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Descriptive Summary
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Abstract: The office files of Leonard Garment reflect his responsibilities as a Special Consultant to the President concerned with domestic issues in the areas of civil and human rights, Native American affairs, plans for the American Revolution Bicentennial celebration, cultural affairs (including both the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities), and voluntary action. In addition, this file series contains documents related to Garment’s role as Acting Counsel to the President during the Watergate crisis following John W. Dean III’s resignation in April 1973.
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Access
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Biography/Administrative History
Scope and Content of Collection
The office files of Leonard Garment reflect his responsibilities as a Special Consultant to the President concerned with domestic issues in the areas of civil and human rights, native American affairs, plans for the American Revolution Bicentennial celebration, cultural affairs (including both the National Endowment of the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities), and voluntary action. In addition, they contain documents related to Garment’s role as Acting Counsel to the President during the Watergate crisis following John W. Dean III's resignation in April 1973. The Leonard Garment files series is comprised of White House Memos files; Chronological Files; Correspondence Files, Public Opinion Mail; Speeches/Meetings Files; Alpha-Subject Files; Office of Assistant of Cultural Affairs (OACA) files; Political Campaign Files; Personal Files; and Publications. The White House Memos subseries is comprised predominately of internal White House memoranda and notes to and from Leonard Garment or his assistant, Bradley H. Patterson, Jr., concerning daily operations of the office. The subseries also contains copies of memos to the President from other White House staff, correspondence, and the Congressional Record. The Chronological Files subseries is comprised of material related to external White House affairs. The Correspondence Files subseries is comprised of materials related to communication between Garment and his friends and associates. The Public Opinion Mail subseries contains petitions and correspondence from the general public. This subseries is divided into two segments. The first is petitions about the separation of church and state and the status of minority draft resisters. The second segment contains unacknowledged correspondence.
expressing pro and con views of the President's actions and decisions. The Speeches/Meetings Files subseries contains speeches delivered by Leonard Garment to various groups, such as the New York Bar Committee, young journalists, and Kent State students or on various topics, such as civil rights and quotas and affirmative action. The Alpha Subject Files subseries contains materials on a variety of topics including, but not limited to Alaska Native claims, busing, Civil Rights, housing, school desegregation, minority business, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, voluntary action, and Watergate. The OACA subseries contains the papers of Carol V. Harford (January 1968-April 1972) and Starke Meyer (April 1972-June 1, 1973), staff assistants to Leonard Garment. The OACA/White House Memos Files segment contains information related to the operations of the Office of Cultural Affairs. The OACA/East Wing Memos segment contains communications concerning Mrs. Nixon's schedule. The OACA/Inter-office Memo Files segment contains internal White House memoranda from/to Leonard Garment assistants, Harford and Meyer, Herbert Klein, or Lucy Winchester, for example. The OACA/Correspondence Files segment contains correspondence from/to Garment and his assistants and cultural organizations. These files include correspondence between Garment and the President. The OACA/Alpha-Subject Files segment contains information on topics such as the Kennedy Center, National Council on the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, the Smithsonian Institution, and various State Department groups. The OACA/Public Programs segment includes information related to various groups and their performances and partnerships. Examples of these groups include the Washington National Symphony, Studio Watts, and the American Association of Museums. The Political Campaign Files subseries consists primarily of news clippings and publications on Nixon's 1968 campaign. The subseries also includes information on the 1972 campaign in the form of political statements of accomplishments and correspondence. The Personal Files subseries contains a small volume of correspondence concerning the Administration's business affairs. The Publications subseries contains reports and hearings, among others, on topics such as the American Revolution Bicentennial, busing, public schools, equal employment opportunities, Native Americans, and minority business enterprise. Photographs, sound recordings and museum objects have been transferred from Garment's files to the audio-visual unit and the domestic gift unit. Information related to the Leonard Garment Staff Member and Office Files include the Staff Member and Office Files of Bradley H. Patterson and John D. Ehrlichman; and the following files in the White House Central Files subject files: Arts (AR), Education (ED), Housing (HS), Human Rights (HU), Indian Affairs (IN), Bureau of Indian Affairs (FG 19-9), American Revolution Bicentennial Commission (FG 75), Commission on Civil Rights (FG 90), Indian Claims Commission (FG 142), National Council on Indian Opportunity (FG 173), Cabinet Committee on Voluntary Action (FG 252), and National Center for Voluntary Action (FG 259).