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Record Type

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Biography

Biography

John Lenczowski is a former public official and the founder and president of The Institute of World Politics, an independent graduate school of statecraft and national security affairs in Washington, DC.

Dr. John Lenczowski was born on July 20, 1950 in Hamilton, New York. He is the son of Professor George Lenczowski, a lawyer, diplomat, scholar, and Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, at the University of California, Berkeley. Lenczowski was a pioneer in his field as the founder and first chair of the Committee (later Center) of Middle Eastern Studies at Berkeley. He was among America's first major scholars of the modern Middle East.

Dr. Lenczowski attended the Thacher School, earned his B.A. at the University of California, Berkeley, and received his M.A. and Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

From 1981 to 1983, Dr. Lenczowski served in the State Department in the Bureau of European Affairs and as Special Advisor to Under Secretary for Political Affairs Lawrence Eagleburger. His highest priority was strengthening Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, so that it could overcome Soviet jamming and rapidly disseminate news of resistance to Soviet authority. Lenczowski succeeded in getting \$2.5 billion authorized to modernize Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. In 1981, he became part of the newly founded [Active Measures Working Group](#), which aimed to counter Soviet disinformation campaigns. Lenczowski encouraged the group to take a more proactive role in countering disinformation.

From 1983 to 1987, he was Director of European and Soviet Affairs at the National Security Council. In that capacity, he was one of the principal Soviet affairs advisers to President Reagan.

Lenczowski then founded The Institute of World Politics (IWP). IWP is dedicated to developing leaders with a sound understanding of international realities and the ethical conduct of statecraft, based on knowledge and appreciation of American founding principles and the Western moral tradition. Offering a doctoral program, five Master's degrees and eighteen certificate programs, IWP is the only academic

institution dedicated to teaching all the arts of statecraft, including: military strategy, the art of diplomacy; public diplomacy, opinion formation, political warfare; intelligence, counterintelligence, economic strategy, and moral leadership, and how these arts are integrated into national strategy.

Lenczowski has been associated with several academic and research institutions in the Washington area, including Georgetown University, the University of Maryland, the American Enterprise Institute, the Ethics and Public Policy Center, the Council for Inter-American Security, and the International Freedom Foundation. He has also served on the staff of Congressman James Courter.

He is the author of *Soviet Perceptions of U.S. Foreign Policy* (1982); *The Sources of Soviet Perestroika* (1990), *Cultural Diplomacy: A Multi-faceted Strategic Asset of Soviet Power* (1991); *Full-Spectrum Diplomacy and Grand Strategy* (2011) and numerous other writings and addresses on U.S. foreign policy, public diplomacy, cultural diplomacy, counter-propaganda, political warfare, Soviet/Russian affairs, comparative ideologies, intelligence, strategic deception, counterintelligence, and integrated strategy. He has testified before Congress on numerous occasions.

Dr. Lenczowski and his wife, Susan, have two children and live in Washington.

John Lenczowski has his own [web page](#).

Scope and Content Note

Scope Note

The John Lenczowski collection contained material from his tenure at the State Department in the Bureau of European Affairs and work product from his time at the White House with the National Security Council. The Library arranged his collection to reflect these two different sources of information.

The John Lenczowski collection consists of two series: SERIES I: National Security Council (NSC) Files, 1983-1987: Subseries A: NSC Subject Files and Subseries B: NSC Chronological File. The second series is SERIES II: Department of State Files, 1981-1982: Subseries A: State Department Subject File; Subseries B: State Department Background File; Subseries C: State Department Filing; and Subseries D: State Department Chronological File.

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SERIES I: NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC) FILES, 1983-1987

SUBSERIES A: NSC Subject File

RAC Box 1

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (4)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (5)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (6)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (7)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (8)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (9)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (10)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (11)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (12)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (13)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (14)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Active Measures (15)
CLOSED	Appeasement

Status	Title
CLOSED	Arms Control
CLOSED	Chernobyl
CLOSED	Communism
CLOSED	Compliance (1)-(11)
CLOSED	Cuba/Reprisals (1)-(6)

RAC Box 2

Status	Title
OPEN	Deception/Disinformation (1)-(7)
CLOSED	Democracy
CLOSED	Economics (1)-(6)
CLOSED	Exchanges/Reciprocity (1)-(32)

RAC Box 3

Status	Title
CLOSED	Gorbachev
CLOSED	IBC (International Broadcasting Committee) - 1986
CLOSED	ICA (International Communications Agency) Themes
CLOSED	International Information Committee
CLOSED	Latin America
CLOSED	Moral Equivalence (1)(2)
CLOSED	NSDD
CLOSED	Peace Corps
OPEN	Poland
CLOSED	PSYOPS (1)(2)
CLOSED	Public Diplomacy (1)-(12)

RAC Box 4

Status	Title
CLOSED	Public Diplomacy - Africa (1)(2)
CLOSED	Public Diplomacy - Central America
CLOSED	Public Diplomacy - Cultural Affairs
CLOSED	Public Diplomacy - DOD
CLOSED	Public Diplomacy - Foreign Opinion (1)(2)
OPEN	Public Diplomacy - Human Rights

Status	Title
CLOSED	Public Diplomacy – IIC (International Information Committee) (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Public Diplomacy – Middle East
CLOSED	Public Diplomacy – SPG (Special Planning Group)
CLOSED	Public Diplomacy – Strategy (1)(2)
CLOSED	Public Diplomacy – U.S.-U.S.S.R. (1)-(14)
CLOSED	Public Diplomacy – Video
CLOSED	Radio 1982 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Radio 1983 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Radio: Audience Reaction
CLOSED	Radio – Board for International Broadcasting (BIB)
CLOSED	Radio – Communist
CLOSED	Radio – Cuba Contingency Response
CLOSED	Radio – Direct Broadcast by Satellite (DBS) (1)-(13)

RAC Box 5

Status	Title
CLOSED	Radio – Federal Activities in Information and Communication (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Radio – International Broadcasting Committee (IBC) 1983 and before (1)-(10)
CLOSED	Radio – IBC 1984 (1)-(16)
CLOSED	Radio – IBC 1985 (1)-(5)
CLOSED	Radio – IBC 1986 (1)-(7)

RAC Box 6

Status	Title
CLOSED	Radio – Jamming (1)-(18)
CLOSED	Radio – Modernization
CLOSED	Radio/Television (1)(2)
CLOSED	Radio/Television Broadcast
CLOSED	Radio/Transmit Afghanistan
CLOSED	Radio/Transmit Maccabee
CLOSED	Radio/Transmit Marti (1)-(21)

RAC Box 7

Status	Title
CLOSED	Radio/Transmit Marti (22)-(31)
OPEN	Radio Marti [News Department. Annual Report, 05/20/1986] (1)-(3)
CLOSED	[An Analysis of the Cuban Radio Audience and Radio Programming] (Binder) (1)-(4)
CLOSED	[The Cuban Radio Audience] (1)-(7)
CLOSED	Radio/Transmit RIAS (Radio in the American Sector) (Berlin)
CLOSED	Radio/Transmit RIAS (Radio in the American Sector) Television
CLOSED	Radio/Transmit Radio Tiano
CLOSED	Radio/Transmit RFE/RL (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty) (1)-(14)
CLOSED	Radio/Transmit: Voice of America 1982-1983
CLOSED	Radio/Transmit: Voice of America 1984
OPEN	Radio/Transmit: Voice of America 01/01/1985-05/31/1985
OPEN	Radio/Transmit: Voice of America 06/01/1985-12/31/1985
OPEN	Radio/Transmit: Voice of America 01/01/1986-05/15/1986
OPEN	Radio/Transmit: Voice of America 05/16/1986-06/30/1986
OPEN	Radio/Transmit: Voice of America 07/01/1986-09/30/1986
OPEN	Radio/Transmit: Voice of America 10/01/1986-10/22/1986
CLOSED	Radio - World Administrative Radio Conference Hi Frequency (WARC HF) (1)-(8)

RAC Box 8

Status	Title
CLOSED	Radio - World Administrative Radio Conference Hi Frequency (WARC HF) (9)-(14)
CLOSED	Radios (1)-(14)
CLOSED	RARC
CLOSED	Resistance
CLOSED	JL - Semantics
CLOSED	Sino-Soviet
CLOSED	Site Negotiations (1)-(25)

RAC Box 9

Status	Title
CLOSED	Socialist International
CLOSED	Solzhenitsyn, Alexander
CLOSED	Soviet (1)-(6)
OPEN	Soviet Union (1)-(11)
CLOSED	Soviet Strategy (1)-(12)
OPEN	Summit [Geneva, 1985] (1)-(7)
CLOSED	Telecommunications (1)-(3)
CLOSED	USSR/Afghanistan
CLOSED	USSR Civil Unrest
CLOSED	USSR/Propaganda
OPEN	USSR - Religion (1)(2)
CLOSED	USIA: Briefing Book on Jamming and the Free Flow of Information (Binder) (1)-(3)

RAC Box 10

Status	Title
CLOSED	U.S.-Soviet Union (1)-(26)
OPEN	Voice of America
CLOSED	Weekly File
CLOSED	WARC (World Administrative Radio Conference)
OPEN	WorldNet (1)-(8)
OPEN	WorldNet [Information Packet]

SUBSERIES B: NSC CHRONOLOGICAL FILES**RAC Box 10, cont'd**

Status	Title
CLOSED	Chron Files February 1983
CLOSED	Chron Files 03/01/1983-03/08/1983
CLOSED	Chron Files 03/09/1983-03/15/1983
CLOSED	Chron Files 03/16/1983-03/22/1983
CLOSED	Chron Files 03/23/1983-03/24/1983
OPEN	Chron Files 03/25/1983
CLOSED	Chron Files 03/26/1983-03/29/1983

Status	Title
CLOSED	Chron Files 03/30/1983-03/31/1983
CLOSED	Chron Files April 1983 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Chron Files May 1983 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron Files June 1983 (1)-(5)
CLOSED	Chron Files July 1983 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron Files August 1983 1)-(3)

RAC Box 11

Status	Title
CLOSED	Chron Files September 1983 (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Chron Files October 1983 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Chron Files November 1983 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron Files December 1983 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Chron Files January 1984 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Chron Files February 1984 (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Chron Files March 1984 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Chron Files April 1984 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Chron Files May 1984 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Chron Files June 1984
CLOSED	Chron Files July 1984
CLOSED	Chron Files August 1984
CLOSED	Chron Files September 1984 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron Files October 1984 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Chron Files November 1984 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron Files December 1984 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron Files January 1985 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Chron Files February 1985
CLOSED	Chron Files March 1985
CLOSED	Chron Files April 1985 (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Chron Files May 1985 (1)-(3)

RAC Box 12

Status	Title
CLOSED	Chron Files June 1985 (1)-(3)

Status	Title
CLOSED	Chron Files July 1985 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Chron Files August 1985 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Chron Files September 1985 (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Chron Files October 1985 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Chron Files November 1985 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron Files December 1985
CLOSED	Chron Files January 1986
CLOSED	Chron Files February 1986 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron Files March 1986
CLOSED	Chron Files April 1986
CLOSED	Chron Files May 1986 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron Files June 1986 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron Files July 1986
CLOSED	Chron Files August 1986 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron Files September (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Chron Files October
CLOSED	Chron Files November
CLOSED	Chron Files December
CLOSED	Chron Files January 1987 (empty)
CLOSED	Chron Files February 1987 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron Files March 1987

SERIES II: DEPARTMENT OF STATE FILES, 1981-1982

SUBSERIES A: State Department Subject File

RAC Box 13

Status	Title
CLOSED	Afghanistan 1981
CLOSED	Afghanistan 1982
CLOSED	Afghanistan [A Strategy for Afghanistan Day, 03/21/1982]
CLOSED	Latin and Central America (1)(2)
CLOSED	[Notes and Personal Files] (1)(2)
OPEN	Poland (1)-(5)
CLOSED	Political Action (1)-(8)

Status	Title
OPEN	Project Truth (1)-(5)
CLOSED	SALT - Nukes - Pacifism
CLOSED	Western Political Offensive (1)-(5)

SUBSERIES B: State Department Background Material

RAC Box 14

Status	Title
OPEN	Active Measures (1)-(8)
CLOSED	Arms Control
CLOSED	Chemical - Biological Warfare (1)(2)
CLOSED	[Dramatization in Communist Countries Conference 10/18/1982-10/19/1982]
CLOSED	Eagleburger (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Hold for Lenchowsky [sic] (1)-(14)
OPEN	Human Rights (1)-(4)
CLOSED	[Miscellaneous: Economic Development, Soviet Union, Poland, Afghan...]
CLOSED	MX
CLOSED	North-South (1)-(9)

RAC Box 15

Status	Title
CLOSED	Political Action (1)-(4)
CLOSED	[Proposed Mission Statement USIA + Background Material]
CLOSED	Radios (1)(2)
CLOSED	Sanctions and Technology Transfer
OPEN	Soviet Union [Background] (1)-(3)
CLOSED	[State Publications: <i>The Human Factor in Shaping Foreign Policy</i>]
CLOSED	[State Publications: <i>Soviet and Soviet-Proxy Involvement in Poland</i>]
CLOSED	[State Publications: <i>World Peace Council</i>]
CLOSED	To File: Miscellaneous

SUBSERIES C: State Department Filing

RAC Box 15, cont'd

Status**Title**

CLOSED

Filing (1)-(19)

SUBSERIES D: State Department Chronological File**Box 15, cont'd****Status****Title**

CLOSED

JL - Chron File 1981 [Performance Appraisal Report]

CLOSED

JL - Chron File 1981 (1)-(8)