

Wilson

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National Defense: Civil Defense

1961-1962

A collection of letters, reports, promotional items, periodical excerpt & office notes. **Examples are:** a letter (10/16/61) from Henry Creaser (President, South San Diego Council, Inc.), Wilson's reply (11/3/61) & attached copy of the organizations' 14-page "Civil Defense Program" & a brief critical mention of the plan to evacuate to the border, which according to the Office of Civil Defense was no longer the basic civil defense tactic; letters (10/61-1/62) re/ discussion of constituent suggestion of using the gun emplacements on Point Loma as possible fallout shelters; a letter (1/26/62) from Murray Hilibrand (Group Leader, Manufacturing Group Six, Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration) & attached 3 page questionnaire -- this was sent to Wilson and he answered the questionnaire which indicated his responses to a number of question as to nuclear war, its effect on the U.S. and other civil defense issues; letters (12/61-3/62) re/ responses to an El Cajon constituent suggestion that air borne warning devices be used for emergencies. DOD indicated this would be too expensive and complicated compared to providing indoor and outdoor warning devices; a letter (5/8/62) from Benjamin M. Watson (Secretary, Southern California Civil Defense & Disaster Assn.) to Wilson -- in response to news that "deep slashes" were being proposed for the Civil Defense budget, the Assn. "by unanimous vote, endorsed full legislative support of measures which will add to the non-military defense of our nation and provide for the protection of our people;" letters, periodical excerpt & statement (May-June 1962) re/ conservative constituent concerns about changes occurring with the transfer of the Office of Civil Defense to the Dept. of Defense and potential loss of a Religious Affairs Officer; letters & promotional items (July-Aug. 1962) re/ Lyle Pennants, Inc. promotes Civil Defense automobile staff flags manufactured in handicapped workshops; a letter (8/10/63) from John Upsher Smith (Acting Regional Dir., Office of Civil Defense, Region 7, DOD) & a copy of "Shelter Survey, Marking and Stocking Program Report By Counties in California as of July 4, 1962 Buildings Providing Fallout Protection Meeting Federal Criteria" -- San Diego had 150 bldgs. with shelter spaces for 81,496; letters (July-Aug. 1962) re/ responses to a constituent's disagreement with a subcommittee's decision "gutting the President's Civil Defense money request" -- especially regarding "the erection of fallout shelters."