



Poindexter, John M: Files, 1981-1986

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Record Type

Textual

Biography

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John Marlan Poindexter was born in Washington, Indiana on August 12, 1936. He was high school valedictorian and class president. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy on an ROTC scholarship, graduating at the head of his class in 1958 with a degree in engineering. The Navy awarded him one of its first Burke Scholarships, which he used to enroll at the California Institute of Technology. He studied under Nobel laureate Rudolph Mossbauer, earning an M.S. degree in physics (1961) and Ph.D. in nuclear physics (1964).

Poindexter rose through the ranks of the Navy, alternating between postings on ships and Pentagon-based office assignments. The latter included work as a Systems Analyst in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (1966-69), a member of the Secretary of the Navy's personal staff (1971-74), and Executive Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations (1976-78). After two years as commander of a destroyer squadron (1978-80), he was named Chief of Staff of the Naval Education and Training Command in Pensacola, Florida. He was promoted from Captain to Rear Admiral in March 1981.

Admiral Poindexter joined the National Security Council (NSC) staff in June 1981. He served as Military Assistant to two National Security Advisors, Richard Allen and William P. Clark. When Robert (Bud) McFarlane became National Security Advisor in November 1983, Poindexter was named his deputy. Poindexter received a temporary promotion to Vice Admiral in May 1985. He was named National Security Advisor when McFarlane resigned in December.

In November 1986, it was revealed that the U.S. government had secretly been selling arms to Iran, in the hope that Iran would put pressure on Iranian-backed terrorist groups in Lebanon to release their American hostages. On November 25, President Reagan announced the Justice Department's conclusion that NSC staff had secretly used funds from the Iran arms sales to support the Contra forces fighting against the Nicaraguan government. Reagan also announced Poindexter's departure from the NSC.

As the Iran-Contra scandal began dominating the news, Poindexter reverted to Rear Admiral rank and was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. He refused to cooperate with the investigation of Iran-Contra until he was granted limited immunity from prosecution in April 1987. In July, he testified in televised Congressional hearings that he had helped divert Iranian arms profits to the Contras without informing President Reagan. Poindexter retired from the Navy effective December 1, 1987.

In March 1988, Iran-Contra independent counsel Lawrence Walsh won grand jury indictments of Poindexter, Oliver North, and two others involved in the affair. Poindexter was charged with obstructing the Government's investigations of Iran-Contra. He was convicted on all five counts in April 1990, in a trial that featured seven hours of videotaped testimony recorded by former President Reagan in Los Angeles. However, the conviction was reversed on appeal in 1991, on the grounds that several prosecution witnesses had been influenced by Poindexter's immunized testimony before Congress.

Poindexter held various defense contractor and technology jobs in the 1990s and 2000s. In 2002 he returned to Government service as a member of the Defense Advance Research Project Agency (DARPA). Poindexter was named head of the Information Awareness Office (IAO), a DARPA pilot program investigating the use of computer technology to gather and analyze information for the George W. Bush Administration's "war on terror." The IAO was disbanded in 2003, following widespread concern that its work would lead to intrusive Government surveillance of U.S. citizens. Poindexter retired from DARPA a few months later. He currently lives in the Washington, DC area.

Poindexter married Linda Goodwin two days after he graduated from the Naval Academy in 1958. Mrs. Poindexter began studying for the Episcopal priesthood after their five sons were grown. She served as a priest from 1986 to 1999, when she converted to Roman Catholicism.

Scope and Content Note

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The John Poindexter collection consists of six series. The series are as follows: SERIES I: Subject File; SERIES II: Name File; SERIES III: Public Affairs File; SERIES IV: Administrative File; SERIES V: Suspense File; and SERIES VI: Chron File. The collection covers the full range of defense and foreign policy issues from Poindexter's six years in the NSC. Many documents pertain specifically to U.S. Navy issues and personnel.

A few documents predate Poindexter's time in the NSC. These are mostly reference materials used by Poindexter in his NSC work, or material that he retained from his earlier Navy career.

Many folders and documents have notations showing that they were checked for relevance to Iran-Contra. Some folders contain records that were compiled during the investigation of Iran-Contra, after Poindexter left the NSC.

See "Lebanon Crisis Material from Poindexter - 06/04/1982-07/06/1982" in the Philip Dur Collection for more Poindexter work product.

Series List

SERIES 01: SUBJECT FILE

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subgroups and White House foreign policy groups; the disposition of pre-Reagan foreign policy directives; the drafting of Administration statements on foreign policy issues; White House emergency preparedness; Poindexter and McFarlane daily schedules; summaries of Administration foreign policy accomplishments; and public opinion polls. The folders are in alphabetical order by subject. Some schedules and related documents are also in Poindexter's Administrative File (Series IV).

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SERIES 05: SUSPENSE FILE

This series consists of material pertaining to Iran, Libya, and other Middle East countries; U.S.- Soviet relations; Central America; terrorism; emergency planning and the Crisis Management Center; Joint Chiefs of Staff reorganization; long-range foreign policy planning; NSC staffing and personnel; meetings with foreign leaders; schedule requests; lists of Poindexter’s files; and policy for using Poindexter’s autopen signature. Most files involve matters that were still awaiting action or completion when Poindexter left the NSC in November 1986. The folders are in alphabetical order by name.

SERIES 06: CHRON FILE

This series consists of chronologically arranged correspondence and action items. Topics include U.S.-Soviet relations, arms control, Western Europe, Poland, Lebanon, Iran, the Iran-Iraq War, Libya, Central America, South Africa, the 1983 U.S. invasion of Grenada, NSC routing and meeting procedures, NSC staff organization, foreign travel by Administration staff, international economic and trade policy, the Crisis Management Center, boilerplate thank-you responses, and draft presidential speeches and statements. There are letters, memos, and other items sent to Admiral Poindexter, and copies of his typed or handwritten responses. In some cases, his response was to forward the matter to other NSC staff for handling or clarification.

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RAC Box 1

Status	Title
OPEN	Afghanistan: Checklist of U.S. Response
OPEN	AWACS for Saudi Arabia
OPEN	[ACDA Statute] (U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency)
OPEN	[Beirut Bombing: Response to September 1983 Lebanon Terrorist Attack]
OPEN	[Beirut Situation Reports, September 1983-December 1983]
OPEN	[Box Labels]
OPEN	Budget
OPEN	California Trip to Sort Out (01/01/1985-01/14/1985)
OPEN	California Trip to Sort Out (01/15/1985-08/28/1985)
OPEN	Caribbean Basin

Status	Title
OPEN	[Central America Negotiations: Contadora, November 1983]
OPEN	CIA Gorbachev Tape
OPEN	Civil Defense
OPEN	Command and Control
OPEN	Continuity of Government (1)-(3)
OPEN	[Contra Aid Precedents Article]
OPEN	[Contras: North Memo re Supplying Contras, 11/07/1984]
OPEN	Copies to Make for JMP Attorneys (Boxes FBI 139, 134, and 3 of Unofficial JMP Files) (1)-(7)
OPEN	Cordell Hull Cabinet Conference Room (1)(2)
OPEN	Counterintelligence
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[Counterterrorism Planning re Lebanon and Remaining Hostages, June 1985-July 1985] (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[Counterterrorism Planning re Lebanon and Remaining Hostages, June 1985-July 1985] (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[Counterterrorism Planning re Lebanon and Remaining Hostages, June 1985-July 1985] (3)
OPEN	Covert Actions
OPEN	Crisis Management
OPEN	[Crisis Management Center Article]
OPEN	DOMs (Daily Operations Meetings)
OPEN	Egypt – Sudan
OPEN	Emergency Mobilization Preparedness Board
OPEN	Falkland [Also: El Salvador, Honduras, Israel, Lebanon]
OPEN	FGL (Family Group Luncheon)
OPEN	Foreign/Defense Issues and Objectives (1)-(4)
OPEN	Foreign Policy Approach (1)-(4)
OPEN	Foreign Policy Booklet
OPEN	Geneva (1)(2)
OPEN	“Good Example” NSC Paper

Status	Title
OPEN	[Grenada Talking Points]
OPEN	Hostages
OPEN	Iceland [Gorbachev-Reagan Meeting at Reykjavik 10/09/1986-10/12/1986] (1)-(5)
OPEN	Intelligence General
OPEN	Iran
OPEN	[Iran-Contra Investigation: Transfer Sheet]
OPEN	Iran Folder (P1-P31) (Copied by FBI in Entirety) (1)-(3)

RAC Box 2

Status	Title
OPEN	[Iran:] Unmarked Folder (P32-P54) (Copied by FBI in Entirety) (1)(2)
OPEN	[Iran:] Unmarked Folder (P55-P59) (Copied by FBI in Entirety)
OPEN	[Iran-Iraq War: Saudi Arabia]
OPEN	[Iran-Iraq War, May 1984]
OPEN	Israel
OPEN	Jake Stewart
OPEN	[Jesse Jackson Meeting with the President 01/04/1984 - Poindexter's Notes]
OPEN	[Chairman of JCS Candidate Points]
OPEN	Jordanian Arms Sales
OPEN	Keating, Ambassador Robert B. – Emergency Hunger Study Group (1)-(3)
OPEN	Leaks
OPEN	Lebanon
OPEN	[Baalbek, Lebanon]
OPEN	[Intelligence Reports on Lebanon Groups, 1984]
OPEN	[Leslie Lenkowski]
OPEN	Libya
OPEN	Libya NSDD (1)-(8)

Status	Title
OPEN	[Meetings:] Items Discussed at 0930s (12/18/1985-04/30/1986)
OPEN	[Meetings:] Items Discussed at 0930s (05/01/1986-09/30/1986)
OPEN	[Meetings:] Items Discussed at 0930s (10/01/1986-11/24/1986)
OPEN	Meeting Papers 1985 (1)-(7)
OPEN	Memcons [Meeting with President Febres Cordero, 04/12/1985]
OPEN	bres Cordero, 04/12/1985] [Middle East Trip, April 1984] (1)(2)
OPEN	Miscellaneous 1981-1984
OPEN	Miscellaneous 1984-1985 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Miscellaneous Meeting Items 1984 (01/01/1984-06/30/1984)
OPEN	Miscellaneous Meeting Items 1984 (10/01/1984-11/30/1984)
OPEN	Miscellaneous Meeting Items 1984 (12/01/1984-02/21/1985)
OPEN	Miscellaneous Meeting Items [1985] (02/01/1985-02/28/1985)
OPEN	Miscellaneous Meeting Items 1985 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Mobilization (empty)

RAC Box 3

Status	Title
OPEN	Monthly Reports (1)(2)
OPEN	MX Commission 01/03/1983 [President's Commission on Strategic Forces]
OPEN	National Command Authority
OPEN	NEACP (National Emergency Airborne Command Post)
OPEN	National Security Affairs Calendar

Status	Title
OPEN	White House – National Security Council Blue Book (Binder)
OPEN	P/NSC Meeting 01/10/1986
OPEN	NSC/NSPG Organization
OPEN	[NSC Organization: Asian Affairs Management]
OPEN	[NSC Organization: Directorate Management]
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings [1982]
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings (12/09/1981-02/22/1982) (Steno book)
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings (02/22/1982-03/24/1982) (Steno book)
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings (03/24/1982-05/28/1982) (Steno book)
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings (05/28/1985-09/08/1982) (Steno book)
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings (09/08/1982-10/25/1982) (Steno book)
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings (10/25/1982-12/30/1982) (Steno book)
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings (12/31/1982-02/10/1983) (Steno book)
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings (02/10/1983-04/10/1983) (Steno book)
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings (04/10/1983-06/07/1983) (Steno book)
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings (06/07/1983-08/03/1983) (Steno book)
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings (08/03/1983-09/17/1983) (Steno book)
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings (09/17/1983-12/02/1983) (Steno book)
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings (12/02/1983-01/25/1984) (Steno book)
OPEN	NSC Staff Meetings (02/15/1984-08/20/1984) (Steno book)
OPEN	[NSDD re: Lebanon, December 1983]
OPEN	NSDDs
OPEN	[NSPG Meeting 05/17/1984 – Escalation in Gulf War/Energy Threats] (1)(2)
OPEN	NSPG Meeting 10/19/1984
OPEN	NSSD No. 1 [NSSD 1-82: U.S. National Security Strategy]
OPEN	NAVOPS
OPEN	[Talking Points/Congress – Nicaraguan Funding]
OPEN	North Memo on Nicaraguan Resistance (12/04/1984)
OPEN	Handwritten Notes by JMP (06/30/1981-02/24/1983)

Status	Title
OPEN	[Handwritten Notes by JMP 02/25/1983-12/31/1983]
OPEN	Handwritten Notes by JMP (01/01/1984-12/31/1985)
OPEN	Handwritten Notes by JMP (01/01/1986-09/30/1986)
OPEN	Meeting Notes [Original Set] P.85-102
OPEN	Meeting Notes [Sanitized] Set P.85-102
OPEN	Poindexter Notes [1984] (01/25/1984-04/17/1984) (Notebook)
OPEN	Poindexter Notes [1984] (04/18/1984-12/03/1984) (Notebook)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Nuclear Freeze/Nuclear Policy (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Nuclear Freeze/Nuclear Policy (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Nuclear Freeze/Nuclear Policy (3)
OPEN	Odeen Report
OPEN	Old Presidential Decisions (1)(2)
OPEN	Pearce/Green Initiative
OPEN	PRC – Tech Transfer (People’s Republic of China)
OPEN	Poland – Crisis (02/06/1981-03/31/1981)
OPEN	Poland – Crisis (04/01/1981-04/30/1981)
OPEN	Poland – Crisis (05/01/1981-05/31/1981)
OPEN	Poland – Crisis (06/01/1981-12/09/1981)
OPEN	Poland – Crisis (12/10/1981-12/17/1981)
OPEN	Poland – Crisis (12/18/1981-01/11/1982)
OPEN	PFIAB (President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board)
OPEN	[Progress for Peace for the Middle East – Undated Paper]
OPEN	[Project Blue Book 02/01/1966]
OPEN	[Presidential Security]
OPEN	Project Toufiq (Iran)
OPEN	Property Review Board

RAC Box 4

Status	Title
OPEN	Regan/JMP Breakfast

Status	Title
OPEN	[Regan Letter to Poindexter re Speech, 11/18/1986]
OPEN	[Regional Crises and Tensions – State Department Memo, November 1983]
OPEN	Rosters
OPEN	[Security for the U.S. MNF Contingency in Beirut]
OPEN	Sensitive Briefing (empty)
OPEN	SIG/IG Subjects
OPEN	Situation Room Organization
OPEN	Situation Room Project (1)-(5)
OPEN	Soviet Navy
OPEN	Soviet Strategy (1982)
OPEN	Soviet Summit (1982)
OPEN	Soviet Summit (1983)
OPEN	State Visits [Notice to the Press 06/04/1981]
OPEN	START [Press Statement – 1983]
OPEN	[Strategic Defense Issues]
OPEN	Strategic Defense [Speech March 1983] (1)-(3)
OPEN	[Strategic Planning]
OPEN	Summit (Tokyo, Includes Notes from Plenaries) (1)-(3)
OPEN	Summitry
OPEN	Syria Missile Strikes, December 1983
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Taiwan Arms Sales 08/19/1982
OPEN	Talk to Judge [Clark]
OPEN	Telecommunications
OPEN	Terrorism (1)-(5)
OPEN	[Terrorism Background Briefings, June 1985]
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[TWA 847 Hijacking June 1985-July 1985] (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[TWA 847 Hijacking June 1985-July 1985] (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[TWA 847 Hijacking June 1985-July 1985] (3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[TWA 847 Hijacking June 1985-July 1985] (4)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[TWA 847 Hijacking June 1985-July 1985] (5)

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[TWA 847 Hijacking June 1985-July 1985] (6)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[TWA 847 Hijacking June 1985-July 1985] (7)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	[TWA 847 Hijacking June 1985-July 1985] (8)
OPEN	Versailles Summit Schedule
OPEN	Vice President's Meeting with Mayor Jacques Chirac 07/05/1985
OPEN	WHSR Project (1)-(5) (White House Situation Room)
OPEN	Williamsburg Summit
OPEN	[World Peace Council: Programme of Action 1981]

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RAC Box 4 (continued)

Status	Title
OPEN	Adelman, Kenneth
OPEN	Baker, James
OPEN	Buchanan, Pat
OPEN	Bush, George - Vice President
OPEN	Casey, William - DCI (1)(2)
OPEN	Clark, William P., Judge
OPEN	Daniloff, Nicholas (1)-(3)
OPEN	Gottfurcht, Fred
OPEN	Holloway, James (Admiral - Retired)
OPEN	Massie, Suzanne
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert Carl
OPEN	Morris, Max (Admiral - Retired)
OPEN	Reagan, Ronald

Status	Title
OPEN	Shultz, George
OPEN	Speakes, Larry
OPEN	Tanter, Ray
OPEN	Weinberger, Caspar

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RAC Box 5

Status	Title
OPEN	Biography and Miscellaneous Information – William P. Clark (01/01/1981-05/31/1982)
OPEN	Biography and Miscellaneous Information – William P. Clark (06/01/1982-12/31/1982)
OPEN	Biography and Miscellaneous Information – William P. Clark (01/01/1983-05/13/1983)
OPEN	Biography and Miscellaneous Information – William P. Clark (05/14/1983-08/31/1983)
OPEN	Biography and Miscellaneous Information – William P. Clark (09/01/1983-11/17/1983)
OPEN	Central and South America (02/24/1982-04/27/1983)
OPEN	Central and South America (04/28/1983-04/30/1983)
OPEN	Central and South America (05/01/1983-01/09/1984)
OPEN	Central and South America (01/10/1984-01/30/1984)

Status	Title
OPEN	Central and South America (02/01/1984-04/30/1984)
OPEN	Central and South America (05/01/1984-08/07/1984)
OPEN	Central and South America (08/08/1984-12/31/1984)
OPEN	Central and South America (01/01/1982-03/31/1985)
OPEN	Central and South America (04/01/1985-04/16/1985)
OPEN	Central and South America (04/17/1985-12/31/1985)
OPEN	Central and South America (01/01/1986-04/30/1986)
OPEN	McFarlane Speeches, Interviews, Etc. (08/03/1984-12/31/1984)
OPEN	McFarlane Speeches, Interviews, Etc. (01/01/1985-02/28/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane Speeches, Interviews, Etc. (03/01/1985-05/31/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane Speeches, Interviews, Etc. (06/01/1985-12/31/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (01/01/1985-01/31/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (02/01/1985-02/06/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (02/07/1985-02/28/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (03/01/1985-03/31/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (04/01/1985-04/30/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (05/01/1985-05/31/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (06/01/1985-06/30/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (07/01/1985-08/14/1985)

Status	Title
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (08/15/1985-09/15/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (09/16/1985-10/07/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (10/08/1985-10/21/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (10/22/1985-10/31/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (11/01/1985-11/16/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (11/17/1985)
OPEN	McFarlane, Robert C. [Speeches, Etc.] (11/18/1985-08/03/1986)
OPEN	POW/MIA
OPEN	Reed, Thomas C.: Speeches
OPEN	SDI
OPEN	Space
OPEN	Terrorism (06/24/1984-10/31/1986)
OPEN	Terrorism (11/01/1986-11/16/1986)
OPEN	Terrorism (11/17/1986-12/31/1986)

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RAC Box 6

Status	Title
OPEN	Administrative 1986 – Tours, White House Mess, Health Unit, Transportation (1981-1983)
OPEN	Administrative 1986 – Tours, White House Mess, Health Unit, Transportation (1984-1985)
OPEN	Administrative 1986 – Tours, White House Mess, Health Unit, Transportation (1986) (1)-(3)
OPEN	Completed Appointment Requests 1986 [Notes re Scheduling]
OPEN	Completed Appointment Requests 1986 (12/11/1985-12/31/1985)
OPEN	Completed Appointment Requests 1986 (01/01/1986-02/28/1986)
OPEN	Completed Appointment Requests 1986 (03/01/1986-03/19/1986)
OPEN	Completed Appointment Requests 1986 (03/20/1986-03/31/1986)
OPEN	Completed Appointment Requests 1986 (04/01/1986-04/30/1986)
OPEN	Completed Appointment Requests 1986 (05/01/1986-05/31/1986)
OPEN	Completed Appointment Requests 1986 (06/01/1986-06/30/1986)
OPEN	Completed Appointment Requests 1986 (07/01/1986-07/31/1986)
OPEN	Completed Appointment Requests 1986 (08/01/1986-09/10/1986)

Status	Title
OPEN	Completed Appointment Requests 1986 (09/11/1986-09/30/1986)
OPEN	Completed Appointment Requests 1986 (10/01/1986-10/31/1986)
OPEN	Completed Appointment Requests 1986 (11/01/1986-11/16/1986)
OPEN	Completed Appointment Requests 1986 (11/17/1986-12/08/1986)
OPEN	Army Navy Club
OPEN	Bios – Miscellaneous (1)-(3)
OPEN	Congratulatory Letters/Responses 1985 (09/18/1983-02/13/1985)
OPEN	“Congrats” Response from National Security Advisor – January 1986 (01/09/1986) [A-Chase]
OPEN	“Congrats” Response from National Security Advisor – January 1986 (01/09/1986) [Cherne-Harvey]
OPEN	“Congrats” Response from National Security Advisor – January 1986 (01/09/1986) [Hauser-Leuba]
OPEN	“Congrats” Response from National Security Advisor – January 1986 (01/09/1986) [M-Schuller]
OPEN	“Congrats” Response from National Security Advisor – January 1986 (01/09/1986) [Schulze-Z]
OPEN	“Congrats” Response from National Security Advisor – January 1986 (01/13/1986- 01/14/1986)
OPEN	“Congrats” Response from National Security Advisor – January 1986 (01/14/1986)
OPEN	“Congrats” Response from National Security Advisor – January 1986 (01/16/1986- 01/20/1986)
OPEN	“Congrats” Response from National Security Advisor – January 1986 (01/21/1986- 01/31/1986)
OPEN	Efficiency Reports (Signed by JMP) [A-D]
OPEN	Efficiency Reports (Signed by JMP) [E-P]

Status	Title
OPEN	Efficiency Reports (Signed by JMP) [R-Z]

RAC Box 7

Status	Title
OPEN	Flag Officer Newsgrams [Newsletters, Notices] (05/01/1981-08/05/1981)
OPEN	Flag Officer Newsgrams [Newsletters, Notices] (08/16/1981-12/31/1981)
OPEN	Flag Officer Newsgrams [Newsletters, Notices] (01/01/1982-06/27/1982)
OPEN	Flag Officer Newsgrams [Newsletters, Notices] (06/28/1982-12/31/1982)
OPEN	Flag Officer Newsgrams [Newsletters, Notices] (01/01/1983-07/13/1983)
OPEN	Flag Officer Newsgrams [Newsletters, Notices] (07/14/1983-12/31/1983)
OPEN	Flag Officer Newsgrams [Newsletters, Notices] (01/01/1984-12/31/1984)
OPEN	Flag Officer Newsgrams [Newsletters, Notices] (01/01/1985-05/28/1985)
OPEN	Flag Officer Newsgrams [Newsletters, Notices] (05/29/1985-07/31/1985)
OPEN	Flag Officer Newsgrams [Newsletters, Notices] (08/01/1985-12/31/1985)
OPEN	Flag Officer Newsgrams [Newsletters, Notices] (1986)
OPEN	Food for Progress (Ambassador Keating) (1)(2)
OPEN	Invitations – Official 1985
OPEN	Invitations – Social 1985 (01/25/1982-12/31/1984)
OPEN	Invitations – Social 1985 (01/01/1985-06/03/1985)
OPEN	Invitations – Social 1985 (06/04/1985-12/31/1985)
OPEN	Invitations (Accepted) January 1986-June 1986 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Invitations (Regrets) January 1986-June 1986 (1)-(10)

RAC Box 8

Status	Title
OPEN	Miscellaneous 1982-1984 [10/01/1981-12/31/1984]
OPEN	Miscellaneous [1985] (01/01/1985-05/31/1985)
OPEN	Miscellaneous [1985] (06/01/1985-07/10/1985)
OPEN	Miscellaneous [1985] (07/11/1985-08/31/1985)
OPEN	Miscellaneous [1985] (09/01/1985-10/31/1985)
OPEN	Miscellaneous [1985] (11/01/1985-11/30/1985)
OPEN	Miscellaneous [1985] (12/01/1985-12/31/1985)
OPEN	Miscellaneous [1986] (01/01/1986-01/31/1986)
OPEN	[Miscellaneous – First Nominations] (1977-12/31/1981)
OPEN	[Miscellaneous – First Nominations] (01/01/1982-12/31/1982)
OPEN	[Miscellaneous – First Nominations] (01/01/1983-02/29/1984)
OPEN	Miscellaneous Correspondence and Draft Speeches (11/03/1983-11/29/1983)
OPEN	Miscellaneous Correspondence and Draft Speeches (11/30/1983-12/15/1983)
OPEN	Miscellaneous Correspondence and Draft Speeches (12/16/1983-12/31/1983)
OPEN	Miscellaneous Correspondence and Draft Speeches (01/01/1984-10/04/1984)
OPEN	Miscellaneous Correspondence and Draft Speeches (10/05/1984-03/04/1985)
OPEN	Miscellaneous Things To Do (1)(2)
OPEN	NSC/JMP Personnel
OPEN	NSC Administration (11/05/1981-07/02/1982)
OPEN	NSC Administration (07/03/1982-12/31/1982)
OPEN	NSC Administration (01/01/1983-02/08/1983)
OPEN	NSC Administration (02/09/1983-12/31/1983)
OPEN	NSC Staff
OPEN	Navy Personnel File (Medical, ID, Leave Forms, Etc. – JMP) (1)-(3)

Status	Title
OPEN	Personal Mail and Correspondence [1981]
OPEN	Personal Mail and Correspondence [1982]
OPEN	Personal Mail and Correspondence [1983] (01/01/1983-08/16/1983)
OPEN	Personal Mail and Correspondence [1983] (08/17/1983-12/31/1983)
OPEN	Personal Mail and Correspondence [1984] (01/01/1984-04/30/1984)
OPEN	Personal Mail and Correspondence [1984] (05/01/1984-07/31/1984)
OPEN	Personal Mail and Correspondence [1984] (08/01/1984-10/31/1984)
OPEN	Personal Mail and Correspondence [1984] (11/01/1984-12/01/1984)
OPEN	Personal Mail and Correspondence [1985] (01/15/1985-03/31/1985)
OPEN	Personal Mail and Correspondence [1985] (04/01/1985-05/10/1985)
OPEN	Personal Mail and Correspondence [1985] (05/11/1985-01/03/1986)

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Status	Title
OPEN	Personal Correspondence 1986 (A-B)
OPEN	Personal Correspondence 1986 (B)
OPEN	Personal Correspondence 1986 (C-D)
OPEN	Personal Correspondence 1986 (E-G)
OPEN	Personal Correspondence 1986 (H-J)
OPEN	Personal Correspondence 1986 (K-M)
OPEN	Personal Correspondence 1986 (Mc-R)
OPEN	Personal Correspondence 1986 (S-T)
OPEN	Personal Correspondence 1986 (U-Z)
OPEN	Personal File

Status	Title
OPEN	Poindexter Family History
OPEN	Presidential Appointments (Personnel) (1)-(5)
OPEN	Rosters
OPEN	Routing Guides
OPEN	Record of Schedule 1985 [October 1983-June 1984]
OPEN	Record of Schedule 1985 [July 1984-January 1985]
OPEN	Record of Schedule 1985 [February 1985-June 1985]
OPEN	[Record of Schedule (JMP) 1985]
OPEN	Record of Schedule 1985 [July 1985-November 1985]
OPEN	Record of Schedule (JMP) 1986 (01/01/1986-01/17/1986)
OPEN	Record of Schedule (JMP) 1986 (01/18/1986-01/31/1986)
OPEN	Record of Schedule (JMP) 1986 (02/01/1986-02/28/1986)
OPEN	Record of Schedule (JMP) 1986 (03/01/1986-03/18/1986)
OPEN	Record of Schedule (JMP) 1986 (03/19/1986-03/31/1986)
OPEN	Record of Schedule (JMP) 1986 (04/01/1986-04/14/1986)
OPEN	Record of Schedule (JMP) 1986 (04/15/1986-04/30/1986)
OPEN	Record of Schedule (JMP) 1986 (05/01/1986-05/31/1986)
OPEN	Record of Schedule (JMP) 1986 (06/01/1986-06/30/1986)
OPEN	Record of Schedule (JMP) 1986 (07/01/1986-07/31/1986)
OPEN	Record of Schedule (JMP) 1986 (08/01/1986-09/10/1986)
OPEN	Record of Schedule (JMP) 1986 (09/11/1986-09/30/1986)
OPEN	Record of Schedule (JMP) 1986 (10/01/1986-10/31/1986)
OPEN	Record of Schedule (JMP) 1986 (11/01/1986-11/30/1986)
OPEN	Schedule - Presidential Daily 1986 (January 1986-March 1986)
OPEN	Schedule - Presidential Daily 1986 (April 1986-June 1986)
OPEN	Schedule - Presidential Daily 1986 (July 1986-September 1986)
OPEN	Schedule - Presidential Daily 1986 (October 1986-November 1986)
OPEN	Schedule - President's Monthly Block 1986 (1)-(4)

RAC Box 10

Status	Title
OPEN	Schedule – Vice President’s 1986 Daily (January 1986-February 1986)
OPEN	Schedule – Vice President’s 1986 Daily (March 1986-April 1986)
OPEN	Schedule – Vice President’s 1986 Daily (May 1986-June 1986)
OPEN	Schedule – Vice President’s 1986 Daily (July 1986-August 1986)
OPEN	Schedule – Vice President’s 1986 Daily (September 1986-October 1986)
OPEN	Schedule – Vice President’s 1986 Daily (November 1986)
OPEN	[Special Counsel Iran-Contra Investigation – Pull Sheets]
OPEN	Record of Telephone Calls 1985 (November 1983-August 1984)
OPEN	Record of Telephone Calls 1985 (September 1984-March 1985)
OPEN	Record of Telephone Calls 1985 (April 1985-October 1985)
OPEN	Record of Telephone Calls 1985 (November 1985-December 1985)
OPEN	Record of Telephone Calls (JMP) 1986 (January 1986-February 1986)
OPEN	Record of Telephone Calls (JMP) 1986 (March 1986-April 1986)
OPEN	Record of Telephone Calls (JMP) 1986 (May 1986-June 1986)
OPEN	Record of Telephone Calls (JMP) 1986 (July 1986)
OPEN	Record of Telephone Calls (JMP) 1986 (August 1986-September 1986)
OPEN	Record of Telephone Calls (JMP) 1986 (October 1986)
OPEN	Record of Telephone Calls (JMP) 1986 (November 1986)

SERIES 05: SUSPENSE FILE

This series consists of material pertaining to Iran, Libya, and other Middle East countries; U.S.- Soviet relations; Central America; terrorism; emergency planning and the Crisis Management Center; Joint Chiefs of Staff reorganization; long-range foreign policy planning; NSC staffing and personnel; meetings with foreign leaders; schedule requests; lists of Poindexter's files; and policy for using Poindexter's autopen signature. Most files involve matters that were still awaiting action or completion when Poindexter left the NSC in November 1986. The folders are in alphabetical order by name.

RAC Box 10 (continued)

Status	Title
OPEN	Action Responses from JMP
OPEN	ADV/LVX (empty)
OPEN	Autopen
OPEN	Bud Out
OPEN	[Disk Cartridge]
OPEN	[Disks] (1)(2)
OPEN	Florence - Administrative Matters
OPEN	Hold (1)-(12)
OPEN	Hold Box (Lower Right) (empty)
OPEN	Hold File
OPEN	Inbox (Upper Left) (empty)
OPEN	Information (Hold) (empty)
OPEN	Miscellaneous Items (Pending)
OPEN	NSC Action Items I (empty)
OPEN	NSC Action Items II (empty)
OPEN	Press Items (empty)
OPEN	Records Shelf Lists
OPEN	Situation Room (empty)
OPEN	To Do
OPEN	To Read (empty)
OPEN	Urgent Action (empty)

SERIES 06: CHRON FILE

This series consists of chronologically arranged correspondence and action items. Topics include U.S.-Soviet relations, arms control, Western Europe, Poland, Lebanon, Iran, the Iran-Iraq War, Libya, Central America, South Africa, the 1983 U.S. invasion of Grenada, NSC routing and meeting procedures, NSC staff organization, foreign travel by Administration staff, international economic and trade policy, the Crisis Management Center, boilerplate thank-you responses, and draft presidential speeches and statements. There are letters, memos, and other items sent to Admiral Poindexter, and copies of his typed or handwritten responses. In some cases, his response was to forward the matter to other NSC staff for handling or clarification.

CHRON FILE RAC Box 11

Status	Title
OPEN	Chron 1981 (06/09/1981-06/30/1981)
OPEN	Chron 1981 (07/01/1981-07/31/1981)
OPEN	Chron 1981 (08/01/1981-09/30/1981)
OPEN	Chron 1981 (10/01/1981-12/31/1981)
OPEN	Chron 1982 (01/01/1982-02/17/1982)
OPEN	Chron 1982 (02/18/1982-02/28/1982)
OPEN	Chron 1982 (03/01/1982-03/25/1982)
OPEN	Chron 1982 (03/26/1982-03/31/1982)
OPEN	Chron 1982 (04/01/1982-04/30/1982)
OPEN	Chron 1982 (05/01/1982-06/25/1982)
OPEN	Chron 1982 (06/26/1982-06/30/1982)
OPEN	Chron 1982 (07/01/1982-07/05/1982)
OPEN	Chron 1982 (07/06/1982-07/31/1982)
OPEN	Chron 1982 (08/01/1982-09/30/1982)
OPEN	Chron 1982 (October 1982)
OPEN	Chron 1982 (November 1982)
OPEN	Chron 1982 (December 1982)
OPEN	Chron 1983 (January 1983)

Status	Title
OPEN	Chron 1983 (February 1983)
OPEN	Chron 1983 (March 1983)
OPEN	Chron 1983 (04/01/1983-04/10/1983)
OPEN	Chron 1983 (04/11/1983-04/30/1983)
OPEN	Chron 1983 (May 1983)
OPEN	Chron 1983 (June 1983)
OPEN	Chron 1983 (July 1983-August 1983)
OPEN	Chron 1983 (September 1983-October 1983)
OPEN	Chron 1983 (November 1983-December 1983)
OPEN	Chron 1984 (January 1984-February 1984)
OPEN	Chron 1984 (March 1984)
OPEN	Chron 1984 (04/01/1984-04/17/1984)
OPEN	Chron 1984 (04/18/1984-04/30/1984)
OPEN	Chron 1984 (May 1984-June 1984)
OPEN	Chron 1984 (July 1984-October 1984)
OPEN	Chron 1984 (November 1984)
OPEN	Chron 1984 (December 1984)
OPEN	Chron 1985 (January 1985)
OPEN	Chron 1985 (January 1985-February 1985)
OPEN	Chron 1985 (February 1985-April 1985)
OPEN	Chron 1985 (March 1985-December 1985)
OPEN	Chron January 1986
OPEN	Chron February 1986
OPEN	Chron 03/01/1986-03/10/1986
OPEN	Chron 03/11/1986-03/16/1986
OPEN	Chron 03/17/1986-03/31/1986
OPEN	Chron April 1986
OPEN	Chron 05/01/1986-05/11/1986
OPEN	Chron 05/12/1986-05/31/1986
OPEN	Chron 06/01/1986-06/29/1986

Status	Title
OPEN	Chron 06/30/1986
OPEN	Chron 07/01/1986-07/08/1986
OPEN	Chron 07/09/1986-07/31/1986
OPEN	Chron August 1986-September 1986
OPEN	Chron October 1986
OPEN	Chron November 1986