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WESTMORELAND, WILLIAM

MATERIAL AT THE LBJ LIBRARY PERTAINING TO GENERAL WILLIAM WESTMORELAND

INTRODUCTION

This list describes materials on General William C. Westmoreland. Files open in full or in part are indicated with an asterisk (*). This list is not definitive, however, and researchers should consult an archivist in an effort to locate other pertinent files. Researchers should also consult the guide on Vietnam.

NATIONAL SECURITY FILE (NSF)

The National Security File was the working file of President Johnson's special assistants for national security affairs, McGeorge Bundy and Walt W. Rostow. Many parts of the National Security File contain materials on General Westmoreland. Please consult the National Security File finding aid (available on interlibrary in hard copy or computer diskette form) for further details. Files of particular relevance to General Westmoreland include:

NSF, COUNTRY FILE, VIETNAM

More than half of the Vietnam Country File has been processed and opened for research. (A five-page outline describing this large file is attached.) Note in particular:

*"Westmoreland Cables, 2/68-4/68" Box 152
*"Adm. Sharp-Gen. Westmoreland Report, 6/30/68" Box 248

NSF, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC) HISTORIES

The NSC staff compiled these extremely useful histories in 1968 by photocopying key documents in the National Security File and other White House files. The five NSC Histories pertaining to General Westmoreland and the Vietnam War are:

*Gulf of Tonkin Attacks, 1964 Boxes 38-39
*Deployment of Major U.S. Forces to Vietnam, July 1965 Boxes 40-43
*Honolulu Conference, February 6-8, 1966 Box 44
*Manila Conference and President's Asian Trip, October 17-November 2, 1966 Boxes 45-46
*March 31st [1968] Speech Boxes 47-49

NSF, INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND TRAVEL FILE:

*Vietnam: "Honolulu Meeting Papers" Box 2
"President's Honolulu Conference, 2/7-8/66" Box 2

NSF, FILES OF WALT W. ROSTOW

*"Westmoreland, William C." Box 5
*[Numerous other files on the military in Vietnam]

NSF, DECLASSIFIED AND SANITIZED DOCUMENTS FROM UNPROCESSED FILES (DSDUF)

These are documents that have been made available from files that remain unprocessed. Until the original file is processed, material is placed in this file.

The original file name and location is identified on the folder labels.

*Papers of William C. Westmoreland, Eyes Only Message Files, 1966-1968" Box 3

WHITE HOUSE CENTRAL FILES (WHCF)

This permanent White House office was the main filing unit during the Johnson presidency, although not the primary one for foreign policy documents. Material was filed under sixty major subject headings, cross referenced by an extensive name file. See the WHCF finding aid for details.

WHCF, NAME FILE

This file serves as a name index, with cross references to the Subject File. Documents in the Name File typically contain copies of the first page of original documents filed in the Subject File. A card file in the Reading Room indicates those name files which have been processed and opened for research. Name Files are processed on request.

*"Westmoreland, William C."

Box 224

WHCF, CONFIDENTIAL FILE (C.F.)

Security classified and other sensitive material in the White House Central Files was usually placed in the WHCF Confidential File. The C.F. Subject File uses the same headings as the WHCF. The C.F. also includes Agency Reports and an Oversized Attachments File. The C.F. can be accessed through a Name File that cross references the other portions of the C.F. Although the C.F. is entirely processed, a few portions remain classified.

WHCF, C.F., NAME FILE

*"Wei" [including William C. Westmoreland]

Box 152

WHCF, C.F., SUBJECT FILE

*ND 7-2 - "Subversive Activities Control" [including General Westmoreland's report on coffeehouses located near military bases, 8/25/68]

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.

John Macy:

As chairman of the Civil Service Commission, John Macy maintained files on

all persons considered for appointment by the Johnson administration. A card file listing available folders is in the Reading Room.

*"Westmoreland, William C."

Box 635

Harry Middleton:

"March 31 [1968] - General and General Westmoreland"
[search here and other aides' files]

Box 80

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.

There are forty index cards for General Westmoreland, describing dates, times, and circumstances of his meetings with President Johnson.

TOM JOHNSON'S NOTES OF MEETINGS

This collection comprises notes on nearly 120 meetings that President Johnson held with his senior civilian and military foreign policy advisors from 1966 through 1968. Tom Johnson, who served as President Johnson's Deputy Press Secretary, has retained copyright to all contents of this collection.

*"[August 13, 1966] President and General Westmoreland - Ranch"	Box 1
*"July 13, 1967 - 12:40 p.m. Meeting with McNamara, Westmoreland, Wheeler, Christian"	Box 1
*"July 13, 1967 - 1:25 p.m. McNamara, Wheeler, Westmoreland"	Box 1
*"November 21, 1967 - 8:30 a.m. VP, Rusk, McNamara, Bunker, Komer, Wheeler, Westmoreland, Helms, Rostow"	Box 1
*"February 28, 1968 - 8:35 a.m. General Wheeler's trip to Vietnam, discussion with Foreign Policy Advisors"	Box 2
*"April 6, 1968 - 1:30 p.m. President's Meeting with Gen. William Westmoreland - Washington, D.C."	Box 3
*"April 7, 1968 - 3:05 p.m. President's Meeting with Gen. William Westmoreland - Cabinet Room"	Box 3
*"April 16, 1968 - 10:25 a.m. Honolulu Meetings with Foreign Policy Advisors"	Box 3

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.

WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND

*Comprising approximately 26 linear feet, this collection reflects General Westmoreland's service as Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV), 1964-1968, and as Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, 1968-1972. (For a detailed and fully indexed finding aid, see the printed guide to the microfilm edition of this collection, available from University Publications of America, Inc., 4520 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814-3389.) Approximately one third of the collection (Boxes 1-21) consists of General Westmoreland's "History Backup" and "History File," including his diary of daily activities, schedules, memoranda, cables, press reports, and other supporting materials. These files are open for research. Also open are a series of press clippings on persons, topics, and events relating to military and foreign affairs (Boxes 21-29); Transcripts of Charles McDonald's interviews with General Westmoreland and other military officers who served with him (Boxes 30-31); and Westmoreland's notes on "Fonecons," 1968-1970 (Boxes 31-32). Processing of additional portions of the collection is underway, including General Westmoreland's "Eyes Only Message File, 1964-1968" (Boxes 33-40). Please consult the Personal Papers finding aid for a current description of open files. Also consult the detailed and well-indexed printed guide to the microfilm edition of this collection issued by University Publications of America.

THE CAPITAL LEGAL FOUNDATION

*Comprising 115 linear feet of documents, 212 videotape recordings, and 61 films, this collection consists of the case files of the prosecuting attorneys, working on behalf of General Westmoreland, in the case of Westmoreland vs. CBS. As plaintiff in the case, General Westmoreland brought a liable suit against CBS for its 1982 television documentary "The Uncounted Enemy: A Vietnam Deception." Westmoreland accused CBS of distorting facts and testimony in asserting its claim that prior to the pivotal Tet Offensive in 1968 he had approved the falsifying of army intelligence reports regarding estimates of numbers of enemy forces. CBS claimed that Westmoreland reported lower numbers in order to argue that U.S. forces were winning the war, a position that rendered his troops unprepared for the enemy's massive Tet Offensive. Along with complete transcripts of trial proceedings and testimony, with corresponding exhibits, the collection also contains scores of sworn affidavits and depositions by witnesses; photocopies of thousands of military and government agency documents that were declassified in response to the court's subpoenas; and numerous research files of photocopied articles and newspaper clippings. The videotapes and films provide edited and unedited versions of CBS's interviews (including complete transcripts) made in the production of "The Uncounted Enemy." A portion of the collection, consisting of the declassified documents (subject to confirmation by an archivist), has been processed. Please consult the finding aid and accessions record for details.

*CLARK CLIFFORD

Secretary of Defense. Comprises 11 linear feet of material on the Vietnam War, the Pueblo incident, Department of Defense staff meetings, Congressional hearings, weapons, aircraft, trips, and speeches, 1968-1969.

*ROBERT S. MCNAMARA

Secretary of Defense. Includes 5 linear feet of bound volumes of McNamara's public statements, remarks, and letters regarding Vietnam, 1961-1968.

***DON OBERDORFER**

Author of TET!, an examination of the Tet Offensive. Comprises 6 liner feet of interview notes, translations of captured documents, magazine and newspaper clippings, and other research materials used in writing his book.

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. Interviews with the following people contain material on William Westmoreland and are open for research. Interviews marked (wp) require written permission. Contact the Interlibrary Loan Archivist regarding the procedure. A complete list of oral histories is available and is maintained in a card file in the Reading Room.

***SAM ADAMS**

CIA intelligence analyst on enemy strength in Vietnam; advisor to CBS for production of "The Uncounted Enemy." 68 pp.

***WILLIAM E. COLBY**

CIA official; Chief, Far Eastern Division, CIA, 1962-1967; Director, Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support, South Vietnam, 1968-1971; Executive Director and Deputy Director, CIA, 1971-1973; Director, CIA, 1973-1976. Two separate interviews. 58 and 44 pp.

***CROSS, JAMES U.**

Air Force general; Pilot of AIR FORCE ONE and military aide to the President, 1963-1968. Two separate interviews. 62 and 81 pp.

***PHILLIP B. DAVIDSON**

Army general; Chief Military Intelligence Officer, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, 1967-1969. Two interviews. 83 and 49 pp.

***JULIAN J. EWELL**

Army general; in Vietnam, 1968-1970; U.S. Military Representative to the Paris Peace Talks on Vietnam, 1970. 45 pp.

***DANIEL O. GRAHAM**

Army general; Chief of Current Intelligence and Estimates under General Phillip B. Davidson, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, 1967-1968. Two separate interviews. 41 and 46 pp.

***PAUL D. HARKINS**

Army general; Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Pacific; Commander, U.S. Military Assistance and Advisory Group, Vietnam. 59 pp.

***JOHN P. MCCONNELL**

Air Force general; Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, 1964-1965; Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, 1965-1969. 42 pp.

ROBERT S. MCNAMARA

Secretary of Defense. [closed until January 1, 2000; tape unavailable]

***THOMAS H. MOORER**

Navy admiral; Comander in Chief, Pacific Theater, 1964-1965; Chief of Naval Operations, 1967-1970. Two separate interviews. 12 and 42 pp.

***CHARLES A. MORRIS**

Army colonel; Chief of Current Intelligence and Estimates under General Phillip B. Davidson, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, 1967-1968. 87 pp.

***STANLEY R. RESOR**

- Under Secretary of the Army; Secretary of the Army, 1965-1971. 50 pp.
- *U. S. GRANT SHARP
Navy admiral; Commander in Chief, Pacific Theater, and U.S. advisor to SEATO, 1964-1968. Eleven separate interviews. 104, 68, 33, 33, 37, 43, 90, 54, 50, 62, 50 pp. [tapes unavailable; no interlibrary loan; no photocopying allowed]
 - *CHARLES N. SIMPSON
Army colonel; National Military Command Center, 1964-1965; Executive Officer, 5th Special Forces Group, Vietnam, 1966-1967. 35 pp.
 - *MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Army general; Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1962-1964; Ambassador to South Vietnam, 1964-1965; Special Consultant to the President, 1965-1969. Four separate interviews. 22, 26, 42, and 13 pp. [Tapes of Interviews III and IV are restricted]
 - *WALT, LEWIS W.
Marine Corps general; Senior Advisor, I Corps Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, 1966-1967. 26 pp.
 - *VOLNEY F. WARNER
Army general; Executive Officer and Senior Aide to General Westmoreland, 1970-1972. 59 pp. (plus two 6-page attachments) [Warner retains copyright; tapes restricted].
 - *WILLIAM WESTMORELAND
Two separate interviews, the first in 1969 and the second in 1985. 14 and 10 pp.
 - *EARLE G. WHEELER
Army general; Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Two separate interviews. 30 and 25 pp.

"AN EVENING WITH" SERIES

Transcripts of speeches, questions, and answers delivered at regular gatherings of the Friends of the LBJ Library.

- *AN EVENING WITH WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND, March 10, 1986

SYMPOSIUMS AND MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Transcripts of speeches, questions, and answers delivered at special symposiums sponsored by the LBJ Library, and at exhibit openings sponsored by the Museum.

- *REMARKS BY WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND, PRECEDING THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBIT "KOREA: AMERICA'S FIRST LIMITED WAR," May 11, 1988.

AUDIOVISUAL ARCHIVES

The Johnson Library's Audiovisual Archive contains numerous still photographs, motion pictures, and sound recordings pertaining to General Westmoreland. Please consult the Audiovisual Archivist for details.

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