



Burgess, Jack: Files, 1981-1983

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Record Type

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Biography

Biography

John F. "Jack" Burgess was a government official and a university administrator.

Born in 1942 in Mahoney City, Pennsylvania, Burgess attended Georgetown University graduating with an A.B. in 1963 and a Master's degree in Russian Studies in 1966.

His first working experience was with the Republican National Committee as a Director of the Nationalities Division in 1968.

During the late 1960s, Burgess worked at Georgetown University as the dean of freshman in the School of Arts and Sciences. He also served as the Assistant Dean in the School of Foreign Service.

In the early 1970s Burgess began his government career working as an Administrator for the governing body of the Peace Corps. In 1975-1978, he was the Peace Corp manager for Micronesia.

During 1980 presidential campaign, Burgess worked as the Ethnic Media Liaison for the Reagan-Bush campaign and was on the Committee for Nationalities Division.

In 1981, Burgess was appointed as Special Assistant to President Reagan for Public Liaison and Deputy Director for the Office of Public Liaison under Elizabeth Dole. Burgess was tasked with managing the business, labor and agriculture special interests.

Leaving the White House in 1984, Burgess went back the Peace Corp, as the Associate Director for International Operations.

Burgess left government service at the end of the Reagan Administration to become the Executive Director of the Georgetown Alumni Association.

Jack Burgess passed away on May 2, 2008.

Scope and Content Note

John F. "Jack" Burgess (1942-2008) was appointed to Office of Public Liaison (OPL) in March 1981. Initially, Burgess and Diana Lozano were assigned management roles.

OPL staff reported through one of them to Red Cavaney, Deputy Director of the Office of Public Liaison. Cavaney reported to the Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, Elizabeth Dole. Burgess managed the “special interest” portfolios (business, labor, agriculture, etc.), while Lozano managed the “human services” portfolios (blacks, Jews, Hispanics, etc.).

The OPL organizational structure was simplified in mid-1982. Lozano and Burgess were assigned their own portfolios, and joined the other portfolio managers in reporting to Cavaney directly. Burgess’ assignments included ethnic Americans (primarily Eastern European), Roman Catholics, and the agricultural community.

After Burgess left the White House, [Linas Kojelis](#) assumed his ethnic European liaison role, and [Morton Blackwell](#) became the chief liaison to the Catholic community. Over time Kojelis, and to a lesser degree Blackwell, borrowed large numbers of Burgess’ files so they could use them in their own work. The majority of this borrowed material was eventually integrated into Kojelis’ or Blackwell’s staff files. Other Burgess material was incorporated into the files of [Robert Reilly](#) (who worked with Roman Catholic groups in 1983-1985) and [Katherine Chumachenko](#) (Kojelis’ successor as liaison to ethnic European groups). Where possible, we have returned Burgess-only material back to his collection. For a full view of his work product please see these additional cited collections.

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Burgess Chron February 1981-June 1981
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Status	Title
CLOSED	Burgess Chron August 1982-December 1982
CLOSED	Burgess Chron January 1983-March 1983
CLOSED	General Correspondence
CLOSED	General Correspondence - File 2
CLOSED	Draft Letters
CLOSED	Burgess OPL Meeting Reports March 1981-July 1982
CLOSED	Staffing Memorandums

SERIES II: AGRICULTURE EVENTS

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CLOSED	Agriculture Council of America 02/04/1983
CLOSED	Agriculture Editor's Briefing 03/22/1982
CLOSED	Agriculture Leaders Meeting 12/02/1981
CLOSED	American Agriculture Editors Association 03/23/1981
CLOSED	American Bakers Association 05/06/1982 Cancelled
CLOSED	American Soybean Association. Briefing 03/03/1982
CLOSED	Belmont Conference - Belmont, MD, 06/30/1981-07/01/1981

Status	Title
CLOSED	Cattlemen's Association 07/21/1982
CLOSED	Robert Delano Meeting with POTUS 01/06/1982
CLOSED	Farmland Industries, Inc. Briefing 03/02/1982
CLOSED	Illinois Leadership Foundation 03/04/1983
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CLOSED	Missouri Farm Bureau 02/23/1983
CLOSED	Missouri Farm Bureau Federation Briefing 02/24/1982
CLOSED	National Advisory Council on Rural Development 04/14/1982
CLOSED	National Frozen Food Association Briefing 02/24/1982
CLOSED	65 Club Briefing 03/18/1982
CLOSED	Turkey Presentation 11/18/1982

SERIES III: AGRICULTURE SUBJECT FILE

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Agriculture Briefing Papers
CLOSED	Agriculture Council of America
CLOSED	Agriculture Day 1982
CLOSED	Agriculture Endorsements
CLOSED	Agriculture Issues
CLOSED	Agriculture Issues #2
CLOSED	Agriculture Leaders
CLOSED	Agriculture - Miscellaneous
CLOSED	Agriculture - Weekly Public Liaison Report
CLOSED	Alabama Farm Bureau Federation
CLOSED	American Bakers Association
CLOSED	American Farm Bureau Federation
CLOSED	American Forest Institute
CLOSED	American Meat Institute
CLOSED	American Soybean Association
CLOSED	Beef Grading System

Status	Title
CLOSED	California Agricultural Leaders
CLOSED	California Almond Growers Exchange
CLOSED	"Catch America" Program
CLOSED	Commodities Future Trading Commission
CLOSED	Congressional Relations - USDA
CLOSED	Contract Sanctity
CLOSED	Cooperative League of the USA
CLOSED	Dairy Surplus
CLOSED	Farm and Equipment Institute
CLOSED	Farm Bill 1981

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Farmland Industries
CLOSED	Florida Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association
CLOSED	Food Banks
CLOSED	Food Safety
CLOSED	Food Stamps
CLOSED	Foodservice Organization of Distributors (FOOD)
CLOSED	4-H
CLOSED	Future Farmers of America
CLOSED	Georgia Feed and Grain Association
CLOSED	Grain Embargo
CLOSED	Grain Embargo (1981 File)
CLOSED	Grocery Manufacturers Association
CLOSED	Illinois Corn Growers
CLOSED	Livestock Publications Council
CLOSED	Long Term Grain Agreement
CLOSED	Marketing Orders
CLOSED	Marketing Orders [Department of Agriculture Review, 10/15/1981]
CLOSED	Michigan Farm Bureau
CLOSED	Milk Users Group

Status	Title
CLOSED	National Association of Wheat Growers
CLOSED	National Cattlemen's Association
CLOSED	National Corn Growers Association
CLOSED	National Cotton Council
CLOSED	National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
CLOSED	National Extension Advisory Council
CLOSED	National Farmers Organization
CLOSED	National Farmers Union
CLOSED	National Fertilizer Solutions
CLOSED	National Fertilizer Solutions Association
CLOSED	National Food Processors Association
CLOSED	National Forest Products
CLOSED	National Grange
CLOSED	National Meat Association
CLOSED	National Milk Producers Federation
CLOSED	National Pork Producers
CLOSED	National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
CLOSED	National Turkey Federations
CLOSED	Nebraska Wheat Board
CLOSED	Network for Better Nutrition
CLOSED	North American Export Grain Association
CLOSED	Organization for the Protection and Advancement of Small Telephone Companies
CLOSED	Rural American Women
CLOSED	Salmon Quotas
OPEN	School Lunch Program
CLOSED	65 Club
CLOSED	Tax Credits for Farmers
CLOSED	United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association
CLOSED	U.S. Farm Export Education Project
CLOSED	U.S. Trade Representative
CLOSED	Women Involved in Farm Economics (W.I.F.E.)

SERIES IV: GENERAL SUBJECT FILE**OA 8155**

Status	Title
CLOSED	Air and Space Bicentennial Meeting 02/04/1983
CLOSED	Alliance of Working Industries
CLOSED	American Assembly
CLOSED	American Business Conference
CLOSED	American Consulting Engineers Council (ACEC)
OPEN	American Enterprise Institute
CLOSED	American Indians
CLOSED	American Legion
CLOSED	American Liaison Council
CLOSED	American Society of Association Executives
CLOSED	American Society for Personnel Administration 04/07/1981
CLOSED	American Stock Exchange International Investors 10/26/1981
CLOSED	AWACS Briefing 10/06/1981
CLOSED	AWACS Coalition
CLOSED	Balanced Budget
CLOSED	Boards and Commissions Presidential
CLOSED	Brouse, J. Robert
CLOSED	Brunswick Corporation
CLOSED	Budget Control Working Group
CLOSED	FY 1983 Budget Appeals (December 1981)
OPEN	Business Leaders
CLOSED	Business Portfolio
CLOSED	Business Roundtable
OPEN	Caribbean Basin Initiative (1)(2)
CLOSED	CEO (Chief Executive Officers)
CLOSED	Chamber of Commerce Personnel List
CLOSED	Chamber of Commerce (Meeting 03/25/1981)
CLOSED	(Oakland) Chamber of Commerce 04/01/1981
CLOSED	Chamber of Commerce (West L.A.) 04/27/1981

Status	Title
CLOSED	Chamber of Commerce Springfield, Ohio 04/28/1981
CLOSED	Chamber of Commerce San Francisco 05/12/1981
CLOSED	(U.S.) Chamber of Commerce
CLOSED	Chamber of Commerce "It's Your Business"
CLOSED	Citizens' Choice 03/31/1981
CLOSED	Clean Air Act
CLOSED	Congressional Vacancy (MD)
CLOSED	Constituent Group Leadership List
CLOSED	Continuing Resolution
CLOSED	Conventions - Agriculture
CLOSED	Conventions - 1983
CLOSED	Conventions - Trade Associations
CLOSED	Cooperative League of the USA (See Private Volunteer Organization)
CLOSED	Corporate Executive Development (Chamber of Commerce)
CLOSED	Corporate Kitchen Cabinet
CLOSED	Council for American Private Education (CAPE)
CLOSED	Davis Bacon
CLOSED	Democratic Congress Campaign Committee
OPEN	Denver Trip (American Mining Congress) - 09/29/1981 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Dingell / Johnson
CLOSED	Direct Selling Association
CLOSED	Domestic Contact Legislation
CLOSED	Dravo
CLOSED	Economic Program
CLOSED	Electronic Industries Association. (EIA)
CLOSED	Electronics Industries Association Briefing 03/31/1982
CLOSED	Electronics Industries Association Boca Raton (FL) Trip 01/14/1982-01/16/1982
CLOSED	The Emery Group - 05/20/1982

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Endorsements
CLOSED	Endorsements - Back-up Information
CLOSED	Department of Energy
OPEN	Enterprise Zones (1)(2)
CLOSED	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
CLOSED	Flexible Packaging Association
CLOSED	Florida House (05/11/1981)
CLOSED	FMC Corps
CLOSED	Food Marketing Institute
CLOSED	Food and Agriculture Organization(Secretary Block's Delegation to Rome)
CLOSED	Futures Industries Association 11/18/1981 Meeting
CLOSED	Gramm-Latta II
CLOSED	Hardwood Plywood Manufacturers Association
CLOSED	High, Dan
CLOSED	Hostages
CLOSED	Housing
CLOSED	Independent Contractors
CLOSED	Interior Appropriations Conference Report
CLOSED	International Management and Development Institute
CLOSED	International Paper Company
CLOSED	International Private Enterprise Task Force
CLOSED	Jaycees
CLOSED	Job Corps
CLOSED	Job Training Act of 1982
CLOSED	Johnson Garner Associates 05/01/1981
OPEN	Key Advisor Groups
CLOSED	[Biography of Bob Kilpatrick]
CLOSED	Kitchen Cabinet (Association)
OPEN	Labor Groups
CLOSED	Labor Issues
OPEN	Labor Leaders

Status	Title
OPEN	Labor Strategy
CLOSED	Landegger Program
CLOSED	Li, Lehman
CLOSED	Local Initiatives Support Corporation
CLOSED	Major Accomplishments Department/Agency 01/20/1981-04/03/1981
OPEN	Mariana Islands
CLOSED	Maritime Policy
CLOSED	Maxi Briefing: Corporate Representatives 07/27/1981
CLOSED	Maxi Briefing: Trade Associations 07/27/1981
CLOSED	Micronesia - Historic Preservation
CLOSED	Minority Appointments
CLOSED	Minority Business
CLOSED	Miscellaneous (General Section)
CLOSED	Najarian, Mel
CLOSED	National Advisory Council for Quality
OPEN	National Alliance of Business (1)(2)
CLOSED	National Association of Manufacturers 04/13/1981
CLOSED	National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
CLOSED	National Conference for Quality (Robert N. Reece, Chairman)

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Status	Title
CLOSED	National Consumer Cooperative Bank
CLOSED	National Crushed Stone Association
CLOSED	(National) Extension Advisory Council
CLOSED	National Federation of Independent Business
CLOSED	National Forest Products Week
CLOSED	National Gas Deregulation
CLOSED	(National) Marine Manufacturers Association 04/03/1981
CLOSED	National Productivity Advisory Committee
CLOSED	National Republican Heritage Group Council Resumes (A-M)

Status	Title
CLOSED	National Republican Heritage Group Council Resumes (N-Z)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	National Restaurant Association
CLOSED	National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
OPEN	National Science Center for Communication and Electronics
CLOSED	National Telephone Cooperative Association
CLOSED	National Wholesale Hardware Association
CLOSED	Natural Gas Deregulation
CLOSED	New Mexico Potash Industry
CLOSED	Niazi, Aamir
CLOSED	Non-Cash Benefits
CLOSED	Non-Federal Supporters Reception 06/11/1981
CLOSED	Hugh O'Brien Foundation
CLOSED	OMB (Office of Management and Budget)
CLOSED	OPL Press Releases
CLOSED	OPL Year-End Report 1981
CLOSED	OPL Year-End Report 1981: OPL 1981 Year End Report (Binder)
CLOSED	Pacific Basin Development Council
CLOSED	JFB - Peace Corps
CLOSED	People-To-People International
CLOSED	Political Action Committees (PACS)
CLOSED	Polling Data
CLOSED	Portfolio Analyses
CLOSED	Portfolio Review - Bonitati
OPEN	Portland, Maine Trip (August 1981) (1)(2)
CLOSED	Postal Workers
CLOSED	Presidential Messages
CLOSED	President's Advisory Committee on Integrity and Efficiency
CLOSED	President's Export Council
CLOSED	Private Sector Initiatives
CLOSED	Private Voluntary Organizations
CLOSED	Pro-Competition Health Plan

Status	Title
CLOSED	Productivity
CLOSED	Products Liability
CLOSED	Project Truth Publication
CLOSED	Regulatory Reform
OPEN	Reform '88
CLOSED	Renewal of America - 1980's U.S. International Economic Policy

OA 8500

Status	Title
CLOSED	Resumes
CLOSED	Rural American Women
CLOSED	Shoe Imports
CLOSED	Slow Pay Coalition
CLOSED	Small Business (1981/1982)
CLOSED	Jack Burgess Small Business Ceremony 05/13/1982
CLOSED	Small Business Strategy
CLOSED	Society of American Florists
CLOSED	Society of Professional Benefit Administrators 04/24/1981
CLOSED	Social Security
CLOSED	Social Security Background Material
CLOSED	Southern California Businessmen's Association
CLOSED	Speeches [1982]
CLOSED	Speeches (Jack, EHD, Etc.)
OPEN	State of the Union 1982 (1)-(3)
OPEN	State of the Union 1983
CLOSED	Subscriptions
OPEN	Thank You Reception - Tax Package 09/15/1981 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Turkey Presentation 11/23/1982
CLOSED	Unemployment
CLOSED	UNICO
OPEN	Unions
CLOSED	Unispace '82 Briefing 03/08/1982

Status	Title
CLOSED	United States International Communications Agency - 06/08/1982
CLOSED	Video Taped Messages (Presidential)
CLOSED	Washington Workshops - 06/18/1982
CLOSED	Water Quality Association 04/23/1981
CLOSED	Western Regional Council
CLOSED	Year End Meetings Update 1981
CLOSED	Western Regional Council 03/15/1982
CLOSED	White House Conference on Aging 1981
CLOSED	White House Conferences

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OPEN	Afghanistan Day Signing Ceremony, 03/10/1982 (1)-(5)
CLOSED	Afghanistan Day 03/21/1982
OPEN	Afghanis - California
OPEN	American Lebanese League
CLOSED	Asian/Pacific American Week
OPEN	Baltic Freedom Day 1982
OPEN	B'nai B'rith
CLOSED	Captive Nations Proclamation - List and Week 1981
CLOSED	Captive Nations Proclamation Signing 07/19/1982
CLOSED	Captive Nations Proclamation Signing #1 1982
CLOSED	Captive Nations Proclamation Signing # 2 1982

OA 8501

Status	Title
CLOSED	Chen, John
OPEN	26th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of San Francisco 07/04/1982-07/09/1982 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Columbus Day 1982
CLOSED	Columbus Day Signing Ceremony 10/09/1981
CLOSED	Conventions - Ethnic

Status	Title
CLOSED	D'Anniballe, Bob
CLOSED	Days of Remembrance
CLOSED	Dutch-American Friendship Year, 1982
CLOSED	Study of the Employment Status of Americans of Eastern and Southern European Ethnic
CLOSED	Ethnic Elderly
CLOSED	Ethnic Group Meeting 03/27/1981
CLOSED	Ethnic Issues (1)(2)
CLOSED	Ethnic Miscellaneous
CLOSED	Face-to-Face 09/21/1981
CLOSED	Gabriels, Zandy
CLOSED	Hadassah
OPEN	Human Rights Day - 12/10/1981
OPEN	Hungarian Freedom Fighters Federation
CLOSED	Italian-Americans Folder #1
OPEN	Italian-American Leaders Meeting 07/13/1981
CLOSED	Italian Earthquake Relief
OPEN	Jewish Americans (1)-(3)
OPEN	Jewish Community (Boro Park, NY) (1)(2)
OPEN	Jewish Issues
OPEN	Jewish Leaders (1)-(3)
OPEN	Lebanese Americans
CLOSED	Lopez Film
CLOSED	National Association of Pacific Island Americans
CLOSED	Patriarch Diodoros Meeting, Oval Office - 10/05/1982
CLOSED	[Polish American Congress Petitions]
CLOSED	Polish-Americans Folder I
CLOSED	Polish-Americans Folder II
CLOSED	Polish American Leaders Meeting 07/13/1981
CLOSED	Polish American Leaders Meeting 12/21/1981
CLOSED	Meeting with Polish-American Leaders 10/25/1982
CLOSED	Polish Signing Ceremony 12/10/1982

Status	Title
CLOSED	Polish Situation 1982
CLOSED	Department of State (Visa)

SERIES VI: CATHOLICS

OA 9747

Status	Title
OPEN	Catholics - Miscellaneous (1)-(7)
OPEN	Conventions - Catholic
CLOSED	Franciscan Presentation, EHD Office 12/03/1982
CLOSED	Our Lady of Guadalupe Portrait Presentation, 12/08/1982
CLOSED	Religious Leaders Briefing 07/13/1982
OPEN	Archbishop Roach Meeting - 06/29/1982 1:30pm Oval Office
CLOSED	Tuition Tax Credits Background
CLOSED	Tuition Tax Credits Clippings
CLOSED	Tuition Tax Credits Clippings - File 2
CLOSED	Tuition Tax Credits - File 5
CLOSED	Tuition Tax Credit Leaders 06/21/1982
CLOSED	Tuition Tax Credits Legislation
CLOSED	Tuition Tax Credits Letters
CLOSED	Tuition Tax Credits - Meetings
CLOSED	Tuition Tax Credits - Tom Melady
CLOSED	Tuition Tax Credits Miscellaneous
CLOSED	Tuition Tax Credits - Testimony