Daniel C. Kurtzer Papers (1965-2012): Finding Aid

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Abstract: Daniel C. Kurtzer (1949-) is a professor and former American diplomat. The collection mostly pertains to Kurtzer's work for the U.S. Foreign Service.

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Daniel C. Kurtzer (1949-) is a professor and former American diplomat. He served as United States Ambassador to Egypt from 1997-2001, then as United States Ambassador to Israel from 2001-2005, after which time he retired from the U.S. Foreign Service after a 29-year career. Prior to being an ambassador, Kurtzer was a political officer at the U.S. embassies in Cairo and Tel Aviv, Deputy Director of the Office of Egyptian Affairs, speechwriter on the Policy Planning Staff, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research. Some of his noteworthy achievements in the Foreign Service include formulating the 1988 peace initiative of Secretary of State George P. Shultz, helping to bring about the Madrid Peace Conference in 1991, and serving as coordinator of multilateral peace negotiations and as U.S. representative in the Multilateral Refugee Working Group.

Kurtzer is the S. Daniel Abraham Professor in Middle Eastern policy studies at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. He has also been an advisor to the Iraq Study Group, the first Commissioner of the professional Israel Baseball League, and a member of numerous organizations, including the Board of the American University in Cairo, the Advisory Council of the American Bar Association's Middle East Rule of Law Initiative, the Middle East Institute, and the New Jersey-Israel Commission. He is the editor of Pathways to Peace: America and the Arab-Israeli Conflict and co-author of Negotiating Arab-Israeli Peace: American Leadership in the Middle East and The Peace Puzzle: America’s Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace, 1989-2011.

The collection mostly pertains to Kurtzer's work for the U.S. Foreign Service. Much of the collection is comprised of memoranda from Kurtzer's daily meetings in his capacity as ambassador to Israel. Additionally, Kurtzer's schedules in the form of daily itineraries, often interfiled with memoranda or background materials pertaining to meetings or other events, provide detailed information about his day-to-day activities in both Egypt and Israel. Materials from conferences on Middle East peace, Kurtzer's speeches and remarks (including drafts), U.S. policy statements, agreements between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), and other materials also document Kurtzer's diplomatic service. To a lesser extent, the collection reflects different aspects of Kurtzer's professional and personal life in the form of his student papers and other writings, teaching material, collected news clippings, and biographical material. The collection also includes the daily schedules of his wife, Sheila Kurtzer, dating from 1998-2001, as well as the Kurtzers' contact lists from their time abroad and guest lists for various events.

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Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition

The materials in Boxes 1-5 were donated by Daniel C. Kurtzer in 2014. The accession number associated with this donation is ML.2014.010.

The materials in Boxes 6-11 were donated by Daniel C. Kurtzer in August 2017. The accession number associated with this donation is ML.2017.024.

Appraisal

Approximately 0.25 linear feet of personal materials from the 2014 donation were returned to the donor. No materials were separated from the August 2017 donation.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

There are also materials related to Daniel Kurtzer in the Council on Foreign Relations Records (MC104) and the Woodrow Wilson School Policy Seminar Papers (AC103).

Processing and Other Information

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Processing Information

Materials were placed into archival housing upon acquisition in early 2014 and a preliminary file list was created. Collection-level notes were written by Rachel Van Unen in July 2014. No physical processing or arrangement was done at this time. Materials in the August 2017 donation were added to the collection by Rachel Van Unen.

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