

LBJ Library Reference

Biographical information: National Security Council members

The NSF Name File is composed primarily of folders on the members of the National Security staff during the Johnson Administration. The following description contains biographic information on the NSC staff members who have folders in the NSF Name File.

RUSSELL A. ASH was a senior staff member of the National Security Council from 1954-1972. His areas of responsibility included NSC personnel security matters, internal security coordination for the NSC, and the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

FRANCIS BATOR came to the NSC staff in April of 1964 and was appointed Deputy Special Assistant to the President and senior NSC staff member in 1965. His basic areas of responsibility included European affairs and foreign economic policy. He played a major role in the defense of the dollar and the pound, and the coordination of the Kennedy Round.

SAMUEL BELK was on the NSC staff from 1959 to 1965 concentrating on African issues.

WILLIAM BOWDLER was a senior staff member of the NSC from 1956 to 1968, on detail from the Department of State. He was responsible for Latin American affairs. Mr. Bowdler was responsible for compiling the NSC History (available at the Library) on the Panama Crisis, 1964.

COLONEL RICHARD BOWMAN was detailed from the Department of Defense to the NSC from 1964 to 1966 and served as the NSC liaison officer with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

WILLIAM H. BRUBECK was assigned to the NSC from the Department of State from 1963 to 1964 and was responsible for African issues.

GORDON CHASE was detailed from the Department of State in 1962 to the National Security Council staff. In 1965 he accepted a regular appointment on the National Security Staff where he worked until January 1966. He served as McGeorge Bundy's personal assistant and as liaison with the UN.

CHESTER COOPER began working for the White House in the summer of 1964, coordinating foreign policy aspects of the President's campaign speeches, and became a regular member of the NSC staff soon after the November 1964 election. He served as a senior staff member until April 1966 with responsibilities for Far East issues, Vietnam, and Canada.

NATHANIEL DAVIS was a senior staff member of the NSC responsible for Eastern Europe (including the Czech crisis), Russia and the UN.

JOHN DeLUCA was a White House Fellow assigned to the NSC from October 1965 until September 1966. He assisted Chester Cooper on Vietnam non-military programs. He also watched and analyzed Communist bloc matters.

LAWRENCE EAGLEBURGER was a member of the NSC staff from 1966 to 1967 concentrating on European affairs.

MICHAEL FORRESTAL (whose areas of expertise were in Far Eastern matters), was a staff member of the NSC staff from January 1962 until April 1964. In April 1964, Mr. Forrestal left the NSC staff to serve as a special assistant to the Secretary of State for Vietnam affairs and chairman of the Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee on Vietnam.

EDWARD FRIED was a senior staff member of the NSC who was responsible for Western Europe, NATO, monetary policy, and trade, including East-West trade.

COLONEL ROBERT GINSBURGH was a senior staff member of the NSC from 1966 until 1968. His areas of responsibility included military and negotiating aspects of Vietnam, military aspects of NATO and the Czech crisis, and liaison with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Mr. Ginsburgh compiled the NSC History on the March 31st speech (available at the Library).

EDWARD HAMILTON was a senior staff member of the NSC on detail from the Bureau of the Budget from October 1965 until December 1968. His areas of responsibility included Africa, India-Pakistan, and aid problems in general.

ULRIC HAYNES was a NSC staff member from 1965 to 1966 concentrating on African affairs.

ALFRED JENKINS was a Foreign Service Officer detailed to the National Security Council from July 1966 until January 1969. His area of responsibility included China issues. Mr. Jenkins compiled the NSC History of the Pueblo Crisis, which is at the Johnson Library.

PETER JESSUP was on detail to the NSC from January 1964 until January 1969. He was responsible for intelligence matters.

CHARLES E. JOHNSON was a senior member of the NSC staff from October 1962 through the close of the Johnson administration. He handled scientific matters, weaponry, arms control, atomic energy, and space matters. He served as the NSC liaison with the AEC and NASA.

WILLIAM J. JORDEN was a senior member of the NSC staff from May 1966 until May 1968, when he became a member of the US delegation to the Paris Peace Talks on Vietnam. His basic areas of responsibility were Southeast and East Asia, especially Vietnam but also including Japan, Korea, Burma, and other Asian nations. He also dealt with the press.

SPURGEON KEENY was a senior member of the NSC staff from 1963 to 1969. His areas of responsibility included military technology, disarmament, arms control, and scientific aspects of weapons. Mr. Keeny compiled the NSC History of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which is available at the LBJ Library.

DAVID KLEIN was a senior member of the NSC staff on detail from the Department of State from March 1962 to August 1965. His areas of responsibility included Western and Eastern European affairs.

ROBERT KOMER was appointed an NSC staff assistant to McGeorge Bundy in 1961. In 1965 he was named Deputy Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and the following year he was made Special Assistant to the President. In 1967 he left the NSC to become Deputy for Pacification in Vietnam. His areas of expertise on the NSC staff included the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa.

COLONEL WILLIAM LEMNITZER was detailed to the NSC from the Army in 1968. He served as the NSC liaison with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

RICHARD MOOSE was a junior NSC staff member from 1967 to 1968. He served as the NSC Press-Congressional Liaison and helped to coordinate Presidential Press Secretary George Christian's shop with State and Defense press operations.

ROGER MORRIS was on the NSC staff from October 1967 until 1973. His areas of responsibility included Africa south of the Sahara. He also helped Hal Saunders with South Asia, particularly India, Pakistan and Ceylon. Morris was the NSC staffer who compiled the NSC Histories (available at the Johnson Library) on the Congo Crisis and the President's Speech on Third Anniversary of Organization of African Unity, May 26, 1966.

DONALD ROPA was a junior staff officer on detail to the NSC from 1965 until May 1967. He assisted Chester Cooper on Southeast Asia, including the following countries: Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

WALT ROSTOW was appointed Deputy Special Assistant to President Kennedy in January 1961. In November 1961 he became chairman of the State Department Policy Planning Council. In May 1964, President Johnson also appointed Rostow to the post of U.S. representative to the Inter-American Committee on the Alliance for Progress. On March 31, 1966, President Johnson appointed Rostow Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, succeeding McGeorge Bundy who had resigned. In this capacity Rostow directed the NSC staff, served as liaison with the Departments of State and Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the CIA, and supervised the White House foreign intelligence system and the Situation Room.

HAROLD K. SAUNDERS was a junior member of the NSC staff from 1961 to 1966 assisting Robert Komer. He was a senior member from 1967 to 1974 and was responsible for the Middle East and North Africa. He was the NSC staffer who compiled the following NSC Histories: the Middle East Crisis, and the Indian Famine.

ROBERT SAYRE served as senior member of the NSC staff from April 1964 until April 1965. His area of responsibility was Latin America and included work on the following issues: Chamizal problems, salinity in the Colorado River Basin, and plans for a new canal in or near Panama.

LOUIS SCHWARTZ was a Foreign Affairs Officer assigned to the NSC staff from March 1968 until January 1969 who served as a NSC press liaison and worked with the Vietnam Information Group.

BROMLEY SMITH served as the Executive Secretary of the NSC from 1961 to 1969. In this capacity he kept track of the NSC daily business and was the executive manager. Mr. Smith compiled the NSC History on Deployment of Major US Forces to Vietnam, which is available at the Johnson Library.

JAMES THOMSON was a junior member of the NSC staff from July 1964 to September 1966, serving under Chester Cooper in Far Eastern affairs. His areas of expertise included China, Burma, Cambodia, and Indonesia.

RICHARD ULLMAN was a junior member of the NSC staff for 1967. He worked under Edward Fried on Western Europe, balance of payments problems, and international trade policy, including East-West trade.

W. HOWARD WRIGGINS was a senior staff member of the NSC from 1966 to 1967. His areas of responsibility were the Middle East and South Asia.

MARSHALL WRIGHT was a senior member of the NSC staff from 1967 to 1968 and 1970 to 1972. His area of responsibility was the Far East in general and the political and economic aspects of Vietnam. Mr. Wright compiled the following NSC Histories (available at the Library): Gulf of Tonkin, Honolulu Conference, and the Manila Conference.

Sources

Department of State, The Biographic Register. Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1969.

Lichtenstein, Nelson Ph.D.(ed), Political Profiles, The JohnsonYears. New York: Facts on File, Inc. 1976.

Who's Who in America, 1982-1983, Vols I & II, Chicago: Marquis Who's Who Inc., 1982.

Office Files of John Macy, folders on all NSC staffers, LBJ Library.

The following people also helped in locating biographic material on NSC staffers: Roger Morris, Bromley Smith, Harold Saunders, Brenda Reger and George Van Aron.