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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Civil Rights During the Carter Administration, 1977–1981, Part 1: Papers of the Special Assistant for Black Affairs, Section D compiles a large set of documents on significant civil rights issues, events, and personalities during Jimmy Carter's presidency. Reflecting the concern by administration officials and minority group leaders that economic discrimination had become the leading manifestation of racial prejudice, the collection includes as much material on employment and minority business as on social topics like education and housing.

The documents are those collected by the office of Louis E. Martin Jr., special assistant to the President, who primarily focused on civil rights issues and minority affairs. Although most documents cover black Americans, the collection contains interesting material on Hispanic, Indian, and women's rights issues.

Documents in the collection include internal White House memoranda, correspondence between White House and federal agency officials, government reports, invitation lists for major events, correspondence from individuals and organizations, and newspaper articles and editorials.

The collection includes significant material about, or written or spoken by, prominent personalities including President Jimmy Carter, Clifton R. Wharton Jr., James A. Joseph, Coretta Scott King, Walter F. Mondale, Yvonne Scruggs Perry, Jesse L. Jackson, Weldon J. Rougeau, and Karen W. Zuniga.

The following sections outline the major subjects covered in this collection.

Relations at home and abroad

Perhaps the most significant event of the collection is Andrew Young's resignation as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. When Carter appointed Young in 1977, the former congressman and member of the Congressional Black Caucus soon demonstrated he would not fit the mold of a typical diplomat. Young was outspoken on many global issues, including South African apartheid, although his public statements did not always reflect official U.S. policy. He also aided in the end of segregation in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), which is covered on Reel 14.

It was not a controversial public comment that led to his resignation but rather a private meeting in early August of 1979 with the UN observer for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Zehdi Labib Terzi. It was a clear violation of State Department rules barring official contact with the PLO, and Young's letter of resignation arrived at Carter's desk by August 14. In it he acknowledged his rocky tenure, writing that while he was grateful for the opportunity to serve, "I am afraid, however, that my conduct has created serious difficulties for the administration on several occasions" and concluding that it is "extremely embarrassing that my actions, however well-intentioned, may have hampered the peace process." Carter accepted the resignation with a warm,

handwritten letter, telling Young “You have proven that we are sensitive to the demands of world peace and racial justice, and have earned for us the friendship, trust, and respect of many nations which had previously considered the United States to be suspect and unworthy of such a relationship” (Reel 13, Frames 0656–0659).

The controversy did not end with Young’s resignation, and fills hundreds of documents in the collection. The media followed the story for weeks, as black and Jewish leaders debated the angles of the Terzi-Young meeting. Relations with Israel had unquestionably been strained at a critical moment in negotiating the Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty. The domestic situation was little better, as Muslim students marched to protest the resignation, and black leaders accused U.S. Jewish leaders of forcing Young to step down. Black-Jewish summits were arranged by several organizations including Jesse L. Jackson’s Operation PUSH and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The incident illustrates a rare moment where foreign relations and domestic race relations shared a single track.

Social Issues

The Carter administration inherited a generation of war veterans, a population that was far more racially diverse than in previous wars. Young veterans entered the workforce just as new antidiscrimination employment laws took effect. In a 1979 class action lawsuit filed by Sears, Roebuck, and Co. against the government, the company pointed to what it felt were shifting and conflicting government policies concerning affirmative action for returning veterans, women’s employment, anti-age discrimination legislation, and the modern understanding of affirmative action: stepped-up employment for black Americans and other minorities. In what appears to be a lengthy defense of a workforce dominated by white males, Sears points to interesting historical precedents, specifically the educational and vocational aid originally offered to World War II veterans, which gave them a competitive advantage over other applicants. The lawsuit notes that the army, with its low ceilings for minorities, created a veteran pool that was 92 percent white. The Educational Testing Service reported:

Higher education is not uniformly accessible to the Vietnam veteran as it was to the veteran of World War II. Tuition rates in 1948 were generally less than the direct maximum payment of \$500 to institutions for tuition, fees, books, and supplies. As a consequence, the World War II veterans had access to almost any institution in the United States (Reel 1, Frame 0166).

The Vietnam veteran pool was 20 percent black. Sears argued that any affirmative effort it might make to employ and promote this more diverse group of Vietnam veterans was thwarted not only by the underpreparedness of the applicant pool but also by anti-age discrimination laws. Until 1978 Sears retired employees at 63, presumably making room for the next generation of workers. The new laws prohibiting mandatory retirement protected the white, male employees who dominated the industry (Sears noted that over two-thirds of its senior executives were white male World War II veterans). In other sections of the lawsuit, Sears makes the case that its hiring reflects the community around its suburban stores, and the lack of a diverse hiring pool springs from the government’s failure to provide fair housing. Whether or not the reader is sympathetic to Sears’ plight, their arguments illustrate the hot-button issues of the day.

White House Politics

The 1980 presidential race against Ronald Reagan looms large in this collection. The voter information folders found on Reel 11 contain considerable analysis of the black vote in the 1976 and 1978 elections, with predictions as to how the community will respond to Carter in the primaries and final contest. It is unusual for a sitting president to face a primary challenger, but Edward Kennedy made his only bid for the White House in 1980, launching his campaign against the incumbent at the peak of Carter's unpopularity. Although Kennedy was ultimately unsuccessful, winning just ten primaries to Carter's twenty-four before bowing out, the administration took the threat seriously. A 1979 Darden poll showed Kennedy beating Carter three to one among southern blacks, pushing the re-election campaign to try to strengthen its ties with black political organizations. In one example, the Carter-Mondale campaign reports on its attendance of the 1979 Congressional Black Caucus's Southern Regional Forum, designed to mobilize support of congressional legislation. Of 700 attendees, only twenty-five visited the "Carter-Mondale Hospitality Suite," figures that were nonetheless presented with enthusiasm. Perhaps the turn-out was considered a success in light of the campaigning against the president at the same event by congressman John Conyers, who was trying to pass a caucus-supported resolution to "dump Carter."

The Carter-Mondale campaign organized "ethnic task forces" designed to create targeted appeals to different racial groups. The concept called for minimal community investment, stating the task forces would "move into an area at the time of the primary or caucus in that state, impact on the local groups and then move on" (Reel 11, Frame 0335). A third aspect of its minority outreach focused on diversity among the electoral college delegates, aiming for balanced representation in every district.

In addition to these major stories from the collection, researchers will find a wealth of material on fair housing, federal aid to historically black colleges and universities, and the day-to-day operations of Louis E. Martin Jr. and his staff.

Other collections from LexisNexis of interest include *Civil Rights during the Eisenhower Administration, 1953–1961*; *Civil Rights during the Kennedy Administration, 1961–1963*; *Civil Rights during the Johnson Administration, 1963–1969*; and *Civil Rights during the Nixon Administration, 1969–1974*.

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LexisNexis microfilmed the Papers of Louis Martin, Special Assistant to the President, from the holdings of the Jimmy Carter Library, Atlanta, Georgia. The materials are in the custody of the National Archives of the United States of America.

EDITORIAL NOTE

For Section D, LexisNexis has microfilmed all materials from the “SBA—Business Plan and Qualifications Resume” folder in Box 92 through the “Calendars” in Box 111. LexisNexis has not microfilmed blank pages of the calendars in Box 111. The name, address, and organization lists in boxes 112 through 120 contain personal identification information. LexisNexis has not microfilmed these materials. The location of these omitted materials has been noted on the microfilm.

REEL INDEX

The following index is a listing of the folders that compose *Civil Rights During the Carter Administration, 1977–1981 Part 1: Papers of the Special Assistant for Black Affairs, Section D*. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame number at which a particular file folder begins. This is followed by the file title and the date(s) of the file. Substantive issues are highlighted under the heading Major Topics, as are prominent correspondents under the heading Principal Correspondents. Topics and correspondents are listed in the order in which they appear on the film, and each one is listed only once per folder.

Reel 1

Frame No.

- 0001 SBA—Business Plan and Qualifications Resume [October 1979 and undated].**

Major Topics: Minority owned business; Yates Manufacturing and Distributing Corp.; government contracts.

Principal Correspondent: Alton W. Yates.

- 0053 SNEDC, Inc. [March 14–May 20, 1979].**

Major Topics: Discriminatory practices of the Nevada state government; Las Vegas, Nev.; Southern Nevada Economic Development Council, Inc.; small business loans; minority community development.

Principal Correspondents: Otis R. Harris; Lawrence O. McCracken; John Buchanan; Lee E. Rayford.

- 0106 Sample Memoranda, etc. [October 10, 1979–April 28, 1980].**

Principal Correspondents: Christine Dodson; Louis E. Martin Jr.

- 0143 Sears, Roebuck and Co. [January 24–February 28, 1979].**

Major Topics: Sears class action lawsuit against federal government; equal employment opportunity law enforcement; Vietnam veteran employment; Civil Rights Act equal employment provisions; opposition to S. J. Res. 28, abolition of the electoral college; Black Leadership Forum; Birch Bayh confrontation with Eddie N. Williams; black population.

Principal Correspondent: Eddie N. Williams.

- 0227 Simmons, Jake [June 25–July 18, 1980].**

Major Topics: Presidential appointments; U.S. Synthetic Fuels Corporation.

Principal Correspondent: Jake J. Simmons III.

- 0242 Simmons, J.J. [September 14–October 12, 1978].**

Major Topic: Presidential appointments.

- 0251 Small Business Administration [April 29–October 11, 1978].**

Major Topic: Government contracts.

Principal Correspondent: Willie Williams Jr.

- 0266 Small Business Conference Commission [May 18–December 5, 1978].**
Major Topic: Presidential appointments.
- 0282 Smith, Ian [September 22–October 5, 1978].**
Major Topics: Protests over Rhodesian prime minister Ian Smith's visit to the U.S.; African white minority rule; TransAfrica; National Conference of Black Lawyers; National Black United Fund.
Principal Correspondents: Randall Robinson; Victor M. Goode; Carlton Goodlett.
- 0292 Social and Economic Status of the Black Population in the United States 1790–1978 (1) [undated].**
Major Topic: Statistical data: black population, income, employment, education, health, housing, and voting.
- 0436 Social and Economic Status of the Black Population in the United States 1790–1978 (2) [undated].**
Major Topic: Statistical data: black population, income, employment, education, health, housing, and voting.
- 0509 Social and Economic Status of the Black Population in the United States 1974 [July 1975].**
Major Topic: Statistical data: black population, income, employment, education, health, housing, voting, military personnel, and crime.
- 0615 Social Event Lists [January 15–July 20, 1979].**
Major Topic: Names lists.
- 0688 South Bronx [January 4–October 10, 1979].**
Major Topics: New York State Senate Democratic Task Force on Economic Development for the Bronx; "The South Bronx: One Year Later" (report); urban renewal; federal aid to cities; small business loans; urban employment; urban housing; parks; public transportation.
Principal Correspondents: Joseph Galiber; Jack H. Watson Jr.
- 0822 Southeastern Federal Regional Council Conference, March 10, 1980.**
Major Topics: Historically black colleges and universities; federal aid to education.
Principal Correspondents: Meldon S. Hollis Jr.; Jimmy Carter.
- 0867 Special Assistants [June 12, 1979–January 31, 1980].**
Major Topic: Black administration officials.
Principal Correspondent: Meldon S. Hollis Jr.
- 0872 Special Event Projections [October 23, 1978].**
- 0875 Speech Material (1) [January 9–September 19, 1980].**
Major Topics: Labor unions; unemployment; minority owned business; Democratic and Republican Party platforms; U.S. boycott of 1980 Olympic Games.
- 0965 Speech Material (2) [December 20, 1978 and undated].**
Major Topics: Unemployment; Comprehensive Employment and Training Act; presidential appointments; Black Americans in elected office; historically black colleges and universities.
Principal Correspondent: Karen W. Zuniga

Reel 2

0001 Speech Material (2) cont. [November 13, 1978–June 11, 1979].

Major Topics: Government reorganization to concentrate equal employment programs; federal aid to education; minority owned business; backlash against federal programs benefiting minorities; death of A. Philip Randolph; presidential appointments; black community exposure to radioactive materials.

0088 Speeches I (1) [May 18–October 16, 1980].

Major Topics: Minority owned business; banks; Joan S. Wallace; Department of Agriculture equal employment programs; agricultural development; diplomatic service; public higher education; segregation in education; NAACP; black voters; 1980 presidential election; community action agencies; energy crisis; public opinion of black leaders; Louis D. Brandeis.

0256 Speeches I (2) [November 19, 1979–July 17, 1980].

Major Topics: State of the Union address, 1980; national defense; foreign relations; foreign investment in Liberia; gasoline rationing; income tax; Iran hostage crisis; 1980 presidential election; black voters; fiscal policy; inflation; energy crisis.

0381 Speeches I (3) [May 15, 1979–January 21, 1980].

Major Topics: Energy policy; foreign relations; fiscal policy; Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday; national defense; affirmative action; unemployment; 1980 presidential election; *Brown vs. Board of Education*; historically black colleges and universities.

0586 Speeches I (4) [August 2, 1977–January 7, 1980].

Major Topics: State of the Union address, 1980; foreign relations; Iran hostage crisis; national defense; Patricia Roberts Harris speeches on black administration officials; 1980 presidential election; abolition of the electoral college; black voters.

0729 Speeches I (5) [August 7, 1978–April 7, 1979].

Major Topics: Walter F. Mondale speech to National Urban League; Clifford L. Alexander Jr. speech on military conscription; Joseph A. Califano Jr. speeches on desegregation of higher education and federal aid to education; historically black colleges and universities; foreign relations; Jesse L. Jackson speech on Middle East policy; black-Jewish relations; James Dyke speech on minority owned business; youth employment; Weldon J. Rougeau speech on discrimination in employment.

0891 Speeches I (6) [April 27, 1979–August 22, 1979].

Major Topics: Weldon J. Rougeau speech on black elected officials and discrimination in employment; Clifton R. Wharton Jr. speeches on land-grant colleges, small businesses, and public higher education; UN Ambassador Andrew Young Jr. resignation; Patricia Roberts Harris speech on black administration officials; Stuart E. Eizenstat speech on public welfare programs; Matthew Holden Jr. speech on energy policy; Benjamin L. Hooks speech on black interests in foreign relations.

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0001 Speeches I (7) [October 20, 1978–January 21, 1980].

Major Topics: South African apartheid; Operation PUSH; Middle East policy; “Black English”; Clifton R. Wharton Jr. speech on minority owned business and affirmative action; State of the Union address, 1980.

0153 Speeches II (1) [November 16, 1978–November 14, 1979].

Major Topics: Marcus Alexis speech on interstate carrier regulation; Clifton R. Wharton Jr. speech on urban renewal; government contracts; minority owned business; urban health facilities; affirmative action; Walter F. Mondale speech on health care costs; energy policy; national defense; Soviet military personnel in Cuba; Yvonne Scruggs Perry speech on urban policy; Walter J. Leonard speech on Martin Luther King Jr.; Vernon E. Jordan Jr. speech on 1978 congressional elections; Wage H. McCree Jr. speech on women judges.

Principal Correspondent: Patricia Y. Bario.

0308 Speeches II (2) [April 17, 1978–May 27, 1979].

Major Topics: Yvonne Scruggs Perry speeches on urban policy; James A. Joseph speech on black history; Robert C. Maynard speech on press portrayal of minority communities; Jesse L. Jackson speech on the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty II; Brooks McCormick speech on minority owned business; National Urban League; Coretta Scott King speech on human rights; James A. Joseph speech on vocational training.

0447 Speeches II (3) [June 10, 1977–June 9, 1979].

Major Topics: James A. Joseph speech on energy and environmental concerns of urban poor; economic recession; Joint Center for Political Studies; status of black children; public elementary and secondary education; Clifton R. Wharton Jr. speeches on public higher education, foreign relations, college administration, community colleges, and curricula.

0525 Speechwriters [June 26, 1980].

Major Topics: Discrimination in employment; NAACP.

0551 Spelman College (O/A 10,259) [1978–March 7, 1979].

Major Topic: *Spelman Messenger* (magazine).

0585 Staff Leave Record [April 17–June 5, 1980].

0597 Standby Conservation Plan No. 3 Emergency Advertising Lighting Restrictions DOE (Dept. of Energy)/ERA (Economic Regulatory Administration—0049–50 [February 1979].

Major Topic: Energy crisis.

0620 Standby Conservation Plan No. 2 Emergency Building Temperature Restrictions DOE/ERA—47–48 [February 1979].

Major Topic: Energy crisis.

0660 Standby Conservation Plan No. 1 Emergency Weekend Gasoline DOE/ER—0040–41 [February 1979].

Major Topics: Energy crisis; gasoline rationing.

0715 Standby Gasoline Rationing Plan DOE/ERA-0045 [February 1979].

Major Topic: Energy crisis.

0775 Standby Gasoline Rationing Plan DOE/ERA-0046 [February 1979].

Major Topic: Energy crisis.

0901 Standby Gasoline Rationing Plan—Narrative 2, 1979.

Major Topic: Energy crisis.

0941 State Department (1) [May 28–September 10, 1980].

Major Topic: Minorities in diplomatic service positions.

Principal Correspondents: Louis E. Martin Jr.; Clifford L. Alexander Jr.

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0002 State Department (1) [cont. 2, 1979–June 16, 1980].

Major Topics: African American Scholars Council; Agency for International Development.

0081 State Department (2) [January 25–March 27, 1979].

Major Topic: African American Scholars Council.

0097 State Dept. of—National Foreign Policy Conference [April 30–September 10, 1980].

Major Topics: Foreign relations with South Africa; South African apartheid; foreign aid to Latin America; Cuban and Haitian refugees; foreign relations with sub-Saharan Africa.

0186 State, Dept. of—Scholar Diplomat Seminars [September 1980 and undated].

Major Topics: Women in diplomatic service positions; diplomatic service careers.

0256 State Dinners [January 26–April 27, 1979].

Major Topic: Names lists.

Principal Correspondent: Bayard Rustin.

0272 State Funeral of His Excellency Jomo Kenyatta (O/A 6474) (1) [August 29–31, 1978].

Major Topics: Political future of Kenya; Rhodesia; Jomo Kenyatta biographical information; Nairobi.

0351 State Funeral of His Excellency Jomo Kenyatta (O/A 6474) (2) [1–August 31, 1978].

Major Topic: Political future of Kenya.

0400 Stewart, Shag—Notebook.

[Documents withdrawn].

0402 Still A Lifeline: The Status of Historically Black Colleges and Universities [June 1980].

Major Topics: Access to higher education; historically black colleges and universities funding; educational attainment.

0440 Strengthening Historical Black Colleges [1979].

0446 Subject/Agency Index [undated].

- 0521 Sunbelt [April 7, 1980 and undated].**
Major Topics: Minority owned business in Mississippi; Aaron Henry; Joe Mitchell; skin color.
- 0576 (Systems Management Associates) [undated].**
Major Topic: Information services.
- 0584 Task Force on Civil Rights Reorganization (1) [June 7–December 20, 1978].**
Major Topics: Discrimination in lending and housing; civil rights legislation strategies; Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; statistical data: education, employment, income, and housing across minority groups.
Principal Correspondents: Arthur S. Flemming; Julia Dobbs; Eleanor Holmes Norton; James T. McIntyre Jr.
- 0707 Task Force on Civil Rights Reorganization (2) [November 20–December 5, 1978].**
Major Topics: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; civil rights advisor appointments.
- 0862 Task Force on Civil Rights Reorganization (3) [November 3–November 27, 1978].**
Major Topics: Civil rights advisor appointments; Office of Management and Budget; civil rights legislation strategies.

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- 0001 Task Force on Civil Rights Reorganization (3) cont [undated].**
- 0033 Task Force on Civil Rights Reorganization (4) [December 15, 1978 and undated].**
Major Topics: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission initiatives; statistical data: Department of Transportation employment; Office of Management and Budget.
- 0147 Telecommunications Conference (1) [March 8–June June 90].**
Major Topics: Minority Telecommunications Development Conference, 1980; names list.
Principal Correspondents: Louis E. Martin Jr.; Darlene Tolbert Palmer.
- 0254 Telecommunications Conference (2) [September 4–September 11, 1980 and undated].**
Major Topics: Minority Telecommunications Development Conference, 1980; names list; government contracts.
- 0315 Telephone Calls [October 1–November 2, 1979].**
Major Topic: Names list.
- 0349 Telephone Directory—Executive Office of the President [December 1979].**
Major Topic: Names list.
- 0407 Telephone Logs April 23–June 27 (undated).**
- 0461 Telephone Logs May 2–May 13 (undated).**
- 0517 Telephone Logs May 14–May 22 (undated).**
- 0571 Telephone Logs May 29–June November (undated).**
- 0625 Telephone Logs June 11–June 26 (undated).**
- 0677 Telephone Logs September 26–October 6 (undated).**
- 0733 Telephone Logs September 23, 1980–January 9, 1981.**

- 0789 Telephone Message Book July 9–July 25 (undated).**
- 0845 Telephone Message Book August 7–September May (undated).**
- 0887 Telephone Message Book October 17, 1978–October 26, 1978.**
- 0944 Telephone Message Book October 26, 1978–November 6, 1978.**

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- 0001 Telephone Message Book November 7, 1978–November 20, 1978.**
- 0055 Telephone Message Book November 21, 1978–November 30, 1978.**
- 0113 Telephone Message Book December 1, 1978–December 18, 1978.**
- 0170 Telephone Message Book December 18, 1978–January 16/, 1979.**
- 0232 Telephone Message Book January 16, 1979–January 31, 1979.**
- 0288 Telephone Message Book (ca. January 31, 1979–February 27, 1979).**
- 0339 Telephone Message Book (ca. February 8, 1979–February 25, 1979).**
- 0395 Telephone Message Book March 1, 1979–March 23, 1979.**
- 0450 Telephone Message Book March 29, 1979–April 19, 1979.**
- 0511 Telephone Message Book April 19, 1979–May 11, 1979.**
- 0569 Telephone Message Book May 9, 1979–May 25, 1979.**
- 0629 Telephone Message Book May 25, 1979–June 18, 1979.**
- 0684 Telephone Message Book May 31, 1979–June 14, 1979.**
- 0734 Telephone Message Book June 14, 1979–June 26, 1979.**
- 0784 Telephone Message Book June 18, 1979–July 9, 1979.**
- 0840 Telephone Message Book July 26, 1979–August 16, 1979.**
- 0894 Telephone Message Book (ca. August 14, 1979–August 29, 1979).**
- 0948 Telephone Message Book August 16, 1979–October 10, 1979.**

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- 0001 Telephone Message Book July 4, 1979–November 26, 1979.**
- 0055 Telephone Message Book September 10, 1979–November 06, 1979.**
- 0111 Telephone Message Book October 9, 1979–October 31, 1979.**
- 0166 Telephone Message Book October 10, 1979–October 24, 1979.**
- 0218 Telephone Message Book October 24, 1979–November 21, 1979.**
- 0269 Telephone Message Book October 31, 1979–November 9, 1979.**
- 0329 Telephone Message Book November 9, 1979–November 19, 1979.**
- 0388 Telephone Message Book November 15, 1979–December 11, 1979.**
- 0440 Telephone Message Book November 21, 1979–January 7, 1980.**
- 0502 Telephone Message Book November 27, 1979–December 6, 1979.**
- 0555 Telephone Message Book December 6, 1979–February 13, 1980.**
- 0610 Telephone Message Book December 11, 1979–February 2, 1980.**
- 0667 Telephone Message Book December 26, 1979–January 31, 1980.**
- 0722 Telephone Message Book January 8, 1980–January 28, 1980.**
- 0777 Telephone Message Book February 4, 1980–February 15, 1980.**
- 0832 Telephone Message Book February 15, 1980–April 22, 1980.**
- 0886 Telephone Message Book February 22, 1980–March 7, 1980.**
- 0942 Telephone Message Book February 27, 1980–March 10, 1980.**

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- 0001 Telephone Message Book March 7, 1980–March 20, 1980.
- 0054 Telephone Message Book March 10, 1980–March 18, 1980.
- 0106 Telephone Message Book March 20, 1980–March 27, 1980.
- 0162 Telephone Message Book March 20, 1980–April 7, 1980.
- 0215 Telephone Message Book March 28, 1980–April 17–80.
- 0273 Telephone Message Book March 28, 1980–May 2, 1980.
- 0328 Telephone Message Book April 7, 1980–April 22, 1980.
- 0383 Telephone Message Book April 7, 1980–June 2, 1980.
- 0440 Telephone Message Book April 16, 1980–October 31, 1980.
- 0501 Telephone Message Book April 17, 1980–May 5, 1980.
- 0553 Telephone Message Book May 5, 1980–May 27, 1980.
- 0606 Telephone Message Book May 22, 1980–June 12, 1980.
- 0658 Telephone Message Book May 22, 1980–July 24, 1980.
- 0713 Telephone Message Book May 27, 1980–August 25, 1980.
- 0767 Telephone Message Book May 31, 1980–June 26, 1980.
- 0819 Telephone Message Book June 3, 1980–September 19, 1980.
- 0875 Telephone Message Book June 12, 1980–June 30, 1980.
- 0927 Telephone Message Book June 27, 1980–July 9, 1980.

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- 0001 Telephone Message Book July 2, 1980–July 14, 1980.
- 0054 Telephone Message Book July 9, 1980–July 18, 1980.
- 0109 Telephone Message Book July 10, 1980–July 25, 1980.
- 0161 Telephone Message Book July 18, 1980–July 30, 1980.
- 0211 Telephone Message Book July 25, 1980–August 7, 1980.
- 0266 Telephone Message Book July 30, 1980–August 14, 1980.
- 0319 Telephone Message Book August 6, 1980–September 8, 1980.
- 0373 Telephone Message Book August 7, 1980–August 25, 1980.
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- 0480 Telephone Message Book August 26, 1980–September 9, 1980.
- 0532 Telephone Message Book September 9, 1980–September 18, 1980.
- 0586 Telephone Message Book September 17, 1980–October 7, 1980.
- 0639 Telephone Message Book September 19, 1980–September 26, 1980.
- 0693 Telephone Message Book October 6, 1980–October 20, 1980.
- 0743 Telephone Message Book October 7, 1980–November 241, 1980.
- 0795 Telephone Message Book November 3, 1980–December 17, 1980.
- 0848 Texas [February 1980].
Major Topic: Names list of Texas contacts.
- 0917 Travel Information (1) [May 30–November 17, 1980].
Major Topic: Photographs.

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- 0001 Travel Information (1) [cont. February 6–September 22, 1980].**
Major Topic: Low-income housing.
- 0048 Travel Information (2) [April 18–October 8, 1980].**
- 0122 Travel—Julia Dobbs/Karen Zuniga [April 3–November 23, 1979].**
- 0198 Treasury Department [September 22, 1978].**
Major Topic: National Development Bank.
- 0208 Tsongas, Senator Paul [November 8, 1978–September 9, 1980].**
Major Topics: Voluntary national youth service; compulsory military service; Presidential Commission on National Service; conservation of natural resources.
- 0346 Unemployment [March 9, 1979].**
Major Topic: Summer job programs.
- 0359 United Beauty School Owners and Teachers Assoc. (O/A 6476) [undated].**
Major Topic: United Beauty School Owners and Teachers Association trips and events.
- 0392 United Negro College Fund (1) (O/A 6474) [Fall 1978–January 6, 1979].**
Major Topics: Texas Association of Developing Colleges; *Someone Special in Black Texas* (magazine); historically black colleges and universities; educational materials.
- 0492 United Negro College Fund (2) (O/A 6474) [Fall 1978–February 2, 1979].**
Major Topics: Texas Association of Developing Colleges; *Someone Special in Black Texas* (magazine); educational materials.
- 0526 United Negro College Fund Project (O/A 10,252) [November 1, 1978 and undated].**
Major Topics: UNCF programs and organization; Coopers & Lybrand.
- 0682 United Negro College Fund (1) (O/A 10,252) (1).**
Major Topic: Coopers & Lybrand.
- 0718 United States and EEOC v. Weber [October 1978]**
Major Topics: Discrimination in employment; Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation; race as a job promotion consideration.
- 0774 United Way (O/A 6475) [1978].**
- 0777 United Way of America (O/A 6878) [May 29, 1979].**
Major Topics: Paul Akana; United Way programs and organization.
- 0818 (Urban Interstate Highways) [March 1–March 10 1979].**
Major Topics: Department of Transportation; urban planning.
- 0851 Urban Unrest [June 5, 1980].**
Major Topics: Administration plan for potential urban unrest; law enforcement; employment programs.
- 0861 VA Case [March 6–July 12, 1979].**
Major Topics: Black veteran enrollment at Mississippi Baptist Seminary; veterans education benefits.

0874 Valley Homes, Lincoln Hgts. Ohio (1) [June 12–October 15, 1979].

Major Topics: Government National Mortgage Association; foreclosure proceedings on Valley Homes Housing Project, operated by Valley Homes Mutual Housing Corporation; federal debt forgiveness.

Principal Correspondents: Bill Gradison; John H. Dalton; Timothy M. Burke; James R. Kozuch.

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0001 Valley Homes, Lincoln Hgts. Ohio (2) [March 6–August 20, 1979].

Major Topics: Housing conditions and foreclosure proceedings at Valley Homes Housing Project; Government National Mortgage Association; rent control; federal debt forgiveness.

Principal Correspondents: Timothy M. Burke; Bill Gradison; John H. Dalton.

0103 Valley Homes, Lincoln Hgts. Ohio (3) [undated].

Major Topics: Foreclosure proceedings on Valley Homes Housing Project; federal debt forgiveness; petitions.

0179 Vanguard Investment Company, Inc. (O/A 6018) [October 19–December 4, 1978].

Major Topic: Minority enterprise small business investment companies.

Principal Correspondent: James F. Hansley.

0212 Veterans [September 7, 1978].

Major Topic: Civil service veteran preference in hiring.

0221 Vice President's Memoranda [November 26, 1979–September 24, 1980].

0225 Vice President Memoranda [January 9–December 3, 1980].

Major Topics: Walter F. Mondale meetings with black leaders; minority owned business in D.C.; historically black colleges and universities funding; National Conference of Artists.

Principal Correspondent: Louis E. Martin Jr.

0289 Vice President's Remarks—Tuskegee Institute [April 8, 1979–May 15, 1980].

Major Topic: Current role of historically black colleges and universities.

0310 (Video Cassette WSBK) [undated].

0312 Voter Information (1) [May 9, 1979–February 6, 1980].

Major Topics: Black voter turnout and patterns in 1978 elections; Congressional Black Caucus Southern Regional Forum; administration outreach to black voters; youth employment programs; 1980 presidential election; Republican Party outreach to black voters.

0451 Voter Information (2) [May 1, 1976–October 25, 1979].

Major Topics: Caucus of Black Democrats; 1980 presidential election; Republican Party outreach to black voters; public opinion polls of presidential candidates; Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty II; black elected officials; National Coalition on Black Voter Participation; Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

- 0611 Voter Information (3) [December 10, 1976–August 20, 1979].**
Major Topics: 1976 presidential election; 1980 presidential election.
Principal Correspondent: Ron L. Lester.
- 0749 Voter Information (4) [November 28, 1979–January 30, 1980].**
Major Topics: Black elected officials; Data Black Public Opinion Polls, Inc.; voter registration and participation in 1956–1978 elections.
- 0778 Voter Participation/Education [September 29–October 31, 1978].**
Major Topics: Black voter participation in the 1980 presidential election; National Coalition on Black Voter Participation; black elected officials.
- 0801 Vouchers [June 11–December 2, 1980].**
- 0834 W. B. Dolphin and Associates (O/A 9145) [January 17, 1980].**
Major Topic: Minority owned business.
- 0848 Wales, Jane [December 4, 1978–April 10, 1979].**
Major Topics: Black Leadership Forum; government reorganization.
Principal Correspondent: Jane Wales.
- 0914 Wallace and Wallace (1) [October 10, 1978–June 18, 1979].**
Major Topics: Small Business Administration; Montgomery Improvement Association, Inc., Montgomery, Ala.; Department of Housing and Urban Development; racial discrimination in urban development in Montgomery, Ala.; Wallace & Wallace Chemical & Oil Corporation.

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- 0001 Wallace and Wallace (1) [cont. February 23, 1977–May 6, 1978].**
Major Topics: Wallace & Wallace Chemical & Oil Corporation; community development in Tuskegee, Ala.; minority owned business.
- 0027 Wallace and Wallace (2) [undated].**
Major Topics: Wallace & Wallace Enterprises, Inc.; refinery construction in Tuskegee, Ala.
- 0082 Wallace and Wallace Enterprises Inc. [August 15, 1977–May 14, 1979].**
Major Topics: Minority owned business; investigation of Wallace & Wallace Enterprises, Inc. due to an unpaid Small Business Administration loan.
- 0145 Washington, D.C. Appropriations Act—HR 13463 [September 5–14, 1978].**
- 0154 Washington, D.C. Chapter of Federal Bar Assoc. (O/A 8980) [Fall 1979].**
- 0162 Watson, Jack [July 14–December 2, 1980].**
Major Topic: Administration outreach to black voters.
- 0176 Weddington, Sarah [February 8, 1980].**
- 0181 Weekly Special Assistants Reports (Empty).**
- 0182 Wexler, Anne [January 25, 1978–January 25, 1979].**
Major Topic: Budget.
- 0212 (White House Appointments) [June 3–August 7, 1980].**
- 0249 White House Briefings [October 16, 1978–July 23, 1979].**
Major Topics: Black Oklahomans; foreign relations.
- 0283 White House Fellowships [November 77–April 1979].**
Major Topics: Black fellowship appointments.

- 0353 White House Personnel [March 11, 1977–April 19, 1979].**
Major Topics: Citizen's Advisory Council on Equal Opportunity; Office of the Special Council; L. Howard Bennett; Beny J. Primm; Leonidas H. Berry.
- 0509 (White House Publications and News Clippings) [August 1979 and undated].**
Major Topics: Black presidential appointments; White House Fellowships.
- 0534 Williams, William L. (O/A 6476) [April 27, 1977–September 7, 1978].**
Major Topics: Racial and age discrimination in employment; career development and recruitment programs.
Principal Correspondent: Leroy H. Johnson Jr.
- 0587 Wilmington Ten (1) [June 20, 1975–September 13, 1978].**
Major Topics: Benjamin F. Chavis; Amnesty International advocacy for the Wilmington Ten.
Principal Correspondents: Louis E. Martin Jr.; James Hunt; John Conyers.
- 0704 Wilmington Ten (2) [October 21, 1976–November 16, 1978].**
Major Topics: Benjamin F. Chavis; witnesses; public support for Wilmington Ten.
- 0749 Window Dressing on the Set: An Update (O/A 6474) [January 1979].**
Major Topics: *Window Dressing on the Set: Women and Minorities in Television* (report); women and minorities in news media and popular programming.
- 0807 Wise, Phil/Voorde, Fran: 1978–1979.**
Major Topics: National Caucus on Black Aged, Inc.; black newspapers; black leaders in Alabama.
- 0943 Wise, Phil/Voorde, Fran: 1980 (1).**
Major Topics: Nate Smith; National Gospel Symposium Association.
Principal Correspondents: William A. Clement Jr.; Phil Wise; Fran Voorde; Louis E. Martin Jr.

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- 0001 Wise, Phil/Voorde, Fran: 1980 (1) [cont.]**
Major Topics: Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site; employment programs.
Principal Correspondents: V. Rex Archibald; Fran Voorde; Louis E. Martin Jr.
- 0054 Wise, Phil/Voorde, Fran: 1980: (2).**
Major Topics: Minority owned business; Conference on the Urban Crisis; riots; juvenile courts; law enforcement.
- 0111 Women's Bureau (1) [July 13, 1979].**
Major Topics: Homemakers; statistical data: women's population.
Principal Correspondent: Alexis Herman.
- 0207 Women's Bureau (2) [1979].**
Major Topics: Homemakers; statistical data: women's population.
- 0305 Women's Carter/Mondale Steering Committee February 2, 1980.**
Major Topic: Names list.

- 0435 Women's Issues (1) [1977–May 1, 1979].**
Major Topics: Equal Rights Amendment; Bella Abzug; black women's organizations; "Blacks and Women in Southern Federal Courts" (report); statistical data: minority employment; Black Women's Action Plan.
Principal Correspondent: Karen W. Zuniga.
- 0555 Women's Issues (1) [March 1978–March 29, 1979].**
Major Topics: Lobby for the Black Women's Agenda; First National Women's Conference.
- 0578 World Administrative Radio Conference of 1979 (O/A 6608).**
Major Topics: United Church of Christ Conference; telecommunications industry.
- 0655 Young, Andrew [August 14, 1979].**
Major Topics: Andrew Young resignation as U.S. UN Ambassador; media coverage of resignation.
Principal Correspondents: Andrew Young; Jimmy Carter.
- 0687 Young, Andrew—Departure from the U.N. (O/A 197870 (1) [August 9, 1979–November 3, 1979].**
Major Topics: Black Leadership Forum; public reaction to and media coverage of resignation; Palestine Liberation Organization; U.S.-Israel relations; black-Jewish relations.
- 0769 Young, Andrew—Departure from the U.N. (O/A 197870 (2) [August 16–21, 1979].**
Major Topics: Media coverage of resignation; U.S.-Israel relations; black-Jewish relations.
- 0921 Young, Andrew—Departure from the U.N. (O/A 197870) (3) [August 16–18, 1979].**
Major Topics: Media coverage of resignation; Palestine Liberation Organization; U.S.-Israel relations; black-Jewish relations.

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- 0001 Young, Andrew—Departure from the U.N. (O/A 197870) (3) [cont. August 16, 1979].**
Major Topics: Media coverage of resignation; Palestine Liberation Organization; U.S.-Israel relations.
- 0027 Youth Employment (1) [January 10–June 17, 1980].**
Major Topics: National Association of Neighborhoods; Task Force on Youth Employment report; American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO; Youth Employment Company; National Education Association; C. S. Mott Foundation; American Personnel and Guidance Association.
- 0168 Youth Employment (2) [June 17, 1980].**
Major Topics: Youth employment legislation; National Collaboration for Youth; National Association of Neighborhoods; New York City public schools; Council of the Great City Schools.
- 0233 Youth Employment Initiatives [April 21–June 5, 1980].**

- 0270 Zimbabwe–Rhodesia [3–June 20, 1979].**
Major Topics: Thursday Luncheon Group; National Bar Association report on Rhodesia; UN and U.S. sanctions against Rhodesia; Congressional Black Caucus.
- 0392 Zuniga, Karen (1) [October 18, 1978–November 2, 1979].**
Principal Correspondent: Karen W. Zuniga.
- 0423 Zuniga, Karen (2) [November 1–27, 1979].**
Major Topic: Historically black colleges and universities.
Principal Correspondent: Louis E. Martin Jr.
- 0472 Zuniga, Karen: Black Colleges [September 17–October 30, 1980].**
Major Topics: Education Amendments of 1980; White House press conferences; housing legislation; 1980 presidential election; Alhaji Shehu Shagari; White House Initiative on historically black colleges and universities.
- 0605 (Zuniga), Karen’s Memorandums and Black College Material [January 17–May 2, 1979].**
Major Topics: Small Business Administration; Task Force on Strengthening Historically Black Institutions.
Principal Correspondent: Jimmy Carter.
- 0661 Zuniga, Karen—No Response Necessary [March 25, 1980–January 7/81].**
Major Topics: Minority women employment; Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

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- 0001 Zuniga, Karen—No Response Necessary (1) [October 20–January 7/81].**
Major Topics: Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.; Carter-Mondale Re-Election Committee; affordable housing; health care; minority owned business.
Principal Correspondent: Karen W. Zuniga.
- 0119 Zuniga, Karen—Notebook [October 11–31, 1980 and undated].**
- 0196 Zuniga, Karen—Personal [April 19/, 1979–March 11, 1980].**
Major Topic: The National Black “MBA” Association, Inc.
- 0279 Zuniga, Karen Personnel Files [November 30, 1976–November 29, 1980].**
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- 0478 Calendars, Loose-Leaf from 1978, 1979, and 1980.**

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