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Abstract: Administrative files created by John S. Galbraith, the second chancellor (1964-1968) of UCSD. The collection includes correspondence relating to matters of personal concern to Galbraith, including his relations with members of the campus and San Diego communities, relations with his professional colleagues, the "Flag Incident" of 1967, and issues such as campus drug use and Galbraith's two resignations. Included are correspondence between Galbraith and U.C. President Clark Kerr and materials documenting their conflict over funding for the UCSD Library. The collection is arranged in three series: 1) PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 2) SUBJECT FILES, and 3) SCRAPBOOKS.

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Administrative History
John S. Galbraith succeeded Herbert F. York as chancellor of the University of California, San Diego, in 1964. He quickly became a popular and respected administrator and continued the UCSD tradition of finding outstanding people to fill academic and administrative posts. Galbraith involved himself in a wide array of San Diego community affairs and thereby helped promote better relations between the University and the San Diego's political and social leaders.

Dr. Galbraith, like other UCSD Chancellors, had ambitious plans for the campus. Among Galbraith's highest priorities was the development of the University Library. Because of his background as an academic historian, he understood the importance of large and comprehensive collections for scholarly research -- especially for research in the humanities. He had discussed this subject with President Kerr prior to assuming the chancellorship, and Kerr had assured Galbraith that UCSD would eventually have the third greatest library in the U.C. system, with an acquisitions rate equal to those in Berkeley and Los Angeles. However, Kerr was slow in fulfilling this commitment, and this caused Galbraith to postpone the UCSD inauguration, originally scheduled for September 1965, to November of that year.

The library issue and other administrative matters created friction between Galbraith and Kerr. On February 18, 1966, Galbraith and UCSD Vice Chancellor Robert Biron submitted their resignations to the U.C. President. Precipitating the resignations was Kerr's failure to add to the Regents' agenda the approval of the design of the UCSD Medical School. Although the resignations were later withdrawn, relations between Kerr and Galbraith improved little.

Like other college campuses in the 1960s, UCSD witnessed the growth of what would eventually become a nation-wide student movement organized, in part, as opposition to U.S. military involvement in Indochina. In November 1967, during Dr. Galbraith's administration, one group of students who had set up an informational table in Revelle Plaza began flying the North Vietnamese flag in protest of the U.S. military effort. The flag angered Leucadia assemblyman John Stull, and Stull demanded that Galbraith have the flag forcibly removed. Galbraith, after consulting with the U.C. legal counsel, declared that the university had no legal basis for removing the flag. Stull then called for Galbraith's suspension, among other measures. However, Galbraith successfully defended his stance on the issue, and he argued that the university administration, as well as the students, must abide by the rule of law. Dr. Galbraith handled this "Flag Incident," as he handled other such controversies, in a thoughtful and diplomatic way, earning him the respect of students, administrators and community members.

Dr. Galbraith had never planned on an administrative career, and in 1968 he resigned the UCSD chancellorship to return to teaching and scholarship.

Scope and Content of Collection
The ADMINISTRATIVE FILES FOR JOHN S. GALBRAITH represent only a small portion of the materials created in the Office of the Chancellor during the Galbraith term. Most of the files created during that term were probably retained by the Office and augmented during the terms of subsequent chancellors. Many of the files retained by the Office probably found their way into the files of the Administrative Records office when that office was created in the 1970s.

Most of the records transferred to the Library -- and now included in the present collection -- relate to matters of personal concern to Chancellor John S. Galbraith. These matters include Galbraith's relations with members of the campus and San Diego communities, relations with his professional colleagues and issues such as library funding and Galbraith's two resignations. The collection is arranged in three series: 1) PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 2) SUBJECT FILES and 3) SCRAPBOOKS.

SERIES 1: PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

The title of the series PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE was provided by the Office of the Chancellor on the original file folders. This correspondence is not truly personal, in the sense that it does not relate to private or family matters. Rather, the materials concern Galbraith's personal relations with colleagues and members of the campus and local communities and system-wide administrators. Of special interest is a letter from Galbraith to U.C. President Clark Kerr, dated September 3, 1964, in which Galbraith delineates the conditions upon which he will assume the UCSD Chancellorship. The first condition relates to increased funding for the UCSD Library. A number of handwritten notes from President Kerr can be found in the correspondence, as well as communications between Galbraith and members of the UCSD faculty and administration. Also included is a large quantity of letters relating to Galbraith's historical scholarship.

SERIES 2: SUBJECT FILES

Among the SUBJECT FILES are clippings and other information relating to the Byrne Report, a general reassessment of the U.C. system organization in the wake of the Berkeley Free Speech Movement. The files titled "Drugs" reveal the growing concern over this subject by the U.C. administration in the mid-1960s. The "LSD Report," prepared by Mary Avery of UCSD, is a compendium of published reports and laws surrounding a drug then gaining popularity on college campuses. The so-called "Flag Incident" of 1967 is documented in one of the subject files. Included in this file are clippings from local papers, statements by members of the campus community and statements by state assemblyman John Stull. A number of clippings relating to this incident can also be found in the scrapbooks.

Chancellor Galbraith's active interest in library funding is reflected in two files on this subject. Documented here are the chancellor's efforts to convince U.C. administrators of the need for a third great library for the system. Related to this issue are the files on two statewide ballot initiatives from 1964 and 1966 (both were "Proposition 2"). These initiatives asked voters to approve greater funding for higher education. The 1966 initiative involved a bond issue, which would help to pay for UCSD's new library.

The letters in the "Resignation" files reveal the strong support that Chancellor Galbraith received from members of the campus and local communities. A good example of this support can be seen in the letter from Professor Walter Munk of Scripps Institution, sent to Galbraith during the crisis over Galbraith's 1966 resignation. Of historical importance is a handwritten draft, undated, of a resignation letter from Galbraith to President Kerr. In the letter Galbraith specifically mentions Kerr's failure to support funding for the UCSD Library.

SERIES 3: SCRAPBOOKS

The SCRAPBOOKS contain clippings relating to all aspects of Chancellor Galbraith's administration, including many news stories featuring Mrs. Laura Galbraith and her active community involvement.

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Draft of letter to President Clark Kerr about the lack of Library funding.

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Talk to ACRL on Libraries on June 29, 1967 1967

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UCLA - Seminar

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Visit of Prince Vong Savang of Laos 1967

**SCRAPBOOKS**
| Box 4, Folder 13, Oversize FB03801 | **Scrapbook 1964 - 1965**  
General  
Compiled by Laura Galbraith. |
| Box 4, Folder 14, Oversize FB03901 | **Scrapbook 1966**  
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Compiled by Laura Galbraith. |
| Box 4, Folder 15, Oversize FB04001 | **Scrapbook 1967**  
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