

Wilson
Box 43
Folder 20
Medicare
1965

A collection of letters, telegrams, notes, memos, news clippings & a folder from the California Medical Assn. illustrating the California Kerr-Mills program for the Aged initiated in Jan. 1962. As with Medicare folders #18 & #19 these materials focus on the ongoing debate as to what version of medical care will be approved by Congress. The pro and con versions for Johnson's plan occur throughout the many constituent, and other letters received. Wilson's responses for Feb.-May, 1965 are similar to those evident in the earlier folders. **Examples are:** a letter (1/26/65) from Mark Bryon (Chairman, Legislative Committee, Republican Committee of One Hundred, Inc.) & Wilson's reply (2/5/65) re/ their resolution to reject the President's Medicare Bill and Wilson's comment that "Rest assured I am with you 100% on this issue;" a letter (1/7/65) from constituent Willard M. Caulkins & Wilson's reply (2/15/65) "Please support and vote for all the humanitarian medical proposals asked for by President Johnson;" a letter (2/2/65) from constituent Robert P. Bailey, attached news clippings & Wilson's reply (2/15/65) re/ citing California's medical plan; a letter 2/22/65 from constituent George L. Scott & attached copy of an editorial from *The Christian Science Monitor* (1/11/65) & Wilson's reply (3/8/65) re/ "As a student of Christian Scientist, I choose not 'to rely on officially endorsed means of healing;" a letter (2/18/65) from constituent Mabel Anderson & Wilson's reply (3/6/65) re/ Anderson, as a senior citizen, indicated she would benefit from the Eldercare Bill, Herlong-Curtis HR 3727, but saw "no reason why everyone should be taxed to care for those who can take care of themselves;" 2 postal cards (3/65) & Wilson's reply (3/15/65) re/ Senior Citizens in support of Medicare – it is "the most logical for us older people;" a large collection letters & postal cards (3/65) from constituents, others & Wilson's replies re/ opposition to Medicare and support for AMA's "Eldercare;" a letter (3/8/65) from James C. Doyle (President, California Medical Assn.) & Wilson's reply (3/11/65) with enclosed folder with "the California plan for medical assistance to the aged;" **most of the letters, postal cards & telegrams for April –May 1965 continue the same opposition refrain as the previous letters cited above.**