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MATERIAL AT THE LBJ LIBRARY PERTAINING TO **THE OCTOBER 31, 1968 BOMBING HALT**

INTRODUCTION

This list highlights several key files that contain material on the October 31, 1968, bombing halt. The list is by no means exhaustive, however. For a more comprehensive list of the Library's holdings on Vietnam, see "Material Available for Research on the Vietnam War," June 1991. All the files listed below have been processed, and the material is either open for research or is subject to mandatory declassification review.

TOM JOHNSON'S MEETING NOTES

See especially the many notes of White House meetings during October 1968. Box 4

MEETING NOTES FILE

See notes for October 14 and 31, 1968. Box 3

PAPERS OF CLARK CLIFFORD

See especially for State Department cable traffic regarding the Paris negotiations during October 1968. Box 6

PAPERS OF GEORGE ELSEY

Boxes 1-3 contain Mr. Elsey's handwritten notes and related documents from Secretary of Defense staff meetings ("0830 group"), 5/68 - 1/69. See folders containing notes from October and November 1968 in Boxes 2 and 3 and the corresponding transcripts prepared by Brian VanDeMark in Box 1.

NATIONAL SECURITY FILE

This file was the working file of President Johnson's special assistants for national security affairs, McGeorge Bundy and Walt W. Rostow. Documents in the file originated in the offices of Bundy and Rostow and their staffs, in the various executive departments and agencies, especially those having to do with foreign affairs and national defense, and in diplomatic and military posts around the world. More than one-half of the National Security File has been processed. Consult

the finding aid in the Reading Room or borrow a lending copy by writing to the Supervisory Archivist, LBJ Library, 2313 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78705. Lists of classified documents have been placed in those folders, and you may request mandatory review of individual documents that have not yet been declassified in full. Those folders not preceded by an "*" or a date are unprocessed and are not subject to mandatory declassification review. Consult with a member of the staff on the processing schedule.

Country File, Vietnam, "Memos to the President/Bombing Halt Decision," Vols. 1-4,	Box 137— 138
Files of Walt Rostow "Nixon, Richard – Vietnam" "Vietnam: July –December 1968"	Box 5 Box 6
Memos to the President Volumes 97 –114	Boxes 40-44

APPOINTMENT FILES

The Diary Cards in the Reading Room provide an alphabetically arranged name index to the President's appointments. Once the date of an appointment has been determined, check the "Diaries and Logs" finding aid for the number of the appropriate boxes in both the Daily Diary and the President's Appointment File [Diary Backup].

The Daily Diary is a log sheet of appointments and phone calls maintained by the White House secretaries.

Diary Backup contains preparation material, press releases, and schedules for meetings and appointments, as well as some reports and notes from the meetings.

October 31, 1968	Box 114
November 11, 1968	Box 115

OFFICE FILES OF THE WHITE HOUSE AIDES

Many White House aides maintained office files of their own, separate physically from the rest of the White House Central Files. The files of each aide reflect his or her responsibilities. This list is not definitive, but it does include most pertinent folders in the aides files. An asterisk (*) indicates that a folder has been processed and is available for research. If a folder is not open for research, it will be processed upon request. Researchers should anticipate a delay in receiving this material.

Harry McPherson	Box 67
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REFERENCE FILE

"Chennault, Anna"

“Chennault, Anna - from folder "South Vietnam and U.S. Policies"

[NOTE: Sometimes referred to as the “X” file,” this folder contains a photocopy set of documents concerning Anna Chennault’s involvement in the October 1968 bombing halt. These documents were retained by Walt Rostow in a special file at President Johnson’s request because of their sensitivity. The file was opened for research in 1995 and most, but not all, of the documents have been declassified.

RECORDINGS AND TRANSCRIPTS OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

The Johnson Library staff has processed the recordings and transcripts of President Johnson's telephone conversations. The collection includes over 5,000 recordings of conversations with members of Congress, other public officials, civil rights leaders, members of the press, friends, and family. . There are a number of conversations concerning the Bombing Halt. \Researchers may consult the telephone conversation portion of the Library's website at <http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu> to search for relevant recordings related and then listen to the recordings at the LBJ Library or at the University of Virginia’s Miller Center Presidential Recordings web site.

ORAL HISTORIES

Transcripts of oral history interviews may be consulted at the Library or borrowed through interlibrary loan by writing to the Interlibrary Loan Archivist, Lyndon B. Johnson Library, 2313 Red River Street, Austin, Texas, 78705. Transcripts of some interviews are also available on the Library’s web site (<http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu>).

Interviews with the following people contain material on the bombing halt and are open for research. marked (wp) require written permission. Contact the Interlibrary Loan Archivist regarding the procedure. A complete list of oral histories is available on the Library’s web site, and information on oral histories is maintained in a card file in the Reading Room.

The following oral histories may contain pertinent material.

William Bundy
Ellsworth Bunker (Interview III)
Clark Clifford (Interview III)
Ray Cline (Interview I)
Cartha B. DeLoach (Interview I)
Bryce Harlow (Interview II)
Averell Harriman
William Jordan
Nicholas Katzenbach (Interview III)
Arthur Krim (Interview V)
Robert McNamara (Special Interview I)
Harry McPherson
Larry O’Brien (Interviews 25—26)
Benjamin Read (Interview II)
John Roche
Walt W. Rostow (Interview I)
James Rowe (Interview IV)
John Tower (Interview II)

Cyrus Vance (Interview III)