



Pipes, Richard E.: Files, 1981-1982

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Record Type

Textual

Biography

Biography

Richard Edgar Pipes was born in Cieszyn, Poland, in 1923, to an assimilated middle-class Jewish family. He attended a secondary school in Warsaw until he was 16, but after experiencing the siege of Warsaw and living one month under German occupation, his father secured passports for his family and they escaped through Italy to the United States. Richard Pipes went on to study at Cornell University and received a Ph.D. at Harvard University. During World War II, from 1943-1946, Pipes served in the United States Air Force.

Dr. Pipes has been a member of the Harvard University faculty since 1950, serving as instructor in History and Literature (1950-1958), Harvard University Russian Research Center director (1968-1973), and as Frank B. Baird, Jr. Professor of History (1958-1996).

Pipes has also served as a consultant to Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson in the early 1970s, was a Senior Research Consultant at the Strategic Studies Center from 1973-1978, chaired the Team B Strategic Objectives Panel (a controversial effort to reinterpret CIA intelligence on the Soviet threat) in the mid-1970s, and was a member of the Committee on the Present Danger from 1977-80.

On leave of absence from Harvard, Richard Pipes joined the National Security Council in February 1981, with primary responsibility for the Soviet Union and Eastern European affairs. He served at the NSC for two years, the maximum number of years Harvard allowed.

In 1992, Pipes served as an expert witness in the Russian constitutional Court's trial against the Communist Party. Since 1997, Dr. Pipes has been the Frank B.

Baird, Jr. Professor of History Emeritus. He continues to write, including most recently, *Three "Whys" of the Russian Revolution* (1996), *Prosperity & Freedom* (1999), *Land-tenure in Pre-Roman Antiquity and its Political Consequences* (2001), *Communism: A Brief History* (2001), and his autobiography *Vixi: Memoirs of a Non-Belonger* (2003).

Richard Pipes passed away on May 17, 2018 at the age of 94 in Belmont, Massachusetts.

Scope and Content Note

The Richard Pipes collection consists of memos, letters, reports, briefing papers, talking points, agendas, statements, option papers, cables, scripts, invitations, telephone memoranda, travel vouchers, lists, and transcripts of speeches. The material is arranged into two series: Subject File and Chronological File, 1981-1982.

Series List

SERIES I: SUBJECT FILE

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SERIES II: CHRONOLOGICAL FILE

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Status	Title
OPEN	(Allen, Richard V./James W. "Bud" Nance-Richard Pipes) RVA/JWN-RP [Memos] 1981 (1)(2)BIB/RFE/RL/VOA (Board for International Broadcasting/Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty/Voice of America) January-February 1981
OPEN	BIB/RFE/RL/VOA (Board for International Broadcasting/Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty/Voice of America) 03/01/1981-03/12/1981
OPEN	BIB/RFE/RL/VOA (Board for International Broadcasting/Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty/Voice of America) 03/13/1981-03/31/1981
OPEN	BIB/RFE/RL/VOA (Board for International Broadcasting/Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty/Voice of America) 04/01/1981-04/13/1981
OPEN	BIB/RFE/RL/VOA (Board for International Broadcasting/Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty/Voice of America) 04/14/1981-04/30/1981
OPEN	BIB/RFE/RL/VOA (Board for International Broadcasting/Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty/Voice of America) 05/01/1981-05/07/1981

Status	Title
OPEN	BIB/RFE/RL/VOA (Board for International Broadcasting/Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty/Voice of America) 05/08/1981-05/31/1981
OPEN	BIB/RFE/RL/VOA (Board for International Broadcasting/Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty/Voice of America) June-July 1981
OPEN	BIB/RFE/RL/VOA (Board for International Broadcasting/Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty/Voice of America) August-December 1981
OPEN	BIB/RFE/RL/VOA (Board for International Broadcasting/Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty/Voice of America) January-March 1982
OPEN	BIB/RFE/RL/VOA (Board for International Broadcasting/Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty/Voice of America) April-November 1982BIB (Board for International Broadcasting)-[James] Critchlow, March-May 1981
OPEN	BIB (Board for International Broadcasting)-[James] Critchlow, June 1981 (1)-(3)
OPEN	BIB (Board for International Broadcasting)-[James] Critchlow, July-December 1981
OPEN	BIB (Board for International Broadcasting)-[James] Critchlow 1982
OPEN	BIB (Board for International Broadcasting) Scripts, February 1981 (1)(2)

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Status	Title
OPEN	BIB (Board for International Broadcasting) Scripts, February 1981 (3)(4)
OPEN	BIB (Board for International Broadcasting) Scripts, March 1981
OPEN	BIB (Board for International Broadcasting) Scripts, April 1981

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OPEN	BIB (Board for International Broadcasting) Scripts, May 1981
OPEN	Conferences, March 1981
OPEN	Conferences, April 1981
OPEN	Conferences, May 1981
OPEN	Conferences, June 1981
OPEN	Conferences, July 1981
OPEN	Conferences, August - December 1981
OPEN	Conferences 1982
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General February 1981
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General March 1981
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General April-May 1981
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General June-August 1981
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General September-October 1981
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General November 1981
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General December 1981
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General January-February 1982
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General March 1982
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General April 1982
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General May-June 1982

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OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General July-August 1982
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General September 1982
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General October 1982
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General November 1982
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General December 1982
OPEN	Meetings/Invitations, General 1983
OPEN	Miscellaneous Papers [Reagan Soviet Policy-Working Draft-October 1981]

Status	Title
OPEN	Miscellaneous Papers [Reagan Soviet Policy-Shorter Version-November 1981]
OPEN	Miscellaneous Papers [Soviet Nuclear Strategy, Mr. Garthoff and]
OPEN	Miscellaneous Papers [Soviet Union, How President Reagan Might Conduct His Policy Toward the]
OPEN	Miscellaneous Papers [Soviet Union in Crisis, October 1982 Speech Given at IFRI, Paris]
OPEN	Miscellaneous Papers [World Peace Council Programme of Action 1982]
OPEN	[National Security Council (NSC) Correspondence Guidelines/Lapinski Work]
OPEN	National Security Council (NSC) Meetings: Senior Interagency Group (SIG) 12/18/1981 Poland
OPEN	National Security Council Meetings: NSC 12/21/1981 Poland
OPEN	National Security Council Meetings: NSC 12/22/1981 Poland
OPEN	National Security Council Meetings: NSC 12/23/1981 Poland (1)(2)
OPEN	National Security Council Meetings (NSC): Senior Interagency Group (SIG) 12/28/1981 Soviet Union
OPEN	National Security Council Meetings: NSC 02/26/1982 Sanctions
OPEN	National Security Council Meetings: NSC 03/25/1982 Sanctions
OPEN	National Security Council Meetings: NSC 05/24/1982 Sanctions
OPEN	National Security Council Meetings: NSC 06/18/1982 Sanctions
OPEN	Press Contacts/Media, March-May 1981
OPEN	Press Contacts/Media, June 1981 (1)(2)
OPEN	Press Contacts/Media, July 1981

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OPEN	Press Contacts/Media, August 1981

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OPEN	Press Contacts/Media, September 1981
OPEN	Press Contacts/Media, October-December 1981
OPEN	Press Contacts/Media, January 1982
OPEN	Press Contacts/Media, February 1982
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OPEN	Press Contacts/Media, November-December 1982
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Reagan Soviet Policy (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Reagan Soviet Policy (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Reagan Soviet Policy (3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Reagan Soviet Policy (4)
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Status	Title
OPEN	Requests for Documents (Completed)
OPEN	Solidarity (Documents in Polish) (1)-(3)
OPEN	[Soviet Ministry of Defense Reports] (1)-(5)
OPEN	Soviet NSSD (National Security Study Directive) [NSSD 11-82] I (1)-(3)
OPEN	Soviet NSSD (National Security Study Directive) [NSSD 11-82] II
OPEN	Soviet NSSD (National Security Study Directive) [NSSD 11-82], US-Soviet Policy-Various (1)-(5)
OPEN	Soviet Union-Current File 1980 (1)(2)

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Status	Title
OPEN	Soviet Union-Studies by Richard Pipes [Mr. Garthoff and Soviet Nuclear Strategy]
OPEN	Soviet Union-Studies by Richard Pipes [Soviet Union in Crisis]
OPEN	Soviet Union-Studies by Richard Pipes [Reagan Soviet Policy-October 1981]
OPEN	Soviet Union-Studies by Richard Pipes [Reagan Soviet Policy (Shorter Version)-November 1981]
OPEN	Soviet Working Group Meetings (Informal Interagency Group Meeting-National Security Council Brown Bag Lunches) 03/06/1981-09/11/1981 Soviet Working Group Meetings (Informal Interagency Group Meeting-National Security Council Brown Bag Lunches) 10/02/1981-12/18/1981
OPEN	Soviet Working Group Meetings (Informal Interagency Group Meeting-National Security Council Brown Bag Lunches) 1982
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, February 1981]
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, March-April 1981]
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, May-June 1981]
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, July-August 1981]
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, September-October 1981]
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, November-December 1981]
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, January-February 1982]
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, March 1982]
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, April 1982]
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, May 1982]
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, June 1982]
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, July 1982]
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, August 1982]

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OPEN	Telephone Memoranda, September-October 1982
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, November 1982]
OPEN	[Telephone Memoranda, December 1982]
OPEN	Travel, February-April 1981
OPEN	Travel, May-June 1981
OPEN	Travel, July 1981
OPEN	Travel, August-September 1981
OPEN	Travel, October 1981 (1)(2)
OPEN	Travel, November 1981 (1)(2)
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OPEN	Travel, January-March 1982
OPEN	Travel, April 1982 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Travel, May 1982
OPEN	Travel, June-August 1982
OPEN	Travel, September 1982

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OPEN	Travel, October 1982 (1)(2)
OPEN	Travel, November-December 1982
OPEN	Visitors, March-August 1981
OPEN	Visitors, September 1981 (1)(2)
OPEN	Visitors, October-December 1981
OPEN	Visitors, January-April 1982
OPEN	Visitors, May 1982 (1)(2)
OPEN	Visitors, June-September 1982
OPEN	Visitors, October-December 1982
OPEN	Weekly Reports, February-May 1981
OPEN	Weekly Reports, June-September 1981
OPEN	Weekly Reports, October-December 1981
OPEN	Weekly Reports, January-June 1982
OPEN	Weekly Reports, July-September 1982

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OPEN	Chron 02/06/1981-02/18/1981
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OPEN	Chron 02/25/1981-02/28/1981
OPEN	Chron 03/01/1981-03/10/1981
OPEN	Chron 03/11/1981-03/15/1981
OPEN	Chron 03/16/1981-03/23/1981
OPEN	Chron 03/24/1981-03/25/1981
OPEN	Chron 03/26/1981-03/30/1981
OPEN	Chron 03/31/1981
OPEN	Chron 04/01/1981-04/02/1981
OPEN	Chron 04/03/1981-04/05/1981
OPEN	Chron 04/06/1981-04/08/1981
OPEN	Chron 04/09/1981-04/14/1981
OPEN	Chron 04/15/1981-04/19/1981
OPEN	Chron 04/20/1981-04/26/1981
OPEN	Chron 04/27/1981-04/30/1981
OPEN	Chron 05/01/1981-05/04/1981
OPEN	Chron 05/05/1981-05/12/1981
OPEN	Chron 05/13/1981-05/17/1981
OPEN	Chron 05/18/1981-05/20/1981

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OPEN	Chron 05/21/1981 (1)(2)
OPEN	Chron 05/22/1981-05/25/1981 (Empty)
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OPEN	Chron 05/27/1981-05/28/1981
OPEN	Chron 05/29/1981 (1)(2)
OPEN	Chron 05/30/1981-05/31/1981 (Empty)
OPEN	Chron 06/01/1981-06/08/1981
OPEN	Chron 06/09/1981-06/15/1981
OPEN	Chron 06/16/1981-06/23/1981
OPEN	Chron 06/24/1981-06/28/1981
OPEN	Chron 06/29/1981-06/30/1981
OPEN	Chron 07/01/1981 (1)(2)
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OPEN	Chron 07/08/1981-07/15/1981
OPEN	Chron 07/16/1981 (1)(2)

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OPEN	Chron 07/17/1981-07/22/1981
OPEN	Chron 07/23/1981-07/26/1981
OPEN	Chron 07/27/1981
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OPEN	Chron 08/19/1981-08/20/1981
OPEN	Chron 08/21/1981 (1)(2)
OPEN	Chron 08/22/1981-08/31/1981 (Empty)
OPEN	Chron 09/01/1981-09/04/1981
OPEN	Chron 09/05/1981-09/09/1981
OPEN	Chron 09/10/1981
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OPEN	Chron 09/15/1981-09/21/1981
OPEN	Chron 09/22/1981-09/30/1981
OPEN	Chron 10/01/1981-10/06/1981

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OPEN	Chron 10/07/1981-10/13/1981
OPEN	Chron 10/14/1981-10/25/1981
OPEN	Chron 10/26/1981-10/29/1981
OPEN	Chron 10/30/1981-10/31/1981

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OPEN	Chron 11/01/1981-11/03/1981
OPEN	Chron 11/04/1981-11/05/1981
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OPEN	Chron 11/14/1981-11/18/1981
OPEN	Chron 11/19/1981
OPEN	Chron 11/20/1981-11/30/1981
OPEN	Chron 12/01/1981-12/03/1981
OPEN	Chron 12/04/1981-12/06/1981
OPEN	Chron 12/07/1981-12/10/1981
OPEN	Chron 12/11/1981-12/15/1981
OPEN	Chron 12/16/1981-12/23/1981
OPEN	Chron 12/24/1981-12/29/1981
OPEN	Chron 12/30/1981-12/31/1981
OPEN	Chron 01/01/1982-01/05/1982
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OPEN	Chron 02/12/1982-02/19/1982
OPEN	Chron 02/20/1982-02/28/1982
OPEN	Chron 03/01/1982-03/02/1982

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OPEN	Chron 03/03/1982-03/04/1982
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OPEN	Chron 05/01/1982-05/04/1982
OPEN	Chron 05/05/1982-05/06/1982
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OPEN	Chron 05/12/1982-05/24/1982
OPEN	Chron 05/25/1982-05/26/1982
OPEN	Chron 05/27/1982-05/31/1982
OPEN	Chron 06/01/1982-06/06/1982
OPEN	Chron 06/07/1982 (1)(2)
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OPEN	Chron 06/13/1982-06/16/1982
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OPEN	Chron 06/24/1982-06/27/1982
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OPEN	Chron 07/01/1982-07/08/1982

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OPEN	Chron 07/16/1982-07/19/1982

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OPEN	Chron 07/27/1982-07/31/1982
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OPEN	Chron 09/20/1982-09/22/1982
OPEN	Chron 09/23/1982-09/27/1982
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OPEN	Chron 09/29/1982-09/30/1982
OPEN	Chron 10/01/1982-10/31/1982
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OPEN	Chron 11/03/1982 (1)(2)

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OPEN	Chron 11/10/1982-11/17/1982
OPEN	Chron 11/18/1982
OPEN	Chron 11/23/1982-11/25/1982
OPEN	Chron 11/26/1982-11/30/1982
OPEN	Chron 12/01/1982-12/12/1982
OPEN	Chron 12/13/1982

Status	Title
OPEN	Chron 12/14/1982
OPEN	Chron 12/15/1982-12/22/1982
OPEN	Chron [Memos to] Clark, William P. (1)-(3)
OPEN	Log: Eastern Europe And Soviet Affairs, 1981 for Richard Pipes (1)(2)
OPEN	Log: Eastern Europe And Soviet Affairs, 1982 for Richard Pipes (1)(2)