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## **John Gunther Dean Papers - A Guide to His Papers at the Jimmy Carter Library**

### **Collection Summary**

Creator: Dean, John Gunther, 1926-

Title: John Gunther Dean Papers

Dates: 1959-2008

Quantity: 8 linear feet 9 linear inches (7 linear feet 5 linear inches open for research) 20 containers

Identification:

Accession Number: 04-03

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Scope and Content:

This collection of personal papers contains copies of official documents, personal notes, memoranda, correspondence, briefing papers, cables and photographs. The material documents the career of U.S. diplomat John Gunther Dean both during and after he left the U.S. Foreign Service.

Creator Information: John Gunther Dean

John Gunther Dean was born February 24, 1926 in Breslau, Germany. His family immigrated to the United States in 1939, and he became a naturalized citizen in 1944. He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University with a B.S. in 1947. He received a Doctor's Certificate in Law from the University of Paris in 1949 and an M.A. in International Relations from Harvard University in 1950. In 1950, Dean entered government service as an economic analyst with the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) in Paris, France. From 1951 to 1952, he was an industrial analyst at the American Embassy in Brussels, and from 1953 to 1956, he was an assistant economic commissioner with the International Cooperation Administration in Saigon.

He began working for the State Department in 1956, serving as political officer at the American Embassy in Laos from 1956 to 1958. He opened the first American consulate in Lomé, Togo where he briefly stayed on as diplomatic adviser to the first President of Togo from 1959 to 1960. Dean also opened the first U.S. diplomatic establishment in Bamako, Mali and served as Chargé d'Affaires from 1960 to 1961. He was the officer in

charge of Mali-Togo affairs at the State Department in Washington from 1961 to 1965 and political officer at the American Embassy in Paris from 1965 to 1969. From 1969 to 1970, Dean was a fellow at the Harvard Center for International Affairs in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was detailed as Deputy for CORDS (Civilian Organization for Reconstruction and Development) to the U.S. Commander of the 24th Corps with headquarters in Danang, Vietnam. He served as the Deputy Chief of Mission and later Chargé d'Affaires in Vientiane, Laos from 1972 to 1974, and as U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia from 1974 to 1975. Dean served as U.S. Ambassador to Denmark from 1975 to 1978 and as U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon from 1978 to 1981. He was the U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand from 1981 to 1985, and U.S. Ambassador to India from 1985 to 1988. He retired from the Foreign Service in 1989.

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#### Index Terms:

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Persons - Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, Ronald Reagan, Michael Dever, King Sisavang Vatthana, Prime Minister Souvanna Phouma, Minister of the Interior Pheng Phongsavan, Foreign Minister Sitthi [Siddhi] Savetsila, Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda

Organizations: Department of State, Voice of America

Subjects: Palestinians, Diplomacy

Places: Cambodia, Denmark, France, India, Laos, Lebanon, Israel, Thailand, Togo, Mali, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Kursk, Russia

Types of Material: Cables, Memos, Correspondence, Notes, Briefing Papers

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Acquisition information: These donated historical materials were received under provisions of the instrument of gift that John Gunther Dean signed in November 19, 2003.

Processing information: The first series of the collection was opened in June 29, 2005. Subsequent series in the collection were opened in 2007. The open dates are indicated in the series descriptions.

System of Arrangement:

The records of the John Gunther Dean Papers are divided into four series:

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**Detailed Description of the Collection**

[John Gunther Dean's Oral Histories](#)

Scope and Content: Container 1. This series was opened in 2005. This series consists of oral history interviews with American diplomat John Gunther Dean. Arranged by folder title.

[John Gunther Dean's Country Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 1-16. This series was opened in 2005. This series consist of official documents, personal notes, memoranda, and correspondence documenting American diplomat John Gunther Dean's role as an officer with the U.S. Foreign Service Department. Arranged by folder title.

[John Gunther Dean's Post Career Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 17-18. This series was opened in 2005. This series of personal papers consists of copies of official documents, personal notes, memoranda, and correspondence documenting the career of U.S. diplomat John Gunther Dean after he left the Foreign Service Department. Arranged by folder title.

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Scope and Content: Containers 18. This series was opened in 2007. This series consists of various files sent by Mr. Dean to be added to the collection after 2007. Arranged chronologically by date Mr. Dean sent material. Arranged by folder title.

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