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Plains Files: A Guide to Its Records at the Jimmy Carter Library

Collection Summary

Creator: Jimmy Carter

Title: Plains Files

Dates: 1973-1982

Quantity: 17 linear feet, 42 containers

Identification:

Accession Number: 80-1

National Archives Identifier: 591256

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of materials sent to Plains, Georgia to be available to President Jimmy Carter while writing his memoirs. The material details foreign and domestic policy in the Carter administration. The collection also includes a small amount of pre-Presidential and post-Presidential material.

Creator Information: Jimmy Carter/Plains Files

The Plains Files is a shadow collection, which was compiled for the President's memoir. The files are mostly copies of selected documents from already established collections.

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Related materials in this repository: National Security Council; Presidential Daily Diary; White House Central Files Countries Files; State Department

Index Terms:

Persons: President Jimmy Carter

Subjects: Foreign Policy; Elections; Administration Accomplishments; SALT II; Camp David Summit

Places: Iran; Middle East; China

Types of Material: Correspondence, notes, schedules, briefings, memoranda, and reports

Administrative Information:

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Acquisition information: These historical materials were received under provisions of the instrument of gift that Jimmy Carter signed January 31, 1981.

Processing information: The collection was opened in March, 1996.

System of Arrangement:

The records of the Plains Files are divided into three series:

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Detailed Description of the Collection

[President's Personal Foreign Affairs Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 1-5. This series was opened in March, 1996. This series contains correspondence and notes relating to foreign policy in various countries. Arranged alphabetically by country name.

[President's Daily Diary](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 5-16. This series was opened on March, 1996. This series contains copies of the President's daily schedule. Arranged chronologically.

[Subject Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 16-42. This series was opened in March, 1996. This series contains correspondence, notes, and briefing papers relating to international relations, congressional liaison, legislation, Iranian Hostage Crisis, and national security issues confronted during the Carter Administration. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

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