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Secretariat Staff

A-27-001-01 Secretariat Master File of Briefing Books, Fact Sheets, Visit and Conference

Books

Description: These records are books (generally loose leaf) prepared for the Secretary and other

high level officials to provide them with the essential information they will need for meetings with foreign dignitaries and officials, attending international conferences and any important activity that involves the Secretary. Most of the material consists of copies of documents that are maintained in other official files, however there is

some original documentation.

Disposition: Permanent. Retire to RSC when 5 years old for transfer to WNRC. Transfer to

the National Archives when 30 years old in 5-year blocks.

DispAuthNo: NC1-059-81-06, item 1 **Date Edited:** 4/1/1999

A-27-001-02 Secretariat Memorandums

Description: This file, sometimes referred to as Principals Memorandums, consists of

memorandums prepared by the Executive Secretary of the Department addressed to the Secretary and other high level officials. Memorandums to the Secretary from the Deputy Secretary and other high level officials through the Executive Secretary. These records are primarily concerned with administrative matters, e.g., operating

procedures, however some substantive matters are addressed.

Disposition: Permanent. Retire to RSC when 5 years old for transfer to WNRC. Transfer to

the National Archives when 30 years in 5-year blocks.

DispAuthNo: NC1-059-81-06, item 2 **Date Edited:** 4/1/1999

A-27-001-03 Secretaries Daily Summaries

Description: Consists of reports from all principals to the Secretary on significant activities in

their areas. Includes copies of significant telegrams, White House actions,

Principals signature record, and Appointment Schedule.

Disposition: Permanent. Retire to RSC when 5 years old for transfer to WNRC. Transfer to

the National Archives when 30 years old in 5-year blocks.

DispAuthNo: NC1-059-81-06, item 3 **Date Edited:** 4/1/1999

A-27-001-04 Current Foreign Relations (Master File)

Description: Bound volumes of briefs prepared by various bureaus in the Department of State as

to foreign policy and events in their specific areas and sent to all U.S. Diplomatic Posts to aid the posts in keeping abreast of U.S. foreign policies and events of

significant interest.

Disposition: Permanent. Retire to RSC when 5 years old for transfer to WNRC. Transfer to

the National Archives when 30 years old in 5-year blocks.

DispAuthNo: NC1-059-81-06, item 4 **Date Edited:** 4/1/1999

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A-27-001-05 Presidential and Secretary of State Correspondence with Foreign Heads of

State and Foreign Ministers

Description: Consists primarily of copies of telegrams, diplomatic notes, etc., most of which are

in the Department State Archival System.

Disposition: Permanent. Retire to RSC when 5 years old for transfer to WNRC. Transfer to

the National Archives 30 years old in 5-year blocks.

DispAuthNo: NC1-059-81-06, item 6 **Date Edited:** 4/1/1999

A-27-001-06 US Relations with Iran

Description: Records relating to US Relations with Iran.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer to WNRC immediately. Transfer to National Archives in

2007.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-00-05, item 1 **Date Edited:** 4/1/1999

A-27-001-07 Iran-Contra Hearing Video Tapes, 1987

Description: Video tapes of the proceedings of the Congressional Committees investigating the

Iran-Contra affairs.

Disposition: TEMPORARY. Destroy immediately.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-01-01, item 1 **Date Edited:** 1/27/2012

A-27-001-08 Records Relating to Panama and Manuel Antonio Noriega, 1973-1991

Description: Files consist of telegrams, memoranda, reports, chronologies, briefing materials,

correspondence, and other material relating to US relations with Panama and Manuel Noriega. These files are an artificial collection pulled together at the time

that Noriega was seized in Panama.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer to WNRC immediately. Transfer to the National Archives in

2016.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-01-02, item 1 **Date Edited:** 1/27/2012

A-27-001-09 Subject and Country files of Ambassador at Large, Vernon Walters (S/AL)

Description: Files arranged by country or subject. Files consist of memoranda, notes, chits,

drafts, reports, memoranda of conversation, correspondence, background and briefing materials, and other documentation. Files are on Guatemala, El Salvador,

Cuba, France, Jordan, and the Falashas, among others.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer to WNRC immediately. Transfer to the National Archives in

2010.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-01-03, item 1 **Date Edited:** 1/27/2012

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A-27-001-10 Subject Files of Ambassador at Large and President Special Representative

for Central America

Description: Files arranged by subject, country, or type of records. The records consist of

memoranda, telegrams, reports, correspondence memoranda of conversation, and other documentation relating to Central America. Specific topics include the Contadora process, funding for Central American initiatives, Costa Rica,

Guatemala, meetings, Nicaragua, and congressional relations.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer to WNRC immediately. Transfer to the National Archives in

2012.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-01-04, item 1 **Date Edited:** 1/27/2012

A-27-001-11 Records Relating to the Rumsfeld Middle East Negotiations, 1983-1984

Description: Arranged in notebooks. Records consist of telegrams, memoranda, notes, reports,

drafts, memorandum of conversation, background and briefing materials, and other documentation relating to negotiatins in the Middle East by Donald Rumsfeld.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer to WNRC immediately. Transfer to the National Archives in

2009.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-01-05, item 1 **Date Edited:** 1/27/2012

A-27-001-12 Program Files of the Office of the Special Adviser on Haiti (S/SHC), 1995-1996

Description: Arranged by subject or type of records. The files consist of correspondence,

memorandums, telegrams, clippings, e-mail messages, statements, questions and

answers, testimony, and other related documentation.

Includes, but not limited to Lot 96D331.

Disposition: Permanent. Retire to RSC when no longer needed for immediate use for transfer

to a records storage facility. Transfer to the National Archives when 25 years old.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-00-02, item 1 **Date Edited:** 1/27/2012

A-27-001-13 Transition Master Files

Description: Arranged by subject or type of records. The files consist of background and briefing

materials, memorandums, correspondence, notes, telegrams, reports, memorandums of conversation, reports, studies, and related documentation.

Disposition: Permanent. Cut off at the end of the transition and retire to the RSC. Transfer to a

records storage facility when 3 years old. Transfer to the National Archives when

25 years old.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-00-04, item 1 **Date Edited:** 1/27/2012

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Operations Center

A-27-002-01 Evacuation and Relocation Policy and Procedures Files

Description: Includes background and developmental work pertaining to the publication of

regulations and handbooks, meeting documentation, general policy papers

regarding evacuation.

Disposition: Retain Permanently.

DispAuthNo: NN-171-120, item 8 Date Edited: 4/1/1999

A-27-002-02 Emergency and Evacuation Country Plans

Description: Contains correspondence, reports and other documentation pertaining to the

country emergency and evacuation plan; and including a complete set of the current

plan.

Disposition: TEMPORARY. Destroy when replaced by a new plan.

DispAuthNo: NN-171-120, item 9 **Date Edited:** 4/1/1999

A-27-002-03 Evacuation Files

Description: Telegrams, airgrams and reports concerning actual evacuations.

Disposition: TEMPORARY. Destroy when 10 years old.

DispAuthNo: NN-171-120, item 10 **Date Edited:** 4/1/1999

A-27-002-04 Safehaven Files

Description: Records documenting all aspects of the establishment of safehavens, coordination

with the military and other affected organizations.

Disposition: Destroy when post determines to be of no further value as a safehaven post.

DispAuthNo: NN-171-120, item 11 **Date Edited:** 4/1/1999

A-27-002-05 General Subject Files

Description: Includes correspondence, reports and documents concerning all aspects of

Evacuation and Relocation activities excluding those covered in Item 270201.

Disposition: Destroy when 5 years old.

DispAuthNo: NN-171-120, item 12 **Date Edited:** 4/1/1999

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A-27-002-06 Operation Center Watch Log

Description: Daily 24 hour log concerning all actions taken including requests for assistance,

notification of Department Officers, White House or other agencies concerning

incidents, events, etc.

Disposition: Permanent. Retire to RSC when 5 years old for transfer to WNRC. Transfer to

the National Archives when 30 years old in 5-year blocks.

DispAuthNo: NC1-059-81-06, item 5 **Date Edited:** 4/1/1999

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Information Management Center

A-27-003-01 Secretariat Automated Data Index System (SADI) (SA)

Description: SADI Index Master-This on-line series is a document locator and control data base

for the principal records of the Office of the Executive Secretariat. It provides index records describing the contents, location and action status of documents addressed

to the Secretary of State.

Disposition: Permanent. Retain on magnetic tape data purged from disc. Transfer with

related documentation to the National Archives with the microfilmed documents of

the Office of the Executive Secretariat to which they relate.

DispAuthNo: NC1-059-83-04, item 31 **Date Edited:** 4/1/1999

A-27-003-

02a

Control Registers and Logs.

Description: Log of U.S. Officials Memoranda of Conversation with leading USSR Officials 1961-

1969 and Index to President, Secretary of State Diplomatic Correspondence,

1950s - 1969.

Lot 84D121.

Disposition: PERMANENT: Transfer to the National Archives immediately.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-03-08, item 1a **Date Edited:** 1/27/2012

A-27-003-

02b

Control Registers and Logs.

Description: All other records.

Disposition: TEMPORARY: Destroy immediately.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-03-08, item 1b **Date Edited:** 2/3/2004

A-27-003-03 Secretariat Tracking and Retrieval System (STARS)

Description: STARS (Secretariat Tracking and Retrieval System) is an automated system used

to track, control, and record documents containing substantive foreign policy information passing to, from, and through the offices of the Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of State and other 7th Floor Department principal officers.

STARS is one component of the umbrella Principal Officers Executive Management

System (POEMS). The Executive Secretariat provides guidance on the administration of this SECRET high system. Original documents are indexed, scanned and stored as images. There is no direct input from other systems.

Information covers the period 1988 to the present.

Disposition: N/A

DispAuthNo: N/A Date Edited: 9/16/2011

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A-27-003-03a Secretariat Tracking and Retrieval System (STARS)

Description:

a. Input

Hard copies of action, briefing, and information memoranda; briefing books; diplomatic notes; telegrams; memorandums of conversation; memorandums for the record; incoming and outgoing correspondence; reports; talking points; e-mail messages with attachments; and other documentation. Documentation is imaged as it arrives and after action so as to include substantive notations and signitures

with related index information.

Disposition: PERMANENT. Transfer to A Bureau at the end of the Secretary tenure or sooner

if necessary for retirement to RSC. Block files of each Secretary of State all together in one group and transfer to WNRC when 5 years old. Transfer to

National Archives when 25 years old.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-06-05, item 1a **Date Edited:** 9/16/2011

A-27-003-03b(1) Secretariat Tracking and Retrieval System (STARS)

Description: b. Master Files. Verified Scanned Images and Related Indexing Information

(1) Scanned Images

Contains verified scanned images of documents. A quality control check of each image was made during the input process to ensure the legibility and readability of

the resulting scanned document images.

Disposition: PERMANENT. Maintain in STARS image file. Transfer to the National Archives

when 25 years old in 5 year blocks in accordance with regulations for the transfer

of electronic records in effect at the time of transfer.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-06-05, item 1b(1) **Date Edited:** 9/16/2011

A-27-003-03b(2) Secretariat Tracking and Retrieval System (STARS)

Description: b. Master Files. Verified Scanned Images and Related Indexing Information.

(2) Index Database Files

Contains verified elements of information relating to imaged documents. The database points to images stored in the scanned image file. Data elements include system identification number; date; abstract; subject; addressee; addressor;

document type; action office; country; and other related elements.

Disposition: PERMANENT. Maintain in STARS System. Transfer to the National Archives

with associated image files when 25 years old in 5 year blocks in accordance with regulations for the transfer of electronic records in effect at the time of transfer.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-06-05, item 1b(2) **Date Edited:** 9/16/2011

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A-27-003-03c(2)

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Description: c. Outputs

(2) Weekly Report of pending action items sent to action offices generated in hard

copy and distributed to the Bureaus.

Disposition: TEMPORARY. Destroy when no longer needed.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-06-05, item 1c(2) Date Edited: 9/16/2011

A-27-003-03d

Secretariat Tracking and Retrieval System (STARS)

Description: d. Documentation

> System specifications, file specifications, codebooks, record layouts, user guide, and other documentation related to the image and index files as well as operation

and maintenance of the STARS system.

PERMANENT. Maintain for life of STARS System. Transfer to the National Disposition:

Archives with related image and index files.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-06-05, item 1d Date Edited: 9/16/2011

A-27-003-04a

EVEREST Master Files

Description: EVEREST is a web-based application that provides the Secretary of State and other

> senior Department principals the ability to receive foreign policy memoranda and correspondence from Department bureaus and offices electronically, as well as task and track the paperless submission of most memoranda. Correspondence and memoranda can include internal and external letters, action memos, information memos, briefing checklists, and telephone talking points, as well as documents

received from other agencies.

Disposition: Permanent. Cutoff at end of the Secretary's tenure or sooner if necessary.

Transfer to the National Archives 25 years after cutoff in a format acceptable to

the National Archives at the time of transfer.

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EVEREST Index of MS SharePoint Record Center File

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Description: Includes verified elements of index information relating to imaged documents the

database points to store in the file. Data elements include system identification number, date; abstract; subject; addressee; addressor; document type; action office; country; and classification/declassification fields and other related elements.

Disposition: Permanent. Cutoff at end of the Secretary's tenure or sooner if necessary.

Transfer to the National Archives 25 years after cutoff in a format acceptable to

the National Archives at the time of transfer.

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A-27-003-04c **Intermediary Records**

Description: EVEREST System Workflow records including hard copy and electronic input

documents or forms designed and used solely to create update or modify the records in an electronic medium and not required for audit or legal purposes (such as need for signatures) and not previously scheduled for permanent retention in NARA-approved agency records schedule. Also includes adhoc reports (daily and weekly) output for reference purposes or to meet day-to-day business needs.

Note 1: An agency must submit a notification to NARA per 36 CFR 1225.24(a)(1) prior to destroying hardcopy input records previously scheduled as permanent. An agency must schedule the electronic version of unscheduled hardcopy input records prior to destroying the input record.

Legal citations: 36 CFR 1225.22 (h)(2); 36 CFR 1225.24 (a)(1)

Disposition: Temporary. Destroy upon verification of successful creation of the final document

or file, or when no longer needed for business use, whichever is later.

(Supersedes GRS 4.3 item 010; GRS 4.3, item 011; GRS 4.3, item 012; GRS 4.3,

item 020; GRS 4.3, item 030; and GRS 4.3, item 031)

DispAuthNo: DAA-GRS-2017-0003-0002 (G Date Edited: 9/28/2017

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Office of Correspondence and Records

A-27-004- Secretary Memorandums of Conversation (MemCons)

01a

Description: Memorandums of Conversation of the Secretary of State in both memorandum and

telegraphic form.

Disposition: PERMANENT. Cutoff and retire to the Records Service Center (RSC) at the end

of the Secretary tenure or sooner if necessary. Block files of each Secretary together in one group. Transfer to WNRC when 5 years old. Transfer to the

National Archives when 25 years old.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-02-08, item 1a **Date Edited:** 1/27/2012

A-27-004- Secretary Memorandums of Conversation (MemCons)

01b

Description: Copies produced on electronic mail and word processing systems.

Disposition: TEMPORARY. Delete once recordkeeping copy has been produced.

DispAuthNo: N1-059-02-08, item 1b **Date Edited:** 1/27/2012