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JAMES H. FALK FILES, 1974-75 (1976)

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Biography

James H. Falk

1938 - Born in Tucson, Arizona

1960 - Received B.S. degree from the University of Arizona

1965 - Received LL.B degree from the University of Arizona

1961-62 - Credit reporter, Dun & Bradstreet, Tucson, Arizona

1965-66 - Attorney, El Paso Natural Gas Co., El Paso, Texas

1966-67 - Assistant City Attorney, Tucson, Arizona

1967-68 - Attorney, Anaconda Co., Sahuarita, Arizona

1968-69 - Attorney, Johnson, Darrow, Hayes and Marales, Tucson, Arizona

1969-71 - Attorney, Waterfall, Economidis, Falk and Caldwell, Tucson, Arizona

1971-73 - Staff assistant, Domestic Council

1973-75 - Associate director, Domestic Council

1976-78 - Member, Touche Ross & Co., Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

James H. Falk joined the Domestic Council staff in March 1971 as a staff assistant to Edward Morgan, Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs. Falk was promoted to Associate Director in 1973 and assumed responsibility for activities associated with intergovernmental affairs, reporting directly to the director of the Domestic Council. He remained in this position until leaving the White House staff in December 1975 to accept a job with Touche Ross & Co., an accounting firm in Washington, D.C.

Falk's primary responsibilities included maintaining White House liaison with governors, mayors, state legislators, officials of counties and other local governments; and with organizations of state, local and intergovernmental officials. These organizations included the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Council of State Governments, International City Management Association, National Association of Counties, National Association of Regional Councils, National Governors Conference, National League of Cities, National Legislative Conference, Republican Governors Association, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

As intergovernmental liaison, Falk had a busy schedule of meetings, often seeing people that the President could not accommodate in his schedule. He handled much of the President's correspondence with state and local officials, often drafting

letters for the President's signature. He also proposed presidential meetings with these individuals or groups, often participating in them himself. Falk also accompanied the President when he was invited to speak to groups of local government officials and helped to organize a series of working dinners with governors' groups across the country.

An important aspect of Falk's position was acting as the President's spokesman with state and local leaders and in turn, relaying their concerns to the appropriate White House officials. He also analyzed proposed legislation in terms of how it would affect state and local governments and worked with the New Coalition, a group of governors, mayors, state legislators and county officials, on the 1976 budget.

As intergovernmental liaison, Falk was a working member of several groups concerned with examining particular issues. He was appointed by Ford in August 1974 to a study group evaluating the general revenue sharing program and recommending whether or not the legislation for that program should be extended before its 1976 expiration.

Falk's files contain extensive material on this subject including correspondence from state and local leaders concerning renewal of the legislation; materials on alternative funding methods and adjustments to payment procedures; legislative strategy on general revenue sharing legislation extension and nondiscrimination provisions in the legislation.

Falk was also an active member of the Economic Adjustment Committee. Established by the President in 1968, this committee was responsible for coordinating and integrating appropriate federal programs into community recovery plans in areas where military bases were being closed or drastically reduced.

The Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico was another group in which Falk participated. The study group was created by President Nixon in 1973 to examine ways of granting Puerto Rico more self- government under its commonwealth status. When Falk left the Domestic Council he turned his Puerto Rico files over to Samuel Halper, a Domestic Council consultant on Puerto Rico. They are now included in Halper's Domestic Council Collection.

James Falk's files document his activities from the beginning of the Ford administration until December 1975, with a very small amount of earlier and later material. Falk's files from the Nixon administration are part of the Nixon presidential materials.

Related Materials (April 1982)

Related material may be found in other Domestic Council collections, particularly the files of Stephen G. McConahey, who replaced Falk as Associate Director for Intergovernmental Affairs; and Rayburn Hanzlik, McConahey's assistant. Patrick Delaney was Falk's assistant, and his materials often appear in Falk's files. There are also related materials scattered throughout the White House Central Files Subject Files.

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General Subject File, 1974-75.

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Correspondence, memoranda, press releases, working papers, reports and printed materials received or created by Falk. This file concerns the federal government's relationship with organizations of state, local and intergovernmental officials; the budget; economic policy as it affected the localities; general revenue sharing renewal; and various legislative initiatives.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 1 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (1)-(7)
OPEN	Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations - Publications

Box 2 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Budget - General
OPEN	Budget - FY 1976

Status	Title
OPEN	Budget - FY 1977
OPEN	Budget - Undersecretaries Group (1)-(4)
OPEN	Commission on the Future of the South
OPEN	Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA)
OPEN	Congressional Black Caucus

Box 3 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Consumer Reform
OPEN	Council of State Governments
OPEN	Countercyclical Legislation
OPEN	Crime
OPEN	District of Columbia - Budget
OPEN	District of Columbia - Organization Handbook (1)-(3)
OPEN	Earth Resources Technology Satellite (ERTS)

Box 4 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Economic Adjustment Committee (1)-(4)
OPEN	Economic Adjustment Committee - Franklin Arsenal, Pennsylvania
OPEN	Economic Adjustment Committee - Program (1)-(3)
OPEN	Economic Adjustment Committee - Report

Box 5 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Economic Adjustment Committee - State Programs (1)-(6)
OPEN	Economic Policy
OPEN	Economic Policy - President's Program

Box 6 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Economic Policy - Press Releases
OPEN	Economic Policy - Publications
OPEN	Education

Status	Title
OPEN	Energy (1)-(3)
OPEN	Energy - President's Energy Program (1)-(2)

Box 7 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Energy - President's Energy Program (3)
OPEN	Energy - Project Independence
OPEN	Energy - Project Independence - Publications
OPEN	Fair Labor Standards
OPEN	General Revenue Sharing (1)-(4)

Box 8 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	General Revenue Sharing (5)-(6)
OPEN	General Revenue Sharing - Chicago
OPEN	General Revenue Sharing - Non-Discrimination Provisions (1)-(2)
OPEN	General Revenue Sharing - Publications (1)-(2)

Box 9 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	General Revenue Sharing - Publications (3)
OPEN	General Revenue Sharing Renewal (1)-(4)
OPEN	General Revenue Sharing Renewal - Draft Bills (1)-(2)
OPEN	General Revenue Sharing Renewal - President's Message (1)

Box 10 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	General Revenue Sharing Renewal - Presidential Message (2)-(3)
OPEN	General Revenue Sharing Renewal - Status Reports
OPEN	Housing and Urban Development
OPEN	Human Habitat
OPEN	International City Management Association

Status	Title
OPEN	Legacy of Parks Program
OPEN	Legislation
OPEN	Medical Malpractice
OPEN	National Association of Counties
OPEN	National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws

Box 11 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws - Consumer Credit Code
OPEN	National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws - Limited Partnerships Act (1)-(2)
OPEN	National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws - Uniform Probate Code
OPEN	National Conference of Republican Mayors and Municipal Officials
OPEN	National Conference of State Legislative Leaders (1)-(2)
OPEN	National Governors' Conference (1)-(2)
OPEN	National Governors' Conference - Russian Meeting
OPEN	National League of Cities - U.S. Conference of Mayors (1)

Box 12 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	National League of Cities - U.S. Conference of Mayors (2)-(3)
OPEN	National League of Cities - U.S. Conference of Mayors - Newsletter
OPEN	National Municipal Policy on Effective Government (1)-(2)
OPEN	National Intergovernmental Personnel Act
OPEN	New Coalition (1)-(4)

Box 13 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	New Coalition (5)-(6)

Status	Title
OPEN	Presidential Letter to Governors - Tax and Spending Cuts, 10/10/75
OPEN	Presidential Papers
OPEN	Public Works
OPEN	Republican Governors Association
OPEN	State and Local Regulatory Task Force
OPEN	State of the Union
OPEN	Safe Drinking Water Legislation
OPEN	Strip Mining
OPEN	Tax Reduction
OPEN	Town Meetings

Box 14 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Unemployment
OPEN	Vice President
OPEN	WIN Committee
OPEN	Youth Camp Safety Act
OPEN	Vietnamese Refugees

State File, 1974-75.

(Boxes 15-25, 4.2 linear feet)

Correspondence, memoranda, briefing papers, press releases, disaster declaration recommendations, meeting notes, presidential meeting and phone call proposals and printed materials received or created by Falk. Falk routinely received copies of much of the material created in the White House and the Domestic Council concerning local and state affairs. Subjects include general revenue sharing, disaster relief, administration legislative or policy initiatives, and the federal budget. Much of the correspondence is addressed to Patrick Delaney, Falk's assistant. Also included is briefing material on various state and local officials drafted by Falk for the President's use.

Arranged alphabetically by state and thereunder chronologically.

Box 14 (Continued) - State File

Status	Title
OPEN	Alabama (1)-(3)
OPEN	Alaska (1)-(2)
OPEN	Arizona (1)-(2)
OPEN	Arkansas

Box 15 - State File

Status	Title
OPEN	California (1)-(3)
OPEN	Connecticut
OPEN	Delaware
OPEN	Florida (1)-(3)
OPEN	Georgia (1)-(2)

Box 16 - State File

Status	Title
OPEN	Hawaii
OPEN	Idaho
OPEN	Illinois (1) -(2)
OPEN	Indiana (1)-(2)
OPEN	Iowa (1)-(2)
OPEN	Kansas (1)-(2)
OPEN	Kentucky

Box 17 - State File

Status	Title
OPEN	Louisiana
OPEN	Maine (1)-(3)
OPEN	Maryland
OPEN	Massachusetts (1)-(3)
OPEN	Michigan (1)

Box 18 - State File

Status	Title
OPEN	Michigan (2)-(4)
OPEN	Michigan - Detroit (1)-(4)

Box 19 - State File

Status	Title
OPEN	Michigan - Detroit: Publications
OPEN	Minnesota (1)-(3)
OPEN	Mississippi
OPEN	Missouri (1)-(2)
OPEN	Montana
OPEN	Nebraska
OPEN	Nevada

Box 20 - State File

Status	Title
OPEN	New Hampshire (1)-(3)
OPEN	New Jersey
OPEN	New Mexico
OPEN	New York (1)-(4)

Box 21 - State File

Status	Title
OPEN	New York City (1)-(4)
OPEN	North Carolina (1)-(2)
OPEN	North Dakota
OPEN	Ohio (1)-(2)

Box 22 - State File

Status	Title
OPEN	Oklahoma (1)-(3)
OPEN	Oregon (1)-(2)
OPEN	Pennsylvania (1)-(3)
OPEN	Pennsylvania: Federal - State Affairs (1)-(3)

Box 23 - State File

Status	Title
OPEN	Pennsylvania: Federal - State Affairs (4)
OPEN	Rhode Island
OPEN	South Carolina

Status	Title
OPEN	South Dakota
OPEN	Tennessee (1)-(2)
OPEN	Texas (1)-(3)
OPEN	Utah (1)-(2)

Box 24 - State File

Status	Title
OPEN	Vermont
OPEN	Virginia (1)-(2)
OPEN	Washington (1)-(3)
OPEN	West Virginia
OPEN	Wisconsin
OPEN	Wyoming

Box 25 - State File

Status	Title
OPEN	American Samoa
OPEN	Guam
OPEN	Puerto Rico
OPEN	Virgin Islands

Meeting File, 1974-75.

(Boxes 25-31, 2.6 linear feet)

Included are memoranda, correspondence, draft speeches, scenarios, briefing materials and printed items relating to meetings attended by Falk and sometimes by the President. These include meetings Falk attended with organizations of state, local, and intergovernmental officials; meetings of those same groups where the President gave an address and Falk had acted as liaison in planning the appearance; and White House meetings Falk attended concerning intergovernmental affairs. Many of the meeting files contain Falk's handwritten notes taken during the meeting.

Arranged chronologically.

Box 25 (Continued) - Meeting File

Status	Title
OPEN	Midwestern Governor's Conference, Minneapolis, 7/28-31/74
OPEN	Western Governors' Conference, Albuquerque, 9/29/74
OPEN	National Legislative Conference, Albuquerque, 8/12-16/74 (1)-(2)
OPEN	President's Meeting with Governors, 8/14/74
OPEN	National Association of Counties Executive Committee Meeting, Washington, DC, 8/15/74
OPEN	President's Meeting with State Legislative Leaders, 8/29/74
OPEN	Conference on Inflation, 9/74
OPEN	Southern Governors' Conference, Austin, 9/8-11/74
OPEN	National Governors' Conference Executive Committee Meeting with President, 9/14/74

Box 26 - Meeting File

Status	Title
OPEN	State and Local Governments Conference on Inflation, 9/23/74
OPEN	Revenue Sharing Meeting with President, 11/30/74
OPEN	Coastal Governors' Meeting with President, 11/13/74
OPEN	National Governors' Conference, Snowbird, 11/14-16/74
OPEN	White House Conference, Minneapolis, 11/26/74
OPEN	President's Meeting with Mayor Rizzo, 11/29/74
OPEN	Republican Governors' Association Conference, St. Louis, 12/1-3/74
OPEN	Post State of the Union Briefing for State and Local Leaders, 1/16/75
OPEN	Legislative Award Ceremony, 1/17/75

Box 27 - Meeting File

Status	Title
OPEN	Northeastern Governors' Meeting with President, 1/23/75
OPEN	President's meeting with Southeast Governors, Atlanta, 2/3/75

Status	Title
OPEN	White House Conference, Atlanta, 2/3/75 (1)-(2)
OPEN	President's Visit to Houston, 2/10/75
OPEN	President's Visit to Topeka, 2/10-11/75
OPEN	National Governors' Conference - Winter Meeting, 2/18-20/75
OPEN	State Dinner for Governors, 2/20/75
OPEN	National Conference on American Federalism in Action, 2/21-22/75

Box 28 - Meeting File

Status	Title
OPEN	White House Conference, Miami, 2/25-26/75 (1)-(2)
OPEN	National Association of Counties Legislative Conferences, 2/25-27/75
OPEN	National Conference of State Legislatures, 2/28/75
OPEN	President's Meeting with Miss America, 3/10/75
OPEN	President's Trip to South Bend, 3/17/75
OPEN	President's Meeting with Sister Cities Representatives, 3/25/75
OPEN	President's Trip to Western Governors, San Francisco, Tucson, 4/3-8/75
OPEN	President's Meeting with Governor Thomson, 4/16/75
OPEN	President's Trip to New Hampshire, 4/18/75
OPEN	State Legislative Leaders Conference, 4/24-25/75
OPEN	Republican Mayors Task Force, 5/21/75

Box 29 - Meeting File

Status	Title
OPEN	National Governors' Conference Annual Meeting, 6/8-11/75 (1)-(2)
OPEN	U.S. Conferences of Mayors, Boston, 7/6-9/75
OPEN	Briefing on General Revenue Sharing, 7/10/75
OPEN	Midwestern Governors' Conference, Cincinnati, 7/20-23/75

Status	Title
OPEN	National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 8/2-8/75

OPEN	President's Meeting with Governors, 8/28/75
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Box 30 - Meeting File

Status	Title
OPEN	Southern Governors' Conference, Orlando, 9/14-17/75
OPEN	Western Governors' Conference, Sun Valley, 9/21-24/75
OPEN	Meeting with Executive Committee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, 9/24/75
OPEN	President's Meeting with Mayors of Small Cities, 10/1/75
OPEN	President's Meeting with Appalachian Governors, Knoxville, 10/7/75
OPEN	National Conference of State Legislators, Philadelphia, 10/7-10/75

Box 31 - Meeting File

Status	Title
OPEN	Meeting with Governor Hammond, 10/20/75
OPEN	Meeting with Terry Chambers, 10/21/75
OPEN	Japanese Governors' Meeting, 10/23/75
OPEN	Speech at Harvard Business School, 11/7/75
OPEN	President's Meeting with New England Governors, 11/7/75
OPEN	Republican Governors' Conference, 11/20-22/75 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Congress of Cities Meeting, 11/30/75 - 12/4/75
OPEN	State of the States Meeting with Governors, 12/18/75
OPEN	Meeting with Governors on Rice Surplus, 1/8/76

Administrative File, 1974-75.

(Boxes 31-34, 1.2 linear feet)

Internal memoranda, invitations, news clippings, resumes, questions and answers for the President's Briefing Book, employee information for the White House staff, schedule proposals and other papers concerning Domestic Council administrative matters and the Ford administration's intergovernmental activities.

Arranged alphabetically.

Box 31 (Continued) - Administrative File

Status	Title
OPEN	Bicentennial Theme
OPEN	Cannon/Falk Memoranda (1)-(3)

Box 32 - Administrative File

Status	Title
OPEN	Cannon/Falk Memoranda (4)
OPEN	Cole/Falk Memoranda (see WHCF OA 4160)
OPEN	Daily Schedules
OPEN	Domestic Council
OPEN	Domestic Policy Papers
OPEN	Domestic Policy Review
OPEN	Federal Executive Boards
OPEN	Federal - State Liaison Program
OPEN	Forms
OPEN	Intergovernmental Relations - General
OPEN	Internal Memoranda (1)-(2)
OPEN	Invitations
OPEN	News Media
OPEN	Personnel - News Clippings
OPEN	Personnel - Presidential Appointments
OPEN	Personnel - Presidential Appointment - Resumes
OPEN	Personnel - Resumes (1)

Box 33 - Administrative File

Status	Title
OPEN	Personnel - Resumes (2)-(4)
OPEN	Photos Sent Out
OPEN	President's Briefing Book - Background on States (1)-(2)
OPEN	President's Briefing Book - Q's and A's (1)-(3)
OPEN	President - First 100 Days

Status	Title
OPEN	President - Invitations

Box 34 - Administrative File

Status	Title
OPEN	President - Meetings
OPEN	President - Memberships and Endorsements
OPEN	President - Schedule Proposals
OPEN	Presidential Spokesman Schedule
OPEN	Public Forums
OPEN	Vice President - Weekly Briefing Paper
OPEN	Telephone Calls
OPEN	White House Office Handbook
OPEN	White House Operations
OPEN	White House Staff
OPEN	Weekly Review Report

Chronological File, 1975.

(Boxes 34-35, 0.5 linear feet)

Carbons and photocopies of letters, memoranda, questions and answers for the President's Briefing Book, schedule proposals, and background material prepared by Falk during 1975. There are no materials in this file from 1974.

Arranged chronologically.

Box 34 (Continued) - Chronological File

Status	Title
OPEN	Jan.-Apr. 1975

Box 35 - Chronological File

Status	Title
OPEN	May-Dec. 1975