



## **Rostow, Nicholas: Files, 1987-1989**

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### **Record Type**

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### **Biography**

## **Biography**

Charles Nicholas Rostow is an attorney, former government official, educator and policy commentator.

Nicholas Rostow was born on March 3, 1950 in Geneva, Switzerland. Rostow was born into a family of prominent government appointees, including his late father, Eugene V. Rostow. Eugene Rostow was Under Secretary of the State Department for Political Affairs, 1966-1969. In addition, he was the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency from 1981-1983 during the Reagan Administration. Nicholas Rostow's uncle, Walter W. Rostow, was the National Security Advisor to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. Walt Rostow was a prominent supporter of the Vietnam War.

Mr. Rostow received his B.A. from Yale University in 1972. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in history and a J.D. degree from Yale University.

In the early 1980s, Rostow was associated with the law firm of Shearman and Sterling in New York.

Rostow served as the Special Assistant to the Legal Adviser at the Department of State. Mr. Rostow also served as Counsel to the President's Special Review Board (the Tower Board) investigating the National Security Council's role in the Iran-Contra affair. Rostow provided legal counsel on all aspects of the Board's work and participated in the drafting of the Board's report.

After Rostow's work on the Tower Board, he formally joined the Reagan Administration in March 1987 as the National Security Council's Deputy Legal Advisor. He was made the full Legal Advisor to the National Security Council in 1988.

President George H.W. Bush appointed Rostow as Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and Legal Adviser to the National Security Council at the White House. This was the same position Rostow held in the Reagan Administration.

After his tenure in the White House, Rostow served in numerous other public service positions such as Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of International Trade, 1995-1998, Counsel and Deputy Staff Director to the House Select Committee on Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China, 1998-1999, Staff Director of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, 1999-2000, and the

Charles H. Stockton Chair in International Law, U.S. Naval War College..

After 9/11, he served as the General Counsel and Senior Policy Adviser to the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations. In this position, he worked for Ambassadors John Negroponte, Jack Danforth, and John Bolton. He represented the United States on the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee and worked on all aspects of UN counter-terrorism efforts in addition to handling the legal portfolio of the Mission. His other responsibilities included international criminal tribunals, the Middle East, including the Arab-Israeli conflict and Iraq, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and investigations into the oil-for-food controversy.

After leaving government service, Rostow has become a prominent professor and commentator on international and national security law and international decision-making. For more than four years Rostow was the University Counsel and Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and a tenured full professor at the State University of New York. He was a Senior Director for the INNS Center for Strategic Research and in 2010 Rostow became a Senior Research Scholar at the Yale University Law School. Also in 2010, Rostow was appointed Distinguished Research Professor at the National Defense University and he was a visiting professor at the Samuel Neaman Institute for Advance Studies in Science and Technology at the Technion Israel Institute of Technology.

Professor Rostow has also taught at the University of Tulsa College of Law and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

More recently, Rostow served as the Charles Evans Hughes Visiting Professor of Government and Jurisprudence at Colgate University (2016-2018) and as the Sol. M. Linowitz Visiting Professor at Hamilton College (Spring 2018).

Rostow is still a practicing attorney with the Zumpano, Patricios & Popok firm in New York City.

Rostow has published numerous works in the field of international law and diplomatic history. He is married to the former Ariana van der Heyden White and they have two children.

## **Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists of two series: SERIES I: Subject File; SERIES II: Chronological File.

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### SERIES I: SUBJECT FILE

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CLOSED	Agee, Philip
CLOSED	Angola
OPEN	Aqaba Pipeline
CLOSED	ABM [Materials to Senate] (1)-(12)
CLOSED	ABM ADS Memo / Nitze Speech / Legal TP (1)-(3)
CLOSED	ABM Amendments
CLOSED	ABM Declassification
CLOSED	ABM General
CLOSED	ABM (General) - Nunn Letter
CLOSED	ABM Interpretation
CLOSED	ABM/Krasnoyarsk
CLOSED	ABM Non-Withdrawal
CLOSED	ABM Studies (1)-(16)
CLOSED	ABM Subsequent Practice
CLOSED	ABM Treaty (1)-(13)

#### RAC Box 2

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CLOSED	ABM Treaty Records, Senate Staff
CLOSED	Arafat Visa Request (1)(2)
CLOSED	Arctic Sovereignty (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Argentine Missiles
CLOSED	Arms Control (1)(2)
CLOSED	Arms Control Legislation
CLOSED	Arms Control Verification
CLOSED	Avirgan
CLOSED	Deborah Baker
CLOSED	Base Negotiations
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Biological Weapons</a>
CLOSED	Black Sea
CLOSED	Boland Amendment
CLOSED	Brazil
CLOSED	Budget
CLOSED	Brunei
CLOSED	Byrd Amendment (War Powers)
CLOSED	Byrd/Nunn
CLOSED	Cambodia
CLOSED	Canadian SSN
CLOSED	Carlucci Interview
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Chemical Weapons</a>
OPEN	Classified Information Security (1)(2)
CLOSED	Cohen Bill - File #1 (1)-(10)
CLOSED	Cohen Bill - File #2 (1)-(7)
CLOSED	Colombia
CLOSED	Compliance Report (1)(2)
CLOSED	Computer Security
CLOSED	Congressional
CLOSED	Constitutional Limits on Congress
OPEN	Convention on Torture
OPEN	Corporate Sentencing
CLOSED	Counterintelligence

CLOSED Counterterrorism (1)(2)

CLOSED Covert Actions (1)-(9)

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CLOSED	Covert Action (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Covert Action E.O. - Drafts, Comments (1)-(11)
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CLOSED	Crowe-Akhromeyv Meeting
CLOSED	Cryptography
CLOSED	Cuba (1)(2)
CLOSED	Cuba Prison Riots
CLOSED	D [Counterterrorism] (1)(2)
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OPEN	Declassification of Documents (1)(2)
CLOSED	Delegation of Authority - Anti-Drug Act (1)(2)
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CLOSED	DOD Directives
CLOSED	DOE
CLOSED	DEA
CLOSED	Drug-Free Workplace Plan (1)(5)
CLOSED	Drugs - Delegation to Secretary of State
CLOSED	Economic Sanctions - Statutes
CLOSED	Emergency Coordination
CLOSED	Emergency Relocation NSDD
CLOSED	<i>Erria</i> (1)-(6)
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CLOSED	Executive Order 12356
CLOSED	Executive Orders

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CLOSED	Executive Privilege
CLOSED	Export Controls (1)-(6)

Status	Title
CLOSED	Extradition
CLOSED	Export Controls
CLOSED	FEMA
CLOSED	Flagging Vessels
CLOSED	FLAGE (Flexible Lightweight Agile Guided Experiment)
OPEN	FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) (1)(2)
CLOSED	Foreign Sovereign Immunity Act
CLOSED	Foreign Travel (NSD)
CLOSED	Forms
OPEN	FOIA
CLOSED	Freedom of Navigation
CLOSED	Gomel Compliance Alliance
OPEN	Greymail
CLOSED	Bo Gritz
OPEN	Guatemala
CLOSED	<i>Haig v. Agee</i>
CLOSED	Hart Case (POW/MIA)
CLOSED	Hatch Act (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Hex Dump
CLOSED	Higgins Kidnapping
CLOSED	Honduras (1)(2)
CLOSED	Hostages
CLOSED	Hughes-Ryan Amendment
CLOSED	Human Rights
CLOSED	Immigration and Naturalization Act/Amendments
CLOSED	Independent Counsel (1)-(4)
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OPEN	Information Security
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CLOSED	Intelligence Authorization Act
CLOSED	Intelligence Laws (General)
CLOSED	IO (International Organizations) Expulsions

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
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CLOSED	Intelligence Oversight by Congress (1)-(7)
CLOSED	Interagency NSDD (1)-(6)
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CLOSED	INF – File #2 (1)-(12)
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<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
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CLOSED	INF Article-by-Article
CLOSED	INF Briefings/Testimonials (1)-(6)
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CLOSED	INF – Nunn Letter (1)-(3)
CLOSED	INF – OSIA
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CLOSED	INF – Q’s and A’s (1)-(11)
CLOSED	INF (SCG) – File #1 (1)-(8)
CLOSED	INF (SCG) – File #2 (1)-(9)
CLOSED	INF Treaty Interpretation
CLOSED	INF Violations

#### **RAC Box 8**

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CLOSED	ICJ (International Court of Justice)



<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Iran
OPEN	Iran/Iraq
OPEN	Iran/Libya
CLOSED	Jackson
OPEN	Jackson-Scott Amendment
CLOSED	Japan
CLOSED	Japanese Nuclear Agreement (1)-(8)
CLOSED	JCC (Joint Commercial Commission)
OPEN	Senator Kerry
OPEN	Korea (1)(2)
OPEN	Korean DMZ Incident
OPEN	Kuwait
CLOSED	Kuwait Tanker (June 1987) (Binder) (1)-(3)
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CLOSED	Lawyer's IG
CLOSED	Leaks
CLOSED	Legal Briefs/Debriefs
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CLOSED	Levin/Nunn Amendment
CLOSED	Libya CW
OPEN	Libya Memos
CLOSED	Limited Test Ban Treaty (LTBT)
CLOSED	Low Intensity Conflict (LIC)
CLOSED	Lowry Case (War Powers) (1)-(10)
CLOSED	Marcos - File (1)-(15)
CLOSED	Marine One Incident
OPEN	McFarlane (1)(2)
OPEN	McKay

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CLOSED	Meese

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
CLOSED	Meeting Participants
CLOSED	Mexico
OPEN	Middle East
CLOSED	Middle East Force
CLOSED	Miscellaneous (1)-(7)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Missile Non-Proliferation</a>
CLOSED	Moscow Embassy (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Narcotics (1)-(6)
CLOSED	NSCIDs Nos. 1-17 (Binder) (1)-(3)
CLOSED	NSC LawyersNSC System (1)-(3)
CLOSED	NSDD-95
CLOSED	NSDD-159 (Draft) - Revision Comments
CLOSED	NSDD-261 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	NSDDs (1)-(5)
CLOSED	NSDDs and Congress
CLOSED	Nicaragua (1)-(9)
CLOSED	Nicaragua - File #2 (1)-(9)

### **RAC Box 10**

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CLOSED	Non-Nuclear World (1)(2)
CLOSED	Noriega
CLOSED	Normandy
CLOSED	North
CLOSED	Notes (1)-(6)
CLOSED	Nuclear Risk Retention Center
CLOSED	Nuclear Testing
CLOSED	Nunn
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CLOSED	PLO File - File #1 (1)-(10)
CLOSED	PLO File - File #2 (1)-(11)

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CLOSED	Peacetime Rules of Engagement
CLOSED	Pennzoil
CLOSED	Persian Gulf - File #1 (1)-(19)
CLOSED	Persian Gulf - File #2 (1)-(12)
CLOSED	Personnel
CLOSED	Personnel Security (1)-(3)

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<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
CLOSED	Peru
CLOSED	Philippines
CLOSED	Pocket Veto (1)-(3)
CLOSED	PRG Meetings
CLOSED	Polish Immigration
CLOSED	Powell (1)(2)
CLOSED	Powell Deposition (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Precedents for Disclosure
CLOSED	[Program]
CLOSED	The President
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CLOSED	PTAT (Private Transatlantic Telecommunications)
CLOSED	Records
CLOSED	Refugees (1)-(8)
CLOSED	Reger, Brenda
CLOSED	2013 Report

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
CLOSED	Request for Carlucci Testimony
CLOSED	Romania
CLOSED	S. 2366
CLOSED	SFRC
CLOSED	Sofaer Study/D&S Treaty
OPEN	Souham, Glenn
OPEN	South Africa [May 1986]
OPEN	South Africa [October 1986]
OPEN	South Africa [04/01/1987-04/30/1987]
OPEN	South Africa [05/01/1987-06/22/1987]
OPEN	South Africa [06/23/1987-08/31/1987]
OPEN	South Africa [09/01/1987-12/31/1987]
OPEN	South Africa [01/01/1988-06/21/1988]
OPEN	South Africa [06/22/1988-12/31/1988]
OPEN	Southern Africa
CLOSED	Space
CLOSED	Space Station
CLOSED	Spadafora (1)(2)
CLOSED	Spain
CLOSED	SSOD (Special Session of UN on Disarmament)
CLOSED	Speech/Testimonies (1)-(12)
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CLOSED	SDI (1)-(8)
CLOSED	SDI Agreements
CLOSED	SDI Testing

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CLOSED	Summit (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Territorial Seas (1)(2)
CLOSED	Terrorism (1)(2)
CLOSED	Toronto Summit Declarations
CLOSED	Tower Board Implementation
CLOSED	Tower Board NSDD (1)-(4)
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CLOSED	Treaties
CLOSED	Treaty Interpretation (1)(2)
CLOSED	Treaty Law - Subsequent Practice (1)-(5)
CLOSED	Turkey
CLOSED	USSR (1)-(10)
CLOSED	USSR: Basic Scientific Research (1)(2)
CLOSED	United Nations
CLOSED	United Nations Peacekeeping
OPEN	US/Israel
OPEN	US/Soviet Maritime Boundary
CLOSED	US/USSR High School Exchange Program
CLOSED	USIA [High School Pairing Project]

#### **RAC Box 14**

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CLOSED	USS Stark Brief (06/02/1987) (1)(2)
CLOSED	Use of Force (1)(2)
CLOSED	VAX Notes
CLOSED	Verification
CLOSED	Videotape
CLOSED	Vietnam
CLOSED	Visas
CLOSED	Waldheim
CLOSED	Wallop Report
CLOSED	War Powers (1)-(11)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
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CLOSED	Yunis ( <i>U.S. v. Yunis</i> )

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OPEN	Unclassified Chron File - May 1987
CLOSED	Unclassified Chron File - June 1987
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CLOSED	Telephone Log 10/05/1987-12/30/1987
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CLOSED	December 1987 - Chron NR (1)-(18)

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CLOSED	07/16/1988-07/31/1988 Chron NR (1)-(7)
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CLOSED	12/01/1988-12/15/1988 Chron NR (1)-(8)
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