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Record Type

Textual

Biography

Brief Biography

Peter Ruediger Sommer was born on March 17, 1928 in Washington, DC.

Sommer was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy.

Peter Sommer graduated with a B.A. from Washington University in 1962. He did post-graduate work at the L'Institut d'Estudes Politiques, in Paris, France, 1963-1964.

Sommer began his government service work as a research analyst at the Department of Defense United Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) (Paris), 1965-1967. Sommer returned to Washington to be a staff assistant on the Senate Committee on Appropriations, 1967-1970. Returning to Europe, Sommer was a defense planning analyst at NATO, Brussels, 1970-1975.

Sommers was then appointed assistant for African affairs at the Defense Security Assistance Agency, Department of Defense, 1975-1978. He served as political-military attaché at the United States Embassy in London, England, 1978-1982.

Peter Sommer was transferred from the Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy) to the National Security Council staff on July 25, 1982. His original assignment involved coordinating legislative liaison work for the National Security Council on legislation of interest to the NSC, such as CBI, security assistance, MX and the overall defense budget. In 1983 he was appointed Director of the European and Soviet Affairs Directorate when the NSC reorganized it's regional affairs offices.

In July 1987, President Ronald Reagan nominated Sommer to be the United States ambassador to Malta. The Senate confirmed the nomination in late September and Sommer began as Ambassador on October 9, 1987. He remained at this post through the beginning of the George H.W. Bush administration, leaving in October 1989.

Peter Sommer passed away in Bern, Switzerland of heart failure on September 16, 2003.

Scope and Content Note

Scope Note

Peter Sommer started work at the National Security Council in mid-1982 coordinating legislative liaison work on specific issues such as the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI), security assistance, MX and the overall defense budget. The Library has no specific "Sommer" material for this work, but Sommer work product on these issues can be found in the [Robert Kimmitt](#) collection.

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OPEN	Armenia 1986 (1982-1983)
OPEN	Armenia 1986 (01/01/1984-04/30/1984)
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Status	Title
OPEN	Armenia 1986 (04/24/1985-04/31/1985)
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CLOSED	Belgium 1985 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Belgium 1986
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CLOSED	Biographic Materials Miscellaneous [Belgium]
CLOSED	Biographic Materials Miscellaneous [Cyprus]
CLOSED	Biographic Materials Miscellaneous [Federal Republic of Germany]
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CLOSED	Biographic Materials Miscellaneous [United Kingdom]
CLOSED	Biographic Materials Miscellaneous: [Dr. Alton G. Keel, Jr.]
OPEN	CSCE [Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe], 1986
CLOSED	Crosshatches (1)-(4)
OPEN	Cyprus 1985 (1)-(5)
OPEN	Cyprus 1986 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Denmark 1986 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Economic Summit Statements
CLOSED	European Community (EC) 1987 (1)(2)
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany I 1985 (01/31/1985-02/19/1985)

Status	Title
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany I 1985 (02/20/1985-03/07/1985)
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany I 1985 (03/08/1985-03/18/1985)
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany I 1985 (03/19/1985-03/25/1985)
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany I 1985 (03/26/1985-03/31/1985)
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OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany I 1985 (04/09/1985-04/15/1985)
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany I 1985 (04/16/1985-04/30/1985)
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OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany II 1985 (06/15/1985-06/30/1985)
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany II 1985 (07/01/1985-08/15/1985)
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany II 1985 (08/16/1985-08/22/1985)
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany II 1985 (08/23/1985-08/31/1985)
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany II 1985 (09/01/1985-09/15/1985)
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany II 1985 (09/16/1985-09/19/1985)

Status	Title
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany II 1985 (09/20/1985-10/15/1985)
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany II 1985 (10/16/1985-10/28/1985)
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany II 1985 (10/29/1985-11/15/1985)
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany II 1985 (11/16/1985-12/11/1985)
OPEN	Federal Republic of Germany II 1985 (12/12/1985-12/31/1985)
CLOSED	Federal Republic of Germany 1986 (1)-(9)

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Federal Republic of Germany 1986 (10)-(14)
OPEN	Finland 1986
CLOSED	Greece 1985 (1)-(10)
CLOSED	Greece 1986 (1)-(8)
CLOSED	Iceland 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985 (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Iceland 1986 (1)-(5)
CLOSED	Iceland 1987
CLOSED	Iceland / Rainbow 1985 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Iceland / Rainbow 1986
CLOSED	Ireland 1985 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Ireland 1986 (1)-(6)
CLOSED	Ireland 1987

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Status	Title
OPEN	Northern Ireland (1)-(7)
OPEN	Northern Ireland 1986 (1)-(5)
CLOSED	NATO 1985 (1)-(6)
OPEN	NATO 1986 (01/08/1986-01/14/1986)
OPEN	NATO 1986 (02/19/1986-05/14/1986)

Status	Title
OPEN	NATO 1986 (05/22/1986-07/22/1986)
OPEN	NATO 1986 (07/23/1986-09/03/1986)
OPEN	NATO 1986 (09/17/1986-11/19/1986)
OPEN	NATO 1986 (11/21/1986-12/11/1986)
OPEN	NATO 1986 (12/12/1986-12/22/1986)
CLOSED	NATO 1987 (1)-(5)
CLOSED	Norway 1985 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Norway 1986 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Portugal 1985 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Portugal 1986 (1)-(5)
CLOSED	Spain 1985 (1)-(4)

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Spain 1985 (5)-(9)
OPEN	Spain 1986 (1)-(7)
CLOSED	Spain 1987 (1)-(5)
CLOSED	Spain (Base Negotiations) (1)(2)
OPEN	Sweden [1985] (1)-(3)
OPEN	Sweden 1986 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Turkey 1985 (1)
OPEN	Turkey 1985 (2)(3)
CLOSED	Turkey 1985 (4)
OPEN	Turkey 1985 (5)
OPEN	Turkey 1986 (1)-(7)
OPEN	United Kingdom 1985 01/01/1985-03/26/1985
OPEN	United Kingdom 1985 03/27/1985-04/27/1985
OPEN	United Kingdom 1985 04/28/1985-05/20/1985
OPEN	United Kingdom 1985 05/21/1985-06/05/1985
OPEN	United Kingdom 1985 06/06/1985-06/24/1985
OPEN	United Kingdom 1985 06/25/1985-07/08/1985
OPEN	United Kingdom 1985 07/09/1985-07/24/1985
OPEN	United Kingdom 1985 07/25/1985-08/14/1985

Status	Title
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OPEN	United Kingdom 1985 10/01/1985-10/22/1985
OPEN	United Kingdom 1985 10/24/1985-11/04/1985
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OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 03/14/1986-03/31/1986
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OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 04/21/1986-04/24/1986
OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 04/25/1986-05/15/1986
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OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 05/21/1986-05/22/1986
OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 05/23/1986-05/28/1986
OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 05/29/1986-06/02/1986

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Status	Title
OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 06/03/1986-06/11/1986
OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 06/12/1986-07/10/1986
OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 07/11/1986-07/18/1986
OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 07/19/1986-08/31/1986
OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 09/01/1986-09/24/1986
OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 09/25/1986-10/06/1986
OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 10/07/1986-10/19/1986
OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 10/20/1986-11/02/1986
CLOSED	United Kingdom 1986 11/03/1986-11/20/1986
OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 11/21/1986-12/07/1986

Status	Title
OPEN	United Kingdom 1986 12/08/1986-01/02/1987
CLOSED	United Nations and United Nations General Assembly 1986 (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Western European Union (WEU)

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CLOSED	President's Trip - Europe June 1984 [January 1985-May 1985] (1)-(14)
CLOSED	[President's Trip to Europe, June 1984 (Public Diplomacy Action Plan)]
CLOSED	President's Trip May 1985 (1)-(8)
CLOSED	President's Trip to Europe - Germany, Spain, Strasbourg, and Portugal 04/30/1985-05-03/1985 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	President's Trip to Europe - Bonn Economic Summit 05/03/1985-/05/04/1985 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Geneva the Meetings of President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev, November 1985 (Press) (1)-(4)
CLOSED	President's Trip to Reykjavik, Iceland 10/10/1986-10/12/1986 (Overall Briefing Book) (1)-(3)

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CLOSED	Venice Summit 1987 (1)-(13)
CLOSED	President's Trip to Venice Economic Summit, Rome, the Vatican, West Berlin, and Bonn 06/03/1987-06/12/1987 (Press) (1)-(7)
OPEN	First Lady's Trip to Sweden (1)(2)
OPEN	Trip of the President to Italy and the FRG 06/03/1987-06/12/1987 (1)(2)
OPEN	Trip of the President to the Venice Economic Summit 06/08/1987-06/11/1987 (1)-(5)
OPEN	Venice Summit Bilats [Bilaterals]
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CLOSED	Turkey Visit of Prime Minister Ozal, April 1985
OPEN	Crozier Visit, 05/29/1985 [Brian Crozier, British Journalist]
CLOSED	Ozal Visit February 1987
CLOSED	Evren Visit 1987
CLOSED	Martens Visit 1987
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CLOSED	Chron August 1986
CLOSED	Chron September 1986 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron October 1986 (1)-(5)

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Chron November 1986 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron December 1986 (1)(2)
OPEN	Chron 01/01/1987-01/19/1987
OPEN	Chron 01/20/1987-01/31/1987
OPEN	Chron 02/01/1987-02/05/1987
OPEN	Chron 02/06/1987-02/10/1987
OPEN	Chron 02/11/1987-02/27/1987
OPEN	Chron 03/01/1987-03/11/1987
OPEN	Chron 03/12/1987-03/15/1987
OPEN	Chron 03/16/1987-03/23/1987

Status	Title
OPEN	Chron 03/24/1987-03/29/1987
OPEN	Chron 03/30/1987-03/31/1987
OPEN	Chron 04/01/1987-04/08/1987
OPEN	Chron 04/09/1987 (1)(2)
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OPEN	Chron 04/30/1987
OPEN	Chron 05/01/1987-05/10/1987
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