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NATIONAL SECURITY FILE

Files of Robert Komer

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Scope and content note:
The first nine boxes of this file reflect Robert Komer's responsibilities as interim national security adviser during March 1966 and as Special Assistant to the President in charge of pacification and other U.S. non-military programs in Vietnam from late March 1966 until May 1967. On May 1, 1967, Komer left Washington for Saigon to become General Westmoreland's Deputy for Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support
(CORDS). No material was added to these files after May 1967. This part of the collection was received along with other materials sent to the Johnson Library in January
1969.

The remainder of the collection was not received by the Library until 1993. It reflects Komer's duties on the NSC staff from November 1963 through March 1966. His areas of expertise on the NSC staff during that period included the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa.

<u>Komer as interim national security adviser, March 1966:</u>

Robert Komer served as interim national security adviser following the departure of McGeorge Bundy on February 28, 1966, until Walt Rostow took over the reins of national security adviser on April 1, 1966.

Material reflecting this role is found mainly in Box 1, both in the Chron File for March 1966 and in the files on "India" and "NATO." Additional material can be found in the Chron Files for March 1966 in Boxes 2 and 3 and in "Memos for the Record (1)," Box 3.

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Komer as Special Assistant to the President in charge of U.S. non-military programs in Vietnam, March 1966-May 1967:

In National Security Action Memorandum No. 343, dated March 28, 1966, President Lyndon Johnson charged Special Assistant Robert Komer and Komer's deputy, Ambassador William Leonhart, with responsibility for the "direction, coordination and supervision in Washington of U.S. non-military programs for peaceful construction relating to Vietnam." William Leonhart later stated that it was the President's determination that such programs "be speeded up, given priority with military operations, and conducted with wartime urgency."

Boxes 2 through 9 of the Files of Robert W. Komer consist almost entirely of material created in the discharge of this responsibility, with the exception of a small number of documents dealing with U.S. policy in South Asia, the Middle East, and elsewhere that are found mainly in Boxes 2 and 3. Researchers interested in Komer's role as Special Assistant in charge of U.S. non-military programs in Vietnam should also consult the Komer Leonhart File. See the "Note" below.

The responsibilities of Komer's White House office for U.S. non-military programs in Vietnam included a broad range of issues, such as pacification, land reform, Chieu Hoi (a program for encouraging Viet Cong defections), economic stabilization and control of inflation, rice production, port congestion, corruption, and postwar planning.

By November 1966 the office consisted of Komer as head; William Leonhart, Komer's deputy; Richard Holbrooke, assistant to Komer; Colonel Robert Montague, military adviser; Peter Rosenblatt, assistant to William Leonhart; Richard Moorsteen, economist; five secretaries; and a file clerk.

NOTE: Researchers interested in Komer's role as Special Assistant in charge of U.S. non-military programs in Vietnam should also consult the extensive Komer-Leonhart File. Consisting exclusively of material on U.S. non-military programs in Vietnam, the Komer-Leonhart File was initially created by Komer and his staff, and then, following Komer's departure for Vietnam in May 1967, was used for filing documents by Komer's successor, William Leonhart, and his staff during the next year and a half.

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Some of the subject files in Boxes 6-9 of the Files of Robert W. Komer ("Corruption," "Economic Stabilization," "Port," "Psywar," "Rice") complement subject files in the Komer-Leonhart File, and, in a few instances, may have originally been part of the Komer-Leonhart File.

- Date range: 1963-1967
- 24 linear feet, 1 linear inch
- Available for research (Open)

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1	NATO ***SCANNED***	('90)
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2	Memos to the President, March--June 1966	('90)
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2	Memos to the President, Jan.--May 1967	('90)
3	WH Chron, March--December 1966	('90)
3	WH Chron, 1 January--1 May 1967	('90)
3	Vietnam Correspondence	open
3	Memos for the Record [I]	open
3	Memos for the Record [II]	open
4	Back Channel Cables Between Porter & Komer, May--July 1966	open
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4	Back Channel Cables to Porter, July 1966--May 1967	('90)
4	Porter/Komer "numbered" letters	open
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5	Gaud	open
5	Helms	open
5	Joseph D. Holt	open
5	Nicholas Katzenbach	open
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6	Consultants	open
6	Corruption	open
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6	McDonald Meeting [foreign exchange]	open
7	Manila	open
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7	Newspaper Clippings on Guam [3/67]	open
7	Press Backgrounder [Guam trip]	open
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7	Pacification	open
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8	Press Contacts	open
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8	Report to the President [8/66] [1]	open
8	Report to the President [8/66] [2]	open
8	Congressional File [Komer Report]	open
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9	First Trip Report RWK [4/66]	open
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9	Vietnam and U.S. Memo of Understanding	open
10	Aden - 1964 - March 1966	(2/03)
10	Afghanistan (including Afghan/Pakistan) - 1964, 1965, 1966	(2/03)
10	Afghanistan Economic - 1964 - 1966	(2/03)
10	Aid - December 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966	(2/03)
10	AID/MAP - 1964, 1965, 1966 (January - March)	(2/03)
11	Aid Review 1965 – 1966 [primarily contains material on India, Pakistan, Turkey, and Africa, and a small amount of material on Latin America, the Far East, and several European countries]	(5/03)
11	Algeria - December 1963 - March 1966	(5/03)
11	Algeria Economic - December 1963 - March 1966	(5/03)
12	Algeria - Morocco - December 1963 - March 1966	(6/03)
12	Appointments (Ambassadors)	(1/03)
12	Arab-Israeli - 1964-1965-1966	(10/02)
12	Arab Nations - 1964-1965-1966	(10/02)
12	Arab Refugees - 1964-1965-1966	(10/02)
12	Arab Summits - 1964-1965-1966	(10/02)
12	Asian Development Bank - 1965	(6/03)
12	Australia - 1964, 1965, 1966	(6/03)
12	Balance of Payments - 1965	(6/03)
13	Bowles - 11/3/63 – 1965 [primarily contains material pertaining to India and Pakistan; also contains material on China, the USSR, Vietnam, and the UAR]	(9/03) *SCANNED*

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13	Bundy, McGeorge - Decisions - 1965 – 1966 [small file containing material on India, Pakistan, Kashmir, China, Iran, Germany, and general African information, including specific material on the Congo, Rhodesia, and South Africa] ***SCANNED***	(9/03)
13	CENTO - 12th Ministerial Council Session, Washington, D.C. April 28, 29, 1964	(9/03)
14	CENTO - 13th Ministerial Council Session, Tehran, April 7, 8, 1965	(10/03)
14	CENTO - 1964, 1965, 1966	(10/03)
14	CEYLON - December 1963 - March 1966	(10/03)
14	China (CPR) - 1964-1965-1966	(5/07)
14	China (CPR) Nuclear Explosion Capability - 1964-1965-1966 ***SCANNED***	(5/07)
15	China - UN Representation - 1964 - 1965 - 1966	(1/03)
15	China (GRC) - 1964-1965-1966	(7/07)
15	COMSAT - 1965-March 1966	(12/02)
15	Correspondence List - LBJ	(12/02)
15	Counter-Insurgency Civic Action - 1964-1965-1966	(12/02)
15	Counter-Insurgency Police Programs - 1964-1965-1966	(12/02)
15	Counter-Insurgency Special Group - 1964-1965-1966	(12/02)
16	Cyprus - December 1963 - March 1964	(3/04)
16	Cyprus - March 1964 - June 1964	(3/04)
17	Cyprus - June - December 1964	(3/04)
17	Cyprus - January 1965 - March 1966	(3/04)
18	Cyprus - Acheson Mission (Geneva) - July-September 1964	(2/04)
18	Cyprus - Inonu/Papandreou Visits - June 1964	(2/04)
19	Congressional Contact 1965 - March 1966 [primarily contains information on the UAR, Israel, India, and Pakistan; also some material on the Congo, Greece, Afghanistan, Zambia, China, Japan, and the USSR.]	(11/03)

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19	Desalinization - 1965 - March 1966	(11/05)
19	Excess Currencies 1965 - March 1966 [contains material on India, Pakistan, and the UAR]	(11/03)
19	Far East - December 1963 - March 1966	(6/07)
20	Far East - Visits - 1964	(6/07)
20	Food for Freedom - 1965 - 1966 - Food Against Famine - World Food Supply	(11/03)
20	Food for Peace (PL 480) - 1964 - March 1966	(11/03)
20	France - 1964 - March 1966 ***SCANNED***	(5/94)
20	Galbraith Correspondence	(11/03)
20	Germany - 1964 - March 1966	(5/94)
21	Greece - December 1964 - March 1966	(11/05)
21	Greece (Economic) 1965 - March 1966	(12/05)
21	Greece - 1965 Cabinet Crisis (Cables)	(12/05)
21	India- CPR 1964 - 1965 - March 1966 ***SCANNED***	(12/03)
22	India Economic - 1965 - March 1966	(1/04)
22	India - Shastri Visit (Proposed) ***SCANNED***	(1/04)
22	India Prime Minister Visit - 1966 ***SCANNED***	(1/04)
23	India - December 1963 - 1964 ***SCANNED***	(3/04)
23	India 1965 ***SCANNED***	(3/04)
24	India 1966 (To March 31) ***SCANNED***	(4/04)
24	India Air Defense (1964 - 1965 - March 1966) - (Including F-5s) ***SCANNED***	(4/04)
24	India Consortium - 1964-1965	(4/04)
24	India Food - 1964-1965 ***SCANNED***	(4/04)
25	India Food - January - March 1966 ***SCANNED***	(5/04)
25	India Nuclear - 1964-1965-March 1966 ***SCANNED***	(5/04)
26	India Pak - December 1963 - March 1966 (including Rann of Kutch) ***SCANNED***	(5/04)
26	India Rupees - 1964 - March 1966 - (includes Binational Foundation)	(5/04)
26	India-USSR (including MIGs) - 1964 - March 1966 ***SCANNED***	(5/04)

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28	Iran - 1965 - March 1966	(6/03)
28	Iran - Gudarizian Case - 1965	(5/03)
28	Iran - Report of U.S. Military Survey Team (Peterson Report) February 16 - March 3, 1966	(5/03)
28	Iraq - December 1963 - March 1966 *SCANNED*	(6/03)
28	Iraq - Kurds - 1964 - March 1966 *SCANNED*	(6/03)
29	Israel - Visit of Prime Minister Eshkol of Israel - 5/31/64 - 6/30/64	(9/96)
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30	Israel Desalinization - 1964-1965-March 1966	(9/96)
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30	Israel Economic Aid - 1964-1965-March 1966	(9/96)
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31	Israel Security - Arms/Aircraft - 1965	(9/96)
31	Israel Security - Arms/Aircraft - January - March 1966	(9/96)
32	Israel Security - Missile Development and Sale of Hawks 1964 - March 1966	(9/96) *SCANNED*
32	Israel Security - Tanks - November 1963 - June 1964	(9/96)
33	Israel Security - Tanks - July 1964 - December 1964	(9/96)
33	Israel Security - Tanks - 1965	(9/96)
34	Israel Security - US/Israeli Dialogue 10/12/65 - 10/13/65	(9/96)
34	Italy - 1964-1965-1966	(8/97)
34	Japan - January 1964 - March 1966 *SCANNED*	(7/07)
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35	Jordan - January 1964 - March 1966	(1/03)
35	Jordan (Economic) 1964 - March 1966	(1/03)
35	Jordan Waters - December 1963 - March 1966	(1/03)
35	Jordan - Visit of King Hussein of Jordan - April 14 - 16, 1964	(1/03)
36	Jordan Arms - January 1964 - March 1966	(4/03)
36	Jordan Arms Cables - January 1965 - March 1966	(4/03)
37	Kashmir - December 1964 - March 1966	(6/04)
38	Kashmir (Cables) - 1965	(4/03)
38	Kashmir - Chronology of Events - 1965	(4/03)
38	Korea - December 1963 - March 1966 *SCANNED*	(8/97)
39	Kuwait - December 1963 - March 1966	(10/04)
39	Lebanon - December 1963 - March 1966	(1/07)
39	Libya - 1964	(9/04)
39	Libya 1965 - March 1966	(9/04)
40	Malaysia - December 1963 - March 1966	(7/07)
40	Malta - December 1963 - March 1966	(3/07)
40	MAP General - 1964-1965-1966 (January - March)	(3/07)
41	MAP Greece - December 1963 - March 1966	(8/06)
41	MAP India - December 1963 - March 1966 *SCANNED*	(8/06)
41	MAP India/Pakistan - December 1963 - March 1966 *SCANNED*	(8/06)
42	MAP - Korea/Iran - December 1963 - March 1966 *SCANNED*	(7/07)
42	MAP - Pakistan - December 1963 - March 1966	(8/06)
42	MAP - Turkey - December 1963 - March 1966	(8/06)
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44	Nepal - December 1963 - March 1966	(4/06)
44	Non-Aligned Conference - Cairo - October 1964 ***SCANNED***	(4/06)
44	NSC Organization, SIG, IRG	(4/06)
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44	National Security Council - Record of Actions 1961	(4/06)
44	National Security Council - Record of Actions - 1962-1963- 1964	(4/06)
44	Nuclear weapons - November 1963 - March 1966 ***SCANNED***	(8/97)
45	Pakistan - General Taylor's Trip - December 1963	(1/07)
45	Pakistan - Ayub Visit - 1/1/65 - 1/18/66 (December 14-16, 1965)	(1/07)
45	Pakistan - Visits (Not Heads of State) - 1964	(1/07)
46	Pakistan - 1963 (December) - 1964	(5/06)
46	Pakistan - 1965 - March 1966	(5/06)
47	Pakistan (Cables) - 1965	(6/06)
47	Pakistan/China (CPR) - 1964 - March 1966	(6/06)
47	Pakistan Consortium - 1964 - 1965 - March 1966	(6/06)
47	Pakistan Economic - 1964 -March 1966	(6/06)
48	Pakistan Intelligence Facilities - 1965	(8/03)
48	Policy Planning Group - December 1963 - March 1966	(3/07)
48	Population Control - 1965 - March 1966 ***SCANNED***	(8/03)
48	Presidential Decisions (LBJ) - 1965	(3/07)
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50	Turkey - Economic/Aid/Consortium - December 1963 - March 1966	(8/06)
50	Turkey - December 1963 - March 1966	(8/97)
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51	UAR - 1965 - March 1966	(9/03)
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52	UAR (Economic) - December 1963 - March 1966	(9/04)
52	UAR Economic (Cables) - 1965	(9/04)
53	UAR Missile and Nuclear Program - December 1963 - March 1966 ***SCANNED***	(9/04)
53	UAR Salhia Reclamation Project - 1964	(9/04)
53	UAR/FRG - UAR/SAG (Cables) – 1965 [includes material on UAR's diplomatic relations with West and East Germany and on UAR's conflict with Saudi Arabia in Yemen]	(9/04)
53	United Kingdom - January 1964 - March 1966 ***SCANNED***	(8/06)
53	United Nations - November 1963 - March 1966	(9/04)
54	USSR - November 1963 - March 1966	(3/04)
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