

NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER. PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH FOREIGN LEADERS, 1974-77

Collection Type

Federal Records

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1.5 linear feet (ca. 3,000 pages)

Record Type

Textual

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Scope and Content Note

Presidential Correspondence with Foreign Leaders is one of many subcollections that comprise the National Security Adviser Files. The provenance and nature of the National Security Adviser Files as a whole are described in [Appendix A](#).

The subcollection described here concerns letters and telegrams exchanged between President Ford and leaders from sixty-four countries. The materials address regional issues as well as issues specific to individual countries and are arranged alphabetically by country and then by name of foreign leader.

Scope and Content of the Materials

Presidential Correspondence with Foreign Leaders includes material prepared for and by the National Security Adviser and the National Security Council staff. Letters, telegrams, memoranda, notes, and drafts of messages make up the bulk of the collection.

The collection consists primarily of letters, many of them originals, sent by foreign leaders to President Ford and copies of letters and messages sent by President Ford to foreign leaders. Many folders contain supporting materials used in drafting President Ford's letters and telegrams.

The Presidential correspondence ranges from routine courtesy messages to substantive letters on many foreign policy issues. The routine communications, for example, convey congratulations on the assumption of office, invitations to visit, and greetings on national holidays. The substantive letters and telegrams address a wide-range of topics such as Angola and the administration's policy in Africa, the British financial crisis, Cambodia, economic summit meetings, the Middle East peace process, nuclear proliferation, trade, OPEC and oil prices, Cyprus, Spain's shift to democracy, NATO, the final months in South Vietnam, and Soviet influence in Africa and Asia.

Major correspondents include Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau of Canada, Premier Chiang Ching-kuo of the Republic of China (Taiwan), President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, President Valery Giscard d'Estaing of France, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany), the Shah of Iran, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel, Prime Minister Aldo Moro of Italy, Prime Minister Takeo Miki of Japan, President Park Chung Hee of the Republic of Korea (South Korea), President William Tolbert of Liberia, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto of Pakistan, Premier Chou En-lai of the People's Republic of China, King Faisal and King Khalid of Saudi Arabia, Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Prime Minister James Callaghan of the United Kingdom, President Nguyen Van Thieu of the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam), and President Josip Broz Tito of Yugoslavia.

Related Materials (March 2004)

Related materials are available in a number of other open and closed National Security Adviser collections, including the Presidential Country Files, Presidential Transition Files, Memoranda of Conversations, NSC Staff Files, Kissinger-Scowcroft West Wing Office Files, Kissinger Trip Briefing Books and Cables, and Presidential Trip Briefing Books and Cables. Additional correspondence and messages with foreign leaders are located in the White House Central Files Subject File, while further information on the editing process is found in the Paul Theis and Robert Orben Files and Robert Hartmann Files. Researchers can identify file locations of related open materials from PRESNET search reports, which are available upon request. As closed collections are processed and opened, they will be added to the PRESNET database. Researchers can also consult the Ford Library website for announcements of collection openings.

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Letters, telegrams, memoranda, notes, and drafts of messages concerning President Ford's correspondence with leaders of sixty-four countries. The materials, a mix of routine and substantive messages, address a wide array of regional issues and issues specific to individual countries. Examples include Australian and Irish

meat quotas, Canada's purchase of Long-Range Patrol Aircraft, Taiwanese anxiety about the administration's one China policy, the Rambouillet and Puerto Rico economic summit meetings, the Italian economy, the U.S.-West German balance of payments offset agreement for the NORTHAG brigade, the fallout from the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, Saudi Arabian influence on oil prices, Iranian nuclear matters, Great Britain and the IMF agreement on gold and exchange rates, the Sinai Accords, the Lockheed scandal in Japan, Pakistan's concern about Soviet influence in India and Afghanistan, North Vietnamese violations of the Paris Agreement, the international impact of the U.S. economy and recession, and African thoughts on US policy and Soviet influence in Angola and southern Africa.

Arranged alphabetically by country and then by name of foreign leader.

Box 1 - Presidential Correspondence with Foreign Leaders

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Afghanistan - Prime Minister Daoud</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Algeria - President Boumediene</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Argentina - President Peron</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Argentina - President Jorge Rafael Videla</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Australia - Prime Minister Fraser</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Austria - President Rudolf Kirchschlaeger</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Belgium - King Baudouin I</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Brazil - President Geisel</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Bulgaria - Chairman Todor Zhivkov</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Cambodia - President Lon Nol</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Canada - Prime Minister Trudeau</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Central African Republic - Marshal Jean-Bedel Bokassa</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Chad - President Malloum Bey-Ndi</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>China, Republic of - Premier Chiang Ching-kuo</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Cyprus - President Clerides</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Egypt - President Sadat (1)</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>Egypt - President Sadat (2)</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>France - Prime Minister Barre</u>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<u>France - President Giscard d'Estaing (1)</u>

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	France - President Giscard d'Estaing (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	France - President Giscard d'Estaing (3)

Box 2 - Presidential Correspondence with Foreign Leaders

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Germany (FRG) - Chancellor Schmidt (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Germany (FRG) - Chancellor Schmidt (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Germany (FRG) - Chancellor Schmidt (3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Ghana - General Acheampong
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Greece - Prime Minister Caramanlis
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Guatemala - President Kjell Laugerud Garcia
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Guinea, Republic of - President Ahmed Sekou Toure
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Indonesia - President Suharto
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Iran - The Shah (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Iran - The Shah (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Ireland - Prime Minister Liam Cosgrave
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Israel - President Katzir
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Israel - Prime Minister Rabin
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Italy - President Leone
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Italy - Prime Minister Aldo Moro
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - Emperor Hirohito
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - Prime Minister Miki (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - Prime Minister Miki (2)

Box 3 - Presidential Correspondence with Foreign Leaders

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Japan - Prime Minister Sato
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Jordan - King Hussein
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Kenya - President Kenyatta
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Korea - President Park (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Korea - President Park (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Lebanon - President Frangie
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Lebanon - President Sarkis

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Liberia - President Tolbert (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Liberia - President Tolbert (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Luxembourg - Prime Minister Thorn
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Malawi - President Banda
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Mexico - President Echeverria
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Morocco - King Hassan
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Mozambique - President Samora Moises Machel
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Netherlands - Prime Minister Johannes den Uyl
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Norway - Prime Minister Bratteli
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Oman - Sultan Qaboos
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Pakistan - Prime Minister Bhutto (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Pakistan - Prime Minister Bhutto (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Pakistan - Prime Minister Bhutto (3)

Box 4 - Presidential Correspondence with Foreign Leaders

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	People's Republic of China - Premier Hua Kuo-feng
OPEN / DIGITIZED	People's Republic of China - Premier Chou En-lai
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Philippines - President Marcos
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Poland - First Secretary Edward Gierek
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Portugal - President Gomes
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Saudi Arabia - King Faisal
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Saudi Arabia - King Khalid
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Senegal - President Senghor
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Singapore - Prime Minister Lee
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Somalia - President Mohamed Siad Barre
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Spain - King Juan Carlos
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Sri Lanka - Prime Minister Bandaranaike
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Sudan - President Jaafar Mohamed Nimeiri
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Syria - President Asad
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Tanzania - President Julius Nyerere
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Tunisia - President Bourguiba

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Turkey - President Koruturk
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Turkey - Prime Minister Demirel
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Turkey - Prime Minister Ecevit
OPEN / DIGITIZED	United Arab Emirates - President Zayid bin Sultan al-Nuhayan
OPEN / DIGITIZED	United Kingdom - Prime Minister James Callaghan

Box 5 - Presidential Correspondence with Foreign Leaders

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	United Kingdom - Prime Minister Harold Wilson (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	United Kingdom - Prime Minister Harold Wilson (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	United Kingdom - Prime Minister Harold Wilson (3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	United Kingdom - Queen Elizabeth II
OPEN / DIGITIZED	USSR - Leonid I. Brezhnev
OPEN / DIGITIZED	USSR - Nikolas Podgorny
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Vatican - Pope Paul VI
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Venezuela - President Carlos A. Perez
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Vietnam - President Nguyen Van Thieu
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Yugoslavia - President Tito
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Yugoslavia - Prime Minister Dzemal Bijedic
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Zaire, Republic of - President Mobutu
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Zambia - President Kenneth Kaunda