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Textual

Biography

Biography

Commander Philip Dur joined the National Security Council as senior staff member of Defense Policy in September 1982 replacing Christopher Shoemaker. In 1983 NSC Defense Policy was reorganized into the NSC Political-Military Affairs Directorate and Dur became a Deputy Director. By the time Captain Dur left the NSC in November 1984 he was Director of the NSC Political-Military Affairs.

Dur received a bachelor's degree in government and international studies and a master's degree in Soviet East European studies from the University of Notre Dame. He earned a master's degree in public administration and a doctorate in political economy and government from Harvard University.

Philip Dur was commissioned from the NROTC program at the University of Notre Dame in August 1965. During his naval career, he achieved the rank of Rear Admiral and held such posts as Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations; Director, Navy Strategy Division; Commander of Battle Force United States Sixth Fleet; Commander of Cruiser Destroyer Group Eight; United States Defense Attaché accredited to the Government of France; and Commanding Officer, *USS Yorktown*.

In 2004, Philip Dur was Corporate Vice President, Program Operations and President of Northrop Grumman's Ship Systems Sector having joined the company in 1999 following five years with Tenneco Inc. where he served as Vice President, Worldwide Business Development and Strategy.

Scope and Content Note

Scope Note

The Philip Dur collection consists of memos, correspondence, cables, reports, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, National Security Study Directives, National Security Decision Directives, notes, charts, working papers, press releases, issue

papers, and publications re Dur's and other NSC staffer's work on military and foreign affairs in the Middle East. Majority of the collection is Dur's work product with the exception of the Lebanon Crisis Pre-Planning Group File which was inherited from Oliver North and John Poindexter. The material is arranged in five series: Subject File, 1982-84; Chronological File, 1982-1984; Country File, 1984; Lebanon Crisis Pre-Planning Group File, 1982-1983; and Middle East Trip File, April 1984.

Series List

SERIES I: Subject File, 1982-1984

The Subject File consists of memos, correspondence, cables, reports, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, notes, working papers, press releases, National Security Study Directives, National Security Decision Directives, and publications re military and foreign relations in the Middle East. This series is arranged alphabetically by subject and then chronologically.

SERIES II: Chronological File, September 1982- November 1984

This series consists of memos, correspondence, and notes regarding Dur's and other NSC staffer's work in foreign and military affairs in the Middle East. It is arranged chronologically.

SERIES III: Country File, 1982-84

The country file consists of memos, cables, notes, charts, correspondence, and working papers regarding the United States relationships with mostly Middle Eastern countries. It is arranged alphabetically by country and then chronologically.

SERIES IV: Lebanon Crisis Pre-Planning Group File, 1982-1983

This series consists of memos, cables, press releases, issue papers, reports, agendas of CPPG and Special Situation Group (SSG) meetings, meeting minutes, re Lebanon. These materials are actually the work product of Oliver North and John Poindexter, but used by Dur. Both Dur and North were Deputy Directors under Robert Lilac in the NSC Political-Military Affairs Directorate in 1983-1984. This series is arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.

SERIES V: Middle East Trip File, April 1984

This series consists of memos, cables, reports, and notes, regarding the Poindexter/Murphy Mission to the Gulf States (Egypt, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and Oman) April 10, 1984 - April 18, 1984. It is arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.

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Status	Title
OPEN	Airstrike - 12/04/1983 [Lebanon]
CLOSED	al-Alawi's [Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs] Visit
CLOSED	ANZUS [Australia, New Zealand, United States] Defense
OPEN	Aziz, Tariq [Iraqi Foreign Minister-Deputy Prime Minister] Visit
CLOSED	Bahamas - Air Surveillance
CLOSED	Beirut Annex Bombing (1)-(6)
CLOSED	Beirut Redeployment
CLOSED	Bulletproof Vests
CLOSED	Columbian Surveillance
CLOSED	[Commander in Chief, United States Central Command] CINCCENT Bases
CLOSED	Crisis Management
OPEN	[Crisis Pre-Planning Group] CPPG – Iran/Iraq
OPEN	Current Saudi Assistance
CLOSED	Defense Activities

CLOSED [Defense, Department of] DOD Concept Paper "Escalation in

the Gulf War"

CLOSED Defense Policy

CLOSED East Asia Trip

CLOSED Eastern Mediterranean Posture

RAC Box 2

Status Title

OPEN Egypt Strategic Cooperation (1)-(3)

CLOSED Egyptian Bases

CLOSED Energy Implications

CLOSED Energy Policy

OPEN Export Policy Toward Iran

CLOSED Forward Headquarters [Southwest Asia]

CLOSED Freedom of Navigation (1)-(6)

CLOSED Global War Game - 1982

CLOSED Gulf Trip Follow-up

CLOSED Humanitarian Aid to Lebanon

CLOSED Intelligence Material (1)(2)

RAC Box 3

Status Title

CLOSED Intelligence Material (3)(4)

OPEN Iran Arms Transfers

OPEN Iran – Iraq National Plan of Action

OPEN Iran – Iraq Policy (1)-(4)

OPEN Iran – Iraq War: Intelligence

OPEN Israel – JSAP [Joint Security Assistance Planning] File

OPEN Israel - Security Assistance

CLOSED Jade Tiger, Exercise (1)-(4)

CLOSED Japanese Defense Program (1)(2)

RAC Box 4

Status Title

CLOSED Japanese Defense Program (3)(4)

CLOSED Japanese Initiatives

CLOSED [Joint Chiefs of Staff] JCS Exercises

CLOSED [Joint Military-Political Group] JMPG Issues (1)-(10)

CLOSED Jordan – JMC [Joint Military Commission]

OPEN Jordan Arms

CLOSED Jordan Logistics Program (JLP)

OPEN

Kelley Report (1) [Defense Commission on Beirut

International Airport Terrorist Act 10/23/1983]

RAC Box 5

Status Title

OPEN Kelley Report (2)-(3) [Defense Commission on Beirut

International Airport Terrorist Act 10/23/1983]

CLOSED Key Military Issues in Middle East

CLOSED Korea Exercise

CLOSED [Law of the Sea] LOS Navigation and Over Flight (1)-(5)

CLOSED Lebanon (1)-(4)

OPEN Lebanon Bombing - October 1983 [10/23/1983 speech to

Regional Broadcasters Convention]

CLOSED Lebanon Policy

CLOSED Lebanon Reconstruction
CLOSED Lebanon War Powers Act

CLOSED Lebanon Withdrawal (1)-(2)

RAC Box 6

Status Title

CLOSED Lebanon Withdrawal (3)-(12)

RAC Box 7

Status Title

CLOSED Lebanon Withdrawal II

CLOSED Lebanon Withdrawal III

OPEN [Lebanon - Israel Agreement] (1)(2)

OPEN Lebanon - Israeli Withdrawal

CLOSED Lebanon - Lessons Learned

CLOSED [Lebanese Armed Forces] LAF Modernization Program

OPEN Libyan Airfields at Al Jufra

CLOSED Long Commission Meeting (1)-(6)

CLOSED Long Commission Report

RAC Box 8

Status Title

CLOSED Maritime Strategy (1)(2)

OPEN May 17 Agreement [Syria, Lebanon, Israel]

CLOSED McFarlane-Luce Meeting 03/20/1984

CLOSED McFarlane-Salem Meeting 05/16/1984

CLOSED Mediterranean Concept of OPS [Operations]

CLOSED Middle East Peace Initiative

OPEN [Military Coordinating Group] MCG – Saudi Arabia

CLOSED Mining – Red Sea (1)-(3)

CLOSED Mirror Image [Exercise]

CLOSED Moroccan Exercises

CLOSED Narcotics

OPEN [National Security Decision Directive] NSDD-32 [US National

Security Strategy]

CLOSED [National Security Decision Directive] NSDD-99 [US Security

Strategy for Near East and South Asia] (1)-(3)

OPEN [National Security Decision Directive] NSDD-109/111

Lebanon and the Middle East

OPEN [National Security Decision Directive] NSDD-117 [Lebanon]

[National Security Decision Directive] NSDD-123 [Steps in

CLOSED Lebanon1

CLOSED [National Security Decision Directive] NSDD-128 [Lebanon]

[National Security Decision Directive] NSDD-139 [Measures

OPEN to Improve US Posture and Readiness to Respond to

Developments in Iran-Iraq War]

RAC Box 9

Status Title

OPEN [National Security Decision Directive] NSDD-141

[Responding to Escalation in Iran-Iraq War]

OPEN [National Security Planning Group] NSPG Meeting

05/17/1984 [Escalation in the Gulf War]

CLOSED [National Security Planning Group] NSPG Meeting

08/31/1984

CLOSED [National Security Planning Group] NSPG Meeting

11/01/1984

OPEN [National Security Study Directive] NSSD 1-82 [US National

Security Strategy]

OPEN [National Security Study Directive] NSSD 4-82 [US Strategy

for the Near East and Southwest Asia] (1)-(4)

OPEN Naval Issues
OPEN Naval Policy

OPEN Naval Strategies

CLOSED Naval War College

CLOSED Navy Study – Reduced RCS [Radar Cross Section]

CLOSED Newport Trip – January 1983

CLOSED Nixon/Kissinger Middle East Policies

OPEN Non-Paper [Jordan Logistics Planning] [Next Steps in

Lebanon]

OPEN / DIGITIZED [North Atlantic Treaty Organization] NATO (10/22/1983-

11/16/1982)

OPEN [North Atlantic Treaty Organization] NATO (12/20/1982)

(1)(2)

OPEN / DIGITIZED [North Atlantic Treaty Organization] NATO (12/22/1982-

01/06/1983)

RAC Box 10

Status Title

OPEN / DIGITIZED [North Atlantic Treaty Organization] NATO Strategy

[Nuclear Powered Warships] NPW - Transits of the Suez

CLOSED Canal (1)(2)

CLOSED Oman Base

OPEN Persian Gulf Intelligence Support

OPEN / DIGITIZED Persian Gulf Working Group (PGWG)

CLOSED Petroleum

CLOSED Philippines/Defense

OPEN Political-Military Consultations with the United Kingdom

CLOSED Political-Military Reforms

CLOSED President's Middle East Peace Initiatives

CLOSED [Rapid Deployment Force] RDF Bases

CLOSED [Rapid Deployment Force] RDF Exercises

CLOSED [Rapid Deployment Force] RDF Improvements

CLOSED [Rapid Deployment Force] RDF Plans

CLOSED Reduced Radar Cross Section

OPEN Saudi Arms
OPEN Saudi Hijack

CLOSED Second Term Planning

CLOSED Secretary Defense Posture Statement – 1983 (LEGAL SIZE-

SEE RAC BOX 13)

CLOSED September 20, 1984 Response – Bombing [Beirut] (1)-(3)

OPEN Southwest Asia (1)(2)

RAC Box 11

Status Title

CLOSED Soviet Military Power

CLOSED Soviet Navy

CLOSED Soviet Perception of US Deterrent Power in the Persian Gulf

(1)(2)

CLOSED Soviet Strategy

CLOSED Suez Canal Transits (1)(2)

CLOSED [Surface to Air Missile] SAM-5 Deployment

OPEN Syrian SAM-5 [Surface to Air Missile] (1)-(6)

CLOSED Stair Step (1)-(3)

CLOSED Strategic Cooperation with Egypt

RAC Box 12

Status Title

CLOSED	Terms of Reference - Crisis Management
CLOSED	Terrorist Incidents (1)(2)
CLOSED	[T.A.: Jordan]
CLOSED	Unified Command Plan
CLOSED	[Unified Command Plan] UCP/Command Arrangements
CLOSED	US-Oman Bilaterals 10/08/1984-10/09/1984 (1)(2)
CLOSED	US-Soviet Ship Visit Initiative
CLOSED	[United States Central Command] USCENTCOM Bases
OPEN	US Responses to Escalation in the Iran-Iraq War (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Visit and Search [of US Flag Vessels in Persian Gulf] (1)(2)

RAC Box 13 (Legal-Size)

Status Title

CLOSED Secretary Defense Posture Statement - 1983

SERIES II: Chronological File, September 1982- November 1984

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Status	Title
CLOSED	09/01/1982-10/29/1982
CLOSED	11/02/1982-11/19/1982
CLOSED	11/22/1982-12/15/1982
CLOSED	12/20/1984-01/04/1983
CLOSED	01/07/1983-01/11/1983
CLOSED	01/12/1983-02/04/1983
CLOSED	02/07/1983-02/21/1983
CLOSED	02/23/1983-02/28/1983
CLOSED	03/09/1983 (1)(2)
CLOSED	03/11/1983-03/17/1983
CLOSED	03/18/1983
CLOSED	03/24/1983-03/30/1983
CLOSED	04/01/1983-04/09/1983

Status	Title
CLOSED	04/11/1983-04/14/1983
CLOSED	04/19/1983-04/20/1983
CLOSED	04/21/1983
CLOSED	04/22/1983
CLOSED	04/26/1983

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Status	Title
CLOSED	05/01/1983-05/19/1983
CLOSED	06/07/1983-06/18/1983
CLOSED	06/20/1983-06/22/1983
CLOSED	06/23/1983
CLOSED	06/24/1983
CLOSED	06/27/1983-07/08/1983
CLOSED	07/14/1983
CLOSED	07/16/1983-07/28/1983
CLOSED	08/06/1983-09/09/1983
CLOSED	09/10/1983-09/16/1983
CLOSED	09/19/1983-09/20/1983
CLOSED	09/22/1983-09/27/1983
CLOSED	09/28/1983
CLOSED	09/29/1983
CLOSED	10/04/1983-10/06/1983
CLOSED	10/08/1983-10/11/1983
CLOSED	10/12/1983
CLOSED	10/13/1983
CLOSED	10/14/1983

Status	Title
CLOSED	10/17/1983-10/19/1983
CLOSED	10/20/1983-10/23/1983
CLOSED	10/24/1983-10/26/1983
CLOSED	10/28/1983

Status	Title
CLOSED	10/29/1983-11/02/1983
CLOSED	11/04/1983-11/05/1983
CLOSED	11/06/1983-11/07/1983
CLOSED	11/09/1983
CLOSED	11/14/1983-11/18/1983
CLOSED	11/19/1983-11/21/1983
CLOSED	11/23/1983
CLOSED	11/25/1983
CLOSED	11/26/1983-11/28/1983
CLOSED	11/30/1983
CLOSED	12/01/1983-12/15/1983
CLOSED	12/16/1983-12/18/1983
CLOSED	12/19/1983-12/23/1983
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Status	Title
CLOSED	01/03/1984-01/09/1984
CLOSED	01/10/1984-01/11/1984
CLOSED	01/13/1984-01/17/1984
CLOSED	01/18/1984
CLOSED	01/19/1984
CLOSED	01/20/1984-01/23/1984
CLOSED	01/24/1984-01/25/1984
CLOSED	01/26/1984
CLOSED	01/30/1984-02/15/1984
CLOSED	02/16/1984-02/17/1984
CLOSED	02/18/1984-02/22/1984
CLOSED	02/23/1984-02/26/1984
CLOSED	02/27/1984
CLOSED	03/05/1984
CLOSED	03/07/1984
CLOSED	03/08/1984-03/12/1984
CLOSED	03/14/1984 (1)(2)

Status	Title
CLOSED	03/14/1984 (3)
CLOSED	03/20/1984
CLOSED	03/21/1984-03/23/1984
CLOSED	03/29/1984
CLOSED	03/30/1984-04/02/1984
CLOSED	04/03/1984
CLOSED	04/04/1984-04/05/1984
CLOSED	04/09/1984
CLOSED	04/10/1984-04/11/1984
CLOSED	04/17/1984
CLOSED	04/18/1984-04/25/1984
CLOSED	04/26/1984-05/01/1984
CLOSED	05/02/1984-05/03/1984
CLOSED	05/04/1984
CLOSED	05/08/1984
CLOSED	05/09/1984-05/11/1984
CLOSED	05/12/1984-05/15/1984
CLOSED	05/16/1984-05/17/1984
RAC Box 19	
Status	Title

Status	Title
CLOSED	05/18/1984
CLOSED	05/19/1984-05/21/1984
CLOSED	05/22/1984-05/23/1984
CLOSED	05/24/1984 (1)(2)
CLOSED	05/25/1984
CLOSED	05/29/1984-05/30/1984
CLOSED	05/31/1984
CLOSED	06/06/1984
CLOSED	06/07/1984-06/11/1984
CLOSED	06/15/1984-06/18/1984
CLOSED	06/19/1984-06/20/1984

Status	Title
CLOSED	06/21/1984
CLOSED	06/22/1984
CLOSED	06/25/1984-07/02/1984
CLOSED	07/03/1984-07/05/1984
CLOSED	07/06/1984-07/10/1984
CLOSED	07/11/1984-07/18/1984
RAC Box 20	
Status	Title
CLOSED	07/21/1984-07/24/1984
CLOSED	07/25/1984-07/27/1984
CLOSED	07/30/1984-08/01/1984
CLOSED	08/03/1984
CLOSED	08/07/1984
CLOSED	08/09/1984-08/13/1984
CLOSED	08/14/1984-08/15/1984
CLOSED	08/16/1984-08/17/1984
CLOSED	08/20/1984-08/23/1984
CLOSED	08/24/1984
CLOSED	08/27/1984
CLOSED	08/29/1984
CLOSED	08/30/1984 (1)(2)
CLOSED	08/31/1984-09/04/1984
CLOSED	09/05/1984
CLOSED	09/06/1984-09/07/1984
CLOSED	09/10/1984 (1)(2)
RAC Box 21	
Status	Title
CLOSED	09/11/1984-09/12/1984
CLOSED	09/14/1984
CLOSED	09/17/1984-09/20/1984

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09/21/1984-09/26/1984

09/27/1984-09/28/1984

Status	Title
CLOSED	10/01/1984-10/02/1984
CLOSED	10/03/1984-10/04/1984
CLOSED	10/05/1984-10/10/1984
CLOSED	10/11/1984-10/12/1984
CLOSED	10/15/1984
CLOSED	10/16/1984
CLOSED	10/17/1984-10/18/1984
CLOSED	10/19/1984-10/20/1984
CLOSED	10/24/1984-10/25/1984
CLOSED	10/30/1984
CLOSED	10/31/1984
CLOSED	11/01/1984-11/08/1984

SERIES III: Country File, 1982-84

The country file consists of memos, cables, notes, charts, correspondence, and working papers regarding the United States relationships with mostly Middle Eastern countries. It is arranged alphabetically by country and then chronologically.

Status	Title
CLOSED	Afghanistan
OPEN	Al Jufrah [Airfield, Libya]
CLOSED	Algeria
CLOSED	Australia
CLOSED	Bahrain
CLOSED	Beirut [Lebanon]
CLOSED	Egypt (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Ethiopia
CLOSED	France
OPEN	Indonesia
OPEN	Iran
OPEN	Israel

CLOSED Japan
CLOSED Jordan
CLOSED Korea
CLOSED Kuwait

CLOSED Lebanon

CLOSED Libya

CLOSED Libyan/Sidra

CLOSED Morocco
CLOSED Oman (1)

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Status Title

CLOSED Oman (2)(3)

CLOSED Pakistan

CLOSED Philippines

CLOSED Port Grand: Bahrain

CLOSED Port Grand: France

CLOSED Port Grand: Intelligence

CLOSED Port Grand: Kuwait

OPEN Port Grand: Oman (1)(2)

OPEN Port Grand: Saudi Arabia

CLOSED Qatar

CLOSED Ras Banas [Egypt] (1)-(7)

OPEN Saudi Arabia

CLOSED Solomon Islands

CLOSED Suez Canal

OPEN Syria

RAC Box 24

Status Title

CLOSED Thailand
CLOSED Tunisia

CLOSED United Arab Emirates U.A.E.

CLOSED Yemen (1)(2)

SERIES IV: Lebanon Crisis Pre-Planning Group File, 1982-1983

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Status	Title
CLOSED	[Crisis Pre-Planning Group] CPPG Members
CLOSED	[Crisis Pre-Planning Group] CPPG – Soviet Action Near East/South West Asia (1)-(8)
CLOSED	[Crisis Pre-Planning Group/Special Situation Group] CPPG/SSG: Iran/Iraq - June-July 1982 (1)-(3)
RAC Box 25	
Status	Title
CLOSED	[Crisis Pre-Planning Group/Special Situation Group] CPPG/SSG: Lebanon - 06/01/1982-06/06/1982 (1)-(4)
CLOSED	[Crisis Pre-Planning Group/Special Situation Group] CPPG/SSG: Lebanon - 06/01/1982-06/16/1982) (1)-(5)
CLOSED	[Crisis Pre-Planning Group/Special Situation Group] CPPG/SSG: Lebanon - 06/10/1982 (1)(2)
CLOSED	[Crisis Pre-Planning Group/Special Situation Group] CPPG/SSG: Lebanon - 06/11/1982-06/13/1982 (1)-(4)
CLOSED	[Crisis Pre-Planning Group/Special Situation Group] CPPG/SSG: Lebanon - 06/14/1982-06/30/1982 (1)-(4)
RAC Box 26	
Status	Title
CLOSED	[Crisis Pre-Planning Group/Special Situation Group] CPPG/SSG: Lebanon - 06/14/1982-06/30/1982 (5)(6)
CLOSED	[Crisis Pre-Planning Group/Special Situation Group] CPPG/SSG: Lebanon - 07/01/1982-07/06/1982 (1)-(4)

Status	Title
CLOSED	[Crisis Pre-Planning Group/Special Situation Group] CPPG/SSG: Lebanon - 07/07/1982-07/20/1982 (1)-(6)
CLOSED	Lebanon – August 1983
CLOSED	Lebanon Crisis Material from Poindexter - 06/04/1982 - 07/06/1982 (1)(2)

SERIES V: Middle East Trip File, April 1984

This series consists of memos, cables, reports, and notes, regarding the Poindexter/Murphy Mission to the Gulf States (Egypt, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and Oman) April 10, 1984 – April 18, 1984. It is arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.

Status	Title
OPEN	Middle East Trip (April 1984) Delegation: Egypt [empty]
OPEN	Middle East Trip (April 1984) Delegation: France
OPEN	Middle East Trip (April 1984) Delegation: General Information (1)-(4)
OPEN	Middle East Trip (April 1984) Delegation: Intelligence
OPEN	Middle East Trip (April 1984) Delegation: Oman
OPEN	Middle East Trip (April 1984) Delegation: Saudi Arabia (1)-(4)
OPEN	Notebook - Middle East Trip, 04/10/1984-04/17/1984 (1)(2)