Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, February 10, 1982-November 17, 1983

Born October 23, 1931 in Oxnard, California, William Patrick Clark attended Villanova Preparatory School, Stanford and Santa Clara Universities, and Loyola Night Law School. Following World War II, from 1953-1955, he served in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps in Western Europe. After attending Loyola University from 1956-1958 while working as an insurance adjuster, Mr. Clark was admitted to the California Bar and practiced law as a senior partner with Clark, Cole and Fairfield 1959-1969.

Mr. Clark served as Cabinet Secretary to the Governor from 1966-1967 when he was appointed Chief of Staff. In 1969 he was appointed as judge on the Superior Court in San Luis Obispo County. He was named to the Court of Appeals in 1971 and the California Supreme Court in 1973, where he served until 1981.

Judge Clark joined the Reagan Administration March 1981 as Deputy Secretary of State. In February 1982 he served as the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. November 18, 1983-February 7, 1985, he served as Secretary of the Department of Interior.

Mr. Clark was appointed by President Reagan to serve as chairman of the Task Group on Nuclear Weapons Program Management, as presidential emissary to the chairmen of the Navajo and Hopi Indian tribes, as a member of the Commission on Defense Management (Packard Commission), and as a member of the Defense Department’s Commission on Integrated Long-Term Strategy.

From 1985 to 1997 Mr. Clark was a director of Pacific Telesis Group. He has been a director of SBC since April 1997. He also serves as a director of the New Ireland Fund, Inc and a member of the Corporate Development Committee and the Corporate Public Policy and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Mr. Clark is chief executive officer of Clark Company and serves as senior counsel to the law firm, Clark, Cali and Negranti. He is a counselor to the standing committee on law and national security of the American Bar Association, director of the Museum of Flying, Santa Monica, California, and chairman, USA-ROC (Taiwan) Business Council.

He is a rancher and fourth generation Californian. His father, grandfather and great grandfather were all law enforcement officers in southern California.

The William Clark collection consists of memos, schedules, correspondence, briefing papers, and cables. It includes paper not only from his service as Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, but also some of his work as Deputy Secretary of State and Secretary of Interior. The material is arranged in alphabetical order by topic and then chronologically.
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