

## The George J. Mitchell Papers at Bowdoin College

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### U.S. Senate

#### Legislative

- Iran-Contra affair
- Subject files
- Name files
- GPO reports

### U.S. Senate : legislative records. Iran-Contra affair, 1985-88.

17 linear feet.

*Catalog Number:* M202.6.2.16

#### **Background Note:**

The U.S. Senate Select Committee on Secret Military Assistance to Iran and the Nicaraguan Opposition was formed by a Senate resolution on January 6, 1987. Simultaneously the House formed the Select Committee to Investigate Covert Arms Transactions with Iran. These two committees were formed to investigate the secret sale of arms to Iran in return for the release of American hostages, and the associated channeling of funds to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua by members of the Reagan administration, the CIA, and the National Security Council. Both committees agreed to complete their investigations by August 1, and reports by October 1987. The two committees merged to become The Congressional Committees Investigating the Iran-Contra Affair, joining investigations and hearings, sharing all evidence, which involved over 300,000 documents and 500 witnesses. The public hearings spanned forty days from May to August 1987. The Senate and House committees produced a joint report at the end of their investigations.

Senator Mitchell was the second-ranking majority party member on the Senate committee; he was designated to question Lt. Col. Oliver North, the main witness. Mitchell's performance was commonly accepted as an expert job and was a major factor leading to his election as Senate majority leader in 1988.

#### **Description:**

Records date from 1986 through 1987. A wide range of information is included: texts of statements, depositions, and interviews; meeting and other notes; drafts of chronologies; news clippings; rules; reports from the

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Congressional Research Service and other services; copies of the Oliver North indictment; copies of committee recommendations; memos on various subjects; and correspondence. Significant procedural issues raised were the question of granting of immunity to witnesses, and the acceptance of an early deadline to finish the investigation. the investigation addressed important questions of respect for law and public policy, the balance between Congressional oversight and security, and of obstruction of justice. Key members of the joint committee included:

Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI), Chairman of the Senate committee,  
Senator Warren Rudman (R-NH),  
Vice-Chairman of the Senate committee;  
Representative Lee Hamilton (D-IN), Chairman of the House committee;  
Representative Dante Fascell (D-FL),  
Vice-Chairman of the House committee;  
John Niels Jr., Chief Counsel of the House committee; and  
Arthur Liman, Chief Counsel of the Senate committee.

Key figures involved in the Iran-Contra affair included Lt. Col. Oliver North who appeared at the center of the controversy, National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane, his successor Admiral John Poindexter, and retired Air Force General Richard Secord, among others. Records were compiled primarily by Richard Arenberg, Senator Mitchell's staff liaison to the committee. Additional files on the Iran-Contra investigation can be found in the Judiciary files series.

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### **U.S. Senate : legislative records. Iran-Contra affair : subject files, 1986-87.**

7 linear feet.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

*Catalog Number:* M202.6.2.16.1

#### **Description:**

Subject files date from 1986 through 1987 and contain information relating to the procedural and informational aspects of the investigation: agendas, questions, testimony, correspondence, memos, and press information. Files also contain background information: research and reports, laws, rulings, briefs, and statements. There are files on Lt. Col. North, Retired Air Force General Richard Secord, Admiral John Poindexter, John Neilds, and Manucher Ghorbanifar. Files include a letter from Archibald Cox, the Watergate special prosecutor, urging the committee to refrain from granting immunity to witnesses. These files were maintained by Richard Arenberg.

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#### **Container List**

##### **Box 346**

- 3/18 Agenda
- Assorted Arenburg Notes
- Charles Allen RAA Notes
- Analysis Effect Immunity IC/North/Poindexter 3/10/87
- Appeals Decision Ethics in Gout Act
- Assoc. Counsel
- Atwood Immunity
- Tony Avirgan
- Avirgan/Honey
- Bellnick on Earl notes
- Boland Chart

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- Boland Chart
- Boland Charts
- Boland Memo
- Boland Memo 4/10/87
- 4/29 Briefing
- 4/30 Briefing
- 4/30 Briefing BK
- Brinkley Show Transcript 5/17
- Byrne Deposition
- Byrd Statements 8/7/87, 7/22/87
- Calero Notes 5/20
- Greg Craig
- Challenge to Special Prosecutor Law
- MJ Checci Memos/Correspondence
- Chief Council Interviews
- Christic
- Chronology Drafts
- Clips
- Assorted Clips
- June 30 Closed Session-North
- Closing Statements
- Cohen/Tell. Oversize Bill
- Committee
- Committees Luncheon April 29,1987
- Committee Meeting 3/18/87
- April 23,1987 Committee Meeting
- Committee Rules
- [Contains GJM Opening Statement]
- Cooper Interview
- Cox Letter
- Coy Deposition
- Admiral Crowe Deposition
- CRS Chronology
- CRS Materials
- CRS Organizational Profiles
- CRS Report: Iran Arms Sales
- Curtiss-Wright Article/Fisher
- Curtiss-Wright Decision
- D'Amato on Resolution
- Designees
- Dewhirst Memos

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- Drug/Contra Memo
- Dutton Notes
- Robert Earl: Bernick Memo
- Earl Depositions and Memos [2]
- [Earl Depositions and Memos] Earl Notes
- Earl Deposition Notes
- Enabling Res Discussion Draft 12/22/86
- Gadd Deposition

### Box 347

- Exchange of Letters - Henry Hyde
- Fiers notes
- General clips select committee
- Ghorbanifar Letter
- Glossary
- Govt. Affairs Task Force
- Green Letter RE: North Rep.
- Thomas Green Letter
- Gregg Deposition
- Hearing Transcripts Memo
- Hearing Schedule Memo 5/20
- Helms No - indict Amend GJM statement
- Honey/Avirgan/Sheehan Christic
- Immunity - Channel & Miller
- Immunity Memos - Liman/Belnick
- 2/24 Immunity/Minor Figures
- Indictment/North, Poindexter, Secord, Hakim
- Intelligence Committee Report
- Intelligence Comm. Report
- Intelligence Committee Report
- Intelligence Committee Report 1/29
- Intelligence Report Link Poindexter memo.
- S1721 - Intelligence oversight
- Jamie Kaplan
- Kaplan Memo on North/Poindexter conflicts
- John Kelly Notes RAA
- KL43 AD
- LA Times/North
- Ledeen Letter
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- Letter to R.C. Byrd
- Letter to Hakim Lawyer
- Lewis Brief
- Liaison List
- Liman Briefing 4/22
- Liman General Overview 4/29
- Liman Letter -> Nields
- Liman Language Letter to Sullivan
- Liman: Meetings schedule
- Liman 9/18 Memo on Draft Report
- Liman Memo RE Woodward 10/7/87
- Liman 4/30 Overview
- A.L. RE Robinette Leak
- Louzenardi Briefing GAO notes
- Maine Sun. Tel. Cartoon
- Marine Corps Letter RE Protection/North
- McGough/Kaplan Priv. F.R. Chapt/ Spencer Oliver
- 1/29/87 Meeting
- Feb. 26 Meeting
- Meeting March 10-11, 1987
- 4/8 Meeting
- Apr. 23, 1987 Meeting
- 4/23 Meeting Notes
- June 3 Luncheon Meeting
- Notes 6/17 Meeting
- 10/27/87 Meeting
- Meeting Dates Memo
- Meese Deposition
- Meese Memo Notes
- Meeting Materials
- Meeting Notes
- Memo on Leahy Material
- Meeting Notices
- Memos RE Hearings May 5, 1987
- G.J.M.
- Memorandum of understanding with I.C.
- Memo on Amb. John Ferch
- Memos GJM
- Memo on Report Recommendations
- The Honorable George Mitchell Luncheon April

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29, 1987

- GJM/North Clips
- GJM Notes for North Questioning
- GJM Opening Statement
- GJM Opening Statement
- GJM/"other staff members" NYT
- GJM Press Release of Report
- Motley Article

### Box 348

- Napier Letter 5/11
- NCPAC Letter
- Newsweek Clip/Two Leaks
- [New York Times Article]
- Nields-McFarlane Memo
- Nields Memo Re: McFarlane
- North Attorney Negot.
- North Clips 7/8
- Mrs. North/5th Amendment
- Notes Passed at Hearings
- Notes Caddell/Powell Meeting
- [Notes & Committee Memos]
- Notes on Relevant Reagan Statements
- NSDD 159
- Oakhurst Ad-Maine
- ODOM Letter
- Oil Memo
- Opening Statement
- Personnel-Mary Jane Checci
- Plan of Investigation/ Justice J. Kaplan
- Poindexter Agreement to L.C.
- Poindexter Deposition
- Poindexter/North Evidence Memo
- Poindexter Notes
- Potential Criminal Liability
- President's Address GJM Response 8/12/87
- Prez Request Select Committee
- Press
- Proposed Comm Rules
- Proposed Hearing Memo (Liman)
- Radimsky

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- Radimsky Brief
- Reagan Statement on Tower Commission
- Recommendations Briefing Book
- Reston Clip
- Rodriquez Deposition Notes
- Sciaroni Interview Memo
- Secord Action/Senate Counsel
- Secord Contempt
- March 11, 1987 Select Committee Meeting
- Select Committee Resumes
- Select Committee Resumes- Legal: Law Partners
- Select Committee Rules
- Select Staff List
- Select Resumes
- Sen. Legal Counsel on Contempt
- Sigur
- Sleeper Letter

### **Box 349**

- Special Briefing on Hakim
- Staff
- Staffing Memo
- Staff Paper/ Recommendations
- Staff Roster
- Staff Structure
- Statement--Release of Report
- Sullivan Language Sent. (North)
- 7/15-17, 7/20-21 Poindexter
- 7/23, 7/26 Shultz
- 7/28-29 Meese
- 7/30 Regan
- 7/31 Regan, Weinberger
- Testimonial Chronology 7/1
- Telscher Deposition Notes 4/23
- Thank You Letters Committee Staff
- Tower Press Conference Notes
- US News & W. R. Poll 6/30-7/1 '87
- [Wall Street Journal Editorial]
- Walsh Agreement/Hearing Schedule
- Walsh Memo Premature Immunity

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- Watergate Supreme Ct Decision
- Watergate Resolution Debate
- Watson Deposition
- Woodcock Memo Conspiracy Act.
- Woodcock Wiseman Memo

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### **U.S. Senate : legislative records. Iran-Contra affair : name files, 1985-87.**

4 linear feet.

Arranged alphabetically by last name.

*Catalog Number:* M202.6.2.16.2

#### **Description:**

These Iran-Contra files date from 1985 through 1987 and are arranged by witness' last name. They contain documents relating to witnesses' activities during the time of the Iran-Contra affair. These include memos, correspondence, biographical material, "question notes" written by Mitchell, and other evidentiary material directly pertinent to the questioning of witnesses during the investigation. Large amounts of material pertain to Lt. Col. Oliver North, Robert MacFarlane, and Admiral John Poindexter. Notes on testimony of Donald Regan, Edwin Meese, Caspar Weinberger, George Shultz, Albert Hakim, and others are included. Files were maintained by Richard Arenberg.

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#### **Container List**

##### **Box 350**

- Abrams
- Calero
- Castillo
- Clarridge
- Cooper
- Dutton
- Gaffney/Koch

##### **Box 351**

- Garwood/O'Boyle/Coors
- Hakim
- Fawn Hall

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· McFarlane

### **Box 352**

· Meese  
· North

### **Box 353**

· North

### **Box 354**

· North  
· Owen  
· Poindexter  
· Regan  
· Robinette

### **Box 355**

· Rodriguez  
· Sciaroni  
· Secord  
· Shultz

### **Box 356**

· Shultz  
· Singlaub  
· Sigur  
· Sporkin  
· Tambs  
· Weinberger

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**U.S. Senate : legislative records.  
Iran-Contra Affair : GPO  
hearing and report publications,  
1987-88.**

48 volumes

Arranged chronologically and by volume number.

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**Description:**

Contains the twelve volumes of transcripts of the joint hearings of the Iran-Contra investigation and the Report of The Congressional Committees Investigating the Iran-Contra Affair with supplemental, minority, and additional views, published respectively in 1987 and 1988. The one-volume report is supplemented by two volumes of source documents, twenty-seven volumes of depositions (volumes one and two are missing), one volume of the chronology of events, and five volumes of a testimonial chronology.

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**Box 357**

· U.S. G.P.O. publications: Iran-Contra affair; investigation hearings. May 5-August 6, 1987

**Box 358**

· U.S. G.P.O. publications: Iran-Contra affair; Report and appendix; source documents, chronology of events, testimonial chronology

**Box 359**

· U.S. G.P.O. publications: Iran-Contra affair; depositions

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**Box 360**

· U.S. G.P.O. publications: Iran-Contra affair;  
depositions