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A collection of letters & news clippings. **Examples are:** two letters (11/10 & 11/13/61) from Wilson constituents showing two different responses to Wilson's comment "Deploring of Shelter Complex" in the *San Diego Union* (11/10/61) criticizing those "suffering from the bomb shelter psychosis." One in support of Wilson, the other protesting his statement; a letter (11/6/61) from constituent Thomas R. Bertolino & Wilson's reply (11/14/61) re/ "Thank you for your letter . . . suggesting that our efforts be directed to expanding our propaganda efforts around the world rather than to the building of bomb shelters;" a letter (10/19/61) from constituent Mrs. Velma Knepp & Wilson's reply (11/27/61) re/ Democrat Mrs. Knepp's support for a fallout shelter program, her vote for Wilson and her strong anti-Communist position; a letter (11/10/61) from Del Mar constituent Waldron J. Cheyney & Wilson's reply (11/27/61) re/ "our pleasure in reading in this morning's San Diego Union your comments relative to 'Fallout Shelters;" letters (11/61) re/ responses to building fallout shelters, private and public, and FHA comment on shelter financing; a letter (11/10/61) from La Mesa constituent Mrs. Dana Burak & Wilson's reply (12/1/61) re/ Mrs. Burak, a WWII Polish survivor, takes Wilson to task for his criticism of the nation's fallout shelter psychosis; letters (11/19-12/4/61) re/ another constituent chastises Wilson for "displaying dangerous shortsightedness by such statements;" letters (Nov.-Dec. 1961) re/ responses to a mother's concern that her son stationed in Labrador's "Dew Line" bases is in danger of fallout from Russian bomb tests; letters & a telegram (Oct.-Dec. 1961) re/ a constituent (M.D.) rattles nuclear threat against Soviet Union and their nuclear bomb testing and its fallout; letters & memo (10/61) re/ La Jolla constituent cites Herbert Kahn's *On Thermonuclear War* to support a mass shelter program, whereas Wilson replied "I cannot accept his thesis that we undertake a massive shelter program in which to hide. I feel the best deterrent we have is as strong military posture;" letters (Nov.-Dec. 1961) re/ the Chairman of the La Jolla Town Council Civil Disaster Committee takes Wilson to task for his anti-bomb shelter position and Wilson replies with an extensive rebuttal; letters & news clippings (Nov.-Dec. 1961) re/ a Escondido constituent criticizes Wilson for his anti-bomb shelter viewpoint and Wilson responds with a rebuttal; letters (Nov.-Dec. 1961) re/ another constituent submits views on fallout shelters and sending military jets to Yugoslavia. Wilson responds with comment.