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Kissinger, Henry (1923–)

Introduction

Born in Bavaria, Kissinger fled Germany with his family in 1938 to New York. He worked as an interpreter in the US Army during the Second World War and went on to study 18th Century European Diplomacy at Harvard, later writing a book on nuclear warfare that created much controversy at the time.

In 1968 Kissinger was appointed National Security Adviser under Richard Nixon, after serving under both Kennedy and Johnson. Influential to key decisions during the war in Southeast Asia, he later initiated US withdrawal from Vietnam in his position as Secretary of State, leading to the end of American involvement the war. During the early 1970s Kissinger played a major role in what was termed “shuttle diplomacy” in an attempt to reduce tension between Israel and her Arab neighbours. After Nixon resigned in 1974, Kissinger remained a steadying presence during ensuing political scandals and was a popular figure in international society. He left office in 1977 and became a consultant on international affairs, traveling and writing extensively.

This bibliography has been designed to provide a guide as to where to find information on Kissinger. Please note that the list of references below is a selection of the more relevant titles and information on the subject. The list is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive but is an introductory guide to some of the resources available.

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