Collection Summary
Title: Richard W. Murphy Papers
Span Dates: 1958-1996
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1983-1996)
ID No.: MSS83928
Creator: Murphy, Richard W. (Richard William), 1929-
Extent: 1,900 items; 7 containers plus 1 classified; 2.8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: United States assistant secretary of state, diplomat, and author. Correspondence, speeches and writings, United States Department of State papers, notes and notebooks, appointment calendars, biographical material, transcripts of television interviews, newspaper clippings, and photographs chiefly relating to Murphy's position as assistant secretary of state and his subsequent activities as an editorial writer, speaker, television commentator, and member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Bush, George, 1924--Correspondence.
Carter, Jimmy, 1924--Correspondence.
Christopher, Warren--Correspondence.
Murphy, Richard W. (Richard William), 1929-

Organizations
Council on Foreign Relations.
United States. Department of State.

Subjects
Diplomatic and consular service, American.
Editorials.
Lectures and lecturing.
Television journalists.

Places
Middle East--Foreign relations--United States.
South Asia--Foreign relations--United States.
United States--Foreign relations--Middle East.
United States--Foreign relations--South Asia.

Occupations
Authors.
Diplomats.
Public officials.

Administrative Information
Provenance
The papers of Richard W. Murphy, United States assistant secretary of state, diplomat, and author, were given to the Library of Congress by Murphy in 1996.
Processing History

The papers of Richard W. Murphy were arranged and described in 1997. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Richard W. Murphy is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

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Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Richard W. Murphy Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Richard William Murphy (1929- ) span the years 1958-1996, with the bulk of the material dating from 1983 to 1996. The papers include appointment calendars, biographical material, correspondence, newspaper clippings, notebooks and notes, photographs, speeches and writings, State Department papers, and television transcripts. Almost all of the papers are professional rather than personal and are concerned with Middle East affairs and United States foreign policy. The papers date primarily from Murphy's term as assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs (1983-1989) and his subsequent activities as an editorial writer, speaker, television commentator, and senior fellow for the Middle East at the Council on Foreign Relations. Prominent correspondents include George Bush, Jimmy Carter, Warren Christopher, and Richard M. Nixon.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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| BOX 1     | Congressional testimony, 1982-1988  
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