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PERSONS, WILTON B.: Records, 1953-61

These records were received at the Library in 1961 along with other White House Files. As received, the records were marked and identified as the records of Wilton B. Persons and consisted solely of the 3x5 card index of office meetings and mimeographed sheets titled below an "Notes from Congressional Record," "Legislative Notes," and Fact Paper "Quotes." However, a bundle of General Persons' papers had been sent to Central Files by his office at the close of the Administration, arriving too late to be filed into Central Files. Theme papers remained with the unorganized material identified as "too late to process" material.

In February 1969, for convenience, and to hasten retrieval of these valuable papers, they were returned to and associated with other papers identified as General Persons' records. A staff archivist devised folder titles for these papers and they are listed below alphabetically by subject.

Additionally, other papers of General Persons may be found in Central Files, as filed there during General Persons' tenure at the White House.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied:	1.42
Cubic Foot:	1.16
Approximate number of items:	362
Approximate number of pages	2,900

Restrictions applicable to this file are contained in the letter of Dwight D. Eisenhower to Franklin Floete, dated April 13, 1960. See Public Papers of the Presidents, Dwight; D. Eisenhower, 1960-61, pp. 348-352. In accordance with paragraph 7 of that letter, approximately 12% of the records in this file have been closed to research at this time.

*A few items are dated an early as 1953.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The “alphabetical-subject series” in Box I of this file is the most important of the three series. In this series there is important material on the 1961 Federal budget, including correspondence among Maurice Stans (Director of the Bureau of the Budget), the President, Wilton Persons, and heads of Departments concerning the allocation of funds. There is material on the draft interim report on the Interstate Highway System. There is valuable information filed under “Legislation (Overall Program)” such as summaries of the status of HEW legislative proposals advice and analysis concerning the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act of 1958, and the determination of “essential” Presidential and Departmental legislation. Some of the material in this first box of the file reflects Mr. Persons’ duties in legislative liaison and shows the roles played by the Bureau of the Budget and the Departments in the formulation of legislation.

The series “index to office meetings” indicates the date and time of various office meetings attended by Maj. Gen. Persons and others in the White House, the names of persons attending the meeting and the subject (title) of the meeting.

The series Congressional Record Notes, Legislative Notes and Fact Paper “Quotes” constitutes the remainder of the file and consists of mimeographed narrative summaries.

The “Notes from Congressional Record” are brief summaries extracted from the Congressional Record and mimeographed for information of the White House Staff. The “Legislative Notes” are brief narrative reports of progress of legislation, activities in Congressional committees and public statements by members of Congress. These mimeographed sheets were prepared to keep White House personnel informed of Congressional matters. The Fact Paper “Quotes” were prepared by the Executive Branch Liaison Office and were designed to provide the Administration’s spokesmen with the facts on the outstanding achievements of the Administration, issues on which the Administration’s view was misunderstood, and goals of the Administration.

CHRONOLOGICAL NOTE

1948*	Appointed Director of the Office of Legislative Liaison of the Office of the Secretary of Defense
1949*	Retired from Army
1951*	Appointed Special Assistant to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander, SHAPE
1952*	Retired for second time
January 20, 1953	Appointed Deputy Assistant to the President
October 7, 1958	Promoted to Assistant to the President
January 20, 1961	Resigned from White House

* Predates records in this file.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Series</u>
1	Alphabetical-Subject. Principally 1955-60. Correspondence, memoranda, tables, charts, reports and printed items arranged alphabetically by subject.
2 - 3	Index to Office Meetings. 1953-61. 3x5 card indexes arranged alphabetically by subject of meeting.
4 - 5	Congressional Record Notes, Legislative Notes, and Fact Paper "Quotes." 1956-1959. Mimeographed sheets arranged chronologically within each of three sub-series

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1	Budget - 1961
	Civil Rights, 1958-60
	Civil Service Pay and Retirement 1960
	Civilian Atomic Power [supplemental appropriation]
	Commission on National Goals
	Economic Situations ca. 1958
	Eisenhower Library [T. E. Stephens painting of DDE for Truman Library]
	Excise and Corporation Taxes 1960
	Facsimile Mail Service
	FCC, 1958
	Federal-State Relations
	HEW File [Federal aid to education health insurance, food additives, and Labor-HEW appropriations]
	International Trades 1960
	Interstate Highway System, 1960
	Labor Surplus Areas, 1960
	Legislation (Overall Program) [numerous significant topics are included, such as Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, Federal Aid to Educ., Foreign Trade Assistance and the President's legislative program in general]
	Legislative Bi-Partisan Meetings
	Liberals vs. Conservatives, 1953 [empty]
	Medical Insurance Programs 1960

NASA, 1960

President's Air Policy Commission, Missiles and Defense

- 2 and 3 3 x 5 card index of office meetings in the White House filed alphabetically by subject of meeting. Cards indicate date and time of meeting and names of persons attending.
- 4 Notes from Congressional Record Nos. 1-32 85th Congress, 2nd Session. Jan. 7, 1958-Feb. 28, 1958
- Ibid., Nos. 33-68, March 3-April 30, 1958
- Ibid., Nos. 69-108, May 1-June 30, 1958
- Ibid., Nos. 109-149, Jul. 1-Aug. 25, 1958
- Notes from Congressional Record, Nos. 51-81. 86th Congress, 1st Session. April 7, 1959-May 21, 1959
- 5 Ibid., Nos. 82-118. May 21, 1959-Jul. 15, 1959
- Ibid., Nos. 119-161. Jul. 16, 1959-Sept. 11, 1959
- Legislative Notes Nos. 2-80. Jan. 6. 1958-Apr-30, 1958
- [The following numbered notes are missing: 3, 29, 32, 37, 48, and 52]
- Ibid., Nos. 81-158. May 1,1958-Aug. 22, 1958
- Ibid., Nos. 57-147. April 7, 1959-Nov. 25, 1959
- Fact Paper "Quotes" Nov. 1. 1956-Nov. 1, 1957

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