

Sound Recordings and Other Material from the Zbigniew Brzezinski Papers



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Collection Summary

Title: Sound recordings and other material from the Zbigniew Brzezinski papers

Span Dates: circa 1979-2008

Bulk Dates: 1979-1997

Creator: Brzezinski, Zbigniew, 1928-

Extent (Sound Recordings): 33 sound recordings, including sound tape reels, sound cassettes, microcassettes, and sound discs

Extent (Textual Materials): 13 items

Language: Collection materials are predominantly in English; materials in Russian are indicated in the container inventory.

Location: Recorded Sound Research Center, National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/2010616900>

Summary: Sound recordings of interviews, speeches, memorandums, television news, and diaries of Zbigniew Brzezinski. The recorded interviews and speeches are accompanied in several instances by transcripts and other supplementary material. These materials are part of the Zbigniew Brzezinski papers, which are held by the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress.

Location of Sound Recordings: ICD 53033, 53070-53075; RXG 0339; RYM 5156-5180

Location of Textual Materials: RPA 00328 (box 1)

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Brzezinski, Zbigniew, 1928-2017--Archives.

Brzezinski, Zbigniew, 1928-2017.

Subjects

Cold War.

National security--United States.

Statesmen--United States.

Places

United States--Foreign relations--20th century.

United States--Foreign relations--Israel.

United States--Foreign relations--Middle East.

United States--Foreign relations--Soviet Union.

Titles

America abroad (Radio program)

Form/Genre

Interviews.

Radio interviews.

Sound recordings.

Speeches.

Transcripts.

Occupations

Authors.

Educators--United States.

Political scientists--United States.

Provenance

Transferred from the Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, 2009.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Processing History

The collection was processed by David Jackson in 2009.

Copyright Status

Restrictions may exist on copying, quoting, or publishing materials included in the collection. For additional information, contact a reference librarian in the Recorded Sound Research Center, National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Washington, DC, 20540-4690; (202) 707-7833.

Access and Restrictions

Restrictions apply governing the use, duplication, or publication of items in this collection. Consult reference staff in the Recorded Sound Research Center for information concerning these restrictions. In addition, the collection are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: [Container number, eg., Box 3], or [Audio tape number, eg., RYB 2480], Sound Recordings and Other Material from the Zbigniew Brzezinski Papers, National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Library of Congress.

Biographical Note

Foreign policy advisor, political scientist, educator, and author. Full name: Zbigniew Kazimierz Brzezinski.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, on March 28, 1928, Zbigniew Brzezinski moved with his family to Canada in 1938 and became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1958. Dr. Brzezinski served as instructor and assistant professor at Harvard, 1953-1960, and as assistant professor and professor at Columbia University, 1962-1977. While still at Columbia, he served as the first director of the Trilateral Commission from 1973 until 1976, which led to his position as foreign policy advisor to the Jimmy Carter presidential campaign. From 1977 until 1981, Brzezinski served as national security advisor within the Carter administration. He returned to his professorship at Columbia in 1981 and continued there until moving to Johns Hopkins University in 1989. In 1981, Brzezinski also accepted a position as counselor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The Carter Administration series consists of recorded speeches and interviews, accompanying transcripts, and other material related to Brzezinski's tenure as national security advisor in President Jimmy Carter's administration.

The Speeches, Testimony, and Travel series consists of post-1981 recorded speeches and interviews, diaries, accompanying transcripts, and other material concerning Brzezinski's domestic and foreign speaking engagements, and travel.

The Subject File series consists of post-1981 recorded interviews with print and broadcast media sources, episodes from the NPR radio program on which Brzezinski occasionally guested, America Abroad, including the non-broadcast pilot program, and recorded instructions by Brzezinski to his secretary, Trudy Werner. Also included are recorded interviews with authors Tom Hayden and Sally Quinn, which were included with the Zbigniew Brzezinski Papers.

The Supplementary Material series consists of cover letters and published editions of speeches that supplement the sound recordings in the collection.

Collection Arrangement

The collection materials are arranged in 4 series:

- Series 1: Carter Administration, 1979-1981
- Series 2: Speeches, Testimony, and Travel, 1983-2007
- Series 3: Subject File, 1981-2004, and undated
- Series 4: Supplementary Material, 1983-2008

Description of Series

Container

Series

Series 1. Carter Administration, 1979-1981

Recorded speeches and interviews, accompanying transcripts, and other material related to Brzezinski's tenure as national security advisor in the Carter administration.
Arranged alphabetically by title.

Series 2. Speeches, Testimony, and Travel, 1983-2007

Recorded speeches, interviews, and diaries; accompanying transcripts; and other material concerning Brzezinski's domestic and foreign speaking engagements, and travel.
Arranged alphabetically by title.

Series 3. Subject File, 1981-2004, and undated

Consists of post-1981 interviews with print and broadcast media sources, episodes from the NPR radio program America Abroad, on which Brzezinski occasionally guested, including the non-broadcast pilot program, and recorded instructions by Brzezinski to his secretary, Trudy Werner.
Arranged alphabetically by title.

Series 4. Supplementary Material, 1983-2008

Consists of cover letters, notes, and published editions of speeches that supplement the sound recordings in the collection.
These items are arranged according to the order of the materials in Series 1-3 to which they relate.

Container List

Container	Contents
	Series 1. Carter Administration, 1979-1981
	Location of Sound Recordings: RYM 5156-5158, 5165-5166, 5171
	Location of Textual Materials: RPA 00328 (box 1)
	Recorded speeches and interviews, accompanying transcripts, and other material related to Brzezinski's tenure as national security advisor in the Carter administration.
	Arranged alphabetically by title.
TAPE RYM 5156	Compilation of news about Billy Carter, 1980-07-14 to 1980-07-25 1 sound cassette Compilation of news broadcasts concerning the scandal involving Billy Carter's alleged connections to the Libyan government.
	Interview with Zbigniew Brzezinski for ABC News, 1979-03-23 Interview conducted by Ted Koppel, ABC News. Zbigniew Brzezinski discusses world security issues, with particular emphasis on U.S.-Soviet relations.
TAPE RYM 5157	Sound recording of the interview, 1979-03-23 1 sound cassette
BOX-FOLDER 1/1	Transcript of the interview, undated 1 transcript (19 pages) A cover letter is appended to the transcript.
	Interview with Zbigniew Brzezinski, MacNeil/Lehrer Report, 1980-10-15 Zbigniew Brzezinski discusses events in the Middle East, including the Iran-Iraq War and the role of the Soviet Union in the region, on the MacNeil/Lehrer Report, WETA-TV.
TAPE RYM 5158	Sound recording of the interview, 1980-10-15 1 sound cassette (26 minutes) Label from original container: "McNeil/Lehrer - WETA (Wed., Oct. 15, 1980) ; Tape <u>not</u> erased."
BOX-FOLDER 1/2	Transcript of the interview, undated 1 transcript (9 pages) A cover letter is appended to the transcript.
	Remarks by President Jimmy Carter at the Presidential Medal of Freedom ceremony, 1981-01-16 President Jimmy Carter awards the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harold Brown, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Warren Christopher, Walter Cronkite, Kirk Douglas, Margaret Craig McNamara, Karl Menninger, Edmund S. Muskie, Esther Peterson, Gerard C. Smith, Robert S. Strauss, Elbert Tuttle, Earl Warren, Andrew Young, and, via proxy, Roger Baldwin.
TAPE RYM 5166	Sound recording of the speech, 1981-01-16 1 sound cassette
BOX-FOLDER 1/3	Transcript of the speech, undated 1 transcript (14 pages) Zbigniew Brzezinski remarks at the dedication of the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, 1980-09-14
TAPE RYM 5171	Sound recording of the speech, 1980-09-14 1 sound cassette

Series 1. Carter Administration, 1979-1981

Container	Contents
TAPE RYM 5165	Zbigniew Brzezinski speech to the Economic Club of Chicago, 1979-12-18 Sound recording of the speech, 1979-12-18 1 sound cassette
Series 2. Speeches, Testimony, and Travel, 1983-2007	
Location of Sound Recordings: ICD 53033; RYM 5159-5164, 5167-5170, 5172, 5175 Location of Textual Materials: RPA 00328 (box 1)	
Recorded speeches, interviews, and diaries; accompanying transcripts; and other material concerning Brzezinski's domestic and foreign speaking engagements, and travel. Arranged alphabetically by title.	
TAPE RYM 5170	Excerpts of Zbigniew Brzezinski comments on U.S.-Russian relations, Voice of America, 2000-05-17 1 sound cassette Language: Recording is in Russian, with short excerpts in English. Typewritten on cassette label: "KIV-55-Brzezinski."
TAPE RYM 5169	Excerpts of Zbigniew Brzezinski comments on U.S.-Russian relations, Liberty Live, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, 1996-05-14 1 sound cassette Language: Recording is in Russian, with short excerpts in English.
TAPE RYM 5162	"New Dilemmas in U.S. Foreign Policy," 1988-02-06 Sound recording of the speech, 1988-02-06 1 sound cassette
TAPE RYM 5163	"The New Frontier of Politics, the New Dimension of Ethics," 1994-10 Zbigniew Brzezinski speech on the dehumanizing effects of the scientific revolution on culture, at the Geopolitics and Human Progress Conference (2nd Symposium sur la santé positive), Montreal, Canada. Sound recording of the speech, 1994-10 1 sound cassette
BOX-FOLDER 1/4	Transcript of the speech, undated 1 transcript (7 pages)
TAPE RYM 5161	Zbigniew Brzezinski diary and instructions to his secretary, 1987-05-12 to 1987-05-22 1 sound cassette (1 hour, 5 minutes) Primarily consists of Brzezinski dictating a travel diary for his trip to Hungary and Poland during the inclusive dates. Label from original container: "Hungary - Poland ; May 12-22 1987."
TAPE RYM 5164	Zbigniew Brzezinski remarks on managing NATO enlargement at the United States Institute of Peace working group on European security, 1997-03-05 Sound recording of the remarks, 1997-03-05 1 sound cassette Supplementary material: Cover letter addressed from Lauren Van Metre to Trudy (Werner) and photocopy of original cassette container label. See Box 1, Folder 8.
TAPE RYM 5160	Zbigniew Brzezinski speech at American Council of Polish Cultural Clubs award banquet, 1984-06-30 Sound recording of the speech, 1984-06-30 1 sound cassette Supplementary material: Photocopy of <i>Polish Heritage</i> , v. 35, no. 3 (Fall 1984), in which is reproduced the text of Brzezinski's address. See Box 1, Folder 9. Zbigniew Brzezinski speech at the National War College, 1984-01-09 Zbigniew Brzezinski discusses U.S.-Soviet relations.

Series 2. Speeches, Testimony, and Travel, 1983-2007

Container	Contents
TAPE RYM 5159	Sound recording of the speech, 1984-01-09 1 sound cassette (approximately 53 minutes)
BOX-FOLDER 1/5	Transcript of the speech, undated 1 transcript (4 pages) Zbigniew Brzezinski speech delivered at the Poland in the Geopolitically Transforming World Conference, the 60th annual meeting of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America, Georgetown University, 1997-06-16
DISC ICD 53033	The topic of the panel discussion was "Poland in the Geopolitically Transforming World." Sound recording of the speech, 1997-06-16 1 sound disc (compact disc-recordable) (1 hour, 2 minutes) Supplementary material: Note addressed to Zbigniew Brzezinski, 2008-04-14. See Box 1, Folder 10.
TAPE RYM 5175	Zbigniew Brzezinski speech on the future of communism at the Glasnost: Illusion or Reality lecture series, 92nd Street Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association, 1989-03-23 Sound recording of the speech, 1989-03-23 1 sound cassette
TAPE RYM 5167	Zbigniew Brzezinski speech on National Security Advisor reform, circa 1983 Sound recording of the speech, circa 1983 1 sound cassette (approximately 25 minutes)
TAPE RYM 5172	Zbigniew Brzezinski speech on Solidarity in Poland, circa 1982 Zbigniew Brzezinski discusses the Solidarity movement in Poland, the imposition of martial law in Poland by the Soviet Union, and the imposition of economic sanctions by the United States. Sound recording of the speech, circa 1982 1 sound cassette (1 hour, 2 minutes) Supplementary material: Cover letter addressed from John Norton Moore and John M. Shenefield to Zbigniew Brzezinski, 1993-12-15. See Box 1, Folder 11.
TAPE RYM 5168	Zbigniew Brzezinski speech to the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security and the Center for National Security, 1993-12 Speech given as a luncheon address at Democracy and the Rule of Law: A Tribute to Ambassador Max M. Kampelman, a conference co-sponsored by the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security and the Center for National Security Law, December 2-3, 1993. Sound recording of the speech, 1993-12 1 sound cassette

Series 3. Subject File, 1981-2004, and undated

Location of Sound Recordings: ICD 53070-73075; RXG 0339; RYM 5173-5174, 5176-5180

Location of Textual Materials: RPA 00328 (box 1)

Consists of post-1981 interviews with print and broadcast media sources, episodes from the NPR radio program America Abroad, on which Brzezinski occasionally guested, including the non-broadcast pilot program, and recorded instructions by Brzezinski to his secretary, Trudy Werner.

Arranged alphabetically by title.

DISC ICD 53070	America Abroad. Pilot program, circa 2003 1 sound disc (compact disc-recordable) (approximately 53 minutes)
DISC ICD 53071	America Abroad. America and Afghanistan, Rebuilding a Nation, 2004-01 1 sound disc (compact disc-recordable) (approximately 52 minutes)

Series 3. Subject File, 1981-2004, and undated

Container	Contents
DISC ICD 53073	America Abroad. America and Europe, an Alliance in Danger, 2003-04 1 sound disc (compact disc-recordable) (59 minutes)
DISC ICD 53072	America Abroad. America and Iran, Cooperation or Conflict in the Post-Saddam Gulf, 2003-11 1 sound disc (compact disc-recordable) (approximately 54 minutes) Brzezinski appears as a guest on this program.
DISC ICD 53074	America Abroad. Pakistan, America's Unstable Ally, 2004-04 1 sound disc (compact disc-recordable) (approximately 52 minutes)
DISC ICD 53075	America Abroad. The United States and the Two Koreas, Growing Tensions on the Peninsula, 2003-07 1 sound disc (compact disc-recordable) (59 minutes)
TAPE RYM 5180 B	Interview with Sally Quinn, Diane Rehm Show, 1989-06-15 Sound recording of the interview, 1989-06-15 on 1 sound cassette Handwritten on original container: "Diane Rehm/Sally Quinn 6/15/89 (side 2)." Interview with Tom Hayden, Dateline, 1983-03-14 Interview conducted by Sanford Ungar for NPR News.
TAPE RYM 5178 A	Sound recording of the interview, 1983-03-14 on 1 sound cassette
TAPE RYM 5176	Interview with Zbigniew Brzezinski, al Haaretz, 1997-01-10 Sound recording of the interview, 1997-01-10 1 sound cassette (9 minutes)
BOX-FOLDER 1/6	Transcript of the interview, undated 1 transcript (3 pages) Interview with Zbigniew Brzezinski, al-Ahram, circa 1988 Interview conducted by Hamdi Fouad.
TAPE RYM 5179 B	Sound recording of the interview, circa 1988 on 1 sound cassette (approximately 22 minutes) Handwritten on original container: "Hamdi Fouad; Al-Ahrem."
BOX-FOLDER 1/7	Transcript of the interview, undated 1 transcript (8 pages) Interview with Zbigniew Brzezinski, Dateline, 1983-03-30 Interview conducted by Sanford Ungar, NPR News.
TAPE RYM 5178 B	Sound recording of the interview, 1983-03-30 on 1 sound cassette Supplementary material: Cover letter addressed from Helene Atwan of publisher Farrar, Strauss & Giroux, to Trudy Werner, 1983-03-30. See Box 1, Folder 12.
TAPE RYM 5177	Interview with Zbigniew Brzezinski, Reporter's Roundup, 1984-09-15 Mutual Broadcasting System. Sound recording of the interview, 1984-09-15 1 sound cassette Supplementary material: Cover letter addressed from Barton J. Tessler of Mutual Broadcasting System, to Zbigniew Brzezinski, 1984-09-18. See Box 1, Folder 13.
REEL RXG 0339	Oral history interview with Zbigniew Brzezinski, 1981-02-20 Interview conducted by Marie Allen.
TAPE RYM 5179 A	Sound recording of the interview, 1981-02-20 1 sound tape reel Zbigniew Brzezinski instructions and memorandums, undated on 1 sound cassette (approximately 18 minutes)

Series 3. Subject File, 1981-2004, and undated

Container	Contents
	Side A of the recording is severely affected by static; speech is not understandable with normal playback.
TAPE RYM 5173	Zbigniew Brzezinski instructions to his secretary, circa 1983 1 sound cassette (approximately 12 minutes) Zbigniew Brzezinski gives instructions to his secretary and dictates various letters. Refers to an Arabic translation of the Zbigniew Brzezinski book, <i>Power and Principle</i> , and includes instructions to send advance copies to various dignitaries.
TAPE RYM 5174	Zbigniew Brzezinski instructions to his secretary, circa 1986 1 sound cassette (approximately 9 minutes) Brzezinski gives instructions to send promotional pamphlets and advance copies of his book on U.S.-Soviet relations, <i>Game Plan</i> , to various dignitaries, with dictated cover letters to President Ronald Reagan and John Poindexter.
Series 4. Supplementary Material, 1983-2008	
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BOX-FOLDER 1/8	Cover letter from Lauren Van Metre to Trudy Werner, and photocopy of original cassette label, 1997-04-08 2 pages Relates to the Brzezinski speech recorded on cassette RYM 5164 .
BOX-FOLDER 1/9	Photocopy of <i>Polish Heritage</i> , v. 35, no. 3 (Fall 1984) 3 pages Includes the text of a Brzezinski speech delivered in June 1984 at the American Council of Polish Cultural Clubs award banquet. Recorded on cassette RYM 5160 .
BOX-FOLDER 1/10	Note to Zbigniew Brzezinski, 2008-04-14 1 page Relates to a Zbigniew Brzezinski speech delivered at the Poland in the Geopolitically Transforming World Conference. Recorded on disc ICD 53033 .
BOX-FOLDER 1/11	Cover letter from John Norton Moore and John M. Shenefield to Zbigniew Brzezinski, 1993-12-15 1 page Relates to a 1982 Brzezinski speech on Solidarity in Poland. Recorded on cassette RYM 5172 .
BOX-FOLDER 1/12	Cover letter from Helene Atwan of publisher Farrar, Strauss & Giroux to Trudy Werner, 1983-04-08 1 page Relates to a 1983 interview with Brzezinski for the NPR News program <i>Dateline</i> . Recorded on cassette RYM 5178, side B .
BOX-FOLDER 1/13	Cover letter from Barton J. Tessler of the Mutual Broadcasting System to Zbigniew Brzezinski, 1984-09-18 1 page Relates to a 1984 interview with Brzezinski for the Mutual Broadcasting System program <i>Reporter's Roundup</i> . Recorded on cassette RYM 5177 .

Transfers

One recording on DVD recordable disc, containing a 4:40-minute movie commemorating the 60th anniversary of the National Security Council, was transferred to the Moving Image Section of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Library of Congress, on November 19, 2009.