

Reagan Library Topic Guide – Investigation of Richard Allen

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ALLEN, RICHARD: INVESTIGATION OF

SCOPE NOTE

In September 1981, it was discovered that Richard V. Allen, the Advisor to the President for National Security Affairs and head of the National Security Council, had made some questionable transactions with journalists early in the Reagan administration. Allen came into possession of a \$1,000 gratuity paid in cash from a Japanese magazine, intended for Nancy Reagan in exchange for an interview she had given. According to his explanation he handed the money to his secretary and she placed the money in a White House safe. Allen then reportedly forgot about it. Also, it was belatedly discovered that around the same time, Allen had accepted three expensive watches as personal gifts from Japanese friends who were high-level governmental consultants. The first investigation of Allen's actions was conducted by the FBI in late September 1981.

Continued press interest in the issue resulted in an additional investigation conducted by the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice in late November 1981 and resulted in an additional report on December 7, 1981. Despite the release of this report, public questions and media interest still continued. Finally, the President asked White House Counsel Fred Fielding to conduct an internal ethics violation investigation of the transactions. The White House Counsel's Office issued a report in January 3, 1982. Although Allen was never officially charged with any wrong-doing, he was forced to resign after the investigation ended.

WHORM SUBJECT FILES

[FE010-01](#) casefile 119639

WHITE HOUSE STAFF AND OFFICE FILES

COMMUNICATIONS, OFFICE OF

Gergen, David: Files

OA 7887

Allen, Richard/Japan

OA 10531

[Correspondence and Memos 1982] Dick Allen

COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF
Goldfield, H.P.: Files
OA 08962
Allen, Richard V.

Hauser, Richard: Files
OA 6195
Allen, Richard V. (FOIA Request) (1)(2)

OA 10600
Report of the Office of the Counsel to the President Regarding the Richard V. Allen
Investigation (1)(2)

Luttig, Michael: Files
OA 10018
Allen, Richard V. (1)(2)

Rusthoven, Peter J.: Files
OA 11406
Allen, Richard V.

Waller, David: Files
OA 5144
Richard V. Allen (1)-(5)

OA 12688
Subject File [October 1983; Tabs 30-35] (Tab 35 Relevant)
FOIA Request re: Riachrd Allen, 10/31/1983

Counsel to the President, White House Office of: Investigations
Series I: Investigation of Richard V. Allen, Assistant to the President for National Security
Affairs, 1981

Box 1
[Records re FBI Allen Investigation, 09/22/1981 (Luttig Copy)]
[Records re FBI Allen Investigation, 09/22/1981 (Goldfield Copy)]
[Records re FBI Allen Investigation, 09/22/1981 (Haller Copy)]
RVA – Common Cause
Allen, Richard V. [re: Financial Disclosure Report] (1)-(3)
RVA – Response to Shufu no Tomo Questions – February 1981
[Records re: FBI/DOJ Allen Investigation, 11/27/1981 (Luttig Copy)] (1)(2)
[Records re: FBI/DOJ Allen Investigation, 11/27/1981 (Goldfield Copy)] (1)(2)
[Records re: FBI/DOJ Allen Investigation, 11/27/1981 (Haller Copy)] (1)(2)
[Records re: FBI/DOJ Allen Investigation, 11/27/1981-11/30/1981 (Luttig Copy) (1)-(3)
[Records re: FBI/DOJ Allen Investigation, 11/27/1981-11/30/1981 (Goldfield Copy)
(1)-(3)
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Box 2
[Records re: FBI/DOJ Allen Investigation, 11/27/1981-11/30/1981 (Haller Copy) (2)(3)

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Allen, Richard V./Contacts between White House and DOJ (1)(2)
RVA - \$1000 Honorarium
RVA – Gifts
RVA – Sale of Potomac International to Hannaford (Empty)
RVA – Contacts w/Clients of Potomac & Hannaford (Empty)
RVA – SF-278 – Errors and Omissions (Empty)
RVA – Transition (Empty)
Allen, R.V. – White House Statements
[Records re DOJ Allen Investigation, 12/07/1981 (Luttig Copy)] (1)(1)
[Records re DOJ Allen Investigation, 12/07/1981 (Goldfield Copy)] (1)(2)
[Records re DOJ Allen Investigation, 12/07/1981 (Haller Copy)] (1)(2)
Allen, Richard V. [Notes/Memos to File – Richard Hauser, 11/23/1981-12/10/1981]
RVA – Correspondence/General
[RVA – Initial Investigation Reports]
[Working Papers re Counsel’s Office Review of Potential Richard V. Allen Ethics
Violations] (1)(2)
Document No. 1 (Document No. 19 is identical) [07/06/1981 Memo, William Brock to
the Trade Policy Committee]
Document No. 3 [re 07/24/1981 and 07/07/1981 Trade Policy Committee Meeting]
Document No. 3 [re 07/24/1981 and 07/07/1981 Trade Policy Committee Meeting
– not same as previous No. 3 document]
Document No. 5 [Cable]
Document No. 6 [07/27/1981, Memo John William to Carl Jacobsen]
Document No. 6 [07/27/1981 Memo – not same as previous No. 6]
Document No. 7 [re FIRA – Foreign Investment Agency]

Box 3

Document Nos. 12 and 16 (Same Document) [re Canadian Foreign Investment Policy]
Document No. 13 [re 07/23/1981 Cabinet Council Economic Affairs Meeting]
Document No. 14 [re Foreign, especially Canadian, Investment in U.S.]
Document No. 15 [re Mineral Land Leasing Act of 1920]
Document No. 25 (Similar to document Nos 12 & 16) [re Canadian Foreign Investment
Policy]
[Unnumbered Document re: Protection of Intelligence, ND011-01, 023789]
[Unnumbered Document re: Mass Immigration Emergency Plan]
[Allen Investigation re: Allen Contacts – Notes, Interviews & Documents] (1)-(5)
[RVA – Interrogatories – Questions], 12/23/1981
RVA – FBI Reports
Memo to RVA, 12/26/1981
[RVA – Counsel’s Office Review, 12/26/1981]
RVA Interrogatories – Contacts
RVA Interrogatories – Gifts (1)(2)
RVA Interrogatories – Sale of Potomac
RVA – Interrogatories
[RVA – Interrogatories – Answers]
[RVA – Counsel’s Office re: Contacts – Summary Drafts]
RVA – Summaries
[Allen Investigation – Gifts] (1)-(4)

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[Allen Investigation – Gifts] (5)

RVA – Newsclippings

[Newspaper Articles re Allen Investigation] (1)-(5)

[Allen Investigation – Gifts] Potomac International/Contact w/Clients – News Clippings

Report of the Office of Counsel to the President Regarding the Richard V. Allen

Matter (Original without Appendices) (1)(2)

[Report of the Office of Counsel to the President Regarding the Richard V. Allen

Matter] (1)-(4)

[RVA – Press Release, 01/04/1982]

Richard Allen [H.P. Goldfield Notes/Memo]

RVA – Disposition of \$1000 Honorarium

COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF THE

Meese, Edwin: Files

CFOA 127

Allen, Richard

GIFT UNIT

Gift Unit, White House: Records

OA 19419

Allen

PRESS SECRETARY, OFFICE OF

Speakes, Larry: Files

OA 13879

Allen, Richard [Justice Department Investigation of – November 1981-December 1981]

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC) STAFF AND OFFICE FILES

Kimmit, Robert: Files

Box 90307

Legal: Allen, Richard (1)-(3)