

Wilson

Box 49

Folder 24

Public Relations: Crank, Anonymous and Inchoherent letters

1955-1965

This is a large collection of letters & news clippings. These are filed in a reasonably chronological pattern. Most follow topics and themes similar to Folder 23, but the first series from the 1950s are different. **Examples are:** letters (July & Aug. 1955) re/ a query from Coronado constituent Carmel Macola to locate Robert Newton, alleged employee of the S.D.& Ariz. RR, proved fruitless; letters (Oct.-Dec. 1956) re/ Wilson helps constituent Lawrence F. Sullivan obtain a set of pamphlets entitled "Basic Electronics" & also makes a \$10 contribution to the Navy Relief Fund in San Diego; papers from constituent Mandel Poster ("Since 1956") re/ 5 pages of his calculations related to planet weights, etc. for copyright purposes; ; letters (4/57) re/ Wilson's office facilitates autographed photos of the President and Vice President for Joe Wolfman (Station KCBQ, S.D.); **Selected examples from 1960:** a long letter & news clipping (1/27) from Bessie Cooper re/ low retirement service personnel pay and other themes; a letter & editorial from the *El Cajon Valley News* (Feb.) from El Cajon constituent J. B. Howard re/ "plight of these elderly;" letters (Feb.-Mar.) re/ El Cajon constituent Woodrow Richey's critical commentary about keeping the bust of Pope Innocent III in the House of Representatives; letter (rec'd 4/13) re/ critique of President Eisenhower; letter (4/4/60) from constituent Gladys Hazel re/ "I am a Christian, but do not agree with the brain-washed National Council of Churches." Mrs. Hazel also opposed racial integration; a packet of letters (Mar.-Apr.) from constituent Francis H. Fronius re/ a conservative's complaint about welfare and other such policies; postal card & news clipping reminding Wilson to not get soft on Khrushchev's summit meeting with Eisenhower; more news clippings & a letter from Bessie Hooper (rec'd 9/2) re/ critiques of our present system that favors the wealthy; letter (9/6) re/ an appeal for full employment for every citizen of the U.S.; letter & news clipping (July) re/ criticism of presidential nominee Senator John Kennedy; a stapled packet containing letters, notes, news clippings & long-winded conservative viewpoints (Oct.-Nov.) mostly from Chula Vista Walter H. Cotteen. He always ended his letter to Wilson with "God Bless You;" **Selected examples from 1964:** "anonymous crank" letter (n.d.) re/ anti-President Johnson remarks; a letter (4/15) from Miss Genevieve Clair Sullivan (Lawrence, Massachusetts) to Wilson re/ accusations against politicians and others in government against her family; a letter (rec'd 10/27) re/ anti-Catholic and anti-Council of Churches viewpoint; 3 page letter (rec'd 11/5) from Lenard R. Casberg to Congressman Wilson (R.36<sup>th</sup>) and Lionel Van Deerlin (D.37<sup>th</sup>) re/ "Truth or Consequences, --- 1964;" 5 page letter (rec'd 10/13) from constituent Sam Bryson to Wilson re/ pro-Republican and anti-communist message; a letter (10/17) from A. G. Keys to Wilson re/ criticism of neighborhood theaters showing movies to children that criticize business & law enforcement; a letter (12/7) from George B. Edwards (Public Accountant, Chula Vista) to Joseph N. Shore (Parole Executive, W.S. Board of Parole) re/ appeal for Fernando Smith interned in the Immigration Camp, Florence, AZ; **Selected examples from 1965:** a letter (1/25) from El Cajon constituent Merv L. Alban to Wilson re/ dates not being harvested & his solution for using unemployed Americans first, then migrants; a letter (2/21) from Miss Carol Louise Reid to Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin re/ "danger of a dictator taking over the country, unless

something is done to improve the ethics in the general population. She is also concerned about young men committing suicide; letter & a number of news clippings (Mar.) re/ an appeal to Wilson for assistance for several people moving to San Diego; a letter & Wilson office note (9/1) re/ "This guy is obviously troubled! Don't answer – Hold for future correspondence."