

Wilson
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Public Relations: Crank, Anonymous, Inchoherent Letters
1956-1961

This is a large collection of letters, news clippings, notes, a petition & a booklet. These are filed from 1958 through 1961, but are not always in correct order. **Some selected examples are:** a fascinating 4 page letter (10/27/58) from San Diego constituent Bessie Cooper re/ "Dear Mr. Wilson I have a complaint as do hundreds of other retired and acting duty service people, about the deal we all get if we happened to be of the lower bracket especially." She includes a typed excerpt from a service wife in Alameda with three boys who are struggling to survive while her husband serves aboard the USS *Bon Homme Richard*. Cooper also makes extensive criticism of the lack of job opportunity for her retired husband, the current Eisenhower administration and the money people and how the officer class gets the perks; a 2 page follow up letter (11/20/58) from Bessie Hooper to Wilson re/ "Congratulations on winning in election as I said I did not vote for you but I think better may won as I couldn't vote for the other man . . . I feel he has not had the experience and is a man too young for the job." She continues her plea for raises for those in the lower pay grades, "Not the cal. Gen. and ex-presidents who do not need it to start with;" another follow up letter(1/7/59) from Bessie Hooper to Wilson re/ medical issues, cost of medicine and other problems; a stapled packet of notes, letters & a news clipping "All That Glitters is not Goldwater" (1956-1959) re/ extensive correspondence from San Diegan Sidney W. McPherson as to mail problems and other issues; 2 letters (3/25/59) from Wilson to James Hervey Johnson & F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover re/ Johnson's sending Wilson a mimeographed statement entitled "Vatican-Eternal Nest of Holy Charlatans;" letters (10/9 & 10/15/59) re/ E. A. Palmer complains falsely about the residence of Congressman James Roosevelt; letters (Jan.-Feb. 1959) re/ the complaints of San Diegan Frank Granieri about employment issues, the judicial system & the invasion of his privacy; letter (3/9/59) from Lewis A. Crank (Loma Vista 8, Ranch, Culver City) re/ misunderstanding "relative to labor union abuses" and Wilson's reply; San Diegan Byron Harwell's response typed on Wilson's July 8, 1959 letter re/ complaints about Mr. Parma and Wilson as to savings to taxpayers; a letter (11/7/59) from La Jolla constituent C. H. Morrow and a copy of *Human Events* Vol. XVI, No. 44 November 4, 1959 re/ alarmist arch conservative fears; a letter (7/7/61) from R. E. Evans (Mariposa, CA) to Wilson re/ a one page diatribe against "BIG COMMIES," "DEMO-RATS," the "L.A. Times" and others; letters (11/29 & 12/9/61 re/ a brief pro-Republican commentary and then a long-winded crank's commentary; letters (5/24 & 5/26/61) from Hazel Rose re/ local military issues and other legal actions; office note, news item & letter (7/61) re/ criticism of Wilson & Nixon - "Isn't this the guy that always gives us a bad time in the letters to the editor?;" news clippings & long letter (4/61) to Wilson from Chula Vistan Walter H. Cotteen re/ similar to the commentaries cited in the 12/9/61 letter cited above; news clipping & letter (3/27/61) re/ pro Democratic and critical of Ike; **continued themes & topics in letters:** 2/17/61-critique of Wilson; 1/3/61-unemployment; 3/10/61 from Bessie Hooper re/ cost of living, health & other problems in San Diego; 3/24/61 - 5-page letter re/ anti-Jehovah's Witnesses statement; 4/ 61 & 5/61 - post cards, letters & news clipping re/ pro and con items on Wilson, etc.; 7/61 - critical response to Wilson questionnaire; 8/61 - constituent fears she is under surveillance; 12/8/61 - a bigot's

fear - "I hope you will fight President Kennedy's possible order to integrate housing;" 7/26/61 -
"Is ones country buckling in its knees?;" 7/61 - letters, pamphlet & petition from San Diego
constituent George Tryon re/ pro Christian & Constitution ideologues; a copy of Dr. W. O. H.
Garman, *Communist Infiltration* in the Churches (2nd edition) & similar alarmist pamphlets.