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### **BURGESS, JACK: FILES, 1981-1983**

Office of Public Liaison: Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director

#### **Biography**

John F. "Jack" Burgess was a government official and a university administrator.

Born in 1942 in Mahoney City, Pennsylvania, Burgess attended Georgetown University graduating with an A.B. in 1963 and a Master's degree in Russian Studies in 1966.

His first working experience was with the Republican National Committee as a Director of the Nationalities Division in 1968.

During the late 1960s, Burgess worked at Georgetown University as the dean of freshman in the School of Arts and Sciences. He also served as the Assistant Dean in the School of Foreign Service.

In the early 1970s Burgess began his government career working as an Administrator for the governing body of the Peace Corps. In 1975-1978, he was the Peace Corp manager for Micronesia.

During 1980 presidential campaign, Burgess worked as the Ethnic Media Liaison for the Reagan-Bush campaign and was on the Committee for Nationalities Division.

In 1981, Burgess was appointed as Special Assistant to President Reagan for Public Liaison and Deputy Director for the Office of Public Liaison under Elizabeth Dole. Burgess was tasked with managing the business, labor and agriculture special interests.

Leaving the White House in 1984, Burgess went back the Peace Corp, as the Associate Director for International Operations.

Burgess left government service at the end of the Reagan Administration to become the Executive Director of the Georgetown Alumni Association.

Jack Burgess passed away on May 2, 2008.

### **Scope and Content Note**

John F. “Jack” Burgess was appointed to the Office of Public Liaison (OPL) in March 1981. Initially, Burgess and Diana Lozano were assigned management roles. OPL staff reported through one of them to Red Cavaney, Deputy Director of the Office of Public Liaison. Cavaney reported to the Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, Elizabeth Dole. Burgess managed the “special interest” portfolios (business, labor, agriculture, etc.), while Lozano managed the “human services” portfolios (blacks, Jews, Hispanics, etc.).

The OPL organizational structure was simplified in mid-1982. Lozano and Burgess were assigned their own portfolios, and joined the other portfolio managers in reporting to Cavaney directly. Burgess’ assignments included ethnic Americans (primarily Eastern European), Roman Catholics, and the agricultural community.

After Burgess left the White House, [Linas Kojelis](#) assumed his ethnic European liaison role, and [Morton Blackwell](#) became the chief liaison to the Catholic community. Over time Kojelis, and to a lesser degree Blackwell, borrowed large numbers of Burgess’ files so they could use them in their own work. The majority of this borrowed material was eventually integrated into Kojelis’ or Blackwell’s staff files. Other Burgess material was incorporated into the files of [Robert Reilly](#) (who worked with Roman Catholic groups in 1983-1985) and [Katherine Chumachenko](#) (Kojelis’ successor as liaison to ethnic European groups). Where possible, we have returned Burgess-only material back to his collection. For a full view of his work product please see these additional cited collections.

The Jack Burgess collection consists of six series: SERIES I: Correspondence; SERIES II: Agriculture Events; SERIES III: Agriculture Subject File; SERIES IV General Subject File; SERIES V: Ethnic Groups; and SERIES VI: Catholics.

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