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PATRICK E. O'DONNELL and JOSEPH S. JENCKES FILES, (1969) 1974-76

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White House Office Files

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Textual

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Biography

Patrick E. O'Donnell

1937 - Born, New York, New York

1959 - B.A., Georgetown University, Washington, DC

1962 - LL.B., American University, Washington, DC

1963-69 - Assistant Corporate Counsel, District of Columbia Government

1969-71 - Legal Assistant to Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

1971-73 - Staff Assistant to President, White House

Mar.-July 1973 - Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

Aug. 1973-Feb. 1976 - Special Assistant to President for Legislative Affairs (Senate), White House

1976-78 - Representative for Legislative Affairs, General Electric Corporation, Washington, DC

1978-? - Assistant Manager, Federal Government Relations, JC Penney

1978-? - Partner, O'Connor & Hannan law firm, Washington, DC

Joseph F. Jenckes, V

1935 - Born, Phoenix, Arizona

1961 - J.D., University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

1961-62 - Assistant Attorney General, State of Arizona

1962-64 - Private law practice, Langerman and Begam

1964-65, 1967-68 - Professional actor, New York, NY, and Los Angeles, CA

1965-66 - Deputy County Attorney, Maricopa County, AZ

1969 - Attorney, Arizona State Compensation Fund, Phoenix, AZ

1969-73 - Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief, Criminal Division, District of Arizona

May 1973-Jan. 1976 - Administrative Assistant, U.S. Senator Paul Fannin, Arizona

Feb. 1976-Jan. 1977 - Special Assistant to President for Legislative Affairs (Senate), White House

1977-? - Staff, Abbott Laboratories, Washington, DC

Scope and Content Note

Patrick E. O'Donnell joined the Congressional Relations Office in August 1973, during the Nixon administration. He held the position of special assistant for legislative affairs (Senate) until resigning in February 1976, and Joseph S. Jenckes succeeded him. Both men served directly under the deputy assistant for legislative affairs (Senate), Tom C. Korologos through 1974 and then William T. Kendall.

O'Donnell and Jenckes assisted with the routine aspects of liaison between the White House and the United States Senate. They tracked pending legislation and lobbied for administration positions, compiled vote summaries, handled personnel requests, and prepared schedule proposals and briefing papers for senatorial-presidential meetings. They also handled routine congressional requests for assistance with special messages, patronage and invitations.

The files document these activities. Material appears on a few foreign and many domestic policy issues, especially the president's energy program. Most of this collection consists of O'Donnell's files from 1974-75, which Jenckes took over in February 1976. The series of O'Donnell chronological materials contains documents from his prior positions in the White House and Department of Justice, beginning in December 1971.

Related Materials (July 1986)

All files of the Congressional Relations Office are open; especially noteworthy are the materials of Vernon Loen and Charles Leppert who handled liaison with the House. The Congressional Relations Office reported to presidential counsellor John Marsh, and his files are also open. The files of individual White House staff will contain information on legislation in their respective policy areas. The most directly pertinent White House Central Files categories are Legislation (LE) and Federal

Government-Congress (FG 30 to FG 39).

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Subject File, (1969) 1974-76.

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Memoranda to the president, to and from White House staff and agency officials; correspondence with senators and staff, and the public; schedule proposals and briefing papers primarily for presidential-senatorial meetings; vote tabulations; background material; resumes; printed material. The files concern legislation, appropriations, appointments, issues, senatorial requests, and grant notifications. Prominent subjects include several energy issues, Freedom of Information Act, uranium enrichment, Clean Air Act, Olympic Sports Commission, and the two-hundred mile limit on fishing. Voting records, 1969-75, describe support for the president on key issues.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 1 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Amateur Athletic Act
OPEN	Antitrust Improvements Act
OPEN	Appropriations - Supplemental
OPEN	Arab Boycott
OPEN	Banks - Municipal Bonds
OPEN	Berman, Ronald
OPEN	Cargo Preference
OPEN	Ceremonies (1)-(3)
OPEN	Clawson Memoranda
OPEN	Clean Air Act Amendments (1)-(4)
OPEN	Collis, Peter B.
OPEN	Common Situs Picketing

Box 2 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Congressional Relations Memoranda, 1974/04-1976/06 (1)-(14)

Box 3 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Congressional Relations Memoranda, 1976/07-1976/12 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Consumer Product Safety Commission
OPEN	Consumer Protection Agency
OPEN	Continuing Resolution
OPEN	Copyright
OPEN	Correspondence - Jenckes Non-Congressional (1)-(2)
OPEN	Correspondence - O'Donnell Pending (1)-(2)
OPEN	Crime
OPEN	Dairy Bill
OPEN	Deepwater Ports
OPEN	Defense Briefings
OPEN	Diego Garcia
OPEN	Economic Summit (1)-(2)

Box 4 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Economic Summit (3)-(5)
OPEN	Elections - 1974
OPEN	Emergency Housing Act
OPEN	Energy - Emergency Petroleum Allocation Extension Act
OPEN	Energy - Energy Independence Act
OPEN	Energy - Energy Research and Development Administration
OPEN	Energy - Gasoline Rationing
OPEN	Energy - Legislative Interdepartmental Group
OPEN	Energy - Licensing of Exports of Crude Oil
OPEN	Energy - Lists of Targets, Votes and Attendees

Status	Title
OPEN	Energy - Natural Gas
OPEN	Energy - Nuclear Power
OPEN	Energy - Oil Depletion Allowance
OPEN	Energy - Oil Import Fees
OPEN	Energy - President's Energy Program
OPEN	Energy - Synthetic Fuels Loan Guarantee Program
OPEN	Export Administration Act

Box 5 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Export-Import Bank
OPEN	Fair Trade Laws
OPEN	Farm Bill
OPEN	Federal Election Campaign Act
OPEN	Fertilizer
OPEN	Flanigan, Peter M.
OPEN	Floor Schedules - Senate and House
OPEN	Food Aid
OPEN	Food Stamp Reform
OPEN	Foreign Aid
OPEN	Foreign Assistance Authorization Bill
OPEN	Freedom of Information (1)-(7)

Box 6 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Garrett, Thad
OPEN	Geothermal Loan Guaranty Bill
OPEN	Grant Notifications (1)-(4)
OPEN	Harmon Trophy Awards (1)-(2)
OPEN	Hatch Act
OPEN	Health Plan Legislation
OPEN	Inaugural Medal
OPEN	Intelligence - Agent Richard S. Welch

Status	Title
OPEN	Intelligence - Senate Select Committee
OPEN	International Development Association
OPEN	Interns
OPEN	Japanese-American Relations
OPEN	Johnson, James E.
OPEN	Judgeship Bill
OPEN	Kennedy Center
OPEN	Legal Services (1)

Box 7 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Legal Services (2)-(3)
OPEN	Legislation - Status of Administration Sponsored
OPEN	Mariana Islands
OPEN	Mayaguez
OPEN	Military Procurement Authorization
OPEN	Navajo - Hopi Bill
OPEN	New Hampshire Senatorial Contest
OPEN	New York City Plan
OPEN	Nixon - Papers
OPEN	Nixon - Transition Appropriations
OPEN	No-Fault Automobile Insurance
OPEN	Nomination Notifications
OPEN	Office of Economic Opportunity
OPEN	Olympic Sports Committee (1)-(3)
OPEN	Organized Crime
OPEN	Panama Canal
OPEN	Paris Air Show
OPEN	Patronage - Letters (1)-(2)

Box 8 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Patronage - Memoranda (1)-(3)

Status	Title
OPEN	Pay Deferral
OPEN	Pension Bills
OPEN	Personnel - General (1)-(3)
OPEN	Personnel - Resumes (1)-(3)
OPEN	Personnel Interchange, President's Commission on
OPEN	Predatory Animals
OPEN	President Ford Committee
OPEN	Presidential Meetings, 1974/04-1974/08

Box 9 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Presidential Meetings, 1974/08-1975/07

Box 10 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Presidential Meetings, 1975/07-1976/10
OPEN	Presidential Memoranda
OPEN	Presidential Recommended Telephone Calls (1)-(2)
OPEN	Privacy Act
OPEN	Regulatory Reform
OPEN	Rockefeller, Nelson
OPEN	Science and Technology
OPEN	Scott, Hugh - Clearance Forms (1)-(2)

Box 11 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Scott, Hugh - Clearance Forms (3)-(4)
OPEN	Scott, Hugh - General
OPEN	Securities Reform Act
OPEN	Sinai Agreement
OPEN	South Pacific Commission (1)-(2)
OPEN	Sowell, Thomas
OPEN	Spanish Speaking People, Cabinet Committee on Opportunities for

Status	Title
OPEN	Special Representative for Trade Negotiations

Box 12 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Speeches (1)-(11)
OPEN	Strip Mining
OPEN	Sugar
OPEN	Supplies and Shortages, National Commission on

Box 13 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Tax Reduction Act
OPEN	The Group
OPEN	Title IX - Education Amendments: Athletic Programs
OPEN	Trade Bill
OPEN	Turkey
OPEN	Two Hundred Mile Fishing Legislation - Briefing Book (1)-(2)
OPEN	Two Hundred Mile Fishing Legislation - General
OPEN	Uranium Enrichment (1)-(6)

Box 14 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Veterans
OPEN	Vietnam
OPEN	Voting Record Tabulations - General
OPEN	Voting Record Tabulations - Key Votes (1)-(7)
OPEN	Voting Rights
OPEN	Walker, William N.
OPEN	Washington Forum
OPEN	Watergate - Report on CIA Activities
OPEN	White House Employment Authorization
OPEN	White House Memoranda (1)

Box 15 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	White House Memoranda (2)-(4)
OPEN	Yeo, Edwin H.
OPEN	Zarb, Frank

O'Donnell Chronological File, 1971-75.

(Boxes 15-18, 1.0 linear feet)

Two sequences of material: official files, March 1973 - December 1974, include copies of generally routine outgoing correspondence and memoranda. Weekly legislative summary reports from government departments for late 1973, collected by O'Donnell, are included. Personal files, December 1971 - January 1975, include correspondence and memoranda on personal and routine matters.

Arranged chronologically.

Box 15 (Continued) - O'Donnell Chronological File

Status	Title
OPEN	1973/03-1973/10/16

Box 16 - O'Donnell Chronological File

Status	Title
OPEN	1973/10/17-1974/03/12

Box 17 - O'Donnell Chronological File

Status	Title
OPEN	1974/03/13-1974/12/31
OPEN	O'Donnell Personal File, 1971/12-1974/04

Box 18 - O'Donnell Chronological File

Status	Title
OPEN	O'Donnell Personal File, 1974/05-1975/01