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## **Records of the Office of Science and Technology Policy: A Guide to Its Records at the Jimmy Carter Library**

### **Collection Summary**

Creator: Office of Science and Technology Policy

Title: Records of the Office of Science and Technology Policy

Dates: 1977-1981

Quantity: 8 linear feet, 18 Containers

Identification:

Accession Number: 80-1

National Archives Identifier: 1086

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of correspondence, memoranda, notes, briefing materials, publications, news clippings, and phone messages. Also included are invitations, photographs, statistical charts, and reports. The material relates to the environment, energy, transportation, and conservation.

Creator Information: Office of Science and Technology Policy

This office was headed by Frank Press who became Science Advisor to President Carter and Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in 1976. The OSTP grew out of the Office of Science and Technology which was formed in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy. The office was created to provide recommendations and advice in response to the growing importance of space exploration.

The office advised the President and others within the Executive Office of the President on the effects of science and technology concerning domestic and international affairs. The office served as a source of scientific and technological analysis and judgment for the President with respect to major policies, plans, and programs of the federal government. The OSTP lead an effort to develop and implement sound science and technology policies and budgets.

Frank Press focused on increasing government commitment to basic research, evaluating the impact of federal regulations on the economy, and providing analyses of a national energy policy. He also played a key role in establishing a science and technology

exchange agreement between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China that promoted industrial innovation.

Biographical information on key office personnel is located at the end of the finding aid.

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Related materials in this repository: White House Central File, Subject File category FG (Federal Government Organizations); FG 6-1-1/Frank Press; FG 6-14 (Office of Science and Technology Policy); FG 237 (President's Committee on Science and Technology); Domestic Policy Staff, Stu Eizenstat and Al Stern

Index Terms:

Limited to major topics under each category  
Persons: Frank Press; Lawrence Linden

Organizations: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); Institute for Scientific and Technological Cooperation; Comprehensive Decision Unit; Department of Energy (DOE)

Subjects: Transportation, science, energy, export control, alcohol fuels, conservation, environment, federal regulations

Types of Material: Correspondence, memoranda, notes, briefing materials, publications, research reports, and telephone messages

Administrative Information:

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Processing information: The collection and subsequent series were opened in July 1989. The open dates are indicated in the series descriptions.

System of Arrangement:

The Records of the Office of Science and Technology are divided into three series:

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**Detailed Description of the Collection**

**[Frank Press' Chronological, Memoranda, and Correspondence Files](#)**

Scope and Content: Containers 1-5. This series was opened in July 1989. This series contains correspondence and memoranda relating to research development programs, budgetary issues, industrial innovation, and national energy policies. Topics include conservation, energy, environmental protection, government regulation, science, technology, and transportation. Arranged alphabetically by folder title and there under chronologically.

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Scope and Content: Container 6. This series was opened in July 1989. This series contains memoranda, news clippings, briefing materials, publications, and telephone messages. Topics include arms control, energy, health, and information on the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant accident. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

**[Lawrence Linden's Subject Files](#)**

Scope and Content: Containers 7-18. This series was opened in July 1989. This series contains memoranda, research reports, statistical charts, publications, briefing books, and printed material. The policy briefings encompass a wide range of energy related topics such as internal combustion engine research, energy policy, transportation, environmental protection, and the windfall profits tax. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

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## Biographical Information

### **Frank Press**

Frank Press was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 4, 1924. Press graduated with a B.S. degree from the City College of New York in 1944. He completed his M.A. in 1946, and his Ph.D. in 1949 at Columbia University. In 1958, he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences. In 1965, Press became MIT's Department Head of Earth and Planetary Sciences. With significant support from philanthropist Cecil H. Green, Press worked to revitalize the department largely through hiring initiatives that transformed what once was an overly traditional Geology Department. He remained at MIT until 1976.

In 1976, Press became Science Advisor to President Jimmy Carter, and Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. In 1981, he was elected President of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and served for a total of 12 years. Press co-founded the Washington Advisory Group (WAG) in 1996, a global consulting company with clients that included some fifty leading universities. WAG played a notable role in all phases of the founding of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) in Thuwal, Saudi Arabia. Press also chaired that university's international advisory committee until 2010.

### **Lawrence H. Linden**

Lawrence H. Linden served as senior policy analyst during the Carter Administration. From 1978-1981, he was the lead for technology policy development, transportation and energy sectors, and environmental protection.