

Folder 26

Federal Government: Navy—Camp Elliott

1960-1961

A large collection of letters, memorandum, news clippings, proposals, maps and other items. **Examples are:** a letter (1/19/60) from Capt. P.B. Haines, Jr. (Asst. Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Navy) to Chairman Carl Vinson (Committee on Armed Services) and a letter (1/21/60) from Philip W. Kelleher (Counsel, Committee on Armed Services) to Congressman Wilson re/ "the recent decisions concerning the disestablishment of the U.S. Naval Retraining Command, Camp Elliott. . . . to be completed by 30 September 1960;" a letter (1/19/60) from Capt. P. B. Haines (Dept. of the Navy) & attached 3 page Fact Sheet on Camp Elliott; a letter (1/20/60) from constituent Miss Luna M. Handley & Wilson's reply (1/26/60) re/ her concern about property lost with the recent Navy action at Camp Elliott; letters (July & Sept. 1959) from RAdm. C. C. Hartman (Commandant, Eleventh Naval District) & Congressman Wilson re/ Master Plan for San Diego and "the release of a portion of Camp Elliott and the Communications Training Center at Imperial Beach;" letters (June-Aug. 1960) from constituent Keith E. Hatter, Congressman Wilson & Franklin Floete (Administrator, General Services Admin.) re/ government-owned property at Camp Elliott and local school board interest; Memorandum For File (10/13/60) re/ Asst. Sec. Defense reported "transfer of 3100 acres of land at Camp Elliott from the Navy to the Air Force for one reason - - to protect noise from further testing in Atlas 2 [Project] Orion;" a copy of Dept. of the Navy, Bureau of Yards and Docks, "Disposal Project No. 247" with details on "Portion of Naval Retraining Command, Camp Elliott;" a copy of Dept. of the Air Force "Real Estate Acquisition Project No. 7" re/ 3100 acres of unimproved land to the Air Force (est. cost of land \$40,300), 4300 acres to the west had been transferred already; letters (Nov. 1960-Mar. 1961) from constituent Major Reuben H. Fleet & Wilson re/ pro Nixon politics, disapproval of the transfer of Camp Elliott land to other non taxing government agencies and interest in using revenue from the sale of some of this land to help build stadiums at the three military academies; **other issues and topics in this folder are:** letters (Mar.-Apr. 1961) re/ Al Bahr Temple "interest in the Auditorium Building at Camp Elliott;" news clippings (Mar.-June, 1961) re/ Camp Elliott land sale; letters (5/61) re/ Wilson response to constituent interest in having Camp Elliott land used as a national cemetery; letters (5/61) re/ "YMCA's request for a portion of the Camp Elliott property;" news clipping *The San Diego Union* (5-18-61, a35) re/ "Master Plan Disclosed for Camp Elliott Land;" a stapled packet containing letters (Apr.-June 1961) and a "Preliminary Proposal To Establish a Self-Sustained Back Country Exotic Animal Farm" re/ San Diego Zoological Society interest in Camp Elliott property contrasted to San Pasqual property & UCSD primate colony; letters (May-June 1961) re/ obtaining a site at Camp Elliott for camping programs and a city park; letters (May-Aug. 1962) re/ use of a portion of Camp Elliott as a national cemetery; a large packet of letters, news clippings, and other items (May-July 1961) re/ the pros and cons of the proposal to use a portion of Camp Elliott land for a rehabilitation center for narcotics addicts and also coverage of jet noise issue; an excerpt from the San

Diego County Board of Supervisors' Minutes of November 14, 1961 re/ a resolution supporting the direct transfer by an act of Congress of title to land at Camp Matthews to the Regents of the University of California and the State of California for university and highway purposes.