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DUR, PHILIP ALPHONSE.: Files, 1982-1984

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Commander Philip Dur joined the National Security Council as senior staff member of Defense Policy in September 1982 replacing Christopher Shoemaker. In 1983 NSC Defense Policy was reorganized into the NSC Political-Military Affairs Directorate and Dur became a Deputy Director. By the time Captain Dur left the NSC in November 1984 he was Director of the NSC Political-Military Affairs.

Dur received a bachelor's degree in government and international studies and a master's degree in Soviet East European studies from the University of Notre Dame. He earned a master's degree in public administration and a doctorate in political economy and government from Harvard University.

Philip Dur was commissioned from the NROTC program at the University of Notre Dame in August 1965. During his naval career, he achieved the rank of Rear Admiral and held such posts as Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations; Director, Navy Strategy Division; Commander of Battle Force United States Sixth Fleet; Commander of Cruiser Destroyer Group Eight; United States Defense Attaché accredited to the Government of France; and Commanding Officer, *USS Yorktown*.

In 2004, Philip Dur was Corporate Vice President, Program Operations and President of Northrop Grumman's Ship Systems Sector having joined the company in 1999 following five years with Tenneco Inc. where he served as Vice President, Worldwide Business Development and Strategy.

The Philip Dur collection consists of memos, correspondence, cables, reports, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, National Security Study Directives, National Security Decision Directives, notes, charts, working papers, press releases, issue papers, and publications re Dur's and other

NSC staffer's work on military and foreign affairs in the Middle East. Majority of the collection is Dur's work product with the exception of the Lebanon Crisis Pre-Planning Group File which was inherited from Oliver North and John Poindexter. The material is arranged in five series: Subject File, 1982-84; Chronological File, 1982-1984; Country File, 1984; Lebanon Crisis Pre-Planning Group File, 1982-1983; and Middle East Trip File, April 1984.

SERIES I: Subject File, 1982-1984 (4.2 l.ft., Boxes 1-13)

The Subject File consists of memos, correspondence, cables, reports, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, notes, working papers, press releases, National Security Study Directives, National Security Decision Directives, and publications re military and foreign relations in the Middle East. This series is arranged alphabetically by subject and then chronologically.

SERIES II: Chronological File, September 1982- November 1984 (2.8 l.ft., Boxes 14-21)

This series consists of memos, correspondence, and notes regarding Dur's and other NSC staffer's work in foreign and military affairs in the Middle East. It is arranged chronologically.

SERIES III: Country File, 1982-1984 (.875 l.ft., Boxes 22-24)

The country file consists of memos, cables, notes, charts, correspondence, and working papers regarding the United States relationships with mostly Middle Eastern countries. It is arranged alphabetically by country and then chronologically.

SERIES IV: Lebanon Crisis Pre-Planning Group File, 1982-1983 (.875 l.ft.,
Boxes 24-26)

This series consists of memos, cables, press releases, issue papers, reports, agendas of CPPG and Special Situation Group (SSG) meetings, meeting minutes, re Lebanon. These materials are actually the work product of Oliver North and John Poindexter, but used by Dur. Both Dur and North were Deputy Directors under Robert Lilac in the NSC Political-Military Affairs Directorate in 1983-1984. This series is arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.

SERIES V: Middle East Trip File, April 1984 (.25 l.ft., Box 27)

This series consists of memos, cables, reports, and notes, regarding the Poindexter/Murphy Mission to the Gulf States (Egypt, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and Oman) April 10, 1984 – April 18, 1984. It is arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.

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