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W. ALLEN MOORE FILES, 1975-77

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Biography

W. Allen Moore

January 25, 1945 - Born in Glendale, California

1962-66 - B.A., Pomona College, Claremont, California

1966-69 - Peace Corps, in training; volunteer in La Paz, Bolivia

1969-71 - M.B.A., Stanford University, Stanford, California

1971-73 - Economist, Department of Health, Education and Welfare

1973-75 - Management Consultant, Seneca Corporation, Washington, D.C.

1975-76 - Consultant, Domestic Council, Domestic Policy Review Group

Feb. - Sept. 1976 - Associate Director for Policy and Planning, Domestic Council

Sept. 1976-Jan. 1977 - Associate Director for Operations, Domestic Council

1977 - Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator John C. Danforth (R-Missouri)

Scope and Content Note

W. Allen Moore served on the Ford administration Domestic Council as Associate Director for Policy and Planning; and later, as Associate Director for Operations. The greatest portion of the files concerns social security and welfare reform topics from 1976. The files are arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically therein.

Following several years of work as an economist and management consultant, Moore joined the Domestic Council in October 1975 as a consultant to the Domestic Policy Review Group. He handled program and materials preparation and cabinet member coordination for the Public Forums on Domestic Policy, headed by Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller. Once the work of the forums was complete, Moore became Associate Director for Policy and Planning, aiding newly appointed Deputy Director for Policy and Planning, Arthur F. Quern, in long range policy studies. Both Moore and Janet Brown served as coordinators for the various policy studies and in the preparation of the reports. In addition, Moore was project manager for studies, along with Quern, on welfare reform, and, along with Spencer Johnson, on social security. In September 1976, Moore was promoted to Associate Director for Operations and moved to the West Wing, assuming primary responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the Domestic Council staff, as well as some continuing issues-related responsibilities.

There are no papers from Moore's first position as consultant and few reflecting his last as Associate Director for Operations. The files begin with Moore's appointment as Associate Director of Policy and Planning in February 1976, and reflect, almost exclusively, his involvement with social security and welfare reform. They include earlier background material from Quern. The papers are especially strong in the

development of the President's positions and decisions, including draft decision and briefing memoranda, and draft and final copies of legislation. The request for these analyses of issues were generated by Arthur Quern and James Cannon, with whom Moore worked closely, and the results were funneled back through Cannon to the President. Moore worked closely with the social security trustees, the Secretaries of Treasury, Labor and Health, Education and Welfare; he seldom dealt with the public. The major social security concerns reflected in the papers are the retirement test and short and long term financing, including decoupling, or the removal of double adjustment for inflation. There is also some scattered information on other welfare and social services issues and the proposed Expo '81.

Related Materials (April 1982)

Materials relating to Moore's responsibilities may be found in other Domestic Council staff files, especially in the files of Arthur Quern, whom he assisted, and Moore's successor as Associate Director of Policy and Planning, Dean Overman. Information relating to Moore's prior position as consultant on the Public Forums may be found in the Rayburn D. Hanzlik files. Both social security and welfare reform are included in the White House Central File Welfare category.

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Subject Series, 1975-77.

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Draft decision and briefing memoranda, draft and final copies of legislation, statements, fact sheets and examples, including the initial circulation copies for comment and the replies for the President; proposal analyses; background and printed material on issues; outgoing correspondence, including draft replies for the President and administration staff; initiatives and issues books insertions; questions and answers for the press; and other materials. The file concerns social security and welfare reform, including counter-cyclical revenue sharing and the Public Works Employment Act of 1975, the Income Assistance Simplification Act, decoupling and the Social Security Benefit Indexing Act, and retirement and assets test. Minor aviation issues, proposed Expo '81, and Domestic Council administration are also represented to a lesser degree.

Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically therein.

Box 1 - Subject Series

Status	Title
OPEN	Aviation Noise Policy and Aircraft Replacement (1)-(2)
OPEN	Block Grant Consolidation
OPEN	Busing - Legislation
OPEN	Busing - Statements
OPEN	Counter Cyclical Revenue Sharing
OPEN	Domestic Council - Budget
OPEN	Domestic Council - General
OPEN	Domestic Council - Organization
OPEN	Domestic Council - Staff
OPEN	Domestic Council - Staff Benefits
OPEN	Expo '81 - Correspondence (1)-(2)
OPEN	Expo '81 - Decision Memos
OPEN	Expo '81 - Financial Plan
OPEN	Expo '81 - General

Box 2 - Subject Series

Status	Title
OPEN	Expo '81 - Report by the Secretary of Commerce
OPEN	Food Stamps
OPEN	Health Care
OPEN	Income Assistance (1)-(3)
OPEN	Initiatives Book - Original (1)-(2)
OPEN	Initiatives - Education
OPEN	Initiatives - General Government
OPEN	Initiatives - Health
OPEN	Initiatives - Home Assistance/Welfare
OPEN	Initiatives - Law Enforcement
OPEN	Initiatives - Regulatory Reform
OPEN	Initiatives - Revenue Sharing

Status	Title
OPEN	Initiatives - Social Security
OPEN	Initiatives - Transportation
OPEN	Initiatives - Urban Affairs
OPEN	Initiatives - Veterans

Box 3 - Subject Series

Status	Title
OPEN	Social Security - Brookings Institution Conference on Current Issues
OPEN	Social Security - Correspondence
OPEN	Social Security - Decoupling Alternatives and Options
OPEN	Social Security - Earnings Restrictions
OPEN	Social Security - Financing
OPEN	Social Security - General (1)-(2)
OPEN	Social Security - Issues
OPEN	Social Security - Legislation
OPEN	Social Security - Long Range Financing (1)-(3)
OPEN	Social Security - Long Range Forecasting
OPEN	Social Security - Meetings
OPEN	Social Security - Objectives
OPEN	Social Security - Percentage Increases
OPEN	Social Security - Projections
OPEN	Social Security - Projections
OPEN	Social Security - Proposals for Reform
OPEN	Social Security - Q & A Briefing Sheets

Box 4 - Subject Series

Status	Title
OPEN	Social Security - Retirement Test
OPEN	Social Security - Social Security Benefit Indexing Act (1)-(2)
OPEN	Social Security - Social Security Benefit Indexing Act: Fact Sheet
OPEN	Social Security - State and Local

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OPEN	Social Security - Task Force
OPEN	Social Security - Testimony by Commissioner Cardwell
OPEN	Social Security - Trust Fund
OPEN	Social Services
OPEN	Welfare Reform - Assets Tests
OPEN	Welfare Reform - DeMaso, Harry
OPEN	Welfare Reform - Dole, Robert
OPEN	Welfare Reform - Economists
OPEN	Welfare Reform - General (1)-(3)
OPEN	Welfare Reform - H.R. 13500
OPEN	Welfare Reform - H.R. 14514
OPEN	Welfare Reform - Income Assistance Simplification Act
OPEN	Welfare Reform - Income Transfer
OPEN	Welfare Reform - National Association of Counties
OPEN	Welfare Reform - National Governors' Conference
OPEN	Welfare Reform - S.3160
OPEN	Welfare Reform - Seidman - Joe - Nathan Proposal