

Richard W. Murphy Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Richard W. Murphy Papers

Span Dates: 1958-1996

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1983-1996)

ID No.: MSS83928

Creator: Murphy, Richard W. (Richard William), 1929-

Extent: 1,900 items; 7 containers plus 1 classified; 2.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: United States assistant secretary of state, diplomat, and author. Correspondence, speeches and writings, United States Department of State papers, notes and notebooks, appointment calendars, biographical material, transcripts of television interviews, newspaper clippings, and photographs chiefly relating to Murphy's position as assistant secretary of state and his subsequent activities as an editorial writer, speaker, television commentator, and member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Bush, George, 1924---Correspondence.

Carter, Jimmy, 1924---Correspondence.

Christopher, Warren--Correspondence.

Murphy, Richard W. (Richard William), 1929-

Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994--Correspondence.

Organizations

Council on Foreign Relations.

United States. Dept. of State.

Subjects

Diplomatic and consular service, American.

Editorials.

Lectures and lecturing.

Television journalists.

Locations

Middle East--Foreign relations--United States.

South Asia--Foreign relations--United States.

United States--Foreign relations--Middle East.

United States--Foreign relations--South Asia.

Occupations

Authors.

Diplomats.

Public officials.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Richard W. Murphy, United States assistant secretary of state, diplomat, and author, were given to the Library of Congress by Murphy in 1996.

Processing History:

The papers of Richard W. Murphy were arranged and described in 1997. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Richard W. Murphy is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions:

The papers of Richard W. Murphy are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Security Classified Documents:

Government regulations control the use of security classified material in this collection. Manuscript Division staff can furnish information concerning access to and use of classified materials.

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Richard W. Murphy Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Richard William Murphy (1929-) span the years 1958-1996, with the bulk of the material dating from 1983 to 1996. The papers include appointment calendars, biographical material, correspondence, newspaper clippings, notebooks and notes, photographs, speeches and writings, State Department papers, and television transcripts. Almost all of the papers are professional rather than personal and are concerned with Middle East affairs and United States foreign policy. The papers date primarily from Murphy's term as assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs (1983-1989) and his subsequent activities as an editorial writer, speaker, television commentator, and senior fellow for the Middle East at the Council on Foreign Relations. Prominent correspondents include George Bush, Jimmy Carter, Warren Christopher, and Richard M. Nixon.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

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BOX 1	Appointment calendars, 1984-1989 (9 folders)
BOX 1	Biographical material, circa 1990-1993
BOX 1	Congressional testimony, 1982-1988
BOX 2	Correspondence
BOX 2	From Murphy, 1984-1996 (2 folders)
BOX 2	To Murphy, 1984-1996, undated (4 folders)
BOX 2	Council on Foreign Relations, 1989-1995
BOX 2	Fulbright Commission, 1989
BOX 2	Guest book from American embassy, Damascus, Syria, 1974-1976
BOX 2	Newspaper clippings
BOX 2	1979-1990 (2 folders)
BOX 3	1991-1995, undated (2 folders)
BOX 3	Notebooks
BOX 3	1984-1989 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Undated (2 folders)
BOX 5	(3 folders)
BOX 6	(1 folder)
BOX 6	Notes, 1989-1995, undated
BOX 6	Philippines, Military bases agreement amendment signing ceremony, 1979
BOX 6	Photographs, 1958-1995, undated
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BOX 6	Miscellaneous, 1989-1995, undated
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BOX 7	State Department
BOX 7	El Salvador panel
BOX 7	General, 1993
BOX 7	Newspaper clippings, 1993
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BOX 7	Miscellany, 1982, 1989-1993, undated
BOX 7	Television interviews, 1989-1996

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BOX CL 1	Cable, Secretary of State to American Embassy, Jidda, 1982, July 12 (Container 7)
BOX CL 1	News notes regarding the Middle East, 1993 (Container 7)