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GERALD R. FORD CONGRESSIONAL PAPERS, 1949-73 SPECIAL FILES SUB-GROUP, 1948-73

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Personal Papers

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Special Files, 1948-73.

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Special Files appear to be files maintained on topics of particular concern to Ford professionally and personally. Included are correspondence from the major industries, local governments, and colleges in the district about their problems and Ford's efforts to help them. There are also individual case files similar to those in the General and Case File but those in Special Files seem to concern problems of unusual complexity or duration. Many of the topics are subjects related to the welfare of the Fifth District such as Grand River Flood Control, the Great Lakes, or Poverty in the Fifth District. Other subjects reflect Ford's more personal concerns and activities such as selecting and mailing Christmas cards or furnishing his Grand Rapids office. Correspondence from personal friends is also included in Special Files. Because of Ford's continuing interest in these subjects, most of the files in Special Files span several years. Unlike the General and Case Files, which until 1964 were destroyed after two years because of lack of storage space, Special Files were retained indefinitely, although there is very little Special Files material from the period prior to the mid-1950's.

The files contain correspondence, handwritten notes, draft letters, memoranda, reports, surveys, minutes, charts, bills and receipts, lists, newsletters, newspaper clippings, Congressional documents, printed material, and photographs. Arranged alphabetically by subject and thereunder chronologically.

Compiled by Dennis Daellenbach, February 1979.

Box J1 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Albion College, 1963-1968 (1)-(16)

Box J2 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Albion College, 1963-1968 (17)-(20)
OPEN	American Motors Corporation, 1958
OPEN	Aquinas College, 1959-1967
OPEN	AVCO Corporation, 1963-1968
OPEN	Beller, Rudolph J., 1965-1967 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Blackwood, Paul E. - Book on Primitive Man, 1962 (1)-(2)

Status	Title
OPEN	Busch, John H., 1964-1965 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Caskie, Maxwell, 1962-1963
OPEN	Chase, Lewis, 1961
OPEN	China Trip, July 1972: Account of Visit, by Frank Meyer (1)-(2)
OPEN	Christmas Cards - Correspondence re purchase of cards, 1964-1973

Box J3 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Christmas Cards - Mailing Lists, 1965-1968 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Christmas Cards - Received (1)-(2)
OPEN	Christmas Cards - Samples (1)-(2)
OPEN	Christmas Cards - Sent, 1961-1973 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Conflict of Interest, 1963
OPEN	Cummiskey, John, 1966-1967 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Curtis, Alonzo, 1961-1965 (1)-(4)

Box J4 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Curtis, Alonzo, 1961-1965 (5)-(9)
OPEN	Darling, 1968
OPEN	Democrats - Fifth District, 1959-1960 (clippings) (1)-(2)
OPEN	Detroit - Atomic Reactor, 1956-1963 (1)-(6)
OPEN	Dri-Slide, 1966-1967 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Dutch Elm Disease, 1958-1966 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Eisenhower Eulogies - General, 1969-1971 (1)

Box J5 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Eisenhower Eulogies - General, 1969-1971 (2)
OPEN	Eisenhower Eulogies - Thank You Letters, 1970 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Eisenhower Eulogies - House Resolutions, 1969
OPEN	Eisenhower Eulogies - Information, 1969

Status	Title
OPEN	Electronic Research Center - NASA, 1963-1964 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Fedida, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, 1955-1963 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Fifth District, 1967-1973 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R.
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - Book Business

Box J6 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - Science Advisory Committee, 1972-1973 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - Science Advisory Committee - Information, 1971-1972 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Ford Motor Company, 1964
OPEN	Fynewever, Jay, 1958-1962 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Grand Haven Coast Guard, 1949-1965 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Grand Haven Coast Guard - Festival, 1962-1969
OPEN	Grand Rapids Education: Area Learning Center, 1969 (1)-(5)

Box J7 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Grand Rapids Education: Area Learning Centers, 1969 (6)-(10)
OPEN	Grand Rapids Education: Board of Education Master Plan, 1968
OPEN	Grand Rapids Education: Developmental Language and Speech Center, 1968-1971 (1)-(6)

Box J8 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Grand Rapids Education: Follow Through Proposal, 1968
OPEN	Grand Rapids Educational Park, 1969-1971 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Grand Rapids Federal Building, 1964-1973 (1)-(7)
OPEN	Grand Rapids Gypsum Company - Correspondence, 1968-1970 (1)-(3)

Box J9 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Grand Rapids Gypsum Company - Project Proposal, 1968 (1)-(7)
OPEN	Grand Rapids National Guard Armory, 1954-1965 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Grand Rapids Office, 1952-1973 (1)-(5)

Box J10 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Grand Rapids Office: Furnishings for Office in Federal Building, 1972 (1)-(9)

Box J11 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Grand Rapids VA Hospital - Correspondence and Reference Information, 1949-1952 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Grand Rapids VA Hospital - Newspaper Clippings, 1949-1950
OPEN	Grand River Basin, 1963-1973 (1)-(12)

Box J12 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Grand River Basin, 1963-1973 (13)-(18)
OPEN	Grand River Flood Control, 1948-1973 (1)-(10)

Box J13 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Grand River Flood Control, 1948-1973 (11)-(17)
OPEN	Grand Valley State College, 1961-1969 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Great Lakes, 1958-1973 (1)-(9)

Box J14 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Great Lakes, 1958-1973 (10)-(16)
OPEN	Great Lakes Harbors, 1956-1972 (1)-(7)
OPEN	Great Lakes Water Diversion, 1957-1964 (1)-(2)

Box J15 - Special Files

Status	Title
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OPEN	Great Lakes Water Diversion, 1957-1964 (3)-(8)
OPEN	Great Lakes Water Diversion - Congressional Bills and Joint Resolutions, 1952-1959
OPEN	Great Lakes Water Diversion - Congressional Hearings and Reports, 1953-1959 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Great Lakes Water Level Charts, 1959-1964 (1)-(5)

Box J16 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Great Lakes - Conference on Pollution of Lake Michigan, 1970 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Great Lakes - Miscellaneous Printed Material
OPEN	Grice, Charles, 1956-1965 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Griffioen, Alex, 1964-1968 (1)-(6)
OPEN	Hager, Titus, 1960
OPEN	Hall, Edwin, 1968
OPEN	Hamilton, William, 1965-1969 (1)-(3)

Box J17 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Hamilton, William 1965-1969 (4)-(7)
OPEN	Harbeck, E.O., 1958-1961 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Hardwood Labeling Act, 1960-1964 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Heidman, William, Jr. 1954-1973 (1)-(6)

Box J18 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Hillings, Pat, 1963-1965
OPEN	Holland Coast Guard Station, 1951-1963 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Holland Furnace Co., 1953-1959 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Hooker, Richard F., 1961-1963 (1)-(3)
OPEN	House Office Building Commission: General, 1971-1973 (1)-(2)
OPEN	House Office Building Commission: Requests for Office Space, 1973

Status	Title
OPEN	House Office Building Commission: Contract Appeals Cases, 1973 (1)-(2)
OPEN	House Office Building Commission: House Office Buildings Floor Plans (1)-(2)

Box J19 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Indian Mounds, Grand Rapids, 1968-1973 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Ionia County, 1966-1972 (1)-(4)

Box J20 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Ionia County Soil Survey, 1967-1970 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Johnson, Courtney, 1963
OPEN	Kalamazoo Court Room, 1960-1961 (1)-(5)
OPEN	Kelley, Bethel, 1967
OPEN	Kelso, Louis O., 1965-1969 (1)-(8)

Box J21 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Kelvinator Refrigerators, 1961-1962 (1)-(7)
OPEN	Kent County, 1965-1972 (1)-(5)
OPEN	Kent County Airport, 1952-1973 (1)-(7)

Box J22 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Kent County Airport, 1952-1973 (8)-(21)
OPEN	Kent County Correctional Facility: Grant Application, 1971 (1)

Box J23 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Kent County Correctional Facility: Grant Application, 1971 (2)-(4)
OPEN	Kent County Psychiatric Hospital, 1960
OPEN	Lear, Inc., 1957-1962 (1)-(9)

Status	Title
OPEN	Lear Siegler, Inc., 1962-1972 (1)-(3)

Box J24 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Lear Siegler, Inc., 1962-1972 (4)-(13)
OPEN	Lear Siegler, Inc.: GTI Problem, 1963-1965 (1)-(6)

Box J25 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Lear Siegler, Inc.: GTI Problem, 1963-1965 (7)
OPEN	Lear, Bill, 1962-1971 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Lugthart, Cornell W., Jr., 1967-1973
OPEN	Michigan, University of, 1965 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Michigan National Bank, 1960-1972 (1)-(8)
OPEN	Milanowski, John: Correspondence, 1960-1970 (1)-(2)

Box J26 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Milanowski, John: Calls, Letters, Visits, 1957-1969 (1)-(2)
OPEN	National Cultural Center (Kennedy Center for Performing Arts), 1963-1964
OPEN	National Guard: Sunday Drills, 1959-1961 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Nuffessee, Ahmed, 1959-1961
OPEN	Old Kent Bank and Trust Company Board, 1968
OPEN	Osgood, Arnold (Perma Guard Non Poisonous Insecticides), 1963-1965
OPEN	Ottawa County, 1966-1969
OPEN	Peninsular Club Magazine, 1959-1963 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Phelps, Lt. Leland B., 1956-1958
OPEN	Pine Rest Christian Hospital, 1965-1969 (1)-(2)

Box J27 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Pleune, James, 1958-1968
OPEN	Post Office - Franking, 1967-1970

Status	Title
OPEN	Poverty - Fifth District, 1966-1968 (1)-(7)
OPEN	Project Mercury, 1960
OPEN	Quist, Robert J., 1961-1962
OPEN	Republican County Board (Reapportionment), 1964
OPEN	Rivers and Harbors Congress, 1959-1964
OPEN	Runciman, C.H., Company et. al., 1965-1966
OPEN	Satellite Communications System, 1961
OPEN	St. Lawrence Seaway, 1966-1973
OPEN	Scott, John M., Jr., 1966-1967 (1)-(2)

Box J28 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Seelig, Frederick, 1967-1968 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Seidman, L. William, 1958-1962
OPEN	Simonidou, Elizabeth, 1955-1963 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Smith, William O., 1962-1969 (1)-(3)
OPEN	South High School (Grand Rapids), 1966-1968 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Spring Lake Bridge, 1959-1961 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Stiles, Fred, 1962-1970 (1)-(4)

Box J29 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Stiles, Fred, 1962-1970 (5)-(11)
OPEN	Stiles, John R. ("Jack"), 1950-1971 (1)-(7)
OPEN	Symans, Edward A., 1962-1968
OPEN	Van Broekhoven, Rev. Harold, 1958-1969 (1)-(4)
OPEN	van Cleef, John, 1965-1966
OPEN	Vandenberg, Arthur, 1967
OPEN	Veterans Organizations - Fifth District: General
OPEN	Correspondence 1968-1972 (1)-(2)

Box J30 - Special Files

Status	Title
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OPEN	Veterans Organizations - Fifth District: American Legion, 1966-1973
OPEN	Veterans Organizations - Fifth District: Disabled American Veterans, 1966-1973
OPEN	Veterans Organizations - Fifth District: Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1966-1972
OPEN	Veterans Organizations - Fifth District: Printed Materials, 1968-1972
OPEN	Veterans Organizations - Fifth District: Mailing Labels
OPEN	Walton, Rus (and Associates), 1965
OPEN / DIGITIZED	West Front of Capitol Extension: General, 1965-1973 (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	West Front of Capitol Extension: General, 1965-1973 (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	West Front of Capitol Extension: General, 1965-1973 (3)
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OPEN / DIGITIZED	West Front of Capitol Extension: General, 1965-1973 (7)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	West Front of Capitol Extension: General, 1965-1973 (8)
OPEN	West Front of Capitol Extension: Structural Condition Report, November 1964 (1)

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Status	Title
OPEN	West Front of Capitol Extension: Structural Condition Report, November 1964 (2)-(5)
OPEN	West Front of Capitol Extension: Progress Report, May 1966
OPEN	West Front of Capitol Extension: Report and Recommendations, August 1966
OPEN	West Front of Capitol Extension: Preliminary Plans, Estimated Costs, May 1967
OPEN	West Front of Capitol Extension: Printed Material, 1967
OPEN	West Front of Capitol Extension: Hearings re Capitol Extension, September 8, 1969

Status	Title
OPEN	West Front of Capitol Extension: Congressional Record, September 19, 1969

Box J32 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	West Front of Capitol Extension: Feasibility and Cost Study, January 1971
OPEN	West Ottawa Soil Conservation District: Consumers Power Company, 1956-1957
OPEN	West Ottawa Soil Conservation District: Insect Control, 1955-1962 (1)-(5)
OPEN	West Ottawa Soil Conservation District: Land Sales, 1954-1966 (1)-(9)

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Status	Title
OPEN	West Ottawa Soil Conservation District: Land Sales, 1954-1966 (10)-(15)
OPEN	West Ottawa Soil Conservation District: Ottawa County Park, 1961-1964 (1)-(3)
OPEN	West Ottawa Soil Conservation District: State Nursery, 1955-1961 (1)-(6)
OPEN	Williams, C.I. 1960-1969 (1)-(6)

Box J34 - Special Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Williams, C.I. 1960-1969 (7)-(9)
OPEN	Wurtsmith Air Force Base, 1961-1964 (1)-(2)