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The editors of the Foreign Relations series also have full access to the papers of President Nixon and other White House foreign policy records. Presidential papers maintained and preserved at the Nixon Presidential Materials Project at Archives II include some of the most significant foreign affairs-related documentation from the Department of State and other Federal agencies including the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Department of State historians also have full access to records of the Department of Defense, particularly the records of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretaries of Defense and their major assistants. The Central Intelligence Agency has provided full access to its files.

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In preparing this volume the editors made extensive use of Presidential papers and other White House records held by the Nixon Presidential Materials Project. Those have proved to be the best source of documentation on President Nixon’s and the National Security Council’s role in the Middle East. Within the National Security Files, the Country Files, the files of Harold Saunders, the Institutional (or H-Files), Presidential Correspondence files, and VIP visits files, were particularly valuable. Of these, the H-Files were most significant,
providing documentation from the highest levels of White House and National Security Council policy formation and decision making. Transcripts of Henry Kissinger’s telephone conversations, originally at the Library of Congress and now at the Nixon Presidential Materials Project, were also valuable.

Thanks to the Nixon Presidential Materials Staff, Department of State historians have full access to the audiotapes of President Nixon’s telephone conversations. The editor of the portion of this volume pertaining to Middle East and Indian Ocean regional affairs and relations with Persian Gulf states, including Saudi Arabia, found almost no tapes that dealt substantively with those issues. One tape is used in a footnote to a memorandum of conversation between Rogers and Nixon after Rogers’s trip to the Middle East.

Second in importance to the records held by the Nixon Presidential Materials Staff were the records of the Department of State. The Department’s central files contain the cable traffic recording U.S. diplomatic relations with the countries of the Middle East, memoranda of diplomatic conversations, and memoranda proposing action or providing information. For this volume, the lot files provided some value.

The Central Intelligence Agency provides access to Department of State historians to high-level intelligence documents from those records in the custody of that agency and at the Nixon Presidential Materials Project. This access is arranged and facilitated by the History Staff of the Center for the Study of Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, pursuant to a May 2002 memorandum of understanding. Among the intelligence records reviewed for the volume were files of the Director and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, the CIA Registry of National Intelligence Estimates and Special National Intelligence Estimates, DCI Executive Registry Files, Files of the Office of Research and Reports, and Files of the Office of Current Intelligence.

Almost all of this documentation has been made available for use in the Foreign Relations series thanks to the consent of the agencies mentioned, the assistance of their staffs, and especially the cooperation and support of the National Archives and Records Administration.

The following list identifies the particular files and collections used in the preparation of this volume. The declassification and transfer to the National Archives of these records is in process. Most of the records are already available for public review at the National Archives.

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Central Files. See National Archives and Records Administration below.
Lot Files. For other lot files already transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration at College Park, Maryland, Record Group 59, see National Archives and Records Administration below.

INR/IL Historical Files
Files of the Office of Intelligence Coordination, including records of the 303 Committee, from the 1950s through the 1970s, maintained by the Office of Intelligence Liaison, Bureau of Intelligence and Research

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AID(US) 8–7 SAUD, bilateral aid relations in the area of public safety, U.S.–Saudi Arabia
AV 12, aircraft and aeronautical equipment
AV 12 US, aircraft and aeronautical equipment
CENTO 3, organization and conferences of the alliance
CENTO 3 US(WA), U.S. role in the organization and conferences of the alliance
CENTO 6–2 PAK, naval defense affairs pertaining to Pakistan’s role in the alliance
DEF 15–4 BAHRAIN–US, negotiation on agreements and base leases
DEF 4 CENTO, multilateral agreements and organization of the alliance
DEF 12–5 FAA, procurement and sale of armaments
DEF 15 IND–UK, bases and installations, Indian Ocean
DEF 15 IND–US, bases and installations, Indian Ocean
DEF 19 IRAN–YEMEN, military assistance, Yemen
DEF 12–5 ISR, procurement and sale of armaments, Israel
DEF 12–5 JORDAN, procurement and sale of armaments, Jordan
DEF 1 KUW, general defense policy, Kuwait
DEF 6 KUW, armed forces, Kuwait
DEF 12 KUW, armaments, Kuwait
DEF 12–5 KUW, procurement and sale of armaments, Kuwait
DEF 1 NEAR E, general defense policy, the Near East
DEF 12–5 NEAR E, procurement and sale of armaments, the Near East
DEF 1 SAUD, general defense policy, Saudi Arabia
DEF 6–2 SAUD, navy, Saudi Arabia
DEF 6–4 SAUD, military and reserves, Saudi Arabia
DEF 12–5 SAUD, procurement and sale of armaments, Saudi Arabia
DEF 19–6 SYEMEN, communist bloc assistance, South Yemen
DEF 6 TRUCIAL STATES, armed forces, the Trucial States
DEF 12–5 UAE, procurement and sale of armaments, United Arab Emirates
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POL 27 ARAB–ISR, military operations, Arab–Israeli dispute
POL 27–4 ARAB–ISR, use of international force, Arab–Israeli dispute
POL 7 BAHRAIN IS, visits and meetings, Bahrain
POL 16 BAHRAIN IS, independence and recognition, Bahrain
POL 19 BAHRAIN IS, government of dependencies and self-determination, Bahrain
POL 15–1 CEYLON, heads of state, Ceylon
POL CEYLON–US, general policy and trends, Ceylon–U.S.
POL 19 FAA, government of dependencies and self-determination, FAA
POL 33–6 IND, navigation and the high seas, Indian Ocean
POL 27 INDIA–PAK, military operations, India–Pakistan
POL IRAN–UAE, general policy and trends, Iran–UAE
POL 19 IRAN–YEMEN, government of dependencies and self-determination
POL JORDAN–US, general policy and trends
POL 23 JORDAN, internal security and counterinsurgency, Jordan
POL 23–9 JORDAN, rebellion and coups, Jordan
POL 23 KUW, internal security and counterinsurgency, Kuwait
POL KUW–US, general policy and trends, Kuwait–U.S.
POL 23–9 LIBYA, rebellions and coups, Libya
POL 23–9 MUSCAT & OMAN, rebellions and coups, Muscat & Oman
POL 1 NEAR E–SAUD, general policy and trends, Near East–Saudi Arabia
POL 1 NEAR E–US, general policy and trends, the Near East–U.S.
POL NEAR E–USSR, general policy and trends, the Near East–USSR
POL 33 PERSIAN GULF, water and boundary issues, Persian Gulf
POL 15–1 QATAR, heads of state, Qatar
POL 19 RAS AL KHAIMAH, government of dependencies and self-determination
POL 7 SAUD, visits and meetings, Saudi Arabia
POL 15–1 SAUD, heads of state, Saudi Arabia
POL 23 SAUD, internal security and counterinsurgency, Saudi Arabia
POL 32–1 SAUD–SYEMEN, territory and boundary disputes, Saudi Arabia–South Yemen
POL SAUD–UAE, general policy and trends, Saudi Arabia–UAE
POL 32–1 SAUD–UEA, territory and boundary disputes, Saudi Arabia–UAE
POL SAUD–US, general trends and policy, Saudi Arabia–U.S.
POL SAUD–YEMEN, general trends and policy, Saudi Arabia–Yemen
POL 2 SYEMEN, reports and statistics, South Yemen
POL 12 SYEMEN, political parties, South Yemen
POL 13 SYEMEN, non-party blocs, South Yemen
POL 15–1 SYEMEN, head of state, South Yemen
POL 23–9 SYEMEN, rebellions and coups, South Yemen
POL 33 SYEMEN, water and boundary issues, South Yemen
POL SYEMEN–US, general policy and trends
POL SYEMEN–YEMEN, general policy and trends
POL TRUCIAL ST–US, general policy and trends
POL UAE, general policy and trends
POL 3 UAE, organizations and alignments
POL 7 UAE, visits and meetings
POL 16 UAE, independence and recognition
POL 23–9 UAE, rebellions and coups
POL UAE–US, general policy and trends
POL 17 UK–FAA, diplomatic and consular representation
POL UK–US, general policy and trends
POL 15–1 UK, head of state
POL 17 US–KUW, diplomatic and consular representation, U.S.–Kuwait
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POL 7 YEMEN, visits and meetings
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  Alexander M. Haig Chronological Files: Memorandum of Conversations
  Harold Saunders Files: Middle East Negotiations Files; Basic Policy, Middle East; CENTO; Middle East Water; NSSM 90
  Kissinger Office Files: Subject and Chronological Files
  Kissinger Telephone Conversation Transcripts: Chronological Files
  National Security Council Files: Backchannel Messages, Europe, Middle East, and Latin America; Hijackings

NSC Institutional Files (H-Files)
  Draft National Security Council Minutes
  National Security Council Meeting Files
  National Security Council Minutes of Meeting Files
  National Security Decision Memorandum Files
  National Security Study Memorandum Files
  Senior Review Group Files
  Senior Review Group Meeting Files
  Senior Review Group Minutes of Meeting Files
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