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## **BRADLEY H. PATTERSON, JR. PAPERS, (1960) 1974-76 (1988)**

### **Collection Type**

Personal Papers

### **Extent**

3.2 linear feet (ca. 7,500 pages)

### **Record Type**

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## **Biography**

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

1921 - Born, Newton, Massachusetts

1939-43 - Student, University of Chicago (A.B., A.M.)

1943-45 - Teacher, Cranbrook School for Boys, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

1945-54 - Various positions, Department of State

1954-61 - Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, White House

1961 - Management Analyst, Bureau of Budget

1961-62 - Executive Secretary, Peace Corps

1962-66 - National Security Affairs Adviser, Department of the Treasury

1966-67 - Executive Director, National Advisory Commission on Selective Service

1967-69 - Executive Director, National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity

1969-74 - Executive Assistant, Special Consultant to the President (Leonard Garment), White House

October 1974 - Assistant for Staff Coordination, First Lady's Staff, White House

1974-76 - Assistant Director for Operations, Presidential Personnel Office, White House

Aug. 1976-Jan. 1977 - Special Assistant to the President for Native American Programs, White House

1977-? - Brookings Institution

1988 - Author, *Ring of Power*, Basic Books

2000 - Author, *The White House Staff: Inside the West Wing and Beyond*, Brookings Institution Press

### **Scope and Content Note**

Bradley Patterson served in a number of positions during the Nixon and Ford administrations. These papers are from his work on the White House staff as an assistant for Native American Programs from 1969 to 1974, and again from August 1976 to January 1977. Patterson first worked in this area as an assistant to Leonard Garment during the Nixon administration, and then after serving in other roles in

the Ford White House, he was appointed Special Assistant for Native American Programs by President Ford in August 1976.

While these papers are primarily from 1974-76, they also include earlier and post-Ford administration materials. The long date span reflects items accumulated for background and reference and Patterson's continuing interest in issues affecting Native Americans.

Much of Patterson's work in Native American programs concerned implementation of policy initiated by President Nixon in July 1970. President Nixon's policy recognized tribal leadership when tribes were willing and able to manage their own affairs in a given area, but did not terminate the special trust relationship between the federal government and Indian people. The Ford administration continued the Nixon reform policy and in January 1975 President Ford signed the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. For helpful background information, researchers are referred to the folder "Indian Leaders" in Box 4 for an overview of Indian issues during this time and a partial chronology of Indian policy, 1775-1975.

The Patterson Papers are a combination of reports, summaries, correspondence, and legal documents, and printed materials including clippings, articles, and newsletters and newspapers published by Indian tribes and organizations. These materials relate to the delivery of federal domestic assistance to American Indians, legislation affecting Indians, relationships between tribal governments and state and local governments, and litigation over such issues as land claims, fishing rights, natural resources, and water rights. The papers show Patterson's work as a liaison between the federal government and Native Americans and coordinator of services provided by many agencies to Indian people.

#### Related Materials (March 2001)

The most significant related collection is the segment of Bradley H. Patterson Files on Native American Programs. Related materials are also available in White House Central Files subject category IN (Indians), a series in the Norman Ross Files (Domestic Council) consisting for the most part of 1974 Patterson files inherited by Ross, the Theodore Marrs Files (Public Liaison Office), and the files of Bobbie Greene Kilberg (Counsel's Office).

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Correspondence, memoranda, and reports exchanged between Patterson and federal officials and Native American leaders. Also legal documents, printed materials, clippings, and articles. Newspapers and newsletters published by tribal leadership groups express the Native American viewpoint on the issues addressed in these materials. The materials relate to Native American programs in general and to the concerns and legal issues of specific tribes.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Box 1 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Aging
OPEN	Agriculture, Department of
OPEN	Alaska
OPEN	American Indian Policy Review Commission
OPEN	Arts and Craft Board
OPEN	Blackbird Bend/Monona Bend Areas
OPEN	Black Hills Claim
OPEN	Borgstrom Memo(internal OMB discussion memo)
OPEN	Budget Issues
OPEN	Bureau of Indian Affairs - Assistant Secretary
OPEN	Cabinet Council
OPEN	Cattlemen's Association (National American Indian Cattlemen's Association - NAICA)
OPEN	Cayuga Nation of New York
OPEN	Census Issues
OPEN	Central Arizona Water Rights
OPEN	Council of Energy Resources Tribes (CERT)
OPEN	Crow Tribe Issues
OPEN	Economic and Business Development (1)-(2)

**Box 2 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Economic and Business Development (3)-(6)
OPEN	Education Issues - National Advisory Council on Indian Education (1)-(7)
OPEN	Federal Domestic Assistance Programs
OPEN	Fishing Rights

**Box 3 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Flathead Lands
OPEN	HEW Programs - Total (1)-(5)
OPEN	Housing
OPEN	Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Indian Health Care Improvement Act - S.522 (1)-(5)

**Box 4 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Indian Leaders
OPEN	Justice Department
OPEN	Keeler, W. W.
OPEN	Lakota
OPEN	Land Restoration
OPEN	Law Enforcement Assistance Administration - Grants
OPEN	Law Issues - General (1)-(2)
OPEN	Manpower
OPEN	Mazurie, M. D. - USA v. Mazurie
OPEN	Menominee
OPEN	Mescalero, New Mexico
OPEN	Mohawk
OPEN	Namen, James M. - The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, et al, v. James M. Namen, et al (1)-(2)

**Box 5 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
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OPEN	Naragansett
OPEN	Navajo
OPEN	National Congress of American Indians
OPEN	National Tribal Chairmen's Association
OPEN	Office of Minority Business Enterprise
OPEN	Oneida
OPEN	Passamaquoddy (1)-(3)
OPEN	Patterson, Bradley - Personal
OPEN	Pine Ridge
OPEN	Platform - Ford Policies
OPEN	Public Works Act

**Box 6 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Rancheria Termination
OPEN	Recognition (1)-(2)
OPEN	Self-Determination (1)-(2)
OPEN	Small Business Administration
OPEN	Social Services
OPEN	Sovereignty - Jurisdiction (1)-(4)
OPEN	Taxes
OPEN	Termination
OPEN	Travel and Tourism

**Box 7 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Tribal Resources Development
OPEN	Tribal Services
OPEN	Umatilla Journal
OPEN	United Indian Planners Association
OPEN	Veterans Administration
OPEN	Voting Rights
OPEN	Water Rights (1)-(2)
OPEN	Western Federal Regional Council

**Status****Title**

OPEN Women

**Presidential Congressional Mail Summaries, 1975-76.**

(Boxes 7-8, 0.7 linear feet)

Daily summaries of the President's incoming congressional mail.

Arranged chronologically.

**Box 7 (Continued) - President's Congressional Mail Summaries****Status****Title**

OPEN Daily Summaries (1)-(8)

**Box 8 - President's Congressional Mail Summaries****Status****Title**

OPEN Daily Summaries (9)-(19)