

Folder 3

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A large collection of telegrams, letters, news clippings, news releases, & news letters. These are not filed chronologically. **Examples are:** a letter (2/10/53) from James F. Durkin (President, Lodge #1211, American Federation of Government Employees) & Wilson's reply (2/25/63) re/ need for the Navy and Congress to increase the work load at the Naval Station; news clipping (n.d.) re/ "Navy Moves to Stabilize Station Work Force at 3,000;" a telegram (3/12/53) from Naval Station Foundry Employees to Wilson questioning a 25% reduction of work force; a Spring Valley constituent's letter (3/31/53) & Wilson's admin. asst. Ed Terrar's reply (4/9/53) re/ Long Beach interests attempting to take Navy ship building away from San Diego; a letter (3/27/53) from RAdm. Thomas S. Combs (Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics) to Wilson re/ "Naval Air Station, San Diego will suffer a reduction of about eighty-five employees;" a letter (4/10/53) from Capt. Earle D. Chesney (Bureau of Supplies and Accounts) to Wilson & attached news release re/ "Navy Regional Accounts Office, which is presently occupying municipally-owned space on the Broadway Pier . . . will be moved as soon as is feasible to office space in the Fox Theater Building, 7th and B Streets. . . ." San Diego needed the pier space for a steamship passenger line; a letter (5/11/53) from M.L. Wilson (President, National Assn. of Supervisors, Local No. 36) & Congressman Wilson's reply (5/20/53) re/ the "several disadvantages" of privatizing work usually performed at naval establishments – "The governing factor should be the overall economy and the good of the Naval Service with the idea in mind of the greatest advantage to the Nation as a whole;" a letter (5/8/53) from La Mesa constituent RAdm. Leslie E. Gehres (Ret.) & Edward Terrar's reply (5/14/53) re/ transportation from San Diego to the National Boy Scouts Jamboree in July and Navy needed to assist commercial transportation; a letter (7/22/53) from F. H. Watts (Southwest Iron & Steel) & Wilson's reply (7/28/53) re/ thanking Wilson for his assistance, concern for local dry dock facilities and losing contracts to Long Beach businesses; **other topics and issues in this folder are:** additional corresp. regarding reduction of employees at NAS; news bulletins from Naval Station; Wilson's interest in facilitating cruises on Navy ships for prominent civilians; continued concerns of constituents about transfer of vessels to Long Beach; Chula Vista constituent Henry Boney (President, Boney's Inc.) letter to Wilson (3/13/53) re/ unfair competition from Naval Commissaries; letters (Aug.-Sept.) re/ interest in seeing a large carrier built on the West Coast; constituent concerns about discrimination in regard to the dry cleaning and laundry solicitation at the Naval Exchange at the Naval Station (May letters); DOD news release (3/16/53) "Navy To Give More Work To West Coast Shipyards;" a packet of statements (June-Sept. 1953) from E.O. Arnold (Chairman, Coordinating & Liaison Committee, Employees Organizations, Industrial Department, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California to The Secretary of the Navy re/ heavy cutbacks in this area compared to other west coast naval repair facilities, contradictory statements from the Secretary, an historical brief on the Navy Station and the issue of allocation of workload between private and

government owned and operated facilities; telegrams (Apr. 1953) Sports Fishing interests complain about Navy boats operating in "a very unseaman like manner;" commentary & price listing regarding the dry cleaning and laundry issue at the Naval Station (May); competition with ship service stores; constituent complaints (May & Dec.) re/ Navy dependents waiting too long to see the doctor at Naval Hospital.