



## **Rentschler, James M.: Files, 1984-1986**

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### **Record Type**

Textual

### **Biography**

James Malone Rentschler was a career diplomat and the Ambassador to Malta, 1982-1985. He was detailed to the White House National Security Council Staff during the Carter and Reagan Administrations.

Rentschler was born on October 16, 1928 in Rochester, Minnesota. In 1954 he received a certificate from the University of Paris and later graduated from Yale University in 1955. He obtained his master's degree from Johns Hopkins University.

In 1959, Rentschler joined the United States Foreign Service and worked in multiple countries including Brazil, Italy, Morocco France and Romania He was also posted at the US NATO headquarters in Brussels.

In 1978, Rentschler became a senior staff member and Director of West European Affairs in the Office of Political Affairs at the National Security Council. He was retained at the NSC from the Carter Administration into the Reagan Administration.

In 1982, Reagan appointed Rentschler Ambassador to Malta where he remained until April 1985. He was appointed Ambassador to Guinea in 1986 but the nomination was withdrawn before the Senate could act upon the nomination.

While serving in Malta, Rentschler was asked to head the Summit Public Diplomacy Inter-Agency Team. His team assisted with the London, Bonn, Germany and Tokyo Economic Summits.

James Rentschler died in Paris, France in May 2007. He published an autobiography posthumously, *A Reason to Get Up in the Morning: A Cold Warrior*.

## **Scope and Content Note**

This Rentschler collection consists of four series: SERIES I: London Summit; SERIES II London Summit McCaslin File, SERIES III: Bonn Summit, and SERIES IV: Tokyo Summit.

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**SERIES I: LONDON SUMMIT****RAC Box 1**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Administration
OPEN	Briefing Papers (1)
OPEN	Briefing Papers (2)
OPEN	Briefing Papers (3)
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OPEN	Briefings - London Summit (1)
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OPEN	Briefings - London Summit (3)
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OPEN	Calendar of Speaking Events
OPEN	Contact List - Extra Copies
OPEN	Henze Report - London Economic Summit
OPEN	Interviews: FR-3 / Brian Farrell (1)
OPEN	Interviews: FR-3 / Brian Farrell (2)
OPEN	Irish Problem
OPEN	London Summit General Information (1)
OPEN	London Summit General Information (2)
OPEN	London Summit General Information (3)
OPEN	London Summit General Information (4)
OPEN	London Summit General Information (5)
OPEN	Meetings/Conferences - London Summit 1984 (1)
OPEN	Meetings/Conferences - London Summit 1984 (2)
OPEN	Meetings/Conferences - London Summit 1984 (3)
OPEN	Meetings/Conferences - London Summit 1984 (4)
OPEN	Memorandum of Conversation
OPEN	Originals
OPEN	Personnel - London Economic Summit
OPEN	Photos

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Press - Articles - <i>GIST</i>
OPEN	Press - EURONET
OPEN	Press -- General
OPEN	Press - Interviews (1)
OPEN	Press - Interviews (2)
OPEN	Press - Interviews (3)
OPEN	Press - Interviews (4)
OPEN	Press - Magazine Articles, Publications, etc.
OPEN	Press - Media Reaction (1)
OPEN	Press - Media Reaction (2)
OPEN	Press - Media Reaction (3)
OPEN	Press - Selective News Alerts (1)
OPEN	Press - Selective News Alerts (2)
OPEN	Press - Selective News Alerts (3)
OPEN	Press - Selective News Alerts (4)
OPEN	Press - WORLDNET
OPEN	Problems - General
OPEN	Public Affairs - Action Plan (1)
OPEN	Public Affairs - Action Plan (2)
OPEN	Public Affairs - Themes
OPEN	Schedules (1)
OPEN	Schedules (2)
OPEN	Speeches (1)
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OPEN	Speeches (5)
OPEN	Speeches (6)

## **RAC Box 2**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Speeches (7)
OPEN	Speeches - Radio Remarks

Status	Title
OPEN	Videos – Foreign Minister Barry of Ireland May 1984
OPEN	Incoming – Letter Chron
OPEN	Outgoing – Letters Chron [empty]
OPEN	Incoming Chrons – Memos 05/15/1984-June 1984 (1)
OPEN	Incoming Chrons – Memos 05/15/1984-June 1984 (2)
OPEN	Incoming Chrons – Memos 05/15/1984-June 1984 (3)
OPEN	Incoming Chrons – Memos 05/15/1984-June 1984 (4)
OPEN	Incoming Chrons – Memos 05/15/1984-June 1984 (5)
OPEN	Incoming Chrons – Memos 05/15/1984-June 1984 (6)
OPEN	Outgoing – Memos Chron (1)
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OPEN	Outgoing – Memos Chron (3)
OPEN	Incoming – Memo Chron (1)
OPEN	Incoming – Memo Chron (2)
OPEN	Incoming – Memo Chron (3)
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams London Economic Summit 04/24/1984-05/15/1984 (1)
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams London Economic Summit 04/24/1984-05/15/1984 (2)
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams London Economic Summit 04/24/1984-05/15/1984 (3)
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams London Economic Summit 05/16/1984-05/20/1984 (1)
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams London Economic Summit 05/16/1984-05/20/1984 (2)
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams London Economic Summit 05/16/1984-05/20/1984 (3)
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams London Economic Summit 05/21/1984-05/31/1984 (1)
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams London Economic Summit 05/21/1984-05/31/1984 (2)
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams London Economic Summit 05/21/1984-05/31/1984 (3)

Status	Title
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams London Economic Summit 05/21/1984-05/31/1984 (4)
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams Chron 06/01/1984-06/15/1984 (1)
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams Chron 06/01/1984-06/15/1984 (1)
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams Chron 06/01/1984-06/15/1984 (2)
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams Chron 06/01/1984-06/15/1984 (3)
OPEN	Incoming Telegrams Chron 06/01/1984-06/15/1984 (4)
OPEN	Outgoing - Telegrams Chron
OPEN	40th Anniversary of D-Day, Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, Headquarters, Department of the Army (Binder)
OPEN	<i>GIST</i> - London Economic Summit - April 1984
OPEN	<i>Hanging Together: The Seven-Power Summits</i> , (Page Proofs of Book) (1)
OPEN	Preserving Peace and Prosperity: The President's Trip to Europe, June 1984 (Public Diplomacy Action Plan) (Binder)
OPEN	President's Trip to Europe: Ireland, UK, and Normandy - 06/01/1984-06/10/1984 (Binder) (1)
OPEN	President's Trip to Europe: Ireland, UK, and Normandy - 06/01/1984-06/10/1984 (Binder) (2)
OPEN	President's Trip to Europe: Ireland, UK, and Normandy - 06/01/1984-06/10/1984 (Binder) (3)
OPEN	President's Trip to Europe: Ireland, UK, and Normandy - 06/01/1984-06/10/1984 (Binder) (4)
OPEN	President's Trip to Europe: Ireland, UK, and Normandy - 06/01/1984-06/10/1984 (Binder) (5)
OPEN	President's Trip to Europe: London Economic Summit - 06/07/1984-06/09/1984 (Binder) (1)
OPEN	President's Trip to Europe: London Economic Summit - 06/07/1984-06/09/1984 (Binder) (2)
OPEN	President's Trip to Europe: London Economic Summit - 06/07/1984-06/09/1984 (Binder) (3)
OPEN	President's Trip to Europe: London Economic Summit - 06/07/1984-06/09/1984 (Binder) (4)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	President Reagan's Trip to Ireland, Normandy, and the London Economic Summit - 06/01/1984-06/10/1984 (Binder) (1)
OPEN	President Reagan's Trip to Ireland, Normandy, and the London Economic Summit - 06/01/1984-06/10/1984 (Binder) (2)
OPEN	President Reagan's Trip to Ireland, Normandy, and the London Economic Summit - 06/01/1984-06/10/1984 (Binder) (3)
OPEN	President Reagan's Trip to Ireland, Normandy, and the London Economic Summit - 06/01/1984-06/10/1984 (Binder) (4)
OPEN	President Reagan's Trip to the People's Republic of China - 04/26/1984-05/01/1984 (Binder) (1)
OPEN	President Reagan's Trip to the People's Republic of China - 04/26/1984-05/01/1984 (Binder) (2)

## **SERIES II: LONDON SUMMIT MCCASLIN FILE**

### **RAC Box 3**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Foreign Press Center
OPEN	London Summit General
OPEN	Media Requests (1)
OPEN	Media Requests (2)
OPEN	OEOB / White House Summit Briefings [empty]
OPEN	Official Schedules - State, Commerce, DOE, DOD
OPEN	President Reagan's Trip to the People's Republic of China - 04/26/1984-05/01/1984 (Booklet)
OPEN	Speeches (Summit)
OPEN	Summit Requests for Interviews/Briefings
OPEN	President's China Trip 1984 - Public Affairs Guidance and Background (Booklet) (1)
OPEN	President's China Trip 1984 - Public Affairs Guidance and Background (Booklet) (2)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	President's China Trip 1984 - Public Affairs Guidance and Background (Booklet) (3)
OPEN	President's European Trip June 1984 (Binder) (1)
OPEN	President's European Trip June 1984 (Binder) (2)
OPEN	President's European Trip June 1984 (Binder) (3)
OPEN	President Reagan's Trip to the People's Republic of China - 04/26/1984-05/01/1984 (Binder) (1)
OPEN	President Reagan's Trip to the People's Republic of China - 04/26/1984-05/01/1984 (Binder) (2)
OPEN	President Reagan's Trip to the People's Republic of China - 04/26/1984-05/01/1984 (Binder) (3)
OPEN	[Unlabeled Folder - Material re European Trip]
OPEN	[Unlabeled Folder - Written on Inside "C. Henze Reports re USIA Summit Involvement"] [empty]

### **SERIES III: BONN SUMMIT FILE**

#### **RAC Box 4**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Administration
OPEN	Bergen-Belsen
OPEN	Bilateral with Mitterrand
OPEN	Bitburg (1)
OPEN	Bitburg (2)
OPEN	Bitburg (3)
OPEN	Bitburg (4)
OPEN	Bitburg (5)
OPEN	Bitburg (6)
OPEN	Bonn Economic Summit (1)
OPEN	Bonn Economic Summit (2)
OPEN	Bonn Economic Summit: Economic Issues - Various Opinions on
OPEN	Bonn Economic Summit: <i>GIST</i>
OPEN	Bonn Economic Summit: Key Economic Objectives
OPEN	Bonn Economic Summit: Morning TV Requests



Status	Title
OPEN	Bonn Economic Summit: Political Aspects
OPEN	Bonn Economic Summit: Preparations for
OPEN	Bonn Economic Summit: Press Rules
OPEN	Bonn Economic Summit: Scope Paper
OPEN	Bonn Economic Summit: Sherpa Meetings
OPEN	Briefing Books – Requests for
OPEN	Building Access Forms for Meetings
OPEN	Cabinet-Level USG Support for President’s Trip (1)
OPEN	Cabinet-Level USG Support for President’s Trip (2)
OPEN	Congress
OPEN	German State Visit (1)
OPEN	German State Visit (2)
OPEN	Germany – Site File
OPEN	Hambach Castle
OPEN	Italy – Site File [empty]
OPEN	Japan
OPEN	List of Potential Trip Negatives
OPEN	Master Contact List
OPEN	Meetings, Interagency – Attendance Lists/Agendas
OPEN	Memoranda to Sims
OPEN	Miscellaneous Items
OPEN	Mrs. Reagan’s Schedule (1)
OPEN	Mrs. Reagan’s Schedule (2)
OPEN	Nicaragua
OPEN	Policy and Guidelines
OPEN	Portugal
OPEN	Portugal – Site File
OPEN	Presidential Interview (1)
OPEN	Presidential Interview (2)
OPEN	Presidential Interview (3)
OPEN	Presidential Statements
OPEN	Presidential Trip to Europe (1)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Presidential Trip to Europe (2)
OPEN	Press Announcements
OPEN	Press Briefing Book (1)
OPEN	Press Briefing Book (2)
OPEN	Press Briefing Book (3)
OPEN	Press Briefing Book (4)
OPEN	Public Affairs Strategy Paper
OPEN	Public Opinion Polls (1)
OPEN	Public Opinion Polls (2)
OPEN	Public Opinion Polls (3)
OPEN	Q's and A's
OPEN	Questions for Presidential Interview
OPEN	Reference Materials from Previous Summits
OPEN	Space Initiatives
OPEN	Spain (1)
OPEN	Spain (2)
OPEN	Spain - Site File
OPEN	Speeches during European Trip (1)
OPEN	Speeches during European Trip (2)
OPEN	Speeches during European Trip (3)
OPEN	Speeches during European Trip (4)
OPEN	Speeches during European Trip (5)
OPEN	Speeches during European Trip (6)
OPEN	Speeches during European Trip (7)

#### **RAC Box 5**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Status Report - President's Trip to Europe
OPEN	Strasbourg
OPEN	Strasbourg - Site File
OPEN	SDI (1)
OPEN	SDI (2)
OPEN	Structural Adjustment

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Summit Technology
OPEN	Telephone Inquiries
OPEN	Trade Data - Spain and Portugal
OPEN	Trip Schedule (1)
OPEN	Trip Schedule (2)
OPEN	Trip Schedule (3)
OPEN	Trip Schedule (4)
OPEN	Trip Themes
OPEN	V-E Day
OPEN	White House Briefings
OPEN	White House Press Signup List for Europe - 04/30/1985-05/10/1985
OPEN	White House Summit Group
OPEN	Work Program

#### **RAC Box 6**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	President's Trip to the Bonn Economic Summit, Spain, the European Parliament, and Portugal, 04/30/1985-05/10/1985 (Binder) (1)
OPEN	President's Trip to the Bonn Economic Summit, Spain, the European Parliament, and Portugal, 04/30/1985-05/10/1985 (Binder) (2)
OPEN	President's Trip to the Bonn Economic Summit, Spain, the European Parliament, and Portugal, 04/30/1985-05/10/1985 (Binder) (3)
OPEN	President's Trip to the Bonn Economic Summit, Spain, the European Parliament, and Portugal, 04/30/1985-05/10/1985 (Binder) (4)
OPEN	President's Trip to the Bonn Economic Summit, Spain, the European Parliament, and Portugal, 04/30/1985-05/10/1985 (Binder) (5)
OPEN	President's Trip to Bonn, Madrid, Strasbourg, and Lisbon, 04/30/1985-05/10/1985 (Binder) (1)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	President's Trip to Bonn, Madrid, Strasbourg, and Lisbon, 04/30/1985-05/10/1985 (Binder) (2)
OPEN	President's Trip to Bonn, Madrid, Strasbourg, and Lisbon, 04/30/1985-05/10/1985 (Binder) (3)
OPEN	President's Trip to Bonn, Madrid, Strasbourg, and Lisbon, 04/30/1985-05/10/1985 (Binder) (4)
OPEN	President's Trip to Bonn, Madrid, Strasbourg, and Lisbon, 04/30/1985-05/10/1985 (Binder) (5)

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##### **RAC Box 7**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Chron File (1)
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OPEN	Chron File (5)
OPEN	Chron File (6)
OPEN	Chron File (7)
OPEN	President's Briefing Book for Indonesia, 04/29/1986-05/02/1986 (Binder)
OPEN	Monday Read File - Afternoon
OPEN	Monday Read File - Morning
OPEN	Tuesday Read File - Afternoon
OPEN	Tuesday Read File - Morning
OPEN	Wednesday Read File - Afternoon
OPEN	Wednesday Read File - Morning
OPEN	Thursday Read File - Afternoon
OPEN	Thursday Read File - Morning
OPEN	Friday Read File - Afternoon
OPEN	Friday Read File - Morning
OPEN	Saturday Read File [empty]
OPEN	ACRANIM - Arms Control Related Acronyms, Names, and Incidental Mnemonics

Status	Title
OPEN	Public Diplomacy Action Plan
OPEN	Administration - Equipment (Typewriters, Wang, IBM)
OPEN	Administration - General, Roster
OPEN	Alert (Daily Wrap-Up) (1)
OPEN	Alert (Daily Wrap-Up) (2)
OPEN	ASEAN Meeting - Remarks, Toasts, Departures, etc.
OPEN	Briefings (Also Foreign Press Center Briefings)
OPEN	Calendar (1)
OPEN	Calendar (2)
OPEN	Contact List
OPEN	EOB - Miscellaneous (Meeting Rooms, etc.)
OPEN	First Lady (1)
OPEN	First Lady (2)
OPEN	Framework for Public Diplomacy
OPEN	Indonesia - General Background (1)
OPEN	Indonesia - General Background (2)
OPEN	Indonesia - Remarks, Toasts, Departure, etc.
OPEN	Interviews (1)
OPEN	Interviews (2)
OPEN	Japan - General Background
OPEN	Libya (1)
OPEN	Libya (2)
OPEN	Libya (3)
OPEN	Libya (4)
OPEN	Libya (5)
OPEN	Libya (6)
OPEN	Matrix - Issues/Events
OPEN	Key Media Reaction Reports (1)
OPEN	Key Media Reaction Reports (2)
OPEN	Meetings - 04/07/1986 - Talking Points
OPEN	Miscellaneous (Public Diplomacy Requests, etc.)
OPEN	"Negatives" List (1)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	“Negatives” List (2)
OPEN	First Lady’s “Negatives” List
OPEN	OECD
OPEN	Political Issues
OPEN	Polls
OPEN	Positives List
OPEN	Press Book

**RAC Box 8**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Press Book [Booklet] Trip of President Reagan to Indonesia/the ASEAN Conference and the Tokyo Economic Summit 04/25/1986-05/07/1986 (1)
OPEN	Press Book [Booklet] Trip of President Reagan to Indonesia/the ASEAN Conference and the Tokyo Economic Summit 04/25/1986-05/07/1986 (2)
OPEN	Press Book [Booklet] Trip of President Reagan to Indonesia/the ASEAN Conference and the Tokyo Economic Summit 04/25/1986-05/07/1986 (3)
OPEN	Press Book [Booklet] Trip of President Reagan to Indonesia/the ASEAN Conference and the Tokyo Economic Summit 04/25/1986-05/07/1986 (4)
OPEN	Press Book [Booklet] Trip of President Reagan to Indonesia/the ASEAN Conference and the Tokyo Economic Summit 04/25/1986-05/07/1986 (5)
OPEN	Press Briefings
OPEN	Press – Clippings (1)
OPEN	Press – Clippings (2)
OPEN	Press Plan (Larry Speakes)
OPEN	Press – Yomiuri Shimbun Interview
OPEN	Public Diplomacy Module
OPEN	Radio Addresses
OPEN	Remarks (Statements by President) (1)
OPEN	Remarks (Statements by President) (2)

Status	Title
OPEN	Scene Setter
OPEN	President's Schedule
OPEN	Schedule - Annotated Agenda for
OPEN	Schedule - Outline of
OPEN	Scope Paper
OPEN	Speeches (1)
OPEN	Speeches (2)
OPEN	Speeches (3)
OPEN	Speeches (4)
OPEN	Speeches - President's Chamber of Commerce 04/23/1986 (1)
OPEN	Speeches - President's Chamber of Commerce 04/23/1986 (2)
OPEN	Speeches - President's Los Angeles Address 04/25/1986
OPEN	Tokyo
OPEN	Tokyo - Remarks, Toasts, Departure, etc.
OPEN	USIA (1)
OPEN	USIA (2)
OPEN	USIA (3)
OPEN	USIA Personnel during Summit
OPEN	Voice of America Editorials
OPEN	White House Summit Group
OPEN	Wireless File Backgrounders (1)
OPEN	Wireless File Backgrounders (2)
OPEN	Wireless File Backgrounders (3)
OPEN	OECD Executive Committee in Special Session 04/02/1986-04/03/1986 Paris (Binder) (1)
OPEN	OECD Executive Committee in Special Session 04/02/1986-04/03/1986 Paris (Binder) (2)
OPEN	OECD Executive Committee in Special Session 04/02/1986-04/03/1986 Paris (Binder) (3)
OPEN	OECD Ministerial Paris 04/17/1986-04/18/1986 (Binder) (1)

Status	Title
OPEN	OECD Ministerial Paris 04/17/1986-04/18/1986 (Binder) (2)
OPEN	OECD Ministerial Paris 04/17/1986-04/18/1986 (Binder) (3)
OPEN	President Reagan's Trip to Indonesia/the ASEAN Conference and the Tokyo Economic Summit 04/25/1986-05/07/1986 (Binder) (Copy 1) (1)
OPEN	President Reagan's Trip to Indonesia/the ASEAN Conference and the Tokyo Economic Summit 04/25/1986-05/07/1986 (Binder) (Copy 1) (2)
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