

Materials of  
John A. Scali  
Among Nixon Presidential Materials, 1969-73

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Materials covered by the act have been archivally processed and are described in this register. Items which are security classified and or otherwise restricted under the act and regulations have been removed and placed in a closed file. A Document Withdrawal Record (GSA Form 7279) with a description of each restricted document has been inserted at the beginning of each folder from which materials have been removed. A Document Control Record marks the original position of the withdrawn item. Employees of the National Archives will review periodically the unclassified portions of closed materials for the purpose of opening those which no longer require restriction. Certain classified documents may be declassified under authority of Executive Order 12065 in response to a Mandatory Review Request (GSA Form 7277) submitted by the researcher.

Linear feet of materials: 3 linear feet, 6 linear inches

Approximate number of pages: 6,400

John A. Scali  
Biographical Note

1918, April 27	Born, Canton, Ohio
1942	B.S., in Journalism, Boston University
1942	Reporter, Boston <u>Herald</u>
1942-43	Reporter, Boston Bureau of the United Press
1942, July - 1943, May	Reporter, Boston <u>Herald Traveler</u>
1943-45	War Correspondent, Office of Coordination of Inter-American Affairs
1943, June - 1945, Mar.	Information Publicist, Office of Emergency Management, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C.
1944	Associated Press War Correspondent, European Theater of Operations
1945-61	Diplomatic Correspondent, Washington Bureau of the Associated Press
1961-71	Chief Diplomatic Correspondent, ABC News, Washington, D.C.
1971-73	Special Consultant to the President
1973-75	United States Representative to the United Nations
1975-	Senior Correspondent, ABC News, Washington, D.C.

## Special Files Materials\*<sup>1</sup>

### Scope and Content Note

These files reflect John A. Scali's activities as Special Consultant to the President from 1971 to 1973. As a White House consultant, Scali advised and reported directly to the President on communications policy relating to foreign affairs. He also briefed small groups of newsmen and Congressmen on foreign policy. In his role as senior advisor to the President, Scali traveled extensively with Nixon, including the Presidential trips to China and the Soviet Union. His tenure as a special consultant ended in 1973, with his appointment as United States Representative to the United Nations.

The Subject Files series consists of memoranda supplemented by correspondence, congressional testimony, talking papers, press releases, notes, charts, clippings, reports, articles, photographs, and printed matter. The Colson action memos in this series contain communications between Scali and Charles Colson. They concern Scali's role in the daily news planning operation as well as his role in planning the President's schedule. The records concerning the '72 Campaign relate to the advice Scali gave to Colson's staff on how to gain the maximum impact of the President's foreign policy remarks and activities on the re-election campaign.

Other records in the subject files also document Scali's responsibilities as Special Consultant. The Chinese Table Tennis Team records reflect Scali's role as the President's personal representative in escorting the Chinese team around the United States during its 1971 tour. Records pertaining to China,

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\*The White House Special Files Unit maintained files considered sensitive either for reason of political content or security classification. This scope and content note does not describe all the materials of John A. Scali. As other groups of scali materials are processed and described, the resulting finding aids will be attached.

India-Pakistan, Lebanon, Soviet Union, and Vietnam also reflect Scali's duties as an advisor to the President. Unclassified Defense Department photographs of the Soviet weapons systems introduced into South Vietnam were removed from this series and transferred to the Audiovisual Collection of the Nixon Presidential Materials Project. Electrostatic copies of these photographs have been inserted in the files.

Names that appear throughout the collection are Ronald L. Ziegler, Henry A. Kissinger, Alexander M. Haig, Charles Colson, and H. R. Haldeman.

Communications with Daniel Z. Henkin, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, with State Department personnel show that Scali worked closely with other agencies.

On February 23, 1973, the Office of Presidential Papers and Archives recorded an exit interview with Scali upon his departure from the White House staff.

Description of Series

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Series

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SUBJECT FILES, 1971-72

Originals and electrostatic copies of  
incoming and outgoing memoranda,  
letters, congressional testimony,  
talking papers, press releases,  
notes, charts, clippings,  
reports, articles, photographs,  
telegrams, and printed matter.  
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