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GEORGE HUMPHREYS FILES, 1975-77

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Scope and Content Note

George Humphreys joined the Domestic Council as associate director for environment in August 1975 and served in that post until the end of the Ford administration. A graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Humphreys held posts as Assistant Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and President and Director of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation before his appointment to the Domestic Council.

The position of Associate Director for Environment was created in a reorganization of the Domestic Council in May 1975. Before the reorganization, overall responsibility for environmental affairs was held by Michael Raoul-Duval, Associate Director for Natural Resources. Assistant Directors Norman E. Ross and Glenn R. Schleede worked with Duval. Their areas of concern included environment, energy, transportation, and agriculture and covered such issues as strip mining, automobile emissions, Corps of Engineers projects, oceans policy, the Alaska pipeline, water resources, and air quality. Many of the active issues had a close association with

energy problems. In the course of the reorganization, Duval became associate director for energy and transportation with his environmental responsibilities assigned to Douglas Costle who served very briefly as Associate Director for Environment in May and June. Glenn Schleede's duties were made more specific with regard to energy (particularly nuclear energy) and scientific issues. Norman Ross, who had handled many of the environmental issues under Duval, resigned from the Domestic Council in June. When he left, Ross turned his files over to Tod Hullin, Associate Director for Housing and Community Affairs, but there is no evidence that Hullin pursued any environmental issues. In fact for a brief period in July and August, no one seems to have been actively involved in environmental affairs.

Humphreys worked principally with the Department of Interior, Environmental Protection Agency, Council on Environmental Quality, Commerce Department, and Agriculture Department to acquire information for formulation of policy, interdepartmental task forces, legislation, messages to Congress, and programs of interest to the public, states, and local governments. He drafted statements and questions and answers for the President, prepared decision and information memoranda for the President and other Domestic Council staff, and responded to letters and inquiries from the public. Humphreys continued to monitor many of the environmental issues that were of concern to Duval and Ross.

His papers reflect a particular concern with pollution and include files on beverage containers, radioactive waste management, the clean air act, sewage and waste water treatment plants, PBB's, PCB's, and toxic substances. Ocean policy was also an issue of concern as evidenced by files on the Law of the Sea Conference, the tuna/porpoise situation, the 200 mile limit fishing boundary, outer continental shelf leasing policy, and a large file on ocean policy. Humphreys also dealt with problems concerning the effect of energy policy on the environment, i.e. the Alaska pipeline, strip mining, and the Seabrook nuclear power plant in New Hampshire.

In addition to these problems which were also of concern of Duval and Ross, Humphreys seems to have devoted considerable time to issues concerning wildlife, parks and recreation, and land use. There is extensive material on the issue of predator control, including proposals to amend or cancel President Nixon's executive order banning the use of poisons against coyotes, and on Alaskan

wolves, polar bears, fur seals, and the Wild Horses Organized Assistance. Numerous files on such topics as wilderness proposals, national parks proposals, national parks mining, land use, coal leasing program, and grazing fees illustrate some of the issues. Other files are on existing or proposed parks such as Redwood National Park, Hells Canyon Recreation Area, and the Indiana Dunes.

The files include background information, reports, studies, issue and option papers, suggested regulations and legislation, executive orders, environmental impact statements, drafts of presidential speeches, questions and answers on environmental issues, and correspondence from interested private concerns as well as departments and agencies within the government. Some of the materials date to the Nixon Administration.

Related Materials (1980)

Related materials may be found in the Domestic Council files of Michael Raoul-Duval, Norman E. Ross, and Glenn R. Schleede.

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Commerce Department Subject File, 1975-77.

(Boxes 1-2, 0.8 linear feet)

Correspondence, speeches, reports, memoranda, briefing papers, and decision papers on topics of concern to the Commerce Department. These include, in particular, matters relating to ocean policy and climate control. Tuna/Porpoise fishing, the 200 mile fishing limit, law of the sea conference, climate change hearing, and the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration are among the topics. Related material on oceans policy is located in the General Subject File. Related material on climate control is located in the Domestic Council Subject File.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 1 - Commerce Department Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Climate Change Hearings (1)-(4)
OPEN	Coastal Zone Management Amendments Act of 1975

Status	Title
OPEN	Hunting and Fishing Day
OPEN	Law of the Sea Conference
OPEN	Monitor, Inc.
OPEN	National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere
OPEN	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
OPEN	Polar Bears
OPEN	Speeches by Vincent P. Barabba (1)-(2)

Box 2 - Commerce Department Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Tuna/Porpoise Fishing Report
OPEN	Tuna/Porpoise Situation (1)-(4)
OPEN	200 Mile Limit Fishing Boundaries (1)-(2)

Council on Environmental Quality Subject File, 1975-77.

(Boxes 3-5, 0.8 linear feet)

Drafts of sections of the annual reports for 1975 and 1976, legislative reports, and miscellaneous correspondence.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 3 - Council on Environmental Quality Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Annual Report of the Council on Environmental Quality - 1975 (1)-(7)

Box 4 - Council on Environmental Quality Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Annual Report of the Council on Environmental Quality - 1975 (8)-(10)
OPEN	Annual Report of the Council on Environmental Quality - 1976
OPEN	Citizens Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality (1)-(2)
OPEN	Energy Research and Development Report (1)-(2)

Status	Title
OPEN	Environmental Impact Statements
OPEN	Miscellaneous

Box 5 - Council on Environmental Quality Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Weekly Legislative Reports (1)-(2)

Domestic Council Subject File, 1975-1977.

(Boxes 5-7, 0.8 linear feet)

Correspondence, reports, memoranda, briefing papers, and decision papers concerning Domestic Council committees and programs. The material includes some Domestic Council administrative matters but there are also files on various policy committees such as the climate change subcommittee, the environmental resource committee, the mineral and material policy subcommittee, and the recreation subcommittee. There is also extensive material on a domestic policy review. Related material on climate change is located in the Commerce Department Subject File and on mining and recreation in the Interior Department Subject File.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 5 (Continued) - Domestic Council Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Climate Change Subcommittee (1)-(4)
OPEN	Correspondence Profile

Box 6 - Domestic Council Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Domestic Policy Review (1)-(4)
OPEN	Environmental Resource Committee
OPEN	Federal Role in Weather Modification
OPEN	Mineral and Material Policy Subcommittee
OPEN	Miscellaneous
OPEN	Public Forum, Denver, Colorado, 10/21/75

Box 7 - Domestic Council Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Public Forum, Tampa, Florida, 10/29/75 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Recreation Subcommittee

Environmental Protection Agency Subject File, 1975-77.

(Boxes 7-11, 2.0 linear feet)

Correspondence, memoranda, reports, briefing papers, information papers, proposals and legal documents on issues of concern to the Environmental Protection Agency. The majority of topics relate to air and water pollution and include large files on the Clean Air Act Amendments and beverage containers as well as files on water treatment plants, chemical pollutants such as PBB's and PCB's, and strip mining.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 7 (Continued) - Environmental Protection Agency Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	American Automobile Association "Gas Watchers"
OPEN	Argo Merchant Oil Spill
OPEN	Beverage Containers - EPA Regulations and Standards on Non-Returnable Bottles (1)-(3)
OPEN	Budget FY1977

Box 8 - Environmental Protection Agency Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Chemical Regulation in the Environment
OPEN	CHESS Studies
OPEN	Chicago Conference on Radioactive Waste Management
OPEN	Clean Air Act Amendments (1)-(3)
OPEN	Clean Air Act and Relevant Materials (1)-(3)

Box 9 - Environmental Protection Agency Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Clean Air Act and Relevant Materials (4)-(5)
OPEN	Clean Air Strategy (1)-(4)
OPEN	Coke Oven Emissions, 10/14/76

Status	Title
OPEN	Commission on Carcinogens
OPEN	Construction Grants

Box 10 - Environmental Protection Agency Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Corning Glass (Auto Emissions)
OPEN	Encephalitis
OPEN	Miscellaneous
OPEN	Nassau County, New York
OPEN	National Environmental Policy Act
OPEN	National Pest Control Association
OPEN	New York City Treatment Plants
OPEN	North River Treatment Plant, New York
OPEN	Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB)
OPEN	Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB)
OPEN	Regulatory Reform Program (1)-(2)
OPEN	Sewage and Waste Water Treatment Plants

Box 11 - Environmental Protection Agency Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Strip Mining (1)-(2)
OPEN	Success Stories, 9/8/76
OPEN	Transportation Control Study of the Chicago Business District

Interior Department Subject File, 1975-77.

(Boxes 11-17, 2.2 linear feet)

Correspondence, memoranda, reports, briefing papers, proposals, and background information on Interior Department issues. The major topics are the uses made of public lands, especially mining and grazing, and the establishment of parks and recreation areas.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 11 (Continued) - Interior Department Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Briefing Papers
OPEN	Budget FY1977 (1)-(2)

Box 12 - Interior Department Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Chamberlain Basin, Idaho (1)-(2)
OPEN	Chattahoochee River, Georgia
OPEN	Chattahoochee River Briefing Book
OPEN	Coal Leasing Program (1)-(2)
OPEN	Congaree Swamp National Preserve, South Carolina
OPEN	Cross Florida Barge Canal (Empty)
OPEN	Dolores River, Colorado
OPEN	Garrison Diversion Project, North Dakota
OPEN	Grazing Fees
OPEN	Guam

Box 13 - Interior Department Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Hole-In-The-Donut, Florida (1)-(2)
OPEN	Ike's Peak, California
OPEN	Indian Fishing Rights, Pacific Northwest
OPEN	Land and Water Conservation Fund Signing (1)-(2)
OPEN	Legacy of Parks
OPEN	Maine Indians (Passamaquoddy)

Box 14 - Interior Department Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Matagorda Island, Texas
OPEN	Micronesia, Four Year College Study
OPEN	Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration
OPEN	Mining and Minerals, 1976 Annual Report (1)-(3)
OPEN	Miscellaneous (1)-(2)
OPEN	Napeague Acquisition, New York Parks and Recreation
OPEN	Natchez Trace Parkway, Land Heritage Program

Status	Title
OPEN	National Park Mining, S.2371

Box 15 - Interior Department Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	National Parks Proposal #1 (1)-(2)
OPEN	National Parks Proposal #2 (1)-(2)
OPEN	National Parks Visit
OPEN	National Wildlife Federation Proposals - Environmental Goal for the Next Four Years

Box 16 - Interior Department Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Natural Gas Transportation System (1)-(3)
OPEN	New River, North Carolina
OPEN	New River Signing Ceremony, 9/11/76
OPEN	Press Releases
OPEN	Recreation Lands - Bureau of Outdoor Recreation
OPEN	Redwood National Parks, California

Box 17 - Interior Department Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Steel Shot
OPEN	Teton Dam, Idaho Disaster
OPEN	Timber Bill, S.3091
OPEN	Westlands, California
OPEN	Wild Horse Organized Assistance (WHOA)
OPEN	Wilderness Proposals

Predator Control Subject File, 1975-77.

(Boxes 17-19, 1.0 linear feet)

Correspondence, memoranda, executive orders, briefing papers on proposals to amend or cancel President Nixon's executive order banning the use of poison to kill coyotes and other predators on public lands.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 17 (Continued) - Predator Control Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	American Sheep Industry
OPEN	Decision Paper on Proposed Amendment to E.O.11643 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Executive Order 11643

Box 18 - Predator Control Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Fact Sheet, 7/16/75
OPEN	Letters
OPEN	Meeting, 6/23/75
OPEN	Miscellaneous, 1971-75

Box 19 - Predator Control Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Miscellaneous, 1975-77
OPEN	Report by the Advisory Committee on Predator Control, 1971
OPEN	Working Papers

General Subject File, 1975-77.

(Boxes 19-25, 2.4 linear feet)

Correspondence, memoranda, reports, briefing papers, proposals, and background information on various energy, environment and wildlife issues. Among the larger files are those on the Army Corps of Engineers, blackbirds and starlings, the Mineral Leasing Act of 1973, oceans policy, the Seabrook Power Plant, and toxic substances.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 19 (Continued) - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Agriculture - Forest Service
OPEN	Agriculture - New Archeological Sites (Empty)
OPEN	Aircraft Replacement Program (Empty)

Status	Title
OPEN	Alaska - Gulf of
OPEN	Alaska - Native Claims
OPEN	Alaska - Wolves
OPEN	Alpine Lakes
OPEN	American Mining Congress

Box 20 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Army - Budget Review
OPEN	Army - Close Up Program
OPEN	Army Corps of Engineers - 404 Regulations (1)-(2)
OPEN	Blackbirds and Starlings (1)-(2)
OPEN	Concorde
OPEN	Death Valley National Monument - Mines and Mining Areas

Box 21 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Eagles Nest Wilderness Bill
OPEN	Earth Week
OPEN	Energy and Natural Resources Organizational Recommendations
OPEN	Energy Development Assistance Act
OPEN	Energy Research and Development Administration
OPEN	Energy - Miscellaneous
OPEN	Environment - Miscellaneous
OPEN	Environmental Agenda Task Force Report (1)-(2)
OPEN	Fire Ants
OPEN	Fur Seals
OPEN	Hells Canyon Recreation Area, Idaho and Oregon
OPEN	Indiana Dunes

Box 22 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Land Use

Status	Title
OPEN	Locks and Dam #26
OPEN	Long Island Beach Pollution
OPEN	Los Angeles City Issues
OPEN	Mahoning Valley, Ohio
OPEN	Meetings - Miscellaneous
OPEN	Mineral Leasing Act of 1973 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Miscellaneous Memoranda (1)

Box 23 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Miscellaneous Memoranda (2)
OPEN	New Directions
OPEN	Nuclear Materials
OPEN	Oceans Policy (1)-(2)
OPEN	Office of Management and Budget, 11/26/75
OPEN	Outer Continental Shelf Leasing Policy
OPEN	Ozone Layers
OPEN	Phosphate Mining, Florida
OPEN	Pipeline, Trans-Alaska, 7/6/76
OPEN	Public Opinion Surveys

Box 24 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Radiation Guidelines
OPEN	Regional Transportation District
OPEN	Resource Recovery
OPEN	Resumes
OPEN	Safe Drinking Water Act
OPEN	Science and Technology
OPEN	Seabrook Letters
OPEN	Seabrook Power Plant, New Hampshire
OPEN	Seventy Issues

Status	Title
OPEN	Southern Governors Conference - Resolution on Resource Management
OPEN	Toxic Substances (1)-(2)

Box 25 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Toxic Substances (3)-(4)
OPEN	Vice President
OPEN	Watch List
OPEN	Water Pollution Control Act
OPEN	Water Resources Council
OPEN	Water Resources Planning Act of 1965

Presidential Events File, 1975-77.

(Boxes 25-26, 0.4 linear feet)

Presidential initiative papers, correspondence for scheduling, speech suggestions, and prepared questions and answers on state, local, and national issues.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 25 (Continued) - Presidential Events File

Status	Title
OPEN	Presidential Initiatives
OPEN	Presidential Statements (Empty)
OPEN	President's Schedule Proposals
OPEN	Questions and Answers for the President: Alabama - Missouri (1)-(3)

Box 26 - Presidential Events File

Status	Title
OPEN	Questions and Answers for the President: Nebraska - Wyoming and General
OPEN	Speeches for the President
OPEN	State of the Union (1)-(2)

Chronological File, 1975-77.

(Boxes 27-28, 0.5 linear feet)

Copies of correspondence to and from members of agencies and departments, private organizations, the public, state and local governments; weekly reports; questions and answers for the President; and news clippings relevant to environment and natural resources.

Arranged chronologically.

Box 27 - Chronological File

Status	Title
OPEN	Aug. 1975 - Aug. 1976

Box 28 - Chronological File

Status	Title
OPEN	Sept. 1976 - Jan. 1977

Printed Materials File, 1971-1976.

(Boxes 28-29, 0.7 linear feet)

Books, annual reports, newsletters, drafts of reports, photographs, hearings, briefing books and papers, and publications on research, statistical information and laws relating to environment and natural resources. Topics include predator control, weather modification, air and water pollution, mining and minerals, land use and ocean policy. Some books and publications, including an almost complete run of "Environmental Reporter - Current Developments" may 1, 1971 through January 7, 1977, have been removed to the book collection. A list is included at the end of the folder title list.

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Box 28 (Continued) - Printed Materials File

Status	Title
OPEN	Air/Water Pollution Report
OPEN	Climate Control
OPEN	Conservation
OPEN	Council on Environmental Equality - "102 Monitor" (1)-(3)

Box 29 - Printed Materials File

Status	Title
OPEN	Environmental and Energy Conservation
OPEN	Environmental Health
OPEN	Environmental Reporter Decisions - 7 ERC, Decisions #1 - #20 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Environmental Reporter Decisions - 8 ERC, Decisions #30 - #33
OPEN	Mining and Minerals Policy Act 1975 Annual Report