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PAMELA A. POWELL FILES, 1973-76

Collection Type

White House Office Files

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8.4 linear feet (ca. 16,800 pages)

Record Type

Textual

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Biography

Pamela A. Powell

1969 - Graduated from Marquette University

1969-? - Worked as a reporter, press agent, and actress

1971 - Joined Celebrities for the President (Nixon)

1972 - Chairman of Young Voters for the President (Nixon)

1973-74 - White House Staff Assistant

1975-77 - Director for Youth Affairs, White House Office of Public Liaison

ca. 1994 - Development Director, Phoenix House, Gardena, California

Scope and Content Note

Pamela Powell came to the Nixon White House in February 1973 as an assistant to Counsellor Anne Armstrong. She remained on the staff through the Ford administration. In both administrations, and under both job titles, her responsibilities were very similar. President Nixon had charged Counsellor Armstrong with responsibility for youth affairs, and as her assistant, Powell participated in the activities she later came to direct. When Anne Armstrong resigned in December 1974, President Ford transferred the liaison functions of her office to a recently created Office of Public Liaison headed by William Baroody. He appointed Powell Director for Youth Affairs within this office on January 1, 1975.

As Director for Youth Affairs, Powell was responsible for maintaining liaison with youth organizations and adults working with young people. She facilitated requests for presidential involvement, addressed state and national conventions, arranged for other staff members to speak before groups, and conducted special White House tours and meetings. The Office of Public Liaison hosted a series of "Tuesday at the White House" and "Wednesday at the White House" meetings which brought together representatives from interest groups and members of the Ford administration. Powell planned and participated in several of these meetings which focused on issues important to youth, such as education, employment opportunities, and juvenile justice. She was also concerned with encouraging the involvement of young citizens in the Bicentennial celebration and 1976 presidential campaign.

Early in the Ford administration Powell organized a White House meeting for the national student leaders of the major youth organizations in America. A meeting with the President was held on August 30, 1974. The stated purpose of the meeting was to elicit suggestions for youth involvement in the administration, and to demonstrate the President's support of youth organizations and the part they play in preparing young people for responsible roles as citizens and future leaders. A follow-up conference, called the White House Youth Conference on the Third Century, was proposed for 1976. The files contain material on the 1974 meeting,

and an extensive amount of material on the preparatory work Powell completed for the 1976 conference. In spite of all the planning done for the Youth Conference on the Third Century, the conference was never held.

Powell also administered the White House Summer Intern Program. This program enabled a selected group of young adults to participate in the working White House on a daily basis. The files include administrative materials for the 1974 and 1975 programs, and intern name files for 1975. Powell did preliminary work for 1976, but the intern program was not carried out that year.

The Powell Files originally included White House Summer Intern applicant files for 1975 and 1976. Staff at the Ford Library determined that the applicant files did not warrant permanent retention and set them aside for disposal.

Related Materials (December 1994)

The files of colleagues in the Office of Public Liaison are all related. The files of William Baroody and Theodore Marrs are especially useful for information about the Tuesday and Wednesday at the White House meetings. Other staff files relate to liaison with specific interest groups. Additional information about the Office of Public Liaison may be found in the files of Counsellor John Marsh.

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Youth Organizations File, 1973-76.

(Boxes 1-7, 2.8 linear feet)

Information about and communication with youth organizations and organizations that worked with young people. The materials include correspondence, news releases, clippings, and newsletters and other printed materials produced by the organizations. Materials concern Powell's efforts to plan White House visits for groups, facilitate presidential messages and participation in events, and arrange for either herself or others on the White House staff to speak before groups.

Arranged alphabetically by name of organization.

Box 1 - Youth Organizations File

Status

Title

OPEN	AAA - Gold Lifesaving Medal Winners
OPEN	American Advertising Federation
OPEN	American Cause
OPEN	American Council of Young Political Leaders
OPEN	American Personnel and Guidance
OPEN	American Field Service
OPEN	Betty Crocker Awards
OPEN	Bicentennial Youth Debates
OPEN	Big Sisters International
OPEN	Boys Clubs of America
OPEN	Boys Nation
OPEN	Boy Scouts of America

Box 2 - Youth Organizations File

Status	Title
OPEN	California Youth Commission
OPEN	Campfire Girls
OPEN	Catholic Youth Organization
OPEN	Center for the Study of the Presidency
OPEN	Cerebral Palsy (Youth)
OPEN	Charles Edison Memorial Youth Fund
OPEN	Close Up
OPEN	Close Up Evaluations
OPEN	College Democrats of America
OPEN	College Republicans
OPEN	Council for American Private Education (C.A.P.E.)
OPEN	Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) (1)-(3)
OPEN	Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) - Friends of DECA
OPEN	Educational Expeditions International
OPEN	Enculturation (Friendship Generation)
OPEN	Executive High School Interns of America
OPEN	Explorer Congress

Box 3 - Youth Organizations File

Status	Title
OPEN	Federation of Americans Supporting Science and Technology (FASST)
OPEN	Florida Student Government Center
OPEN	4-H Foundation
OPEN	Future Business Leaders of America
OPEN	Future Business Leaders of America - Phi Beta Lambda
OPEN	Future Farmers of America (FFA) (1)-(2)
OPEN	Future Homemakers of America (FHA)
OPEN	Future Homemakers of America (FHA) - Information Materials

Box 4 - Youth Organizations File

Status	Title
OPEN	Gilbert Youth Research
OPEN	Girls Clubs of America
OPEN	Girls Nation
OPEN	Girl Scouts of America
OPEN	Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation
OPEN	Intercollegiate Studies Institute
OPEN	Junior Achievement
OPEN	Junior Civitan International
OPEN	Junior Engineering Technical Society
OPEN	Kemper Traffic Safety Awards
OPEN	Key Club International
OPEN	March of Dimes
OPEN	Milay Foundation
OPEN	Multiple Sclerosis Society
OPEN	National Alliance of Businessmen (Youth Programs)
OPEN	National Association of Secondary School Principals
OPEN	National Association of Secondary School Principals - Bicentennial Seniors

Status	Title
OPEN	National Association of Student Councils

Box 5 - Youth Organizations File

Status	Title
OPEN	National Collaboration for Youth
OPEN	National Conference of Christians and Jews
OPEN	National Coordinating Council for Vocational Student Organizations (NCCVSO) (1)-(2)
OPEN	National Council of Juvenile Court Judges
OPEN	National Explorers (1)-(2)
OPEN	National Junior Horticulture Association
OPEN	National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
OPEN	National Student Association
OPEN	National Student Lobby
OPEN	Newport News Youth Commission
OPEN	Outstanding Young Women of America
OPEN	Office Education Association (OEA)

Box 6 - Youth Organizations File

Status	Title
OPEN	Positive Active Leadership Program
OPEN	Presidential Classroom (1)-(3)
OPEN	Project 70001 (DECA)
OPEN	Scholastic Press Association (California)
OPEN	Student National Education Association
OPEN	Teen Age Republicans
OPEN	Teen Corps
OPEN	UNICEF Youth Programs
OPEN	United Nations Youth
OPEN	Up With People
OPEN	United States Youth Council

Box 7 - Youth Organizations File

Status	Title
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OPEN	Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) (1)-(2)
OPEN	Vocational Student Organization - Leadership Conference
OPEN	Washington Center for Learning Alternatives
OPEN	Washington Workshops
OPEN	Who's Who Among American High School Students
OPEN	Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) - Youth-In-Government Program
OPEN	Young Republicans
OPEN	Youth for Understanding (1)-(2)
OPEN	Youth for Federal Union
OPEN	Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)

General Subject File, 1973-76.

(Boxes 8-16, 3.6 linear feet)

Files on various issues important to youth and materials relating to Powell's arrangements for meetings, conferences, speakers, and special White House tours. Also materials concerning involvement of young citizens in the Bicentennial celebration and the 1976 presidential campaign. Files on meetings and conferences are significant, especially Tuesday at the White House meetings and a presidential meeting with national student leaders of major youth organizations in August 1974. Extensive materials appear on preparations for a conference that was not held, the White House Youth Conference on the Third Century.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 8 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	American Council of Young Political Leaders - 5/13/76 Meeting
OPEN	American Field Service - Chapter Presidents List and Area Representatives List (1)-(2)
OPEN	American Youth Week
OPEN	Appointees (Boards, Commissions, Councils)
OPEN	Arts Meeting, 6/28/76 - Background Materials
OPEN	Arts Meeting, 6/28/76 - General

Status	Title
OPEN	Arts Meeting, 6/28/76 - Transcripts
OPEN	Bicentennial Celebration - Background Materials
OPEN	Bicentennial Celebration - General Requests
OPEN	Bicentennial Celebration - Retired Teachers Program
OPEN	Briefing Book (President's)

Box 9 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Chiefs of Mission
OPEN	Clippings - Youth
OPEN	Colleges and Universities
OPEN	Completed Youth Arrangements
OPEN	Consumer Information
OPEN	Economy
OPEN	Education
OPEN	Employment
OPEN	Ethnics (Republican)
OPEN	Ford, Gerald - Miscellaneous
OPEN	Gifted and Talented
OPEN	Health Organizations - Youth Coalition
OPEN	Health Organizations Meeting - Youth, 10/31/1975
OPEN	International Youth Internships
OPEN	International Students Day
OPEN	Kansas City, 10/10/1974

Box 10 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Listen Mr. President Program (Xerox)
OPEN	Major Youth Meetings
OPEN	Marijuana
OPEN	Media
OPEN	Pacanowski, Stan (White House Intern) - Major Projects of Summer 1974

Status	Title
OPEN	Photographs
OPEN	Possible Speakers, 1975 - Youth Groups - Arrangements
OPEN	Powell, Pam - Personal Correspondence
OPEN	President Ford Committee (1)-(2)
OPEN	Presidential Interview Requests
OPEN	Presidential Schedule Proposal for National Youth Organizations
OPEN	Presidential Scholars (1)-(2)

Box 11 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Presidential Youth Meeting, 8/30/74
OPEN	Presidential Youth Meeting, 8/30/74 - Correspondence
OPEN	Project Friendship
OPEN	Regional Meetings (White House Conference on Domestic and Economic Affairs)
OPEN	Religious Groups
OPEN	Report for Republican National Committee (Statistics on Youth)
OPEN	Republican National Committee
OPEN	Resumes - Miscellaneous
OPEN	Resumes - Youth - DECA
OPEN	Resumes - Youth - Miscellaneous
OPEN	Speaker Biographies, 1975 - A-Z

Box 12 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Speaking Engagements - Pam Powell
OPEN	Speaking Engagements - Pam Powell (Out of Town)
OPEN	Speech Material (1)-(2)
OPEN	Standards of Conduct
OPEN	Student Government Day, 1975
OPEN	Thank You Letters (Speaking Engagements)

Status	Title
OPEN	Truman, Harry S. - Scholarship Fund
OPEN	Tuesday at the White House - General
OPEN	Tuesday at the White House - 1/21/75, Vocational Education
OPEN	Tuesday at the White House - 2/4/75, White House Organization
OPEN	Tuesday at the White House - 2/25/75, Higher Education
OPEN	Tuesday at the White House - 3/18/75, Energy Education

Box 13 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Tuesday at the White House - 5/13/75, Law Education (1)-(2)
OPEN	Tuesday at the White House - 6/3/75, Presidential Classroom (College)
OPEN	Tuesday at the White House - 6/17/75, Presidential Classroom (Teachers)
OPEN	Tuesday at the White House - 7/22/75, Presidential Classroom (Teachers)
OPEN	Tuesday at the White House - 10/7/75, Gifted and Talented
OPEN	Tuesday at the White House - 12/2/75, Youth in Science and Technology
OPEN	Tuesday at the White House - 4/27/76, Youth and Work

Box 14 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	United States Senate Youth Programs
OPEN	Veterans
OPEN	Vietnam Refugees
OPEN	Washington Workshop
OPEN	Wednesday Meeting - 3/5/75, Federation of Americans Supporting Science and Technology (FASST)
OPEN	Wednesday Meetings - General
OPEN	White House Director for Youth Affairs

Status	Title
OPEN	White House Fellows
OPEN	White House Prayer Breakfasts
OPEN	White House Regional Conference on Consumer Representation
OPEN	White House Tour Schedule

Box 15 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	White House Youth Conference on the Third Century - Assessment Team and Co-Sponsors
OPEN	White House Youth Conference on the Third Century - Boy Scouts of America Support
OPEN	White House Youth Conference on the Third Century - Conference Memo
OPEN	White House Youth Conference on the Third Century - General
OPEN	White House Youth Conference on the Third Century - Invitation List and Materials
OPEN	White House Youth Conference on the Third Century - Letters of Appointment to the Steering Committee
OPEN	White House Youth Conference on the Third Century - Miscellaneous
OPEN	White House Youth Conference on the Third Century - Planning Session Minutes of 1/9-10/76
OPEN	White House Youth Conference on the Third Century - Planning Session Minutes of 2/7-8/76
OPEN	White House Youth Conference on the Third Century - Presidential Memo
OPEN	White House Youth Conference on the Third Century - Resource People and Facilitators

Box 16 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	White House Youth Council

Status	Title
OPEN	Women
OPEN	Young American Awards
OPEN	Youth Conventions (National)
OPEN	Youth Organizations Meeting, 10/17/75 (not held)
OPEN	Youth Status
OPEN	Youth Surveys/Polls

White House Interns Subject File, 1973-76.

(Boxes 17-19, 1.2 linear feet)

Materials on the administration of the summer intern program, including press releases, publicity briefs, evaluations of interns, and reports by interns. Primarily for the summers of 1974 and 1975, but also includes some general information on earlier programs and preparatory work for 1976. The program was not held in 1976.

Arranged chronologically by year, and thereunder alphabetically by subject.

Box 17 - White House Interns Subject File

Status	Title
CLOSED	1970-75 - White House Summer Interns Name Lists
CLOSED	1973 - Federal Intern Seminar
CLOSED	1974 - Press Releases
CLOSED	1974 - Publicity Briefs
CLOSED	1974 - White House Intern Evaluations
CLOSED	1974 - White House Intern Final Reports
CLOSED	1974 - White House Intern Forms
CLOSED	1974 - White House Intern 171's
CLOSED	1974 - White House Intern Program Memoranda and Forms
CLOSED	1974 - White House Intern Program Press Information Forms (1)-(2)

Box 18 - White House Interns Subject File

Status	Title
CLOSED	1975 - Congressional Intern Meeting with the President

Status	Title
CLOSED	1975 - Correspondence from White House Summer Interns
CLOSED	1975 - Fall Intern Applicants
CLOSED	1975 - Intern Inquiries
CLOSED	1975 - Potomac Magazine Article
CLOSED	1975 - Press Releases
CLOSED	1975 - White House Intern Evaluations
CLOSED	1975 - White House Intern Meeting with the President
CLOSED	1975 - White House Intern Program General Information
CLOSED	1975 - White House Intern Program Memoranda

Box 19 - White House Interns Subject File

Status	Title
CLOSED	1975 - White House Intern Program Press Information Forms (1)-(2)
CLOSED	1976 - Federal Summer Intern Program
OPEN	1976 - Summer Volunteers
CLOSED	1976 - White House Intern Program Inquiries

White House Interns Name File, 1974-75.

(Boxes 20-21, .8 linear foot)

Name files for the summer 1975 interns. Included in the files are letters of application and recommendation, transcripts and other supporting material, and the intern's assignment sheet.

Arranged alphabetically by name of intern.

Box 20 - White House Interns Name File

Status	Title
CLOSED	Andrews, T. Coleman III
CLOSED	Appleby, Jean
CLOSED	Bergsma, Joel J.
CLOSED	Brock, Lawrence
CLOSED	Chavez, Christina L.
CLOSED	Conzelman, James K.

Status	Title
CLOSED	Garland, Teresa
CLOSED	Goldfield, H.P.
CLOSED	Griffin, James Anderson
CLOSED	Hodges, Scott
CLOSED	Hopkins, Mary Stewart
CLOSED	Humphries, John Jefferson
CLOSED	Kinnard, David W. "Woody"
CLOSED	Kozub, Diane
CLOSED	Kryder, George M. III
CLOSED	Laird, David M.
CLOSED	Larkin, William V., Jr.
CLOSED	Lawson, Melanie
CLOSED	Lieberman, Nancy
CLOSED	Lowitz, Amy Thea

Box 21 - White House Interns Name File

Status	Title
CLOSED	McClearn, Barbara
CLOSED	McClure, Fred
CLOSED	Morin, David
CLOSED	Morrow, Rodger H.
CLOSED	Norfolk, Lynn
CLOSED	Oglesby, Catherine E.
CLOSED	Smith, Rebecca J.
CLOSED	Smith, Richard N.
CLOSED	Solak, Cri Cri Marria
CLOSED	Spackman, Rodney
CLOSED	Spencer, Karen
CLOSED	Urbaitis, Karen
CLOSED	Yost, Eric