



Selected Records on the Iran-Contra Affair

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Scope and Content Note:

The materials in FOIA 2011-2184-F are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents responsive to the Iran-Contra Affair. This FOIA contains records created during the Iran-Contra Affair in the mid-1980s, as well as records created for the investigations by the President's Special Review Board (the Tower Commission), the Senate Select Committee on Secret Military Assistance to Iran and the Nicaraguan Resistance and the House of Representatives Select Committee to Investigate Covert Arms Transactions with Iran, and the Office of the Independent Counsel for Iran/Contra Matters (Lawrence Walsh). The collection also contains information on tangentially related topics, such as the October Surprise theory and the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) affair. While the events of the Iran-Contra Affair occurred during President Reagan's administration, the investigation by the Office of Independent Counsel (OIC) continued into President Bush's administration. Many of the documents in the Bush Presidential Records (see list below) predate the Bush administration but were collected by the White House Counsel's Office and other agencies in order to respond to requests from the OIC and for research purposes. The records in this collection consist of correspondence, legal documents, reports, press releases/publications, and printed material. The correspondence includes internal White House memoranda arranging administrative details of travel, meetings, and scheduling; and letters from the Congressional committees, the OIC, the Department of Justice, the National Archives, and White House Counsel's Office requests documents and information pertinent to the investigations into the Iran Contra Affair. Also included is correspondence from various Congressmen, private attorneys representing government officials for OIC investigations, representatives of the press requesting information, and private citizens voicing opinions on the Iran Contra Affair and the subsequent investigations. The legal documents consists of chronologies, declassified depositions and related documents (copied from the Report of the Congressional Committees Investigating the Iran-Contra Affair), opinions and indictments from cases brought by the OIC against Reagan Administration officials involved in the Iran Contra Affair (North, Poindexter, Weinberger, etc.), and filings for the Avirgan v Hull case. Government reports provided by the Office of the Vice President, White House Office of Public Affairs, the OIC, and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence relate to various aspects of the Iran Contra affair. Privately published reports from US citizens discuss US policy and the VP's involvement. 2011-2184-F 3 Press releases include remarks and press conferences by President Reagan and Vice President Bush, responses to questions submitted by the press, transcripts of press briefing regarding the Iran Contra Affair, and the transcript of a press conference by the Tower Commission board. Printed material consists of clippings from various national papers, magazines, journals, and books related to issues such as the Bush's involvement in the Iran-Contra Affair, Oliver North's role, the Tower Commission report, and the Congressional hearings.

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