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## **SARAH C. MASSENGALE FILES, 1974-77**

### **Collection Type**

White House Office Files

### **Extent**

14.8 linear feet (ca. 29,600 pages)

### **Record Type**

Textual

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## **Scope and Content Note**

Sarah C. Massengale, a former management analyst for a Washington, D.C. consultant firm, joined the Domestic Council in June 1975 as assistant director for health, social security and welfare, replacing Pamela Needham. After April 1976, when assistant director for consumer and cultural affairs Kathleen A. Ryan resigned, Massengale also coordinated cultural affairs, which comprised the arts, humanities and historic preservation. She reported to associate director Arthur Quern until January 1976 and thereafter to associate director Spencer Johnson. Massengale was assisted by Rosemary Rogers and remained with the Domestic Council until the end of the Ford administration.

While Quern or Johnson as associate director coordinated policy development with other Domestic Council staff and acted as liaison with federal agencies within the subject area, Massengale handled routine matters, compiled and summarized information and circulated material within the Domestic Council. She answered correspondence and referrals, commented on legislation, personnel appointments and speeches, and drafted issues statements for use by the President, his staff or the press.

Massengale was responsible for coordinating several important matters, particularly abortion policy, legislation on the aging, medical insurance reforms, and planning for the White House Conference on the Handicapped. She also arranged meetings between the President and health and cultural groups or met with similar groups herself to discuss substantive health and welfare issues.

In addition to materials accumulated by Massengale, these papers include files on cultural affairs inherited from Kathleen Ryan and files on health, social security and welfare retained by Massengale after Pamela Needham's departure, some of which date from Needham's service on the Domestic Council during the Nixon administration. Much of the file consists of printed reports, circulars and copies of widely distributed papers received by Massengale, although drafts and finished copies of correspondence, memoranda and other papers are included on some subjects. During processing certain materials on arthritis and hospitals, sent to White House Central Files oversized attachments by Massengale, were removed and placed in her health files.

**Related Materials** (October 1979)

Related information may be found in other Domestic Council collections, particularly in the chronological files of Pamela Needham and Kathleen Ryan. The files of Quern and his successor Johnson contain large files on subjects which Massengale handled, including social security financing, welfare reform, food stamps, swine flu immunization and physical fitness. Their subject files also include summaries of Domestic Council activity and information on problems in the area of health and welfare that they coordinated without Massengale's assistance.

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**Health, Social Security and Welfare File, 1974-76.**

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Reports, testimony, bills, statements and printed materials received by Massengale or her predecessor Needham from federal agencies or businesses; and some correspondence, memoranda and notes exchanged between Massengale and Domestic Council staff or the public. The file contains information on federal government involvement with health and welfare programs, particularly abortion

policy, problems of the aging and the handicapped, medicare, Olympic sports and health legislation and includes papers dating from Needham's service during the Nixon administration.

Arranged alphabetically by subject and thereunder chronologically.

**Box 1 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Abortion - General (1)-(4)
OPEN	Abortion - Commission on Civil Rights
OPEN	Abortion - Defense Department Policy
OPEN	Abortion - President's Position (1)-(2)

**Box 2 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Abortion - President's Position (3)
OPEN	Abortion - President's Position Form Responses
OPEN	Absent Parents / Aid to Families with Dependent Children
OPEN	Aging - General (1)-(5)

**Box 3 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Aging - Federal Council on Aging (1)-(4)
OPEN	Aging - Older Americans Act Amendments of 1975 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Aging - Older Americans Month

**Box 4 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Aging - Special Committee on Aging
OPEN	Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration
OPEN	Allied Services Act
OPEN	American Hospital Association
OPEN	American Lung Association - Meeting with the President and Vicki Carr
OPEN	American Medical Association (1)-(3)
OPEN	American Society of Oral Surgeons

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Arthritis (1)-(2)

**Box 5 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Biomedical Research Panel - General
OPEN	Biomedical Research Panel - Report (1)-(4)
OPEN	Black Lung Disease
OPEN	Blood Pressure
OPEN	Blue Shield
OPEN	Budget - Health
OPEN	Cancer - General

**Box 6 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Cancer - National Cancer Advisory Board
OPEN	Cancer - National Cancer Institute
OPEN	Cancer - National Cancer Program Plan (1)-(2)
OPEN	Cancer - President's Cancer Panel
OPEN	Catastrophe Health Insurance
OPEN	Cerebral Palsy - Visit of Poster Children with the President
OPEN	Children - Autistic Children
OPEN	Children - Child Abuse
OPEN	Children - Child and Family Services Act, 1975
OPEN	Children - Child Care
OPEN	Children - Child Health
OPEN	Children - Child Vision

**Box 7 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Children - Crib Death
OPEN	Children - Day Care Legislation (1)-(2)
OPEN	Children - Underprivileged
OPEN	Clinical Laboratory Regulation
OPEN	Community Services Administration (1)-(3)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Cooley's Anemia
OPEN	Cystic Fibrosis
OPEN	Dental Care
OPEN	Development Disabilities

**Box 8 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Diabetes (1)-(2)
OPEN	District of Columbia Medical and Dental Manpower Act of 1970
OPEN	DNA Research Guidelines (1)-(4)

**Box 9 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Drugs - Opium
OPEN	Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDI) Program
OPEN	Emergency Medical Services (1)-(2)
OPEN	Epilepsy
OPEN	Family Planning
OPEN	Federal Interagency Committee on Education (FICE) - Subcommittee on Population Education
OPEN	Fetal Research
OPEN	Food and Drug Administration
OPEN	Food Safety
OPEN	Food Stamps - General
OPEN	Food Stamps - Cost Estimates of Various Food Stamp Program Bills
OPEN	Handicapped - General
OPEN	Handicapped - Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board
OPEN	Handicapped - Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Amendments (1)

**Box 10 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Handicapped - Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Amendments (2)
OPEN	Handicapped - White House Conference (1)-(7)

**Box 11 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Handicapped - White House Conference (8)-(11)
OPEN	Handicapped - White House Conference - Personnel
OPEN	Health - General (1)-(3)

**Box 12 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Health Care - Florida
OPEN	Health Care - Ohio
OPEN	Health Care - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
OPEN	Health Co., Inc. - Rural Health Clinic
OPEN	Health Costs (1)-(2)
OPEN	Health Education Legislation
OPEN	Health, Education and Welfare - Dr. David Mathews
OPEN	Health, Education and Welfare - Major Initiative Reports
OPEN	Health, Education and Welfare - Social Services
OPEN	Health, Education and Welfare - Weekly Activity Reports
OPEN	Health Grants
OPEN	Health - Home Health Care (1)-(3)

**Box 13 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Health - Indian Health Care (1)-(3)
OPEN	Health Insurance - General (1)-(3)
OPEN	Health Insurance - Review Group
OPEN	Health Insurance - Unemployed (1)-(2)
OPEN	Health Legislation - General (1)

**Box 14 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Health Legislation - General (2)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Health Legislation - Health Revenue Sharing and Health Services Act, 1974
OPEN	Health Legislation - Health Services Act
OPEN	Health Legislation - National Heart, Lung and Blood Vessel Act of 1972 - Extension
OPEN	Health Legislation - National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974
OPEN	Health Legislation - National Service Corps Extension Act
OPEN	Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) - General (1)-(2)

### **Box 15 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) - General (3)-(5)
OPEN	Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) - Articles
OPEN	Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) - Printed Materials (1)-(4)

### **Box 16 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) - Printed Materials (5)
OPEN	Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) - Miscellaneous (1)-(3)
OPEN	Health Manpower (1)-(3)
OPEN	Health Planning
OPEN	"Health Policy in America" - White Paper

### **Box 17 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Health - Rural Health Week
OPEN	"Health United States 1975" (1)-(4)
OPEN	Hospitals - Patient Care Audit
OPEN	Hospitals - Public Health Service Hospital
OPEN	Hospitals - St. Elizabeth's
OPEN	Immunization Action Week



<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Income Redistribution
OPEN	Long Term Care (1)

**Box 18 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Long Term Care (2)-(3)
OPEN	Malpractice (1)-(4)
OPEN	Maximum Allowable Cost - General (1)-(2)

**Box 19 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Maximum Allowable Cost - General (3)-(7)
OPEN	Maximum Allowable Cost - Public Correspondence (1)-(2)

**Box 20 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Medal of Freedom - Jules Stein
OPEN	Medicaid - General
OPEN	Medicaid - North Carolina (1)-(2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Medical Devices</a>
OPEN	Medical Service Program U.S. - Japan Cooperative
OPEN	Medicare
OPEN	Medicare - Talmadge Health Plan S. 3205
OPEN	Mental Health
OPEN	Mental Retardation (1)-(2)
OPEN	Multiple Sclerosis

**Box 21 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	National Advisory Council on Equal Educational Opportunity
OPEN	National Association of Counties
OPEN	National Ataxia Foundation
OPEN	National Council of Health Care Services
OPEN	National Institutes of Health

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	New Federalism
OPEN	Nursing Homes - Long Term Care (1)-(2)
OPEN	Nurse Training
OPEN	Nutrition - General (1)-(2)
OPEN	Nutrition - ABC Malnutrition Film (1)

**Box 22 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Nutrition - ABC Malnutrition Film (2)
OPEN	Nutrition - Child Nutrition Act of 1975 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Nutrition - School Lunch Program
OPEN	Nutrition - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program
OPEN	Olympics - General
OPEN	Olympics - Reception Guest Lists
OPEN	Olympics - Reception Invitations

**Box 23 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Physicians Bonus Regulations
OPEN	Population
OPEN	President's Committee on Mental Retardation (1)-(2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports</a>
OPEN	Preventive Medicine National Conference (1)-(2)
OPEN	Professional Standards Review Organizations (PSRO)
OPEN	Red Cross
OPEN	Refugees - Indochina
OPEN	Renal Disease
OPEN	Reyes Syndrome
OPEN	Saint Edward's Mercy Medical Center
OPEN	Saxitoxin
OPEN	Sickle Cell Anemia
OPEN	Slipped Disk Treatment
OPEN	Smoking and Health Report 1975 (1)

**Box 24 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Smoking and Health Report 1975 (2)
OPEN	Social Security - General (1)-(7)
OPEN	Social Security - Completed Cases A - Z (1)-(2)

**Box 25 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Spinal Cord Injury (1)-(2)
OPEN	Swine Fever
OPEN	Utilization Review Regulations
OPEN	Venereal Diseases
OPEN	Vocational Rehabilitation
OPEN	Volunteers - General
OPEN	Volunteers - ACTION (1)-(3)
OPEN	Welfare - General (1)-(2)

**Box 26 - Health, Social Security and Welfare File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Welfare Options Paper
OPEN	Welfare Reform - Michigan Legislators
OPEN	Welfare Replacement Proposal
OPEN	Women
OPEN	World Health Day
OPEN	Youth Camp Safety

**Cultural Affairs File, 1975-76.**

(Boxes 26-30, 1.8 linear feet)

Correspondence, memoranda, press releases, printed material and other papers principally exchanged between Kathleen Ryan and federal officials or cultural groups concerning personnel and budgetary matters or annual reporting procedures for the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities, but including information on historic preservation legislation and on cultural programs of other federal agencies. Massengale added similar materials after she succeeded Ryan in 1976

Arranged alphabetically by subject and thereunder chronologically.

**Box 26 (Continued) - Cultural Affairs File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Bicentennial
OPEN	Commission of Fine Arts - Member Selection (1)-(4)

**Box 27 - Cultural Affairs File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Commission of Fine Arts - Policy on the Arts
OPEN	Historic Preservation - General (1)-(4)
OPEN	Historic Preservation - Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (1)-(3)

**Box 28 - Cultural Affairs File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Historic Preservation - Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (4)-(5)
OPEN	Historic Preservation - Binder "ACHP 1975"
OPEN	Historic Preservation - Land and Water Conservation Act Amendments re Historic Preservation and ACHP (1)-(2)
OPEN	Historic Preservation - Legislation
OPEN	Historic Preservation - Printed Materials (1)-(3)

**Box 29 - Cultural Affairs File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities - General (1)-(7)
OPEN	National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities - Printed Material (1)

**Box 30 - Cultural Affairs File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities - Printed Material (2)-(3)
OPEN	Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation
OPEN	Smithsonian Institution

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Treasury Department - Historical Development <b>Domestic Council Reference File, 1974-76.</b>

(Boxes 30-35, 2.0 linear feet)

Briefing papers, presidential statements, press releases, memoranda and other papers concerning Domestic Council administrative matters and Ford administration health and cultural activities, including background information on certain of President and Mrs. Ford's meetings, State of the Union addresses and HEW activities reports.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Box 30 (Continued) - Domestic Council Reference File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Budget - Impoundment Control Act
OPEN	Budget - Reduction Appeals
OPEN	Domestic Council - General Information
OPEN	Domestic Council - Weekly Status Reports (1)-(2)
OPEN	Domestic Council - Republican Legislative Agenda
OPEN	Domestic Council - White House Public Forums on Domestic Policy
OPEN	Memoranda for the President

**Box 31 - Domestic Council Reference File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Miscellaneous Meeting Correspondence
OPEN	National Governors Conference
OPEN	New York Fiscal Crisis
OPEN	Presidential Addresses - WIN Campaign
OPEN	Presidential Issue Papers
OPEN	Presidential Meetings - Briefing Papers (1)-(2)
OPEN	Presidential Proclamations
OPEN	Presidential Personnel Office
OPEN	President's Tax Proposal

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	President's Two Year Report
OPEN	Press Conferences (1)-(2)

**Box 32 - Domestic Council Reference File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Press Releases (1)-(2)
OPEN	Questions and Answers 1974 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Questions and Answers 1975 (1)-(2)

**Box 33 - Domestic Council Reference File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Questions and Answers 1976 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Referrals 1975 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Referrals 1976 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Resumes (1)-(2)
OPEN	Scheduling - Mrs. Ford 1974 - 75

**Box 34 - Domestic Council Reference File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Scheduling - Mrs. Ford 1975
OPEN	Scheduling - Mrs. Ford 1976 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Scheduling - President Ford 1975
OPEN	Scheduling - President Ford 1976 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Scheduling Proposals
OPEN	Speeches and Statements - Miscellaneous

**Box 35 - Domestic Council Reference File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	State of the Union 1975
OPEN	State of Union 1976 (1)-(2)

**Chronological File, 1975-77.**

(Boxes 35-36, 0.8 linear feet)

Correspondence, memoranda, draft speeches and statements produced by Massengale in response to incoming public correspondence or at the request of

Domestic Council staff members, concerning her responsibility for health and welfare issues and cultural matters. Included is material drafted by Massengale for transmittal to the President or other officials by Domestic Council director James Cannon.

Arranged by month and thereunder in reverse chronological order.

**Box 35 (Continued) - Chronological File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	June-Dec. 1975

**Box 36 - Chronological File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Jan.-Aug. 1976

**Duplicate Publications, 1975.**

(Box 37, 0.4 linear feet)

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**Box 37 - Duplicate Publications**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
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