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HELMS, RICHARD
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MATERIAL AT THE LBJ LIBRARY PERTAINING TO **RICHARD M. HELMS**

INTRODUCTION

During the Johnson Administration, Richard Helms held three different positions at the Central Intelligence Agency: Deputy Director of Plans, 2/62-4/65; Deputy Director, 4/65-6/66; and Director, 6/66-12/72. This list includes the principal files in the LBJ Library that contain material on Richard M. Helms. It is not definitive, however, and researchers should consult with an archivist about other potentially useful files. Those files listed below that are marked with two asterisks (***) are unprocessed and are not currently available for research.

NATIONAL SECURITY FILE (NSF)

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 half of the National Security File has been processed and opened for research. Consult the finding aid in the Reading Room or borrow a copy by mail by writing to the Supervisory Archivist, LBJ Library, 2313 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78705. Those folders whose titles are preceded by an "X," an asterisk, or a date have been processed and their contents declassified in whole or in part. Lists of classified documents have been placed in those folders, and you may request mandatory review of individual documents which have not yet been declassified in full. Those folders not preceded by an "X," an asterisk, or a date are unprocessed and are not subject to mandatory declassification review. Consult with a member of the staff on the processing schedule.

<u>NSF, Country File</u> (** = unprocessed)	<u>Box #</u>
Dominican Republic	
"CIA Memos and Cables, 4/65-6/65"***	49
Vietnam	
"3 CC (2) NVA Infiltration (Rostow/McC./CIA/DIA)"	79
"3 H Appraisal of Bombing of NVN -CIA/DIA"	83-84
"3 M (2) Aid to NVN (CIA Intel. Memos)"	87
"3 M (4) Aid to NVN (CIA Intel. Memos)"	88
"3 S CIA Assess Communist Response to Certain U.S. Actions"***	89
"Miscellaneous CIA Reports"***	143
"Helms Memorandum--Validity and Significance of Viet Cong Loss Data"***	161

"[CIA Memos, 1967]**"	180
"Vietnam - Outcome (CIA Study)"	259
<u>NSF, Agency File</u>	
"Central Intelligence Agency"	8-10
<u>NSF, Subject File</u>	
"Ramparts - NSA - CIA"	44
<u>NSF, National Security Council Histories.</u>	
In 1968, the NSC staff prepared documentary histories of 21 international crises and events from the Johnson Presidency. Compiled by photocopying key documents in the National Security File and in other files, these collections are extremely useful. In the following History, references to Helms are scattered throughout.	
"March 31st Speech, Volume V, Tabs JJ-TT and CIA Memos"	48
<u>NSF, Intelligence File</u>	
"Student Unrest"	3
"CIA Report "Restless Youth," 9/68"	3
<u>NSF, Files of Robert W. Komer</u>	
"Helms"	5
<u>NSF, Files of Walt W. Rostow</u>	
"Meetings with the President, January thru April 1968"	1
"Meetings with the President, May thru June 1968"	2
"Meetings with the President, July thru December 1968"	2
"Youth and Student Movements -- CIA report on (worldwide)"	13
"R H [Radio Free Europe]"	13
<u>NSF, Memos to the President.</u>	
This chronologically arranged series consists of memoranda (with attachments) to the President from his national security advisers, McGeorge Bundy (11/63-2/66) and Walt W. Rostow (4/66-1/69). The first 42 boxes (through mid-November 1968) have been opened for research, and significant portions have been declassified. Additional boxes are currently being processed. Material on Helms can be found throughout this file.	
<u>Meeting Notes File.</u>	
This three box collection includes notes for 100 of President Johnson's foreign policy meetings from 1963 through 1968, mostly with senior foreign policy advisers and Congressional leaders. Three-quarters of the meetings deal mainly with the Vietnam War. In addition, there are notes for 37 meetings at which Johnson discussed foreign affairs with correspondents. For meetings attended by Helms, see boxes 1-3.	
<u>NSF, NSC Meetings File.</u>	

This two box collection contains notes of meetings, attendance lists, agendas, briefing papers, and papers discussed at meetings. See boxes 1-2 for meetings attended by Helms.

Tom Johnson's Notes of Meetings.

This collection includes notes for close to 120 meetings that President Johnson held with his senior civilian and military foreign policy advisors during 1967 and 1968, including 45 Tuesday luncheons. In addition, the collection includes notes for more than 80 meetings that President Johnson held with House and Senate leaders, correspondents, his Cabinet, the National Security Council, businessmen, and other groups. W. Thomas Johnson, who took the notes, has retained his copyright in these notes, but they are open for research. Box 1 contains notes for 1967 meetings. Boxes 2-4 contain notes for 1968 meetings. Extensive material on Helms can be found throughout all four boxes.

WHITE HOUSE CENTRAL FILES (WHCF)

This permanent White House office was the main filing unit during the Johnson presidency, though not the primary file for foreign policy documents. Material was filed under 60 major subject headings. For descriptions, see the finding aid for WHCF.

Federal Government--Organizations (FG)

Ex FG 11-2 "Central Intelligence Agency"

Box 55-56

WHCF, NAME FILE

This file serves as a name index to the Subject File. Name Files typically contain copies of the first page (cross references) of documents that were filed in the Subject File. Files should be requested by names of individuals or organizations. A card file in the Reading Room indicates which Name Files have been opened. Name Files will be processed upon request.

"Helms, R"***

Box 221

WHCF CONFIDENTIAL FILE (C.F.)

Security classified and other sensitive material sent to the White House Central Files was usually placed in the Confidential File. The C.F. Subject File uses the same subject categories as WHCF. Information on Helms can be found in FG 11-2 (Central Intelligence Agency), box 17. The Confidential File also includes a Name File (which serves as a name index to the C.F. Subject File), an agency reports file, and an oversize attachments file. The Confidential File is entirely processed, but portions are still classified. In the Name File, documents regarding Helms can be found in the folder "He" in box 146.

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. If a folder is not open for research, it will be processed upon request. Researchers should anticipate a delay in receiving this material.

	<u>Box #</u>
Bellinger, Ceil "CIA "**	2
Macy, John "Helms, Richard M."	255
McPherson, Harry "CIA "	5
Panzer, Fred "CIA "**	329

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.

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

Consult the Diary Cards, (there are over 230 cards mentioning Helms) which list Helms' meetings and phone conversations with President Johnson. Backup material for particular meetings can sometimes be found in the Appointment File.

STATEMENTS OF LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Johnson gave several speeches in which he briefly mentions Richard Helms. Researchers should check the index to The Public Papers of the Presidents for references to this topic. The Statements File may also contain material pertaining to this topic. This collection is filed chronologically and contains backup material, correspondence, drafts and final copies of speeches. Request by date and subject of speech.

	<u>Box #</u>
"Remarks of President at Swearing-In Ceremony of Admiral Raborn and Richard Helms as Director and Deputy Director, CIA, 4/28/65"	144
"Remarks of President at Swearing-in of Richard Helms as Director of Central Intelligence Agency, 6/30/66"	194
"Statement by President Concerning Report on Relationship between CIA and Private Voluntary Organizations, 3/29/67"	233

WHITE HOUSE SOCIAL FILES

Social Files were generated by Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson and her East Wing staff during the White House years. Included is material on the activities of the First Lady and her daughters and the social activities of the Presidency.

Social Files-Alphabetical File.

This file contains outgoing correspondence from Mrs. Johnson or her staff and often includes the original incoming correspondence as well. Request by the name of the individual or the organization of interest.

"Helmer"***

Box 938

POST-PRESIDENTIAL NAME FILE

These files consist of memoranda, correspondence, reports, speeches, invitations, and other material pertaining to President Johnson's activities after leaving the presidency, 1969-1973. With the exception of a few Name Files, the Post Presidential Files are not available for research.

"Helm-Helz"***

Box 70

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT FILE

This collection consists mainly of folders on individual Cabinet officials, aides, associates, and friends. Access to these files was strictly controlled by the President, and materials he deemed sensitive were filed here.

"Valenti, Jack - Notes taken at various meetings during 1965-66"

Box 13

PERSONAL PAPERS

This collection of papers from individuals or organizations came to the Library separate from President Johnson's papers. See the finding aid for information concerning the availability of individual collections.

Box #

Clark Clifford

These papers consist of material on the Vietnam War, the Pueblo Incident, Defense Department meetings, and speeches, 1968-1969.

"CIA - Central Intelligence Agency"

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Democratic National Committee

The papers include materials accumulated by officials, staff members, and special groups of the Democratic National Committee during the 1960, 1964, and 1968 presidential campaigns.

"Helms, Richard M. CIA Chief, 1966"

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REFERENCE FILE

The reference file has been assembled by the archives staff to assist them in answering questions about Lyndon Johnson, his family, and the Johnson Administration.

"Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)"

ORAL HISTORIES

Transcripts of oral history interviews may be consulted at the Library or borrowed directly from the Library by writing to the Interlibrary Loan Archivist, Lyndon B. Johnson Library, 2313 Red River Street, Austin, Texas, 78705. Interviews with the following people contain material on Richard Helms and are open for research. A complete list of oral histories is available. A card file of oral histories is maintained in the Reading Room.

Colby, William
Helms, Richard

AUDIOVISUAL ARCHIVES

The audiovisual archives holds an extensive collection of still photographs, motion picture footage, audiotapes, and videotapes. Consult the audiovisual archivist for information.