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Collection Summary

Title: Anthony Lake Papers

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Summary: Assistant to the president for national security affairs and foreign service officer. Correspondence, speeches and writings, notes, campaign file, financial and legal records, testimony, and reports documenting Lake's activities in the United States foreign service and as head of the National Security Council during President Bill Clinton's first term.

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

Aspin, Les.

Bergsten, C. Fred, 1941-

Bush, Richard C., 1947-

Clinton, Bill, 1946-

Clough, Michael.

Eizenstat, Stuart.

Holbrooke, Richard C., 1941-2010.

Kemble, Penn.

Lake family.

Lake, Anthony.

Linowitz, Sol M., 1913-2005.

Schifter, Richard.

Sick, Gary, 1935-

Soderberg, Nancy E., 1958-

Organizations

Amherst College--Faculty.

Mount Holyoke College--Faculty.

National Security Council (U.S.)

United States. Department of Defense.

United States. Department of State--Officials and employees.

United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Subjects

Diplomatic and consular service, American.

International relations.

National security--United States.

Presidents--United States--Election--1992.

Vietnam War, 1961-1975--Diplomatic history.

Wiretapping--United States.

Places

Eritrea--Boundaries--Ethiopia.
Ethiopia--Boundaries--Eritrea.
Haiti--Politics and government--1986-
United States--Foreign relations--1945-1989.
United States--Foreign relations--1989-
United States--Foreign relations--Vietnam.
Vietnam--Foreign relations--United States.

Occupations

Foreign service officers.
Presidential advisors.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Anthony Lake, assistant to the president for national security affairs and foreign service officer, were given to the Library of Congress by Lake in 2003.

Processing History

The papers of Anthony Lake were arranged and described by Michael Spangler with the assistance of Dan Oleksiw in 2004.

Transfers

Sound recordings of speeches have been transferred to the Recorded Sound Section of the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

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Access and Restrictions

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Security Classified Documents

Government regulations control the use of security classified items in this collection. Manuscript Division staff can furnish information concerning access to and use of classified material.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1939, April 2	Born, New York, N.Y.
1961	A.B., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1962	Married Antonia Plehn
1962-1970	Foreign service officer, United States Department of State
1963	Vice consul, Saigon, Vietnam
1964	Staff assistant to the United States ambassador, Saigon, Vietnam
1964-1965	Vice consul, Hue, Vietnam
1965-1967	Staff assistant to deputy assistant secretary of state for Far Eastern affairs, Department of State, and staff assistant to the under secretary of state
1969	M.P.A., Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.
1969-1970	Special assistant to the assistant to the president for national security affairs
1970	Resigned from foreign service in protest of United States invasion of Cambodia
1971-1972	Foreign policy advisor, Muskie Election Committee
1974	Ph.D., Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.
1976-1977	Head, Department of State transition for President Jimmy Carter
1977-1981	Director, Policy Planning Staff, Department of State
1981-1992	Five College Professor in International Relations, Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., and Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.
1991-1992	Senior foreign policy advisor, Bill Clinton campaign
1993-1997	Assistant to the president for national security affairs
1996, Dec.	Nominated to be director of the Central Intelligence Agency
1997, Mar.	Withdrew nomination to head the Central Intelligence Agency
1997-	Distinguished Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
1999	Special envoy, Ethiopia-Eritrea border conflict

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Anthony Kirsopp Lake (1939-) span the years 1916-2003, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1963-1997. The collection centers primarily on Lake's role as senior foreign policy advisor to the presidential campaign of Bill Clinton in 1991-1992 and his activities as assistant to the president for national security affairs during Clinton's first administration. The papers also contain material related to Lake's foreign service career in the 1960s and 1970s and his teaching post at Amherst and Mount Holyoke colleges in the 1980s. The collection is organized in the following series: [Department of State](#), [Mount Holyoke College](#), [Clinton Administration](#), [Speeches and Writings](#), [Miscellany](#), [Classified](#), and [Top Secret](#).

The [Department of State](#) series contains material from Lake's personal files documenting his foreign service career commencing with his first post in Vietnam in 1962. Noteworthy material relates to a lawsuit Lake brought against administration officials for a wiretap placed on his home in 1970-1971 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Lake advanced rapidly in the foreign service and was appointed special assistant to national security advisor Henry Kissinger in 1969. Disagreements with the Nixon administration's policy in the Vietnam conflict, however, led to his resignation from the foreign service in 1970 in protest of the United States invasion of Cambodia. Citing national security concerns, the administration electronically monitored Lake and others. When later apprised of these actions, Lake sued and eventually won. The lawsuit files include correspondence, copies of surveillance logs and summary letters, legal proceedings, and clippings. The series also includes material relating to his initial postings in Vietnam in 1962-1965 and his return to the foreign service as director of policy planning in the State Department for President Jimmy Carter from 1977 to 1981.

The [Mount Holyoke College](#) series represents Lake's tenure as Five College Professor in International Relations, a position he held after leaving the Carter administration and the foreign service in 1981. Correspondence and clippings primarily reflect Lake's academic activities including student recommendations, comments on scholarly works and Democratic Party politics, foreign policy advice for the presidential campaign of Walter F. Mondale in 1984, invitations, and personal letters.

The [Clinton Administration](#) series contains personal files relating to Lake's work as senior foreign policy advisor for the Clinton election campaign in 1992, assistant to the president for national security affairs, and his nomination to head the Central Intelligence Agency. Notable are the correspondence, analyses, position papers, and press releases comprising the campaign file and tracing the development of foreign policy positions, campaign strategies, and speeches. Arranged as received by topic, the file includes material pertaining to Africa, Bosnia and Hercegovina, China, the Democratic party, economic policy, Haiti, Iraq, and Israel. Correspondents and analysts include Les Aspin, C. Fred Bergsten, Richard C. Bush, Michael Clough, Stuart Eizenstat, Richard C. Holbrooke, Penn Kemble, Sol M. Linowitz, Richard Schifter, Gary Sick, and Nancy Soderberg.

The National Security Council file documents Lake's service as assistant to the president for national security affairs, commonly referred to as national security adviser, from 1993 to 1997. Correspondence is chiefly personal in nature. Letters exchanged with the media, foreign policy experts, diplomats, the Defense Department, politicians, foreign service personnel, business leaders, and friends include thank-you notes, invitations, introductions, requests for appearances and interviews, forwarded speeches and articles, and occasional notes and advice on national security issues. Lake's personal notes and jottings are a key part of the subject file. His daily notes span his entire tenure and include brief comments and impressions from meetings with the president, administration officials, foreign heads of state and their representatives, staff, and the media. Noteworthy topics include Bosnia and Hercegovina, Haiti, and Iraq. The subject file also includes financial and legal records, press interviews, clippings, photographs, and travel files. Lake's nomination in December 1996 to head the Central Intelligence Agency is documented by his testimony before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, correspondence, press reports, and other material pertaining to his career. He withdrew his name from consideration in March 1997. Correspondence and reports record Lake's work as special envoy for the Clinton administration in the Ethiopia and Eritrea border dispute and in Haiti in 1998-2000.

The [Speeches and Writings File](#) contains copies of Lake's articles, speeches, reviews, and related material commencing in 1971. The books file includes correspondence, production records, reviews, several detailed proposals and outlines, and items related to publishing companies. Press interviews with Lake as national security adviser are filed with the National Security Council files. The [Miscellany](#) series includes appointment books, certificates, family papers, passports, and photographs.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in seven series:

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Description of Series

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Correspondence and reports.
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