ocean and naval facilities on Diego Garcia.

Throughout this subcollection State Department telegrams provide an overview of communications between officials in Washington and staff at embassies across the region. They provide contemporaneous, on-the-scene reports and analyses of events and conversations. The telegrams also convey comments and analyses by host government officials and members of the diplomatic corps from other countries. PRESNET search reports, available upon request from Ford Library staff, provide subject access to the broad range of topics discussed in the telegrams.

Related Materials (February 2004)

Related materials are available in various White House Central Files Subject File categories, especially country files. The National Security Adviser Files subcollection Kissinger Reports on USSR, China, and Middle East Discussions, 1974-1976, is especially relevant to the Middle East peace process and negotiations between Egypt and Israel. Researchers can locate related material in other processed/declassified segments of National Security Adviser Files by requesting PRESNET search reports. Additional materials will undoubtedly become available as declassification processing continues in all Ford Library collections.

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Box 1 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Middle East - General (1)-(15)

Box 2 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Middle East - General (16)-(18)
OPEN	Middle East - United States Sinai Support Mission (1)-(2)
OPEN	Afghanistan (1)-(2)
OPEN	Afghanistan - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Afghanistan - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Afghanistan - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Afghanistan - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Bangladesh
OPEN	Bangladesh - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Bangladesh - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS

Status	Title
OPEN	Bangladesh - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Bangladesh - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Bhutan
OPEN	Cyprus (1)-(4)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Cyprus - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Cyprus - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)
OPEN	Cyprus - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (2)

Box 3 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Cyprus - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)
OPEN	Cyprus - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (2)
OPEN	Cyprus - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(12)
OPEN	Diego Garcia
OPEN	Egypt (1)-(4)

Box 4 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Egypt (5)-(15)
OPEN	Egypt - State Department Telegrams From SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(2)

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Status	Title
OPEN	Egypt - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS - Aswan Cables Only

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OPEN	Egypt - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(16)

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Status	Title
OPEN	Egypt - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (17)-(21)
OPEN	Egypt - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS - Aswan Cables Only (1)-(3)
OPEN	Egypt - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(6)
OPEN	Egypt - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(2)

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Status	Title
OPEN	Egypt - State Department Telegrams To SECSTATE - NODIS (3)-(17)

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Status	Title
OPEN	Egypt - State Department Telegrams To SECSTATE - NODIS (18)-(35)

Box 9 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Egypt - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS (36)-(53)
OPEN	Egypt - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS - Aswan Cables Only (1)-(3)

Box 10 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Greece (1)-(6)
OPEN	Greece - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Greece - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)
OPEN	Greece - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (2)
OPEN	Greece - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (3)
OPEN	Greece - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (4)
OPEN	Greece - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (5)
OPEN	Greece - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(4)

Box 11 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Greece - State Department Telegrams To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(13)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	India (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	India (2)

Box 12 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	India (3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	India (4)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	India (5)
OPEN	India - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	India - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(3)
OPEN	India - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	India - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(3)
OPEN	Iran (1)-(3)

Box 13 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Iran (4)-(13)
OPEN	Iran - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Iran - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(3)

Box 14 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Iran - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (4)-(5)
OPEN	Iran - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	Iran - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(8)
OPEN	Iraq
OPEN	Iraq - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Iraq - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS

Box 15 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Israel (1)-(14)

Box 16 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Israel (15)-(28)

Box 17 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Israel (29)-(32)
OPEN	Israel - Analysis of Israeli Proposals for a Corridor to Abu Rudays
OPEN	Israel - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS

Status	Title
OPEN	Israel - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS - Jerusalem Cables Only
OPEN	Israel - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(8)

Box 18 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Israel - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS - Jerusalem Cables Only (1)-(8)
OPEN	Israel - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(4)
OPEN	Israel - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS - Jerusalem Cables Only
OPEN	Israel - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(2)

Box 19 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Israel - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS (3)-(14)
OPEN	Israel - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS - Jerusalem Cables Only (1)-(2)

Box 20 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Israel - State Department Telegrams To SECSTATE - NODIS - Jerusalem Cables Only (3)-(4)
OPEN	Jordan (1)-(11)

Box 21 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Jordan - Options Book, 8/9/74 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Jordan - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Jordan - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(8)

Status	Title
OPEN	Jordan - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(3)

Box 22 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Jordan - State Department Telegrams To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(15)

Box 23 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Jordan - State Department Telegrams To SECSTATE - NODIS (16)-(30)
OPEN	Kuwait
OPEN	Kuwait - State Department Telegrams From SECSTATE - NODIS

Box 24 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Kuwait - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Kuwait - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Lebanon (1)-(9)
OPEN	Lebanon - Evacuation (1)-(4)

Box 25 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Lebanon - Evacuation (5)-(6)
OPEN	Lebanon - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Lebanon - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(3)
OPEN	Lebanon - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	Lebanon - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(7)

Box 26 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Lebanon - State Department Telegrams To SECSTATE - NODIS (8)-(13)
OPEN	Nepal
OPEN	Nepal - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Nepal - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Nepal - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Oman (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Oman (2)
OPEN	Oman - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Oman - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Pakistan (1)-(3)

Box 27 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Pakistan (4)-(6)
OPEN	Pakistan - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Pakistan - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	Pakistan - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Pakistan - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(4)
OPEN	Saudi Arabia (1)-(6)

Box 28 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Saudi Arabia (7)-(15)

Status	Title
OPEN	Saudi Arabia - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Saudi Arabia - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(2)

Box 29 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Saudi Arabia - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (3)-(6)
OPEN	Saudi Arabia - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(5)
OPEN	Saudi Arabia - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(6)

Box 30 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Saudi Arabia - State Department Telegrams To SECSTATE - NODIS (7)-(15)
OPEN	Sri Lanka
OPEN	Sri Lanka - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Sri Lanka - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NOODIS
OPEN	Sri Lanka - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Sri Lanka - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Syria (1)-(4)

Box 31 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Syria - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Syria - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(8)

Status	Title
OPEN	Syria - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(2)
OPEN	Syria - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(5)

Box 32 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Syria - State Department Telegrams To SECSTATE - NODIS (6)-(16)
OPEN	Trucial States [Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Qatar, Muscat, Oman, United Arab Emirates] (1)-(3)
OPEN	Trucial States - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Trucial States - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Trucial States - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Trucial States - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS

Box 33 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Turkey (1)-(14)

Box 34 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Turkey (15)-(17)
OPEN	Turkey - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Turkey - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(7)
OPEN	Turkey - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS (1)-(3)
OPEN	Turkey - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS (1)-(2)

Box 35 - Country File

Status	Title
OPEN	Turkey - State Department Telegrams To SECSTATE - NODIS (3)-(13)
OPEN	Yemen
OPEN	Yemen - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Yemen - State Department Telegrams - From SECSTATE - NODIS
OPEN	Yemen - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - EXDIS
OPEN	Yemen - State Department Telegrams - To SECSTATE - NODIS