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Agency History
The California Council on Criminal Justice was created in 1967 (ch. 1661) by the state legislature in anticipation of Congressional enactment of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act, which was passed in 1968. In early 1969, the Council was designated (Exec. Order R13-69) as the state agency responsible for the administration of funds available to California under this act and for criminal justice planning statewide.

Major functions of the CCCJ included the development of a statewide criminal justice program, the administration of crime study projects and research activities, providing assistance to local governments and other organizations in criminal justice planning and the creation of grant proposals, the evaluation and approval of proposals for funding in the criminal justice field, and the dissemination of information on criminal justice systems, model projects, and federal programs in criminal justice and delinquency prevention.

In December 1973 (ch. 1047) the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) was created and given the administrative and operations functions previously exercised by the council. By the same act, the CCCJ was delegated as the supervisory body to review and approve statewide criminal justice planning, establish priorities for the use of federal funds, and approve the
expenditure of monies allocated to California.

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S FILES. 1968-74

Physical Description: 37ff.
Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically by subject.
Contains correspondence with federal and state legislators, CCCJ members, and Attorney General's Office: policy decisions and administrative procedures; studies and reports of CCCJ committees (Allocation Strategy, Appeals, Criminal Justice Television, Planning Allocation, Regional Plan Review, State Planning, and Systematic Program Structure); files relating to evaluation, planning, and implementation of state and local criminal justice programs, and director's involvement in national organization of criminal justice planners. Files reflect the activities of three executive directors: Kai Martenson (1-69 to 1-70); E. G. Reimer (1-70 to 4-70); and Robert Lawson (4-70 to 1-74).

2. LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION(LEAA) FILES. 1968-73

Physical Description: 20ff.
Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically by subject.
Contains speeches of LEAA administrators; policy and procedure memorandums; correspondence with LEAA national and regional offices, files of LEAA's National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; special reports and studies; and evaluations of state criminal justice programs.

3. MEETING FILES. 1968-73.

Physical Description: 22ff.
Scope and Content Note
Arranged chronologically by date of Council meeting.
Contains agendas, minutes, correspondence with LEAA officials and representatives of regional planning units, reports and minutes of executive and operations committees; status of pending legislation affecting CCCJ programs, registers of approved projects, and LEAA newsletter.


Physical Description: 54ff.
Scope and Content Note
Arranged alphabetically by subject.
Contains information on a wide range of topics relating to the administration of the CCCJ's programs. Major subjects include automation of criminal justice information systems (Project Search); evaluation of jail facilities; prison reform; drug abuse; investigation of CCCJ by state legislature (Crown Committee and Crown Report); crime legislation; project reports; juvenile delinquency; model cities program; and organized crime. File of newspaper clippings contains information on George Deukmejian, co-author of legislation that created the CCCJ.