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Biography

Katherine Chumachenko served on the White House staff for the last seven months of Ronald Reagan's presidency (June 1988-January 1989). In her work, she utilized many files and documents created or maintained by her predecessors, Jack Burgess and Linas Kojelis, as Eastern European liaison. Many of these earlier materials were incorporated into Chumachenko's files. Chumachenko's collection also includes material created by Rita Bureika, who served under Kojelis and Chumachenko from July 1986- October 1988. The Library has separated the work product of Kojelis and Burgess from this collection.

Chumachenko was born in Chicago in 1961, to Ukrainian parents who had left the Soviet Union five years earlier. She grew up in Chicago's large Ukrainian-American community. Chumachenko was active in Ukrainian and human rights organizations starting in high school, holding leadership positions in several such groups prior to joining the Reagan White House. She received a degree in international economics from Georgetown University in 1982, attended Harvard University's Ukrainian Summer Program in 1985, and received an M.B.A. degree from the University of Chicago in 1986. She then served in the Department of State, under the Assistant Secretary for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, until March 1988.

Following her time in the Reagan White House, Chumachenko worked in the Treasury Department, and as an economist for the Joint Economic Committee of Congress. After Ukraine declared its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, Chumachenko moved to the Ukrainian capital of Kiev and took a position with [KPMG](#), an international accounting firm. She co-founded the US-Ukraine Foundation, which translated laws and texts for use by the Ukrainian government.

In 2005, she became a Ukrainian citizen.

Chumachenko married Ukrainian politician Viktor Yushchenko in 1998. He went on to serve as Prime Minister of Ukraine from 1999 to 2001, and was elected the country's President in 2004.

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