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CORE COLLECTIONS ON ENERGY POLICY, 1970s

The 1973 Arab embargo on oil exports to friends of Israel caused big price shocks, lines at gas stations, and fears of shortages. Matters had stabilized by the time Ford became President, but energy independence remained high on the political agenda. President Ford advocated decontrol of prices on domestically produced oil and new fees on imported oil, to spur both conservation and domestic production. He pursued more off-shore drilling and coal production, new nuclear power plants, development of Alaskan oil, and deregulation of natural gas. He sought expanded funding for solar and synthetic fuel research, and he proposed a strategic petroleum reserve. Access to energy supplies became an acute concern for all of the industrial democracies, and this is reflected in the Library's diplomatic and national security collections. "Global warming" was not yet a widely recognized concern, and the topic is virtually absent from the Library's holdings.

The Library (Ann Arbor) has vast holdings on energy issues. A search of our PRESNET archival description database yields over 4,500 folders from dozens of collections. Upon request, Library staff can provide detailed PRESNET reports locating files on specific energy topics. Call (734) 205-0555 or email ford.library@nara.gov.

Research room hours are 8:45 am to 4:45 pm, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. The Library's website, www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov, includes a rapidly growing **Digital Library** of materials scanned from our collections. The website also offers a comprehensive Guide to Collections, plus detailed inventories to all "open" collections.

BURNS, ARTHUR: Papers, 1969-87 and private journal, 1969-74

As chairman of the Federal Reserve Banking System, Burns was deeply involved in the domestic and international economic responses to the 1973 Arab embargo on oil exports. *Burns' private journal is fully available on-line in our Digital Library.*

CANNON, JAMES M.: Files, 1975 – 77

Cannon was executive director of the Domestic Council Staff and Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs. His files include material on nuclear and other energy issues.

NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER: Files 1974-77

Many sub-collections comprise the files of National Security Advisers Henry Kissinger and Brent Scowcroft and their staff. Energy policies and issues are embedded in files on: U.S. relations with oil exporting nations; the first economic summits of the industrial democracies; and such topics as recycling petrodollars, "the consumer-producer dialog," and the use and proliferation of nuclear power as an energy source. *Fully available on-line in our Digital Library is the subcollection "Presidential Memoranda of Conversations," which includes declassified transcripts of meetings and discussions on security and diplomatic topics, often involving energy issues.*

PRESIDENTIAL HANDWRITING FILE: 1974 – 77

Comprising this collection are memoranda, letters, briefing papers, and reports that President Ford initialed or otherwise annotated. It is rather like the Oval Office outbox. Material pertaining to energy production, supply, and conservation matters is found under many file headings.

RAOUL-DUVAL, MICHAEL: Files, 1974 – 77

Raoul-Duval worked on the Nixon and Ford Domestic Council staffs. Boxes 1 to 14 are devoted exclusively to files on myriad energy and environmental issues.

SCHLEEDE, GLENN R.: Files, 1974 – 77

Schleede was Associate Director for Energy and Science on the Domestic Council staff. His collection, filling 70 boxes, concerns such topics as the Alaska pipeline, auto emissions, the new Energy Research and Development Administration, geothermal energy, natural gas deregulation, oil decontrol, the Naval Petroleum Reserve, nuclear power, nuclear technology proliferation, uranium enrichment, drilling in the outer continental shelf, and synthetic fuels.

SEIDMAN, L. WILLIAM: Files, 1974 – 77

Seidman was Assistant to the President for Economic Affairs. His large collection contains minutes of joint Economic Policy Board/Energy Resources Council executive committee meetings as well as material on energy issues and the President's energy program.

SIMON, WILLIAM E.: Microfiche of papers, 1972 – 77

Simon served as the Nixon administration's head of the Federal Energy Office. He then became Deputy Secretary and Secretary of the Treasury Department, where he continued to play an active role in energy policy. Simon's Subject Files, especially the Deputy Secretary subseries, has extensive material on the Oil Policy Committee and the Federal Energy Office.

U.S. COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS: Records, (1969) 1974 – 77

Material specifically on energy issues is found in select files of CEA chairman Alan Greenspan (boxes 37-56); and CEA members Gary L. Seevers (boxes 71-75), William Fellner (box 83), and Paul W. MacAvoy (boxes 86-98 and 105-111).

U.S. ENERGY RESOURCES COUNCIL: Records, 1974 – 76

The collection relates primarily to ERC executive committee meetings. There are agenda notices, meeting minutes and summaries, and related background and option papers. Also included are miscellaneous topical memoranda and a few draft reports from ERC task forces.

U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL: Institutional records 1974 – 77

These are the formal, institutional records of the Ford-era NSC and its committees, working groups, panels, and administrative staff. Material on energy is found widely, for example in files related to oil exporting nations, international economic summits, and various National Security Study Memoranda and National Security Decision Memoranda.

WHITE HOUSE CENTRAL FILES, 1974 – 77

The WHCF was a vast file system shared by all White House staff. In the **WHCF-Subject File**, which is arranged under an alpha-numeric scheme, material on energy issues and policies is located under numerous headings. Examples include: AT - Atomic Energy, BE - Business-Economics, CM - Commodities, CO - Countries, FG - Federal Government Organizations, MC - Meetings and Conferences, NR - Natural Resources, SP - Speeches, and UT - Utilities. In the **WHCF-Name**

File, which is arranged alphabetically, one can search for material by name of person, corporation, or organization (exceptions include Federal Government agencies, appointed officials, and staff).

WHITE HOUSE CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE (CRO): Files, 1974-77

Energy policy in many guises was high on the legislative agenda. There is pertinent material in the files of all CRO staff and in the files of presidential counsellor John Marsh, to whom the CRO reported.

WHITE HOUSE RECORDS OFFICE. Enrolled bill case files, 1974-77

Included are the final analyses and recommendations of Federal agencies and White House staff as an enrolled bill went to the President for his signature or veto. Much legislation involved energy issues.

ZARB, FRANK: Papers, 1974 – 78

Zarb was President Ford's chief energy adviser and head of the Federal Energy Administration. His papers include numerous memoranda to the President, proposed legislation, texts of speeches and testimony, and statistical and other reports on a variety of energy-related topics including coal conversion, liquefied natural gas, energy conservation, oil imports and production incentives. *The major part of this collection is available on-line in our **Digital Library**.*

AUDIOVISUAL COLLECTIONS

The White House Communications Agency (WHCA) videotaped, off-the-air, portions of network newscasts, public affairs programs, and news specials. WHCA also created audiotapes of all of the President's public remarks, plus occasional public remarks of others. White House photographers created a rich daily record of the Ford presidency. *All contact sheets of White House photos are available on-line in our **Digital Library**.*

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