

Wilson

Box 43

Folder 24

Memorials: Cabrillo National Monument

1955-1958

A large collection of letters, maps, telegrams, government material, news clippings, office notes, postal cards and b&w photos. These materials are not filed in chronological sequence.

Examples are: letters (9/54-3/55) from Lt. General W. G. Wyman (Commanding, H.Q. Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco), Brig. General Claude F. Burbach (Deputy Chief of Staff, H.Q. Sixth Army) & Congressman Wilson re/ details on the utilization of land at Fort Rosecrans and S. D. County interest for a public park; a telegram (9/28/58) from Wilson to the Honorable Bryce Harlow (The White House) re/ anniversary of Cabrillo's landing and how Wilson had been working for four years to acquire 60 acres from the Navy to expand Cabrillo National Monument; a letter (9/23/58) from Gerald D. Morgan (Special Counsel to the President to Wilson re/ a response to the above cited telegram; a copy of Dept. of the Navy, Acquisition Project No. 220 (n.d.) re/ "Station Designation: Fort Rosecrans Military Reservation - Area: 594.57" - transfer of land to the Navy and the Interior Department; copy of a letter (12/29/58) from Wilson to Donald M. Robinson (Cabrillo National Monument) re/ "locating the Japanese Friendship Bell on a site adjacent to your Monument;" a letter (9/4/56) from Eugene F. Williams (Editor, *Evening Tribune*) & Wilson's reply (9/8/56) re/ "Enclosed is a copy of a news story about the transfer of land on Point Loma for Cabrillo National Monument purposes," as well as land for the Naval Electronics Laboratory; a letter (1/26/56) from George E. Lindsay (Dir., Natural History Museum) & Wilson's reply 7/31/56 re/ comments on the Cabrillo Monument - it "has more visitors than any other National Monument, including the Statue of Liberty - over 800,000 last year. At present the monument is a half-acre island in a large military reservation, which is being broken up;" memorandum & letter (7/19/56) re/ Congressman Carl Vinson (Chairman, Armed Services Committee) discusses Wilson's interest in the possible utilization by the Dept. of Interior of Fort Rosecrans property; letters (6/56) from G.W. Sears (the First National Bank) & Wilson re/ "splendid landside victory for Republican votes in last Tuesday's election," personal comments & Chamber of Commerce support for Cabrillo Monument; letters (2/55-3/56) from Congressmen Clair Engle & Bob Wilson, constituent Nate Rosenberg (Enterprises) & Thomas J. Allen (Asst. Dir., National Park Service) re/ Mr. Rosenberg's interest in establishing a concession store at the Monument; a letter (4/18/55) from Donald M. Robinson (Cabrillo National Monument), his comments on the need for additional acreage, 3 "Fort Rosecrans Topography" fold out maps (12/1/45) & Wilson's letter (5/2/55) to the Secretary of the Interior re/ obtaining acreage to expand the Monument as Mr. Robinson suggested;

additional selected examples are: letters (Feb.-Mar. 1955) from a number of San Diegans, Wilson and government authorities regarding the expansion of Cabrillo National Monument and land transfers from the Army; letters (7/56) re/ continued correspondence on this subject with some confusion about Dept. of Interior requests for property; photo copies of National Park Service letters (8/55) re/ increase in visitor attendance requires increase in size of the Monument; 2 page letter (3/12/48) from C. Girard Davidson (Asst. Secretary of the Interior) to The Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall re/ inquiry as to the Army "declaring surplus . . . certain lands in Fort Rosecrans . . . wherein is located Cabrillo National Monument, established

by proclamation on October 14, 1931 (38 Stat. 1965)" this is followed by a description of the area and those in San Diego interested in having the Monument expand; letters (Jan.-Mar. 1955) re/ comments from Navy and Army as to transfer of land from Ft. Rosecrans; letters, postal cards, news clipping (1954) from a number of Wilson's constituents, Wilson and government officials re/ increase in visitors, need for more land and other topics; a collection of items from 1948-1953 that include a Jan. 28, 1948 "Resolution" from the San Diego Chamber of Commerce and a one page commentary (11/19/48) entitled "Cabrillo National Monument;" letters (9/49) & Cabrillo National Monument brochure; letters (1950) re/ transfer of excess Dept. of the Army land at Fort Rosecrans to the Dept. of the Interior and increase in visitors to the Monument and suspension of transfer because of the Korean War; letters (May-June 1953) re/ status of the transfer of the 61-acre tract that the Army has earmarked for the Dept. of the Interior; memorandum (8/20/53) from Donald M. Robinson (Acting Superintendent, Cabrillo National Monument) re/ description of land based on the 1945 Fort Rosecrans Topographical map; "Excerpt from Superintendent's Monthly Report for August 1953" re/ five year lease on approx. 62 acres from Ft. Rosecrans obtained by Mr. Robinson and "Boys of Scout Troop 223, Point Loma spent August 29 picking up papers, beer cans, etc. along a four mile approach to the monument;" 1 page copy of letter (n.d.) from the Cabrillo National Monument to Carl re/ "Here are a few notes that will help you when you talk with Bob Wilson . . . Subject: 61 acres of land adjoining the Cabrillo National Monument for its expansion; and three 8 x 11 & one 3x5 b & w photographs (n.d.) of the Point Loma peninsula.