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Descriptive Summary

Title: White House Press Office, White House Central Files, 1969-1974
Dates: 1969-1974
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Extent: 45 linear feet, 6 linear inches; 104 boxes
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Abstract: The files contain materials produced by the Press Office for distribution to the media. These materials include press releases, press conference transcripts, and other notices to the press. The topics addressed cover the full range of activities and policies of the Nixon White House.

Language of Material: English

Access
Collection is open for research. Some materials may be unavailable based upon categories of materials exempt from public release established in the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act of 1974.

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Preferred Citation

Acquisition Information
These materials are in the custody of the National Archives and Records Administration under the provisions of Title I of the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-526, 88 Stat. 1695) and implementing regulations.

Biography/Administrative History
The White House Press Office during the Presidency of Richard Nixon was responsible for daily communication with the White House press corps. Ronald L. Ziegler was the Press Secretary to the President for Nixon’s entire term in office from January 1969 to August 1974 and Gerald Warren served as the Deputy Press Secretary. The office held daily briefings for the press and produced the White House’s press releases.

Scope and Content of Collection
The files contain materials produced by the Press Office for distribution to the media. These materials include press releases, press conference transcripts, and other notices to the press. The topics addressed cover the full range of activities and policies of the Nixon White House. The materials are divided into seven series: White House Press Releases, Press Releases Not Released to the Press, First Lady’s Press Releases, White House Press Conferences, Official Transcripts of Presidential Press Conferences, Left to Right Identifications, and President’s Schedule. Other related materials maybe found in the Ziegler Files and Warren Files of the White House Special Files. The White House Press Office Files series is comprised of the White House Press Releases, the Press Releases Not Released to the Press, the First Lady’s Press Releases, White House Press Conferences Transcripts, Official Transcripts of Presidential Press Conferences, Left to Right Identifications, and President’s Schedules. The White House Press Releases subseries contains press releases issued by the White House. It includes notices to the press, executive orders, pool reports, presidential statements, biographies of newly appointed officials, the President’s schedule, and Presidential proclamations. The topics addressed cover the full range of activities and policies of the Nixon White House. The Press Releases Not Released to the Press subseries contains draft press notices that were never released to the press. Most concern remarks that the President or administration officials made on various subjects. The First Lady’s Press Releases subseries contains press releases concerning the First Lady and the First Family. Intermingled are a small number of memoranda related to White House social events. The White House Press Conferences subseries contains transcripts of regular press conferences given by White House Press Office personnel. The Press Conferences cover the full range of the activities of the administration, with especially extensive attention to the war in Southeast Asia, the President’s 1971 trip to China, and the Watergate break-in and subsequent events. The Official Transcripts of Presidential Press Conferences subseries contains two sets of official White House transcripts of Presidential news conferences. The Left to Right Identifications subseries contains notices to the press providing identification of participants at meetings, ceremonies, and photo opportunities with the President. The President’s Schedule subseries contains notices to the press providing the President’s official schedule for the day.

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