

# SHRIDATH RAMPHAL RECORDS RELEASED IN 2012

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- 2012/232**      **Meeting of Commonwealth Ministers of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development: 11/13 February 1981: Dacca**  
19 Sep 1980 - 07 Aug 1981  
SG/AMM/BAN  
**Details**  
Two sub-files. One titled Food Papers contains conference papers such as draft communiqué, agenda and conference arrangements, Secretariat work programmes and consideration of issues such as the world food situation. Other file contains drafts of papers, correspondence on attendance plus papers on food prepared for other Commonwealth conferences.
- 2012/233**      **Meeting of Commonwealth Ministers of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development: Rome: 6 November 1981: Papers for Meeting**  
14 Oct 1981  
SG/AMM/ITA  
**Details**  
Secretariat conference papers on issues such as food security, agricultural development, energy, resources and food production.
- 2012/234**      **Commonwealth Finance Ministers Meeting: Bahamas: 1981: Part 1**  
13 Oct 1980 - 01 Dec 1981  
SG/CM/FMM, Old File No: SG153/1981  
**Details**  
Papers of meetings concerned with planning matters of the Ministerial Meeting, most notably discussion on New Zealand and its rugby links with South Africa and the decision to relocate the meeting to the Bahamas. Copies of papers presented to the Ministerial Meeting on issues such as Aid and the Commonwealth and on the world economic situation. Copies of 25th and 26th CFTC Board of Representatives held in The Bahamas.  
Also contains subfile: Commonwealth Volunteer Service
- 2012/235**      **Finance Ministers Meeting: Bahamas: Part 2**  
13 Feb 1981 - 30 Sep 1981  
SG/CM/FMM, Old File No: SG153/81  
**Details**  
Contains a copy of Ramphal's speech to conference and news clippings on the IMF and World Bank. Plus notes of exchange on the development of the communiqué and request to speak at conference and correspondence on the Independence of Belize. Discussion on New Zealand and its rugby links with South Africa and the decision to relocate the meeting to the Bahamas, including speaking notes for a meeting of the Secretary-General with Mr Muldoon. Plus copies of papers presented to the Ministerial Meeting on issues such as aid and the Commonwealth and on the world economic situation.
- 2012/236**      **Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meeting: New Delhi: 1980: Part 1**  
20 Dec 1977 - 01 Jun 1981  
SG/COM/CHOGRM, Old File No: SG188/80  
**Details**  
Covering negotiation of dates and the preparatory meeting of officials. Agenda development topics addressed include, regional economic and technical co-operation on trade, energy, terrorism and illicit drugs and also special assistance to island developing countries. There are copies of various conference papers and the Aide Memoire on Administrative Arrangements, plus correspondence and meeting records on Secretariat support for follow up action and a paper on "Functional Co-operation Structure for CHOGRM" which touches on Australian foreign policy interest in CHOGRM.
- 2012/237**      **Heads of Government Regional Meeting: New Delhi: Part 2**  
02 Mar 1979 - 25 Aug 1981  
SG/COM/CHOGRM, Old File No: SG188/80  
**Details**

Two sub-files: First is CHOGRM, Delhi, 1980 and Follow-Up, comprising of correspondence on pre meeting consultations, reports to conference from the working groups and papers on Secretariat support for follow up action, including the possible creation of a Pacific Regional Advisory Service. File also contains, CHOGRM 2, Preparatory Meeting of Officials, Tuesday 26 June 1980, Marlborough House.

Second sub-file is CHOGRM, 1980 - Christopher Laidlaw's file which contains the separate file, Island States. Both files primarily contain conference papers from CHOGRM2

**2012/238**

**Heads of Government Meeting: Melbourne: 1981: Part 4**

22 May 1980 - 15 Oct 1981

SG/COM/HGM

**Details**

Correspondence confirming dates and attendance. Liaison with the Palace over the events to be hosted by the Queen. Letter on early Australia suggestion of an Empire Secretariat.

Additional engagements for the Secretary-General. Distribution of conference papers, Minutes of the Liaison Committee. There is also a subfile on Entertainment.

**2012/239**

**Heads of Government Meeting: Melbourne: 1981: Part 1**

17 Nov 1980 - 30 Sep 1981

SG/COM/HGM

**Details**

Contains a tourist information pack on Australia which includes a Guide to Melbourne for the CHOGRM participants and a CHOGRM postal leaflet advertising services and souvenir stamps of the meeting. Also covers circulation of papers and aide memoir plus nominations for Chair of Trustees of the Commonwealth Foundation and a copy of Emissary Reports by Issue and correspondence from various Heads.

**2012/240**

**Heads of Government Meeting: Melbourne: 1981: Part 2**

29 Jan 1980 - 06 Oct 1981

SG/COM/HGM

**Details**

Provisional record of discussion sessions plus circulation of submitted papers.

Correspondence between Secretary and member governments on agenda and other meeting arrangements.

**2012/241**

**Commonwealth Senior Officials Meeting: Nicosia: Cyprus: November 1980: Part 2**

20 Feb 1980 - 14 Jan 1981

SG/COM/SOM, Old File No: SG185/80

**Details**

Contains sub-file of Secretary-General's Papers comprising of drafts on CFTC funding, Namibia, on the Commonwealth in the 80s, Brief for Chairman. Number of handwritten notes passed during meeting, notes on individual meeting arrangements with Secretary-General, copy of 22nd Meeting of the CFTC Board of Representatives outlining establishment of the CFTC, plus papers on the British proposal for a review of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Additional sub-file: Mrs Cummings: contains the distribution of administrative arrangements and the circulation of papers for the meeting.

Third sub-file holds correspondence and information from the division directors on agenda topics, plus a temporary file: Report of the Group on Secretariat Objectives and Priorities which holds a draft internal report of a review of the Secretariats activities.

**2012/242**

**Chronological Copies: January/December 1981**

05 Jan 1981 - 31 Dec 1981

SG/COR

**Details**

All letters are outgoing and signed by the Secretary-General. They have been arranged into two sub-files. January/June 1981 and July/December 1981.

Topics covered are: Responses to invitations, liaison with Heads of Government, High-Commissioners on Commonwealth and Secretariat business, follow up from Commonwealth meetings on issues such as Regional Advisory Service in the Pacific, Review of Secretariat activities, participation in committees and working groups, on financing & budget matters, plus letters of thanks and internal staffing appointments.

- 2012/243 Caribbean Group of Experts: Draft Report: Part 2: 1981**  
03 Oct 1980 - 12 Mar 1981  
SG/ECON/CCM  
**Details**  
Contains sub-file of papers relating to Group of Experts which holds a draft of the report. The rest of the file comprises of supporting research literature on aspects of Caribbean economic co-operation.
- 2012/244 Caribbean Group of Experts: Papers Relating to Report: Part 3: 1981**  
13 May 1980 - 12 Feb 1981  
SG/ECON/CCM  
**Details**  
Comprises of a draft of the report plus papers outlining its origins and development. Accompanied by supporting research literature on aspects of Caribbean economic co-operation.
- 2012/245 Budget Estimates: Budgets: Finance Sub-Committee: 1979/80: 1980/81**  
08 Nov 1977 - 21 Dec 1981  
SG/INT/BUD  
**Details**  
Two sub-files: Finance Committee and Sub-Committee Budget 1979/80; Finance Committee and Sub-Committee. Comprising of Budget Estimates 1977-82, Minutes of Finance Committee Meetings and reports of the Finance Sub-Committee 1977 - 81. Examining salaries, allowances, conference costs, project costs, travel, accommodation and other administrative costs.
- 2012/246 Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-Operation: Board of Representatives Meetings: 1980 and 1981**  
23 Sep 1980 - 21 Sep 1981  
SG/INT/CFTC/BOR, Old File No: SG/CFTC/BOR/80/81  
**Details**  
Sub-files for; Twenty-Fifth Meeting of CFTC Board of Representatives, Nassau, 21 September 1981; CFTC Board of Representatives, Twenty-Fourth Meeting, 1981; Twenty-Second Meeting of CFTC Board of Representatives, Bermuda, 23 September 1980.  
Files contain copies of Report to Meetings assessing activities and funding of the CFTC, plus a copy of Evaluation on Selected CFTC Projects.
- 2012/247 Commonwealth Day: Observances and Celebrations: 9 March 1981**  
28 May 1980 - 12 Jun 1981  
SG/INT/CW DAY, Old File No: SG127/04/01/02  
**Details**  
Comprising of sub-files on: Reception, Correspondence with the Palace; Guest Lists; Catering/Music/Linen/Flag/Stickers/Flowers; Reception, Secretariat Staff; Observance Service at Westminster Abbey - includes programme; Reception, Replies - including letters of thanks; The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, 25th Anniversary Ball at Grosvenor House; Commonwealth Day Messages.
- 2012/248 Invitations to Secretary-General: January/September 1981: Regretted**  
07 Jul 1980 - 21 Sep 1981  
SG/INT/INV  
**Details**  
Letters of invitation plus copies of a few replies. Contains sub-file: Zimbabwe Donor's Conference, 23/27 March with signed letter of invitation from Robert Mugabe.
- 2012/249 Invitations: Accepted and Regretted: July/December 1981**  
07 Mar 1981 - 09 Dec 1981

SG/INT/INV

**Details**

Consists of four sub-files: Invitations Regretted, July/December 1981; HM's Evening Reception at Buckingham Palace, 24 November 1981; HM's Garden Party, Tuesday 21 July 1981; Invitations Accepted, July/December 1981.

**2012/250**

**Invitations to Secretary-General: January/December 1980:**

24 Dec 1979 - 07 Jan 1981

SG/INT/INV

**Details**

Wide range of invitations from academic, cultural and political organisations.

**2012/251**

**Reception for Commonwealth Leaders Visiting London for the Royal Wedding:27 July 1981:Marlborough House**

09 Jan 1981 - 06 Aug 1981

SG/INT/REC

**Details**

Consists of following sub-files: General; Master Guests List; Guest List - Secretariat Staff; Catering; Buffet Supper for Caribbean Commonwealth Leaders, Thursday 30 July, 8pm at 40B Hill St; Thank You Letters to Staff; "Girls in National Costume" and Helpers with Food; Invitations.

**2012/252**

**Staff Lunches**

25 Jan 1979 - 14 Apr 1981

SG/INT/STAFF

**Details**

Menus and announcements from the Staff Lunch Committee.

**2012/253**

**Agence de Co-Operation Culturelle et Technique:1976 to 1981**

23 May 1975 - 02 Dec 1981

SG/ORGS/ACCT

**Details**

Notes and briefs from various meetings at L'Agence de Co-Operation Culturelle et Technique, plus academic papers produced by the Institute of Commonwealth Studies for the Anglo-French Colloquium on Independence and Dependence: The relations of Britain and France with their former territories, Paris 6 - 8 May 1976.

**2012/254**

**Commonwealth Trade Union Council**

19 Feb 1980 - 27 Jul 1981

SG/ORGS/CTUC

**Details**

Details on the launch of the CTUC and its early activities including offer of assistance to Zimbabwe, an assessment of the Brandt Report, and its first General Session.

**2012/255**

**Organisation of African Unity:1978/81**

13 Sep 1978 - 30 Jul 1981

SG/ORGS/OAU

**Details**

Papers on the topic of Rhodesia and oil sanctions includes details on the distribution of the Bingham Report. Also notes and clipping on OAU leaders and UN nominations.

**2012/256**

**Group Chosen to Participate in Review of the Secretariat's Objectives and Priorities: 1981**

21 Apr 1981 - 27 Apr 1981

SG/REV/SEC

**Details**

Correspondence from the Secretary-General on convening the Group, Contains a copy of the report Commonwealth Secretariat Objectives and Priorities in the 80s: Report of the 1981 Review Group.

**2012/257**

**Speaking Engagements: July/December 1981: Part 2**

05 Dec 1980 - 24 Dec 1981

SG/SPE/1981, Old File No: SG107/81

**Details**

Incoming requests and copies of responses. Arranged according to regrets, acceptances, King's College Oration and pending. Also contains a list of Secretary-General's engagement dates and venues.

**2012/258**

**Working Party on Human Rights: 1980/81**

14 Mar 1980 - 01 May 1981

SG/TOP/HEO

**Details**

Correspondence from members nominating for the working party and from the UK outlining some reservations. Copy of The Hague Conventions on The Service of Process The Taking of Evidence and Legislations: Explanatory Documentation prepared for Commonwealth Jurisdictions as well as the Interim Report of the Commonwealth Working Party on Human Rights. There are notes from Mr Malhoutra on the Australian and British response to the report, plus notes from the Indian Government.