



## Hill, Kenneth J.: Files, 1981-1984

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### **Record Type**

Textual

### **Biography**

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Kenneth J. Hill (born 1946) was a Department of State Foreign Service officer who was detailed to the White House in July 1983, to coordinate all Federal involvement in security for the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Hill's qualifications included past work in counterterrorism, law enforcement, embassy and consulate security, and protection of government dignitaries. Hill reported to [Michael Deaver](#), the White House Deputy Chief of Staff. Deaver was appointed Presidential Liaison to the Olympics in 1981 and both [William Sittman](#) and [Michael McManus](#) on his staff were involved in liaison work for the 1984 Olympics.

Hill ensured the involvement and coordination of the various Federal agencies involved in Olympic security, and monitored the Department of Defense's ongoing expenditures for Olympic security and law enforcement. He provided regular "Olympic Security Briefings" to Deaver, McManus and Sittman, and testified on Olympic security before Congressional committees. He maintained daily contact with the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee (LAOOC), the private organization which ran the 1984 Summer Olympics. He also served on the Olympic Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (OLECC) with representatives from the LAOOC and Los Angeles-area law enforcement.

After Hill left the Olympics security position in December 1984, he served on the 1985 Inaugural Committee, did trip advance work for Nancy Reagan and George Bush, was a nominee for the National Transportation Safety Board (until his nomination was withdrawn), and worked in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He remained a detailee from the Department of State through all these positions, until he resumed work in the State Department in August 1986.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists of material regarding Hill's work as Federal Security Coordinator for the Olympics. It also includes material created by Deaver, McManus and Sittman supervising and coordinating White House involvement with the 1984 Olympics. It appears that Hill maintained all filing for the 1984 Olympic security and White House liaison functions, including work product of Deaver, Sittman and McManus.

The collections is arranged into four series: SERIES I: Security Material; SERIES II: Soviet Participation Issues; SERIES III: Correspondence; and Series IV: Subject File.

## **Series List**

### **SERIES I: Security Issues**

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Additional material within this series consists of directions on how to treat defections during the Olympics; coordination and supervision of all federal agency roles in security for the 1984 Olympics, coordination of Southern California law enforcement agencies, California state agencies and the federal government through meetings and actions of the Olympic Law Enforcement Coordinating Council (OLECC); further coordination of local, state and federal agencies through meetings and actions of the Security Planning Committee (SPC); security training for various agencies in preparation for the 1984 Olympics; training exercises; requests for support from the Department of Defense from federal agencies and Southern California law enforcement agencies; and reviews of the 1976 Montreal Olympics security.

### **SERIES II: Soviet Participation Issues**

In 1980, the United States boycotted the Moscow Summer Olympics as a protest of the invasion of Afghanistan by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). From that moment forward, the issue of Soviet participation in the next summer Olympics was in doubt. This series contains material regarding negotiations with the Soviets up through the eventual negative decision by the Soviet Union.

The material within this series is related to protests against Soviet involvement in the 1984 Olympics, especially following the shoot-down of civilian flight Korean Airlines 007 by the Soviet Union in September 1983; chronicles of the group, "Ban the Soviets;" NBC payment to the USSR for the 1980 Olympics; USSR requests for landing of Aeroflot jets in Los Angeles, berthing of the Soviet cruise ship *Gruziya* in

Long Beach, California, and credentials for an Olympic attache; U.S. response to these Soviet requests; announcement of the Soviet pull-out from the 1984 Summer Olympics and some reactions to this announcement.

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### **Box 1**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	[Air Transport Association (ATA) – Workshop for Local ATA Security Committees]
OPEN	Asylum/Defections
OPEN	Beckwith, Charles – Security Assistance Service (SAS) (1)-(4)
OPEN	CIA Briefing for Ken Hill
OPEN	[Command Tactics and Planning – Class Schedule]
OPEN	Intelligence
OPEN	Judicial Committee: House (1)(2)
OPEN	Justifications [for DOD Participation]
OPEN	[Military Support]
OPEN	Montreal Olympics, 1976 (1)(2)
OPEN	[NSDD 30]
OPEN	Olympic Law Enforcement Coordinating Council (OLECC) Meetings & Minutes (1)-(5)
OPEN	Olympic Security (1)-(3)
OPEN	Olympic Security File (Charlie Beckwith)
OPEN	Presidential Correspondence
OPEN	[Protection of Dignitaries, VIPs]

### **Box 2**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
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OPEN	Security Planning Committee (SPC) - [General] (1)(2)
OPEN	Security Planning Committee (SPC) Meeting Minutes (June 1983-September 1983)
OPEN	Security Planning Committee (SPC) Meeting Minutes (October 1983)
OPEN	Security Planning Committee (SPC) Meeting Minutes (November 1983)
OPEN	Security Planning Committee (SPC) Meeting Minutes (December 1983-January 1984)
OPEN	Security Planning Committee (SPC) Meeting Minutes (February 1984-April 1984)
OPEN	SPC (Security Planning Committee) Request [for Support] (1)-(4)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Subcommittee: Security/Terrorism (Senator Denton) (1)</a>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Subcommittee: Security/Terrorism (Senator Denton) (2)</a>
OPEN	Torchlight III (1)(2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">[Terrorism]</a>
OPEN	Trip: Ft. Bragg 09/16/1983
OPEN	Video Mapping (1)(2)
OPEN	Yugoslavia 1984 Winter Games

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**Box 2, cont.**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Ban the Soviets Coalition (1)-(3)

**Box 3**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Correspondence: [Against] Soviet Participation in Olympic Games
OPEN	[Moscow Olympics - Further Issues]
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">[Soviet Participation in 1984 Olympics] (1)</a>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">[Soviet Participation in 1984 Olympics] (2)</a>
OPEN	Soviet Requests: Aeroflot and the <i>Gruziya</i> (1)-(4)
OPEN	State Department: Soviet Participation (1)(2)

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OPEN	Correspondence (1981-February 1983)
OPEN	Correspondence (March 1983-October 1983)
OPEN	Correspondence (November 1983-July 1984)
OPEN	Correspondence - Incoming (1981-June 1983)
OPEN	Correspondence - Incoming (July 1983-August 1983)
OPEN	Correspondence - Incoming (September 1983-December 1983)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Correspondence – Incoming (January 1984-February 1984)
OPEN	Correspondence – Incoming (March 1984-May 1984)
OPEN	Correspondence – Incoming (June 1984-November 1984)
OPEN	Correspondence – Outgoing (May 1983-September 1983)
OPEN	Correspondence – Outgoing (October 1983-December 1983)
OPEN	Correspondence – Outgoing (January 1984-March 1984)

**Box 4**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Correspondence – Outgoing (April 1984-September 1984)
OPEN	Deaver Olympic Correspondence (1)-(3)
OPEN	Deaver Olympic Correspondence: Peter Ueberroth
OPEN	[Hill to] Deaver Memos (August 1983-09/13/1983)
OPEN	[Hill to] Deaver Memos (09/14/1983-09/30/1983)
OPEN	[Hill to] Deaver Memos (10/01/1983-11/07/1983)
OPEN	[Hill to] Deaver Memos (11/08/1983-01/15/1984)
OPEN	[Hill to] Deaver Memos (01/16/1984-03/15/1984)
OPEN	[Hill to] Deaver Memos (03/16/1984-05/23/1984)
OPEN	[Hill to] Deaver Memos (05/24/1984-07/23/1984)

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**Box 4, cont.**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Accommodations
OPEN	Accreditations



<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Accreditations – Radio Free Europe (RFE)/Radio Liberty (RL) (1)-(3)
OPEN	Accreditations – United States Information Agency (USIA)
OPEN	African Participation
OPEN	Budget (February 1983-March 1983)
OPEN	Budget (April 1983-05/15/1983)
OPEN	Budget (05/16/1983-June 1983)

**Box 5**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Budget (July 1983-August 1983)
OPEN	Budget (September 1983-December 1983)
OPEN	Budget (January 1984-June 1984)
OPEN	Budget [Status Report, 05/16/1983] (1)(2)
OPEN	Budget [Status Report – Update for 05/16/1983] (1)(2)
OPEN	Budget [Status Report, 12/23/1983] (1)(2)
OPEN	Budget [Status Report, 02/06/1984] (1)(2)
OPEN	Budget: Olympic Related Funding (November 1983-February 1984)
OPEN	Budget: Olympic Related Funding (March 1984-June 1984)
OPEN	Budget: Olympic Related Funding: [Status Report, 05/16/1983] (1)(2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">[Communications Regarding Foreign Countries]</a>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">[Communications with the International Olympic Committee]</a>
OPEN	Convention / Olympics
OPEN	Emergency Response Plans (1)(2)
OPEN	Department of Energy
OPEN	Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (1)-(4)

**Box 6**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	FBI
OPEN	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (1)-(4)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Federal Government Department Representatives
OPEN	Federal Planning – Olympics Powis Report [Robert E. Powis, Department of the Treasury] (1)-(3)
OPEN	Federal Support
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Firearms Subcommittee</a>
OPEN	General Services Administration (GSA) – Services Available (1)-(4)
OPEN	Immigration (INS)
OPEN	Inter-Agency Task Force on the Olympics
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">International Olympic Committee</a>
OPEN	Los Angeles Fire Department Report on Olympic Planning
OPEN	Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee (LAOOC) (1)(2)
OPEN	Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee (LAOOC): East Coast Office
OPEN	Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee (LAOOC): Jay Moorhead Correspondence (1)(2)
OPEN	Maps (Los Angeles and Vicinity, Sites & UCLA)

### **Box 7**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	[National Tribute to Summer Olympic U.S. Medal Winners]
OPEN	Newsclips (1)-(8)
OPEN	Olympic Charter 1978 (1)(2)
OPEN	Olympic Coin (1)-(3)
OPEN	Olympic Information: General (1)-(4)
OPEN	Olympic Legislative / Hill Activities
OPEN	Olympic News
OPEN	[Olympic] Poster
OPEN	[Olympic Program]

### **Box 8**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	[Olympic Tickets] 1984 Olympic Ticket Requests
OPEN	[Olympic Torch]

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	"Olympic Update"
OPEN	[Olympics Advance - Site Survey]
OPEN	Olympics - Check-off Act of 1983
OPEN	[Olympics - Potential Federal Revenues]
OPEN	[Olympics - Traffic/Transportation]
OPEN	Opening [Ceremony]
OPEN	Photo Ops
OPEN	[Pilot Information]
OPEN	PCFS (President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports)
OPEN	Press
OPEN	Protocol
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">[Public Relations Ideas for Olympics]</a>
OPEN	[Recommended Sites]
OPEN	Resumes
OPEN	Seal Beach [Shooting Events]
OPEN	[State Department - Budget]
OPEN	State Department Final Report 1984 Summer Olympic Games
OPEN	Subcommittee on Commerce, Transportation and Tourism (Congressman Florio) (1)(2)
OPEN	Travel Information [Voucher Form]
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">[U.S. Olympic Committee]</a>
OPEN	[U.S. Postal Service]
OPEN	[VIP Attendees] (1)(2)
OPEN	Weather Support Plan (1)(2)

**Box 9 (Oversize)**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	[Limited Edition Arrow Shaft for the 1984 Olympics] from Deaver Olympic Correspondence (2 of 3)