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## **THOMAS ARANDA, JR., FILES, 1976-77**

### **Collection Type**

White House Office Files

### **Extent**

5.5 linear feet (ca. 11,000 pages)

### **Record Type**

Textual

### **Access**

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## **Biography**

Thomas Aranda, Jr.

April 9, 1934 Born, Nogales, Arizona

1951-1955 Enlistee, U.S. Army Reserve

1955-1960 Pilot, United States Air Force

1960-1977 Reserve officer, Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force Reserve

1964 B.S., University of Arizona

1967 J.D., University of Arizona College of Law

1968-1976 Senior partner, DePrima, Aranda and de Leon, Phoenix

1970-1976 Member, Amusement Appeals Board, Citizen Tax Reform Committee, Municipal Aeronautics Advisory Board, License Appeals Board, Phoenix

1972 Co-founder, Arizona Business Resource Center; member, Mayor's Citizen Reform Committee, Phoenix

1975-1976 Member, National Advisory Council on Extension and Continuing Education

1975 Member, Office of Economic Development Program Committee, Phoenix

1976-1977 Special Assistant to the President for Hispanic Affairs, The White House

1977 Senior partner, DePrima, Aranda and de Leon

1977-1978 Special assistant, Inter-American Defense Board; member, Council on Inter-American Defense

1978 Legal counsel, Arizona Republican Party

1980 Member, President Reagan's transition team

1981 Ambassador to Uruguay

### **Scope and Content Note**

Thomas Aranda was appointed Special Assistant to the President for Hispanic Affairs on July 29, 1976, three months after Fernando De Baca resigned the position. Working in the Office of Public Liaison (OPL) under the direction of William J. Baroody, Jr., Aranda provided liaison to Hispanics during the 1976 campaign and the last six months of the Ford administration. In the remaining weeks after the election, he sought to promote opportunity for Hispanics in the military and individual projects in his native state.

Aranda's mission was prescribed by OPL's mission to provide citizens and interest groups access to government. The bulk of the material throughout all series indicates a routine and selective referral service to government agencies for Hispanics with requests for aid, employment or complaints. His "Accomplishments" folders consist of successfully channeled requests with agency responses. Telephone logs and notes suggest possible activity related to the Hispanic Republican vote but this is not well documented in the collection.

Correspondence between Aranda and Hispanic leaders in the Hispanic Organizations series is formal and routine. Material related to meetings between them is sparse. Aranda arranged for several meetings between Hispanic leaders and businessmen and the President before the election, but only one is documented in the collection. In addition, Aranda organized the President's signing ceremony for National Hispanic Heritage Week.

Important material is present in the Hispanic Issues series and in scattered documents expressing disagreement between interest groups and government on legislation related to equalizing Latin American with European immigration quotas, and proof of citizenship requirements for employment. Also present is material Aranda received from OPL's Reynaldo Maduro and Cuban-Americans on a heated controversy among Miami Republicans over the director of the Cuban Refugee Project, and on a pre-election presidential meeting with Cuban-Americans. Aranda and Maduro occasionally worked together although it is not well- documented in the collection. Aranda was particularly involved with Mexican- Americans, Maduro with those of Cuban or Puerto Rican heritage.

Aranda's files were originally accessioned as a joint collection with De Baca's 1974-75 files, but they were easily separated during processing. Aranda incorporated occasional items from his predecessor's files into his own files. Aranda's files also include the 1975 Domestic Council Committee for Illegal Aliens files of OPL's Special Assistant for Human Resources Theodore Marrs. Aranda presumably acquired the files from Marrs, who resigned in June 1976. While there is evidence Aranda acknowledged his role on the committee, there is no documentation of his participation in the collection.

Related Materials (November 1989)

Related material is found in the collections of his predecessor Fernando E. C. De Baca, Deputy Special Assistant for Hispanic Affairs Reynaldo Maduro, White House Operations Staff Assistant Foster Chanock, in the Domestic Council staff files of James Cannon, Richard Parsons, and Lynn May. Additional materials may appear in the unprocessed files of William J. Baroody, to whom Aranda reported.

Additional related material exists in White House Central Files categories:

Federal Government: FG 6-11-1/Aranda

FG 6-11-1/De Baca

FG 6-15 Domestic Council

FG 17 Justice Department (OA 9281)

FG 21-17 Office of Minority Business Enterprise

FG 145 Cabinet Committee on Opportunities for  
Spanish Speaking Persons

Human Rights: HU 2 Equality

HU 2-2 Employment

HU 2-4 Voting

Immigration: IM Immigration and Naturalization

### **Last Modified Date**

2025-03-05

### **Hispanic Organizations, 1976-77.**

(Boxes 1-3, 1.0 linear feet)

Correspondence, memoranda, presidential messages, notes, agendas, proposals, background papers, printed material, press releases, and other materials exchanged between Hispanic organizations and Aranda reflecting the issues, goals, activities, complaints, and requests of Hispanics.

Arranged alphabetically by organization name or acronym.

### **Box 1 - Hispanic Organizations**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	American G.I. Forum
OPEN	Asociation Los Viejos Utiles
OPEN	Colegio Cesar Chavez
OPEN	Committee of 18 Spanish Speaking Nationalities
OPEN	Corazon Residential Center
OPEN	COSSMHO - National Coalition of Spanish Speaking Mental Health Organizations (1)-(3)
OPEN	El Congreso
OPEN	HACE - Hispanic Americans Cultural Effort
OPEN	Hostos Community College
OPEN	IMAGE (1)-(2)
OPEN	La Luz Magazine
OPEN	LAMA - Latin American Manufacturer's Association

### **Box 2 - Hispanic Organizations**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	LULAC - League of United Latin American Citizens
OPEN	MAEOPP - Mid-America Association of Education Opportunity Program Personnel
OPEN	MALDEF - Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
OPEN	MAPA - Mexican American Political Association
OPEN	MART - Mexican-American Republicans of Texas
OPEN	National Council of La Raza
OPEN	OAS - Organization of American States
OPEN	OMICA - Organized Migrants in Community Action
OPEN	PALCO - Pan American Liaison Committee of Women's Organizations, Inc.
OPEN	Project Adelante Upward Bound Program
OPEN	Republican National Hispanic Assembly

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	SER/Jobs for Progress, Inc. (1)-(3)
OPEN	Southwest Voter Registration Education Project

### **Box 3 - Hispanic Organizations**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	TELACU - The East Los Angeles Community Union
OPEN	Texas Hemophilia Association, Inc.
OPEN	UNIDOS Enterprises, Inc.
OPEN	United California Mexican-American Association
OPEN	United Farm Workers

### **Major Hispanic Issues, 1975-76.**

(Boxes 3-4, 0.7 linear feet)

Correspondence, memoranda, statements, testimonies, reports, research studies, notes, news clippings and publications received by Aranda from Hispanics and government officials on contemporary issues. Dominant in the series are Special Assistant for Human Resources Theodore Marrs' 1975 files from the Domestic Council Committee for Illegal Aliens.

Arranged alphabetically by issue and thereunder by subject.

### **Box 3 (Continued) - Major Hispanic Issues**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Bilingual Education
OPEN	Cuba Policy (1)-(5)
OPEN	Illegal Aliens (1)-(2)

### **Box 4 - Major Hispanic Issues**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Illegal Aliens - Dr. Marrs' Files - Background Information (1)-(2)
OPEN	Illegal Aliens - Dr. Marrs' Files - Correspondence (1)-(2)
OPEN	Illegal Aliens - Dr. Marrs' Files - Memoranda (1)-(2)
OPEN	Illegal Aliens - Dr. Marrs' Files - Miscellaneous
OPEN	Illegal Aliens - Dr. Marrs' Files - Press

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Illegal Aliens - Immigration and Nationality Act Amendments of 1976 (H.R. 14535)
OPEN	Illegal Aliens Study - "Estudio de Determinantes y Consecuencias del Cambio Demografico"
OPEN	Illegal Aliens Study - "Impact of Government Policies on Rural Out-Migration"

### **Meetings, 1976.**

(Box 5, 0.2 linear feet)

Correspondence, memoranda, summaries, notes, draft briefing papers and presidential remarks, and routine materials related to several meetings attended by the President and/or Aranda, Hispanic leaders and state and local officials. The materials relate to advance work, topics and attendance.

Arranged chronologically by date.

### **Box 5 - Meetings**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	1976/07/24 - Providence Hispanic Celebration
OPEN	1976/07/29 - Republican National Hispanic Assembly (1)-(2)
OPEN	1976/09/03 - SER/Jobs for Progress Fifth Anniversary Celebration
OPEN	1976/09/16-17 - Organization of U.S. Border Cities Conference
OPEN	1976/09/22 - White House Conference on Economic Business Development
OPEN	1976/10/08 - President Ford's Meeting with Hispanic Leaders
OPEN	1976/10/31 - United California Mexican-American Association

### **Federal Programs, 1976-77.**



(Boxes 5-6, 0.5 linear feet)

Correspondence, memoranda, and an assorted, occasional briefing paper, report, statement, application, recommendation, schedule or travel request. The materials relate to presidential appointment of Hispanics, the development of agency Spanish-speaking programs, federal employment discrimination against Hispanics, and Aranda's support of local Hispanic programs seeking White House influence to obtain federal funding.

Arranged alphabetically by agency or program name or acronym.

### **Box 5 (Continued) - Federal Programs**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	CETA - Colorado Migrant Council
OPEN	Community Services Administration - Community Development Council
OPEN	Department of Commerce
OPEN	Department of Defense
OPEN	Department of Health, Education and Welfare (1)-(3)
OPEN	Department of Justice - Drug Enforcement Administration (1)-(2)

### **Box 6 - Federal Programs**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Federal Aviation Agency
OPEN	Federal Communications Commission
OPEN	Federal Energy Commission
OPEN	Immigration and Naturalization Service
OPEN	Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (1)-(2)
OPEN	USOE - Office of Bilingual Education - All Indian Pueblo Council
OPEN	U.S. Air Force
OPEN	U.S. Civil Service Commission

### **General Subject File, 1976-77.**

(Boxes 6-12, 3.1 linear feet)

Correspondence, memoranda, mission statement, notes, schedule proposals, proceedings, occasional speeches and testimony, research papers and routine materials. They relate to Aranda's liaison activities, the mission and function of the Office of Hispanic Affairs, and the needs and request of the Hispanic community.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

### **Box 6 (Continued) - General Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Accomplishments File - Referrals, July - September, 1976
OPEN	Accomplishments File - Referrals, October, 1976 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Accomplishments File - Referrals, November - December, 1976

### **Box 7 - Federal Programs**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Aguirre, Ed - Swearing-In Ceremony (1)-(2)
OPEN	Ames, Fred
OPEN	Arizona Department of Education - OCR Paperwork
OPEN	Arizona State Bar
OPEN	Armstrong, Anne - Miscellaneous Reports
OPEN	Children's Medical Relief International, Inc.
OPEN	City of Pontiac, Michigan - Latin Affairs Office, Joe A. Benavidez
OPEN	Corporation for Public Broadcasting
OPEN	CSA Grant to Arizona Job College
OPEN	de Mesones, Pedro and Associates
OPEN	Education
OPEN	FAPRS - Federal Assistance Programs Retrieval System
OPEN	Feature Story - The Ford Administration and Hispanics
OPEN	Federal Vacancy Announcements
OPEN	Forms and Samples

### **Box 8 - General Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Forum of National Hispanic Organizations
OPEN	FYI
OPEN	General Correspondence, March-August, 1976 (1)-(2)
OPEN	General Correspondence, September, 1976
OPEN	General Correspondence, October, 1976
OPEN	General Correspondence, November-December, 1976
OPEN	Gonzales, Frederick - Hispanics and the Ford Campaign
OPEN	Hispanic Appointees, Supergrades, Leaders and Spanish-speaking Persons - Lists
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Hispanic Organizations</a>
OPEN	Hispanic Programs
OPEN	Hispanics and Hispanic Media - Lists
OPEN	Immigration Applicants
OPEN	Inter-American Defense Board, Columbus Day Meeting

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

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Inter-Office Memos
OPEN	International Women's Year
OPEN	Invitations, May-August, 1976 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Invitations, September, 1976
OPEN	Invitations, October-December, 1976 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Job-Related Correspondence
OPEN	Legislation
OPEN	Library of Congress
OPEN	Lopez, Hank
OPEN	Maduro, Rey
OPEN	Media Contacts
OPEN	Mercado Project of the Guadalupe Organization, Inc. (1)

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

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Mercado Project of the Guadalupe Organization, Inc. (2)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Military - Correspondence
OPEN	Mission Tesoro
OPEN	National Advisory Council on Extension and Continuing Education
OPEN	National Hispanic Heritage Week (1)-(2)
OPEN	Office of Hispanic Affairs
OPEN	OPL Reports
OPEN	Panama Canal
OPEN	Paper on the Brown Administration and California's Spanish-speaking Population
OPEN	Personal - Congratulations, News clippings
OPEN	Presidential Message
OPEN	Public Appearance Questionnaire
OPEN	Puerto Rico General File
OPEN	Recommendations
OPEN	Report on Hispanic Affairs

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

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Requests for Presidential Message
OPEN	Requests for Support
OPEN	Rivera, Irma - Traffic Systems, Inc.
OPEN	Rourk, Beatrice - Inter-American Commission of Women
OPEN	Rule, Gallagher (sculptor)
OPEN	Sandoval, Miguel
OPEN	Schedule Proposals
OPEN	Southwest Border Economic Development Region
OPEN	Spanish-Speaking Programs Conference - Summary Report
OPEN	Telephone Messages (1)-(3)

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

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Telephone Messages (4)-(8)

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Thank You File
OPEN	University Business Resource Center - Luis Aranda