

## Select Materials at the Jimmy Carter Library Relating to the Iran Hostage Crisis

The following is a summary of select records at the Jimmy Carter Library relating to the Iran hostage crisis. Additional historical material not listed herein is also available at the Jimmy Carter Library. Please contact the Jimmy Carter Library at 404-865-7100 or [Carter.Library@nara.gov](mailto:Carter.Library@nara.gov) for additional information about your topic and for other records we have pertaining to the Iran hostage crisis.

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### **I. Records of the Office of the National Security Advisor (Carter Administration), 1977-1981 (NAID 560131)**

- A. Zbigniew Brzezinski Material - CIA President's Daily Brief Files (NSA 2) (NAID 560144)** - This series includes a folder titled "12/13/80-12/17/80" (NAID 7348557) that includes (but is not limited to) the following select documents:
- a. December 13, 1980 Department of State Briefing Memorandum providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23898401)
  - b. December 15, 1980 Department of State Briefing Memorandum providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23898405)
  - c. December 16, 1980 Department of State Briefing Memorandum providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23898406)
  - d. December 10, 1980 telegram from Bruce Laingen regarding an attempt to outline some basic guidelines for US policy in immediate post-hostage period (6-12 months.) (NAID 23898407)
  - e. December 17, 1980 Department of State Briefing Memorandum providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23898410)
  - f. December 16, 1980 telegram from the German Embassy in Tehran regarding the Iran hostage situation. (NAID 23898412)
  - g. December 16, 1980 telegram from Swiss Ambassador Lang in Tehran regarding the Iran hostage situation. (NAID 23898413)
- B. Zbigniew Brzezinski Material - Country Files (NSA 6) (NAID 560151)** - This series includes a folder titled "Iran, 4/19-30/80" (NAID 1275529) that includes (but is not limited to) the following select document:
- a. April 21, 1980 memorandum regarding the Probable Arab and Soviet Reactions to Possible US Military Moves Against Iran (Mining and Bombing.) (NAID 23898417)

**C. Zbigniew Brzezinski Material - Country Files (NSA 6) (NAID 560151)** - This series includes a folder titled "Iran, 1/19/80-1/81" (NAID 23914379) that includes (but is not limited to) the following select documents:

- a. Undated (circa January 4, 1980) draft memorandum from U.S. Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie to President Carter regarding possible responses to Iranian decision to put the hostages on trial. (NAID 23914406)
- b. Attachment A. Document is undated and provides a draft basic contingency statement on negotiations for January 16. It was originally attached to an undated (circa January 4, 1980) draft memorandum from U.S. Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie to President Carter regarding possible responses to Iranian decision to put the hostages on trial. (NAID 23914410)
- c. Attachment B. Document is undated and contains a draft telegram to Algiers. It was originally attached to an undated (circa January 4, 1980) draft memorandum from Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie to President Carter regarding possible responses to Iranian decision to put the hostages on trial. (NAID 23914411)
- d. Attachment C. It is undated and contains a draft telegram to Swiss Ambassador Lang in Tehran. It was originally attached to an undated (circa January 4, 1980) draft memorandum from U.S. Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie to President Carter regarding possible responses to Iranian decision to put the hostages on trial. (NAID 23914413)

**D. Zbigniew Brzezinski Material - Country Files (NSA 6) (NAID 560151)** - This series includes a folder titled "Iran - Update, 11/79" (NAID 1133938) that includes (but is not limited to) the following select documents:

- a. November 9, 1979 Department of State memorandum to the Secretary from David D. Newsom and Harold H. Saunders providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23898420)
- b. November 18, 1979 Department of State memorandum to the Secretary from Harold H. Saunders providing an update on the Iran hostage situation. (NAID 23898584)
- c. November 18, 1979 White Paper on Iran, which provides an outline of U.S.-Iranian relations and related foreign policy topics. It was originally attached to a November 18, 1979 Department of State memorandum to the Secretary from Harold H. Saunders providing an update on the Iran situation, specifically with regards to the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23898586)
- d. November 19, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23900154)
- e. November 18, 1979 cable regarding the hostages in Iran. It was originally attached to a November 19, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23901542)

- f. November 17, 1979 cable regarding the hostages in Iran. It was originally attached to a November 19, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23902373)
- g. November 18, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum concerning the legal considerations relating to trials in Tehran. It was originally attached to a November 19, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23902375)
- h. November 18, 1979 paper concerning the illegality of an Iranian trial of US diplomatic personnel. It was originally attached to a November 19, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23902376)
- i. November 18, 1979 telegram, which serves as an agreed communication from the community heads of mission in Tehran concerning occupation of the US Embassy and the Iran hostage situation. It was originally attached to a November 19, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23902377)

**E. Zbigniew Brzezinski Material - Country Files (NSA 6) (NAID 560151)** - This series includes a folder titled "Iran - Update, 12/1-14/79" (NAID 1133937) that includes (but is not limited to) the following select documents:

- a. December 8, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23898390)
- b. December 7, 1979 letter from J. Stanley Pottinger to Deputy Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher regarding the Iran hostage situation. It was originally attached to a December 8, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum, providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23898392)
- c. December 7, 1979 memorandum from Dr. Cyrus Hashemi to J. Stanley Pottinger regarding the Iran hostage crisis. It was originally attached to a December 8, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum, providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23898393)
- d. Undated document, entitled "Exhibit A," provides an outline of an idea for an international, quasi-judicial tribunal to hear and act upon Iran's allegations against the Shah. It was originally attached to It was originally attached to a December 8, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum, providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23898394)
- e. December 7, 1979 Department of State memorandum concerning US-Canada relations in light of the Iran hostage crisis. It was originally attached to a December 8, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum, providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23898395)
- f. December 9, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum providing an update on the Iran situation, specifically with regards to the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23898389)

- g. December 12, 1979 Department of State-originated assessment of U.S. policy in the Iranian crisis. (NAID 23898398)
- h. December 12, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum, providing an update on the Iran situation, specifically with regards to the Iran hostage crisis and sanctions. (NAID 23898399)

**F. Zbigniew Brzezinski Material - Country Files (NSA 6) (NAID 560151)** - This series includes a folder titled "Iran - Update, 12/15-31/79" (NAID 1133935) that includes (but is not limited to) the following select documents:

- a. Undated memorandum for President Carter regarding breaking relations with Iran. (NAID 23902379)
- b. December 28, 1979 Department of State memorandum of conversation from a meeting with clergymen who visited the hostages in Iran. (NAID 23902380)
- c. December 29, 1979 Department of State Briefing Memorandum providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23902557)

**G. Zbigniew Brzezinski Material - Country Files (NSA 6) (NAID 560151)** - This series includes a folder titled "Iran - Update, 1/80" (NAID 1133930) that includes (but is not limited to) the following select documents:

- a. January 28, 1980 Department of State memorandum providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23902593)
- b. January 28, 1980 telegram conveying a joint report of the European Community's Ambassadors in Tehran. It was originally attached to a January 28, 1980 Department of State memorandum providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23902594)

**H. Zbigniew Brzezinski Material - Office Files (NSA 15) (NAID 560164)** - This series includes a folder titled "Brzezinski, Chron, 12/1-11/80" (NAID 23914360) that includes (but is not limited to) the following select documents:

- a. December 2, 1980 White House memorandum from Zbigniew Brzezinski to President Carter regarding a memorandum from Stan Turn to President Carter on hostage negotiations. (NAID 23914366)
- b. December 1, 1980 Director of Central Intelligence memorandum from Stansfield Turner to President Carter regarding US-Iranian Negotiations. It was originally attached to a December 2, 1980 White House memorandum from Zbigniew Brzezinski to President Carter. (NAID 23914367)

**I. Zbigniew Brzezinski Material - Cables Files (NSA 16) (NAID 560165)** - This series includes a folder titled "Afghanistan, 12/14-22/79" (NAID 7582450) that includes (but is not limited to) the following select documents:

- a. December 17, 1979 Department of State cable regarding refutation of Iranian charges.
- b. December 20, 1979 Department of State cable providing Iran SitRep No. 95.

**J. Zbigniew Brzezinski Material - Cables Files (NSA 16) (NAID 560165)** - This series includes a folder titled “Afghanistan, 12/27/79” (NAID 23914313) that includes (but is not limited to) the following select document:

- a. December 27, 1979 cable from the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. providing an update on the Iran hostage crisis. (NAID 23914314)

## **II. Walter Mondale Papers**

**A. Foreign Countries Files (NAID 623728)** - This series includes a folder (NAID 23914315) titled “Foreign Countries - Israel, [1-3/1980]” that includes (but is not limited to) the following select documents.

- a. January 14, 1980 cable regarding Iran and a draft resolution on sanctions. (NAID 23914326)
- b. April 8, 1980 Department of State telegram regarding the President's announcement on Iran. (NAID 23914338)
- c. April 8, 1980 Department of State telegram regarding the President's decisions on Iran. (NAID 23914339)
- d. April 7, 1980 Department of State telegram regarding limitation on entry of Iranian nationals. (NAID 23914341)