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## **WILLIAM E. TIMMONS FILES, 1969-74**

### **Collection Type**

White House Office Files

### **Extent**

9.2 linear feet (ca. 18,400 pages)

### **Record Type**

Textual

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## **Biography**

William E. Timmons

12/27/30 - Born, Chattanooga, Tennessee

1949 - Graduated from Baylor Military Academy

1950 - Sales, Provident Insurance Company

1951-55 - U.S. Air Force

1955-61 - Aide to Senator Alexander Wiley (Wisconsin)

1959 - Graduated from Georgetown University (BS)

1961-62 - Executive Secretary, Hamilton County Branch Tennessee Republican Party

1963-69 - Administrative Assistant to Representative William Brock (Tennessee)

1969-74 - Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs

1974- -President, Timmons and Company, Inc. (Washington, D.C. public relations firm)

Powell A. Moore

1/5/38 - Born, Milledgeville, Georgia

1955 - Northwestern University

1955-56 - Georgia Military College

1956-59 - University of Georgia (ABJ)

1959-62 - U.S. Army Reserves

1962-64 - Editor, Union Recorder, Milledgeville

1965-66 - Public Affairs Officer, Southern Natural Gas Company, Birmingham, Alabama

1966-71 - Press Secretary to Senator Richard Russell (Georgia)

1971-72 - Public Information Officer, Office of Attorney General, Department of Justice

1972-73 - Committee to Reelect the President and Director of Press Relations, Inaugural Committee

1973-74 - Deputy Special Assistant to the President, Congressional Relations Office

1975-? - Marketing Corporation of America

1981-82 - Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs

1983-84 - Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations

### **Scope and Content Note**

The William E. Timmons Files consist of memoranda, correspondence, briefing papers, notes and reports on legislation compiled by Timmons and his assistant Powell Moore from August to December 1974, and Timmons' routine personal correspondence from 1969 to 1974.

During the first five months of the Ford administration, Timmons continued to head the White House Congressional Relations Office, as he had done since 1970. He was the main contact point for often routine requests from individual senators and representatives to the White House. Timmons also transmitted and explained the administration's legislative goals and advised the President on congressional activities.

Timmons supervised six staff assistants. Max Friedersdorf, Vernon Loen and Eugene Ainsworth kept close tabs on the House of Representatives while Tom Korologos and Patrick O'Donnell worked with the Senate. Powell Moore assisted Timmons directly by monitoring the status of pending legislation and recently passed bills, and notifying the House and Senate of high level appointments, disaster relief action and major federal grants. In late 1974 Timmons, Korologos and Ainsworth quit government service to form a Washington, DC public relations

firm. President Ford appointed Friedersdorf to succeed Timmons.

Timmons' files document his activities well. While there is little record of the significant volume of telephone calls between Capitol Hill and the White House, the files provide an overview of the key legislative issues of the early Ford administration. Particularly well documented is liaison with Congress on specific bills such as amnesty for draft evaders, cargo preference, federal pay deferral, and Nixon papers and tapes. Also documented is congressional advice on the selection and confirmation of Nelson Rockefeller as Vice President and President Ford's travel for congressional candidates in 1974. Timmons maintained close contact in writing with his assistants, especially Tom Korologos. Their notes and memos are often candid records of the tit for tat of executive-congressional relations.

A large portion of the Congressional Relations Office's time was spent notifying Members of Congress on White House personnel actions, including seeking suggestions, obtaining clearances, and urging prompt congressional action. Timmons' files document his mostly routine activities in this area.

Powell Moore maintained a separate file on his responsibilities, but because he often reported directly to Timmons in writing, Timmons' files are interspersed with information about Moore's activities and those of other Congressional Relations Office staff.

#### Related Materials (June 1985)

Material on the responsibilities and activities of the Congressional Relations Office is located in the files of Timmons' office colleagues, especially Max Friedersdorf and Vernon Loen. The files of individual White House staff will contain information on specific pieces of legislation and executive-congressional relations in their respective policy areas.

The White House Central Files subject categories on the House and the Senate (FG 30 to FG 39) contain cross references, briefing papers, correspondence, and memoranda on White House contacts with the Congress. The Legislation Case Files (White House Permanent Operating Offices) contain information on every public and private bill sent to the White House for action.

#### **Last Modified Date**

2025-03-06

## **Subject File, 1974.**

(Boxes 1-12, 4.8 linear feet)

Memoranda to the President, White House staff and others, correspondence, notes, briefing papers for presidential meetings with Members of Congress, and schedule proposals on a wide range of domestic and foreign policy issues before the Congress.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

### **Box 1 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Action Memos - Cover Pages (1)-(9)
OPEN	Action Memos - Log
OPEN	Agriculture
OPEN	American Political Report
OPEN	Amnesty for Draft Evaders and Military Deserters
OPEN	Appropriation Bills

### **Box 2 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Beef and Poultry Problems
OPEN	Black Caucus
OPEN	Budget Committees in Congress
OPEN	Budget Reduction Proposals, 11/26/74 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Budget Reductions
OPEN	Budget Rescissions and Deferrals
OPEN	Campaign Financing Reform Legislation
OPEN	Cargo Preference
OPEN	Commerce Department
OPEN	Conference on Inflation
OPEN	Congressional Relations - Internal Memos
OPEN	Congressional Relations - Procedures and Problems
OPEN	Consumer Protection Agency Legislation

### **Box 3 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Council on Wage and Price Stability
OPEN	Counsel to the President - Memoranda
OPEN	Counsellors to the President - Memoranda
OPEN	Defense Department Issues in Congress
OPEN	Domestic Council - Memoranda
OPEN	Domestic Council - White House Conferences
OPEN	Economic Adjustment/Development Legislation
OPEN	Economic Advisors - Memoranda
OPEN	Editorial Staff - Memoranda
OPEN	Emergency Powers Legislation
OPEN	Environmental Protection Agency
OPEN	Energy Research and Development Administration
OPEN	Evans - Novak Political Report
OPEN	Executive - Legislative Relations: 93rd Congress, First Session
OPEN	Executive Branch Reorganization
OPEN	Executive Office Building - Library Renovation
OPEN	Executive Privilege
OPEN	Export-Import Bank
OPEN	Federal Pay Deferral
OPEN	First Lady's Staff - Memoranda
OPEN	Food Stamps
OPEN	Foreign Affairs Issues - Miscellaneous
OPEN	Foreign Aid Legislation

#### **Box 4 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Freedom of Information Act Veto (1)-(2)
OPEN	General Services Administration
OPEN	Grain Sales to the Soviet Union
OPEN	Health, Education and Labor Legislation
OPEN	House of Representatives - Miscellaneous

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Housing Legislation and Issues
OPEN	Illinois State Department of Labor
OPEN	Interior Department Legislation
OPEN	Justice Department Legislation
OPEN	Lame Duck Session
OPEN	Legislative Interdepartmental Group Meetings
OPEN	Legislative Issues Pending (1)-(3)
OPEN	Leonard, Mildred - Memoranda
OPEN	Meetings with Congressional Leaders - Attendance Records
OPEN	Meetings with Congressional Leaders - Briefing Papers (1)-(2)

#### **Box 5 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Meetings with Congressional Leaders - Briefing Papers (3)-(5)
OPEN	Meetings with Representatives and Senators - Briefing Papers (1)-(5)
OPEN	Meetings with Representatives and Senators - Congressional Hour (1)-(2)
OPEN	Meetings with Representatives and Senators - Social Events
OPEN	Memoranda to the President (1)-(4)

#### **Box 6 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Memoranda to the President (5)-(7)
OPEN	Message to Congress, 1974/08/12
OPEN	Message to Congress, 1974/09/12 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Message to Congress, 1974/11/17
OPEN	Mid-Term Elections - Election Results
OPEN	Mid-Term Elections - General (1)-(2)



<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Mid-Term Elections - Presidential Campaign Travel (1)-(6)

**Box 7 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Mid-Term Elections - Presidential Campaign Travel (7)-(8)
OPEN	National Growth Report
OPEN	National Health Insurance
OPEN	National Security Council - Memoranda
OPEN	Nixon/Ford Transition - Appropriations
OPEN	Nixon/Ford Transition - Hungate Committee Appearance (1)-(2)
OPEN	Nixon/Ford Transition - Hungate Committee Appearance: Press Releases
OPEN	Nixon/Ford Transition - Nixon Papers and Tapes Legislation (1)-(2)
OPEN	Nixon/Ford Transition - Nixon Pardon: Press Releases
OPEN	Nixon/Ford Transition - Nixon Pardon: Reaction (1)-(2)
OPEN	Nixon/Ford Transition - Nixon Resignation: Press Releases

**Box 8 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Office of Economic Opportunity
OPEN	Oil Depletion Allowance - Press Briefing
OPEN	Passport Office
OPEN	Peoples' Republic of China - Congressional Trip
OPEN	Photo Office - Memoranda
OPEN	Postal Service
OPEN	Presentations, Drop-Bys, Visits - Briefing Papers
OPEN	Presidential Address on the Economy, 1974/10/08
OPEN	Presidential Personnel Office - Memoranda
OPEN	Presidential Press Conferences and Briefings (1)-(3)
OPEN	Presidential Speeches - Congressmen Traveling with the President

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Presidential Speeches - VFW, 1974/08/19
OPEN	Presidential Speeches - Ohio State University, 1974/08/30
OPEN	Presidential Travel - Pending (1)-(3)
OPEN	Presidential Travel Pending: Washington, DC Area
OPEN	Press Secretary - Memoranda
OPEN	Public Broadcasting Legislation
OPEN	Public Liaison - Memoranda
OPEN	Revenue Sharing
OPEN	Rice Legislation

#### **Box 9 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Scheduling Office - Memoranda (1)-(4)
OPEN	Scheduling Requests, 1973/05-1974/10 (1)-(10)

#### **Box 10 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Scheduling Requests, 1974/10-1974/12 (1)-(9)
OPEN	Senate Democrats
OPEN	Sequoia Reservations
OPEN	Signing Ceremonies - Briefing Papers
OPEN	Signing Ceremonies - Correspondence
OPEN	Small Business Administration

#### **Box 11 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Staff Secretary - Memoranda
OPEN	State of the Union - 1975
OPEN	Strip Mining Legislation
OPEN	Sugar Quotas - National Confectioners Association
OPEN	Tax Return Confidentiality
OPEN	Telephone Call Recommendations (1)-(3)
OPEN	Tobacco Regulation (Cigarettes)
OPEN	Trade Reform Legislation (1)-(3)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Transportation Legislation
OPEN	United Nations
OPEN	Veterans Educational Benefits
OPEN	Vetoos and Pocket Vetoos

### **Box 12 - Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Vice President Rockefeller - Confirmation (1)-(2)
OPEN	Vice President Rockefeller - Recommendations from the House (1)-(2)
OPEN	Vice President Rockefeller - Recommendations from the Senate
OPEN	Vice President Rockefeller - Selection
OPEN	Whip Inflation Now (1)-(3)
OPEN	White House Dinners - Guest Lists
OPEN	White House Dinners - Invitations (1)-(3)
OPEN	White House Operations - Memoranda
OPEN	White House Social Events - Attendance Records
OPEN	White House Staff - Miscellaneous: Memoranda
OPEN	White House Staff - Speeches

### **Chron File, 1974.**

(Boxes 13-14, 0.8 linear feet)

Carbon copies of outgoing memoranda and letters from Timmons to the President, White House staff, Members of Congress, and others. Occasional photocopies of memos from Tom Korologos routed through Timmons for approval are also included. Incoming correspondence and notations on action taken are rarely located here, but are instead filed in the subject file (containers 1-12).

Arranged chronologically.

### **Box 13 - Chron File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	1974/08/09-1974/10/04

## **Box 14 - Chron File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	1974/10/05-1974/12/31

### **Personal Correspondence, 1969-74.**

(Boxes 15-16, 0.8 linear feet)

Memoranda and letters extending and maintaining Timmons' personal contacts with professional associates and friends. Included are files of invitations and messages received and sent. Written primarily during the Nixon administration but given courtesy storage during the Ford administration, all items are cross-referenced into the Nixon White House Central Files. Similar correspondence from October to December 1974 apparently was filed in Timmons' chron file (containers 13-14).

Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent or subject.

## **Box 15 - Personal Correspondence**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	A - Invitations

## **Box 16 - Personal Correspondence**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Invitations - Z

### **Personnel Files, 1974.**

(Boxes 17-21, 2.0 linear feet)

Memoranda, correspondence, applications, clearance forms and other material on congressional interests in appointments to Executive agencies, boards, and commissions. Included is information on individuals actively supported by Members of Congress, pending appointments to high level positions, and material on possible job offers to retiring or defeated Members of Congress.

Arranged alphabetically by subject and thereunder either chronologically or alphabetically.

## **Box 17 - Personnel Files**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Active Personnel Cases, A-J

**Box 18 - Personnel Files**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Active Personnel Cases, L-Z
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Subseries Boards and Commissions - Miscellaneous
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Subseries Ambassadors
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Subseries American Battle Monuments Commission
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Subseries Atomic Energy Commission
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Subseries Biomedical Research Panel
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Subseries Clemency Board
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Subseries Commodity Futures Corporation

**Box 19 - Personnel Files**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Council on Wage and Price Stability
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Dole Requests
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Federal Election Commission
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Federal Energy Administration
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Interstate Commerce Commission
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Law Enforcement Assistance Administration
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Legal Services Commission (1)-(3)
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Library of Congress
OPEN	Boards and Commissions National Advisory Committee for Juvenile Justice
OPEN	Boards and Commissions National Commission on Diabetes

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Boards and Commissions National Commission on Regulatory Reform
OPEN	Boards and Commissions National Commission on Supplies and Shortages
OPEN	Boards and Commissions National Conference Committee
OPEN	Boards and Commissions National Labor Relations Board
OPEN	Boards and Commissions National Park Service
OPEN	Boards and Commissions National Transportation Safety Board
OPEN	Boards and Commissions President's Commission on Olympic Sports
OPEN	Boards and Commissions President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Renegotiation Board
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Science Advisory Board
OPEN	Boards and Commissions U.S. Attorneys and Judges
OPEN	Boards and Commissions U.S. Capitol Historical Society
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Water Pollution Control Advisory Board

#### **Box 20 - Personnel Files**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Boards and Commissions Subseries White House Conservatives
OPEN	Clearances of Personnel Appointments (1)-(8)
OPEN	Closed Personnel Cases (1)-(2)

#### **Box 21 - Personnel Files**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Congressional Relations Appointments - Commerce Department (1)-(2)
OPEN	Congressional Relations Appointments - Executive Agencies
OPEN	Memoranda to the White House Staff

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Pending Nominations (1)-(3)
OPEN	Retiring Members of Congress - Possible Appointments (1)-(3)

### **Powell Moore Subject File, 1974.**

(Boxes 22-23, 0.8 linear feet)

Correspondence drafted by Moore, memoranda to White House staff, legislative action memos, federal grant applications, disaster assistance requests, and White House Personnel Office memos accumulated by Moore in his various duties for the Congressional Relations staff.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

### **Box 22 - Powell Moore Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Administration Spokesmen Requested
OPEN	Air Force One Seating
OPEN	American Enterprise Institute Publications
OPEN	Bicentennial Commemorative Plates
OPEN	Bills Received (1)-(4)
OPEN	Bills Received - Linder Action Memos
OPEN	Bills Received - Veto Tabulations
OPEN	Blackburn, Ben
OPEN	Congressional Statistics
OPEN	Contract/Grant Notifications (1)-(2)
OPEN	Disaster Relief (1)-(2)

### **Box 23 - Powell Moore Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Disaster Relief (3)-(6)
OPEN	Education Bill Signing Ceremony
OPEN	Energy Legislation (1)-(4)
OPEN	Executive Protective Service Clearance
OPEN	Franz, Joe B.

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Furman University
OPEN	HEW Projects
OPEN	Jones, G. Paul
OPEN	Kennedy Center Schedule
OPEN	Messages from President Ford
OPEN	Moore Correspondence
OPEN	Moran, Miss Florence
OPEN	Nomination Notices
OPEN	Presidential Personnel Decisions
OPEN	Presidential Schedule Suggestions
OPEN	Presidential Representatives to International Conferences (1)-(2)
OPEN	Press Office - Briefings and Miscellaneous
OPEN	Stark, Gus
OPEN	University of Georgia Glee Club
OPEN	Vinson, Carl
OPEN	White House Fellows
OPEN	White House Tour Requests