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BOBBIE GREENE KILBERG FILES, 1974-77

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White House Office Files

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Biography

Barbara ("Bobbie") Greene Kilberg

October 25, 1944 - Born, New York, NY

1965 - A.B., Vassar College

1966 - M.A. in Political Science, Columbia University

1968 - Assistant to Richard P. Nathan, Domestic Research Director, Nelson Rockefeller presidential campaign

1969 - LL.B., Yale University Law School

1969-70 - White House Fellow assigned to the office of Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.

1969-75 - Board member or officer of organizations including: National Women's Political Caucus, Common Cause, Ripon Society, Native American Legal Defense

and Education Fund, Native American Lobby, Advisory Committee on Women to the Secretary of Labor, HEW Secretary's Advisory Committee on the Rights and Responsibilities of Women, Women's Equity Action League, First Women's Bank and Trust Company

1970-71 - Staff Assistant, Domestic Council

1971-73 - Attorney, law firm of Arnold & Porter, Washington

1973-75 - Vice President for Academic Affairs, Mount Vernon College, Washington, DC

1975-77 - Associate Counsel to the President, White House

1989-92 - Deputy Assistant to the President for Public Liaison and Director of the Public Liaison Office, The White House

Scope and Content Note

Bobbie Kilberg came to the Ford White House with a background as an attorney, college administrator, Republican activist, and board member of interest groups supporting the rights of Native Americans and women. She also had served in the Nixon administration as a White House Fellow and Domestic Council staff assistant.

Kilberg served as Associate Counsel to the President from July 1975 to January 1977. Her specific role evolved as she assumed responsibilities from departing staff members or others whose assignments changed. Like most Counsel's Office staff members she handled a broad range of legal questions, but her background and interests led to several assignments concerning the rights of women and Native Americans.

Although Kilberg worked on various issues or assignments for periods ranging from only a few months to about a year and a half, her collection is much richer than might be expected. When she acquired new responsibilities, she often inherited existing files from her colleagues and added them to her collection. Her files therefore include significant amounts of material produced and collected by Philip

Buchen, Roderick Hills, Jay French, and Kenneth Lazarus.

Kilberg's General Subject File contains relatively small files on a wide variety of issues (e.g., abortion, pocket vetoes, the nomination of Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, and Indian affairs). Those topics which are best documented by her files are in separate series, however.

The more than two thousand pages on the Arab boycott of American businesses having dealings with Israel include documentation on the anti-boycott working group and anti-boycott legislation. In addition to her own working file, her collection includes a box of material on this topic inherited from Roderick Hills when he left the White House in October 1975.

Similarly, Kilberg's almost three thousand pages on the busing issue include both her own working file and a file maintained by Philip Buchen until he turned it over to Kilberg in June 1976. Topics in both files include busing cases in specific cities and the Ford administration's proposed legislation.

The collection includes a sizable file on amnesty and the work of the Presidential Clemency Board. The bulk is comprised of recommendations from the Clemency Board and the Department of Justice to approve or disapprove of clemency for specific draft evaders. Copies of these recommendations also appear in the White House Central Files. A smaller, but significant, batch of material concerns unsuccessful attempts by Charles Goodell and others to push a broad program of amnesty in the closing months of the administration.

Kilberg's file on the work of the Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism contains minutes of all 57 meetings held during the Ford administration and several studies completed by or for the Committee. At the present time, however, much of the series is security classified.

A series concerning Secret Service protection for foreign embassies and visiting foreign dignitaries is unprocessed and therefore unavailable for research.

Related Materials (April 1991)

The Counsel's Office files of Philip Buchen and Edward Schmults concern many of the same issues and activities as the Kilberg files. In addition, information on many

legal issues appears in White House Central Files Subject File (especially in category JL: Judicial-Legal Matters).

Collections with significant amounts on the Arab Boycott include White House Central Files (especially category TA 1/CO 1/Arabs: Boycotts-Embargoes/Arabs) and the files of John Marsh, Edward Schmults, and David Lissy.

Much on busing can be found in Central Files (especially category HU 2-1: Human Rights/Education-Schooling); the White House Special Files Unit Files; the Edward Hutchinson Papers; and the staff files of James Cannon, Edward Schmults, David Lissy, Richard Parsons, and Arthur Quern.

White House Central Files categories FG 6-28 (Presidential Clemency Board) and JL 1 and its subdivisions (Amnesties - Clemencies - Pardons) include much on the Ford administration's clemency program. White House staff files containing significant documentation on that program include those of Philip Buchen, John Marsh, Geoffrey Shepard, and Theodore Marrs.

Additional materials on the Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism can be found in Central Files category FG 355.

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General Subject File, 1974-77.

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Memoranda, reports, congressional bills, correspondence, briefing papers, executive orders, and legal opinions. The materials concern legal issues such as abortion, pardons, pocket veto, implementation of the Helsinki agreements, Justice Department legal opinions, Maximum Allowable Cost for Drugs (MAC) proposal, nomination of John Paul Stevens to the Supreme Court, and Indian affairs.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 1 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Abortion - Domestic Council Study

Status	Title
OPEN	Abortion - General (1)-(3)
OPEN	Abortion - Hyde Amendment (1)-(2)
OPEN	Alaska Conservation Act
OPEN	Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Amendments - S. 1469
OPEN	Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System
OPEN	American People for American Prisoners (Re Americans Held in Mexican Prisons)
OPEN	American Trial Lawyers Association - Howard Patterson Presentation
OPEN	Baking Industry Memoranda
OPEN	Chickasaw Nation
OPEN	Child Care - Republican Platform
OPEN	Child Day Care Services - S. 626 and H.R. 9803
OPEN	Civil Rights - Employment and Affirmative Action
OPEN	Civil Rights - Q & A's for Debates
OPEN	Clemency (1)

Box 2 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Clemency (2)-(4)
OPEN	Common Cause FOIA Request Re Cabinet Members' Travel
OPEN	Commission on Civil Rights Requests
OPEN	Conflict of Interest Task Force (1)-(2)
OPEN	Congressional - Legislation: Pocket Veto (1)-(6)

Box 3 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Congressional Requests (1)-(2)
OPEN	Culebra Island Executive Order
OPEN	Defense Department Requests
OPEN	District of Columbia Bar Association Legal Ethics Proposal
OPEN	Domestic Council Action Memoranda (1)-(6)

Status	Title
OPEN	Domestic Council Requests
OPEN	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
OPEN	Federal Benefits for Departing White House Staff (1)-(2)

Box 4 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Federal Election Commission Bill
OPEN	Federal Energy Administration - Pathfinder Issue
OPEN	Federal Energy Office - Executive Order
OPEN	Food Stamps
OPEN	Ford, Betty - General
OPEN	Ford, Betty - Invitations
OPEN	Ford, Jack
OPEN	Foreign Trade Zones - Meat Import Problem
OPEN	Halperin v. Kissinger
OPEN	Health, Education and Welfare Department Requests
OPEN	Helsinki Agreements - Advisory Commission on International Educational and Cultural Affairs (1)-(2)
OPEN	Helsinki Agreements - Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
OPEN	Helsinki Agreements - General
OPEN	Idaho Carey Act Development Association
OPEN	Immigration Matters (1)-(2)
OPEN	Income Assistance Simplification Act
OPEN	Indian Health Legislation
OPEN	Indian Occupation - Tacoma, WA

Box 5 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Indochina Refugee Interagency Task Force
OPEN	Internal Revenue Service - Witness Protection
OPEN	Jhirad, Elijah
OPEN	Kilberg - Letter of Resignation

Status	Title
OPEN	Lincoln, Abraham - Consolation Letters
OPEN	Maryland - Desegregation Plan for Higher Education (1)-(5)
OPEN	Maximum Allowable Cost for Drugs (MAC) Proposal (1)-(4)
OPEN	Medal of Freedom

Box 6 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Menominee Jurisdiction
OPEN	Menon, Esterya and Ruby v. Valiyampath Menon
OPEN	Miscellaneous Legislation (1)-(3)
OPEN	Missing in Action
OPEN	Namibian Fur Seals
OPEN	National Black Republican Council Lawsuit
OPEN	National Family Week Proclamation
OPEN	National League of Cities v. Usery
OPEN	National Security Council Requests
OPEN	Naturalization of Cuban Refugees
OPEN	Navajo Tribe
OPEN	Navratilova, Martina
OPEN	Office Chron, January 1977
OPEN	Office of Federal Contract Compliance - Club Membership Dues

Box 7 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Opinions - Office of Legal Counsel, Undated
OPEN	Opinions - Office of Legal Counsel, 1956-71
OPEN	Opinions - Office of Legal Counsel, 1972-73
OPEN	Opinions - Office of Legal Counsel, Jan.-July 1974
OPEN	Opinions - Office of Legal Counsel, Aug.-Oct. 1974
OPEN	Opinions - Office of Legal Counsel, November 1974
OPEN	Opinions - Office of Legal Counsel, December 1974
OPEN	Opinions - Office of Legal Counsel, Jan.-Apr. 1975

Status	Title
OPEN	Opinions - Office of Legal Counsel, May-Dec. 1975
OPEN	Opinions - Office of Legal Counsel, 1976
OPEN	Parent Locator - Social Security Number
OPEN	Parole Program - Chile and Argentina Refugees
OPEN	Parole Program - Soviet Jewish Refugees
OPEN	Passamaquoddy/Penobscot Land Claims Case
OPEN	Pay Comparability Act - Legislative Veto

Box 8 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Personnel Status Reports - White House Office (1)-(2)
OPEN	Philippine Widow Cases
OPEN	Picketing the White House
OPEN	President's Committee on Urban Development and Neighborhood Revitalization (Press Releases)
OPEN	President's Response to S. 495 - Watergate Reform Act
OPEN	Presidential Appointments - Clearances, November 1976
OPEN	Presidential Appointments - Clearances, December 1976 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Presidential Appointments - Clearances, January 1977 (1)-(6)

Box 9 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Presidential Campaign
OPEN	Presidential Disability - 25th Amendment
OPEN	Presidential Initiatives on Women's Rights
OPEN	Public Service Jobs Funding
OPEN	Puerto Rico - Law of the Sea
OPEN	Regulatory Agencies
OPEN	Regulatory Reform/Consumer Representation Plans
OPEN	Sex Discrimination - Executive Order or Legislation

Status	Title
OPEN	Social Security Administration - Relationship with Law Enforcement and Intelligence Agencies
OPEN	Social Security Financing
OPEN	Split Briefs - Indian Cases
OPEN	State Department Requests
OPEN	State of the Union Message - 1976
OPEN	Statehood for Puerto Rico
OPEN	Supreme Court Nomination - General
OPEN	Supreme Court Nomination - Judge Stevens Opinions (1)-(3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Walker, Dr. Mary - Congressional Medal of Honor
OPEN	Women's Bank - Executive Order 11625

Arab Boycott File (Roderick Hills), 1975.

(Box 10, 0.4 linear feet)

Memoranda, correspondence, congressional bills, briefing papers and reports concerning all aspects of the White House response to the Arab boycott of American businesses having dealings with Israel. Hills turned this file over to Kilberg upon his departure from the White House staff in October 1975.

Arranged chronologically.

Box 10 - Arab Boycott File (Roderick Hills)

Status	Title
OPEN	Arab Boycott - Roderick Hills File (1)-(10)

Arab Boycott File (Bobbie Kilberg), 1975-76.

(Boxes 11-12, 0.8 linear feet)

Memoranda, correspondence, congressional bills, briefing papers and reports concerning the Arab Boycott. The documents cover both the period in which Kilberg was assisting Hills and the time after he left. Topics include the anti-boycott working group, anti-boycott legislation, and allegations of discrimination against Jews by Arab countries.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 11 - Arab Boycott File (Bobbie Kilberg)

Status	Title
OPEN	Action on Religious Discrimination - U.S. Laws
OPEN	Agency for International Development - Kuwait
OPEN	Agency Responses to the Under Secretaries Committee
OPEN	Amendment of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act
OPEN	American Jewish Congress Suit (1)-(6)
OPEN	Anti-Boycott Working Group Meeting, 12/23/75
OPEN	Antitrust
OPEN	Bechtel Suit
OPEN	Coercion to Discriminate
OPEN	Commerce Department - Decision Re Tenders

Box 12 - Arab Boycott File (Bobbie Kilberg)

Status	Title
OPEN	Commerce Department - Option Paper: Export Administration Act
OPEN	Commerce Department - Public Disclosure
OPEN	Commerce Department - Regulations: Star of David and Zionism
OPEN	Comptroller of the Currency Bulletin and Request of FDIC and the Federal Reserve Board
OPEN	Confidentiality in the Export Administration Act as Affected by FOIA
OPEN	Corps of Engineers - Religious Discrimination Decision Paper to the President
OPEN	Decision Paper to the President
OPEN	Drinan Lawsuit
OPEN	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
OPEN	Federal Reserve Board
OPEN	Morton's Boycott and Mathews' Hospital Subpoenas
OPEN	New York State Discrimination Law

Status	Title
OPEN	Overseas Private Investment Corporation
OPEN	President's Decision and Followup Memos and Q&A Briefing Sheets
OPEN	Question and Answer Briefing Sheets for Presidential Debates
OPEN	Richardson, Elliot - Testimony, 10/20/76
OPEN	Saudi Arabia Cables
OPEN	Securities and Exchange Commission
OPEN	Talking Points - Cabinet Meeting, 1/7/76
OPEN	Treasury Department - Guidelines on the Tax Reform Act Anti-Boycott Provisions

Busing File (Philip Buchen), 1975-76.

(Boxes 13-14, 0.8 linear feet)

Memoranda, correspondence, congressional bills, reports, briefing papers, and clippings. The materials concern the use of busing to achieve school desegregation, including busing cases in specific cities (such as Boston and Louisville) and proposed legislation on busing submitted to Congress by the Ford administration. The latest documents in this series date from June 1976. Apparently Buchen turned his file over to Kilberg at that time.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 13 - Busing File (Philip Buchen)

Status	Title
OPEN	Boston Busing Case (1)-(4)
OPEN	Busing - General (1)-(5)
OPEN	Clippings
OPEN	Dallas Busing Case

Box 14 - Busing File (Philip Buchen)

Status	Title
OPEN	Delaware Busing Case
OPEN	Denver Busing Case (Publication)

Status	Title
OPEN	Ford Administration Busing Bill (1)-(3)
OPEN	Louisville Busing Case
OPEN	Louisville Petitions (1)-(2)
OPEN	Meeting with Civil Rights Leaders, 6/14/76
OPEN	Ohio Busing Cases
OPEN	Pasadena Busing Case
OPEN	Presidential Statements
OPEN	Private School Desegregation
OPEN	Question and Answer Briefing Sheets

Busing File (Bobbie Kilberg), 1975-76.

(Boxes 15-16, 0.6 linear feet)

Memoranda, correspondence, congressional bills, reports, briefing papers, and clippings. The documents relate to many of the same topics as the previous series, but include items not duplicated in the Buchen series and also materials from later in 1976.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 15 - Busing File (Bobbie Kilberg)

Status	Title
OPEN	Alternatives (Early Memos to the President)
OPEN	Bill, Fact Sheet, Message to Congress, and Section Analysis (Press Releases)
OPEN	Boston Desegregation
OPEN	Chronology of Events Leading Up to Review of the Boston Busing Case
OPEN	Clippings (1)-(2)
OPEN	Constitutional Amendment Meeting with Senator Tower
OPEN	Dallas School System Desegregation
OPEN	Delaware Desegregation Meeting with Senator Roth
OPEN	Desegregation and Equal Opportunity Act of 1974
OPEN	Drafts - Busing Bill and Memo to the President (1)-(4)

Status	Title
OPEN	Drafts - Message to Congress
OPEN	Esch Amendment
OPEN	Ferndale Desegregation Plan
OPEN	General Correspondence (1)-(3)
OPEN	Levi, Edward - Press Conference, 6/16/76

Box 16 - Busing File (Bobbie Kilberg)

Status	Title
OPEN	Louisville Desegregation Suit
OPEN	Ohio Desegregation Cases
OPEN	Pasadena Desegregation Case
OPEN	Presidential Meetings and Signing Ceremonies
OPEN	Presidential Q & A's, Statements, and Speeches (1)-(4)
OPEN	Press Secretary Press Briefings (1)-(2)
OPEN	Quality Education
OPEN	St. Louis Desegregation Plan
OPEN	Section 107 of the Administration Bill

Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism File, 1974-77.

(Boxes 16-17, 0.6 linear feet)

Minutes, agendas, memoranda and reports concerning the meetings of the Committee and various studies on terrorism, political kidnappings, and hostage episodes which it commissioned. Included is a complete set of minutes for the 57 meetings of the working group held during the Ford administration. Much remains security classified and is not yet available for research.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 16 (Continued) - Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism File

Status	Title
OPEN	Agendas
OPEN	Dealing with Political Kidnapping (Rand Corporation Report)
OPEN	Hostage Episode Study

Status	Title
OPEN	Intermediate Level Terrorism Study (1)

Box 17 - Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism File

Status	Title
OPEN	Intermediate Level Terrorism Study (2)
OPEN	International and Transnational Terrorism: Diagnosis and Prospects
OPEN	Lists of Members
OPEN	Mass Destruction Terrorism Study - Executive Summary
OPEN	Memoranda
OPEN	Minutes (1)-(7)
OPEN	Report to the President
OPEN	Revised Procedures for Responding to Acts of Terrorism
OPEN	Weekly Situation Reports on International Terrorism

Counsel's Office Transition Book, 1974-77.

(Boxes 18-19, 0.8 linear feet)

Memoranda, correspondence, congressional bills, reports, and briefing papers. Selected documents on a wide variety of policies and procedures compiled to assist President Jimmy Carter's legal staff during and after the 1977 transition. Topics include presidential powers, constitutional issues, laws and regulations affecting the work of the Counsel to the President.

Arranged alphabetically by topic and chronologically thereunder.

Box 18 - Counsel's Office Transition Book

Status	Title
OPEN	Transition Book Table of Contents
OPEN	Tab A - Administrative Conference of the United States
OPEN	Tab B - Appearances or Testimony by Presidential Assistants Before Congressional Committees: Separation of Powers
OPEN	Tab C - Appointments of Congressmen to Other Federal Offices

Status	Title
OPEN	Tab D - Demonstrations and Petitions
OPEN	Tab E - Disposition of President Ford's Papers
OPEN	Tab F - Dual Employment
OPEN	Tab G - Electronic Surveillance
OPEN	Tab H - Executive Agreements
OPEN	Tab I - Executive Grants of Clemency and President Ford's Clemency Program
OPEN	Tab J - Executive Privilege
OPEN	Tab K - Federal Advisory Committee Act (1)-(2)
OPEN	Tab L - Federal Anti-Lobbying Provisions
OPEN	Tab M - Freedom of Information Act
OPEN	Tab N - Gifts to Members of the First Family: Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act
OPEN	Tab O - Immigration Parole Authority

Box 19 - Counsel's Office Transition Book

Status	Title
OPEN	Tab P - Intelligence Community
OPEN	Tab Q - Judicial Appointment Provisions of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act
OPEN	Tab R - Legislative Encroachments (1)-(3)
OPEN	Tab S - National Security Classification
OPEN	Tab T - National Study Commission on Records and Documents of Public Officials
OPEN	Tab U - Overview of Federal Criminal Code
OPEN	Tab V - Passamaquoddy Land Suit in Maine
OPEN	Tab W - Pocket Veto and Enactment of Legislation Without Approval of the President
OPEN	Tab X - Presidential Review of Civil Aeronautics Board Decisions
OPEN	Tab Y - Protection of U.S. Government Officials and Foreign Officials/Missions
OPEN	Tab Z - Recess Appointments

Status	Title
OPEN	Tab AA - Regulations Governing Access to the Nixon Papers and Tapes
OPEN	Tab BB - Requirements of Section 662(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as Amended, Concerning Expenditures for Certain CIA Covert Operations
OPEN	Tab CC - Restrictions on Political Activity
OPEN	Tab DD - Role and Function of the Office of Counsel to the President
OPEN	Tab EE - Seal of the President, Presidential Memberships and Endorsements
OPEN	Tab FF - Special Sessions of Congress
OPEN	Tab GG - Standards of Conduct/Conflicts of Interest
OPEN	Tab HH - Twenty-Fifth Amendment
OPEN	Tab II - War Powers Authority
OPEN	Tab JJ - Miscellaneous

Presidential Clemency Board File, 1975-77.

(Boxes 20-24, 1.8 linear feet)

Memoranda, reports, and lists. Several folders concern unsuccessful attempts to push a broad program of amnesty for Vietnam War draft evaders late in the administration, but the bulk contain earlier recommendations from the Presidential Clemency Board and the Justice Department to approve or disapprove of clemency for specific draft evaders who had applied for President Ford's clemency program. Kilberg took over the handling of this issue in late 1976, inheriting files which had belonged to Ken Lazarus.

Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically thereunder.

Box 20 - Presidential Clemency Board File

Status	Title
OPEN	Baskir and Strauss Book - "Reconciliation After Vietnam"
OPEN	Clemency Board - General, Nov. 1976-Jan. 1977 (1)-(2)
OPEN	General Accounting Office Draft Report on the Clemency Program (1)-(3)

Status	Title
OPEN	Recommendations for Clemency from the Clemency Board, May 1975

Box 21 - Presidential Clemency Board File

Status	Title
OPEN	Recommendations for Clemency from the Clemency Board, June-July 1975

Box 22 - Presidential Clemency Board File

Status	Title
OPEN	Recommendations for Clemency from the Clemency Board, July-August 1975

Box 23 - Presidential Clemency Board File

Status	Title
OPEN	Recommendations for Clemency from the Clemency Board, August 1975
OPEN	Recommendations for Clemency from the Attorney General on Behalf of the Clemency Board, October 1975

Box 24 - Presidential Clemency Board File

Status	Title
OPEN	Recommendations for Clemency from the Attorney General on Behalf of the Clemency Board, October 1975 - January 1976
OPEN	Recommendations for Clemency from the Attorney General, March 1976 - January 1977

Secret Service File, 1974-76.

(Boxes 24-25, 0.6 linear feet)

Much of this series relates to Secret Service protection for foreign embassies and visiting foreign dignitaries. This file is currently unprocessed and not available for research.

Boxes 24-25 - Secret Service File

The entire series is unprocessed and closed to research.

Status Title