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Office of Political Affairs, NSC (Western European Office), 1981
Summit Public Diplomacy Inter-Agency Team, NSC: 1984-1986 – [See Separate Inventory](#)

Biography

James Malone Rentschler was born in 1933 in Rochester, Minnesota. In 1954 he received a certificate from the University of Paris and graduated from Yale University in 1955. In 1959, Rentschler joined the United States Foreign Service and worked in multiple countries including Brazil, Italy, Morocco France and Romania He was also posted at the US NATO headquarters in Brussels.

In 1978, Rentschler became a senior staff member and Director of West European Affairs on the National Security Council working in the Carter Administration. He was retained in this function for the Reagan Administration.

In 1982, Reagan appointed Rentschler Ambassador to Malta where he remained until April 1985. He was appointed Ambassador to Guinea in 1986 but later the nomination was withdrawn. While serving in Malta, he was asked to head the Summit Public Diplomacy Inter-Agency Team.

Scope & Content Note

The old Office of Political Affairs within the National Security Council included specific Offices with the responsibility for various geographic regions. Under the Office of Political Affairs, James Rentschler was the Director of the Western Europe Office. In 1983, these regional responsibilities were later revised and elevated to directorates in a rough approximation of the Department of State regional organizations. Rentschler's position would correspond to the European and Soviet Affairs Directorate in the new system.

The collection is arranged into three series. The series are: SERIES I: Subject File, SERIES II: Trip File, SERIES III: Visit File

In addition, Rentschler created chronological material for this time period. This material was intermingled with Dennis Blair chronological material. The Rentschler chronological material is now part of the Office of Political Affairs collection. Please see that collection for the 1981 chronological files of James Rentschler.

SERIES I: SUBJECT FILE

RAC Box 1

Canada 1981 (1)-(8)

Cancun 1981

CSCE – Commission on Security and Cooperation/Europe 1981 (1)-(4)

France 1981 (1)-(7)

[Briefing Book – Material Loose re: Consultations on Svalbard and the Northern Areas, Oslo, 10/20/1980-10/21/1980] (1)-(4)

Press – Western Europe

[Quadrupartite Meeting of Political and Economic Directors, London, 12/22/1981]
(Binder)

Sympathy Messages and Things Relating to President Assassination Attempt (1)(2)

United Kingdom 1981 (02/18/1981-06/15/1981)

United Kingdom 1981 (06/16/1981-09/24/1981)

United Kingdom 1981 (09/25/1981-12/13/1981)

SERIES II: TRIP FILE

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President Reagan's Trip to Canada 03/10/1981-03/11/1981 (Binder) (1)-(7)

Ottawa Summit 07/20/1981-07/21/1981

Ottawa Summit II [07/20/1981-07/21/1981] (1)-(6)

President's Meeting with Jamaican Prime Minister Seaga 01/28/1981 (Binder)

President's Trip to Grand Rapids – Meetings with Giscard [d'Estaing] & López-Portillo
09/17/1981-09/18/1981

SERIES III: VISIT FILE

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Visit of Italian Foreign Minister Colombo 02/12/1981 (Binder) (1)(2)

Thatcher's Visit 02/26/1981-02/28/1981 (Binder) (1)-(4)

Genscher [Visit] (1)(2)

Visit of FRG Foreign Minister Genscher 03/09/1981-03/10/1981 VP Staff (Binder) (1)(2)

Canada Visit – 03/10/1981-03/11/1981 (1)-(5)

RAC Box 2

Luns [NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns – Thursday, 04/16/1981]

Visit of Secretary Haig to Rome and Brussels 05/01/1981-05/05/1981 (Binder) (1)-(7)

[Visit of FRG Chancellor] Helmut Schmidt 05/20/1981-05/23/1981 (1)-(6)

Official Visit of FRG Chancellor Helmut Schmidt 05/20/1981-05/23/1981 (Binder)
(1)-(3)

Background Information from Briefing Book on Schmidt (JR) (Binder) (1)-(3)

[EEC President] Gaston Thorn

[Canadian Prime Minister] Trudeau 07/10/1981 11:30

Visit of Prime Minister Trudeau (Binder)

Visit of Spanish Foreign Minister Pedro Pérez-Llorca 09/09/1981 10:00 A.M.

Visit of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain 10/12/1981-10/15/1981 (Binder)

Mitterrand 10/18/1981-10/19/1981 (1)-(3)

Visit of President and Mrs. Mitterrand of France 10/17/1981-10/19/1981 (Binder) (1)(2)

Visit of President and Mrs. Mitterrand of France 10/17/1981-10/19/1981 Rentschler
(Binder)(1)(2)