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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Civil Rights Movement and the Federal Government: Records of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, 1958–1973 highlights attempts by the federal government to combat civil rights infringements and violations from roughly 1918 to 1973. The files specifically document actions by the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, which was established in December 1957 by Attorney General William P. Rogers. According to the Department of Justice (DOJ) 1955 annual report, the Civil Rights Section (later to become the Civil Rights Division), “supervises and assists in the enforcement of various statutes employed to protect the federally secured civil rights and liberties of persons” (Reel 6, Frame 0741). The collection comprises the files of six different officials in the DOJ's Civil Rights Division: W. Wilson White (assistant attorney general of the Civil Rights Division, 1958–1959), Joseph M. F. Ryan Jr. (acting assistant attorney general in the Civil Rights Division, 1958–1960), Burke Marshall (assistant attorney general in the Civil Rights Division, 1961–1964), St. John Barrett (deputy assistant attorney general, Civil Rights Division, 1965–1967), John Doar (assistant attorney general, Civil Rights Division, 1960–1967), and David L. Norman (acting assistant attorney general, Civil Rights Division, 1969–1973). Within each section, the material is organized by subject, and consists of letters, legislation, reports, and newspaper clippings.

The Civil Rights Division records chronicle a variety of civil rights issues including lynching; differing federal and state perspectives on civil rights; school desegregation and closures; state and local segregation laws; appropriate DOJ role in civil rights matters; court cases, and congressional legislation and hearings dealing with civil rights issues; various civil rights acts and their provisions; voting rights and voter registration; numerous types of racial discrimination; DOJ annual reports of Civil Rights Division activities; and DOJ assessments of constitutional law and a variety of civil rights topics.

The files of W. Wilson White actually span the years 1918–1963. The focus of these files is the DOJ's position on antilynching legislation and the legislation itself. White's files include numerous statements by DOJ officials in support of antilynching legislation. In a 1951 letter from Deputy Attorney General Peyton Ford to Emanuel Celler, Ford wrote, “The Department of Justice has long supported legislation to protect persons against lynching. It has long endeavored to enforce the civil rights of individuals to the fullest extent possible and recognizes that there is a need for the enactment of a statute making lynching a federal crime” (Reel 1, Frame 0127). Just four years earlier, however, DOJ officials Turner L. Smith and Fred G. Folsom wrote the following to the President's Committee on Civil Rights, “It seems to us here in the Civil Rights section that too much emphasis has been placed upon ‘law’ rather than upon the economic and social side of the problem. Campaigns to interest people in better housing, medical services, education, proper dieting and stronger participation in public affairs, are the appropriate instruments in our judgment to apply to the ‘sore’ rather than crusades to bring about utopia by legislative edict” (Reel 1, Frame 0564). Twelve years later in 1959, commenting on S. 1848, White himself had still another opinion of antilynching legislation. He argued that the best way

to protect people from lynching was by constitutional amendment. White took this position because he feared that any legislation introduced in Congress would blur the line between federal and state authority, and thus would face potential challenges in the courts (Reel 1, Frames 0928–0941). White’s files include copies of antilynching bills put forward between 1918 and 1963, as well as information on the DOJ’s role in investigating or prosecuting lynching cases. White’s files also include material on the brutal lynching in 1959 of Mack Charles Parker in Poplar, Mississippi. In this case, the DOJ asserted that the denial of due process made lynching a federal crime. A file on the 1961 Freedom Rides includes memoranda from Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to Alabama Governor John Patterson. Other files of White focus on school desegregation litigation, including cases from across the South. A folder on school closings and tuition grants covers Virginia’s “massive resistance” to school desegregation, a comprehensive legal effort to prevent school desegregation in Virginia.

The files of Joseph M. F. Ryan Jr. chronicle the issue of military dependents attending segregated schools with specific discussion of Jacksonville Elementary School at Little Rock Air Force Base. Ryan’s files also cover voting rights and proposed legislation for voting referees.

The records of Burke Marshall prominently document DOJ involvement in ending discrimination in bus transportation, state and local segregation laws, sit-in cases, and DOJ annual reports that chronicle Civil Rights Division activities. Reel 4, Frames 0489–0681 contain an undated report by Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) regarding racial discrimination in bus transportation. The textual portion of the report is rather short and mainly conveys the existence of racial discrimination with recommendations for regulating bus transportation. The report contains six appendixes that constitute the bulk of the report: Appendix A contains a list of complaints against bus companies for racial discrimination (by city and state); Appendix B contains results from Federal Bureau of Investigation surveys regarding racial discrimination in bus terminals (by city and state); Appendix C contains photographs of bus terminals showing segregated waiting rooms, restaurants, ticket offices, etc.; Appendix D contains a letter of support for the attorney general from Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Appendix E contains a similar letter from Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara; and Appendix F contains proposed regulations for bus transportation. Marshall’s files also contain an undated copy of and report on H.R. 7152, the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The report begins with an introduction of the bill and then examines Titles I–XI in depth. Exhibit A of the report discusses the constitutionality of the title prohibiting discrimination in public facilities, which includes reviews of applicable portions of the Fourteenth, Thirteenth, Fifth, and Tenth amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Exhibit B provides a summary of state laws prohibiting discrimination in public facilities, while Exhibit C lists states with laws prohibiting discrimination in employment. Exhibit D summarizes House amendments to the bill. Marshall’s records also include discussions about Title 28, United States Code, section 1443 (28 U.S.C. 1443), which allowed the federal government to take over jurisdiction of civil rights cases and issues from states and localities due to discriminatory practices of those states and localities.

The files of St. John Barrett highlight segregation laws and school desegregation in Arkansas, and ICC involvement in ending discrimination in transportation.

The records of John Doar consist of end-of-year and annual reports, jury instructions in conspiracy cases, legal memoranda outlining DOJ policy for handling various types of discrimination, and school desegregation cases. The end-of-year and annual reports in Doar’s files, and in Marshall’s files, chronicle Civil Rights Division involvement in civil rights cases

and review various types of racial discrimination and efforts to combat them. Doar's files on conspiracy cases contain instructions to juries hearing 18 U.S.C. 241 and 242 cases. Title 18, United States Code, section 241 deals with persons conspiring to deprive other persons of their civil rights, while section 242 covers deprivations of civil rights by federal, state, and local officials even acting in their official capacities. Reel 7, Frame 0919 begins the jury instructions given in *U.S. v. Price* (the case brought against eighteen defendants for the murder of three civil rights workers in Mississippi, which was later portrayed in the movie *Mississippi Burning*); Frame 0990 begins the jury instructions given in *U.S. v. Myers* (a case charging white defendants with depriving black citizens of their civil rights); Frame 1025 begins the jury instructions in *U.S. v. Wilkins* (the case brought against white defendants for the murder of white civil rights activist Viola Liuzzo); and Frame 1053 begins the jury instructions in *U.S. v. Patridge* (a case charging white defendants with depriving black citizens of their civil rights).

The records of David L. Norman extensively highlight voting issues including voting rights, enforcement of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, congressional hearings, voter registration, voting by U.S. citizens living abroad, Mississippi voting issues, the Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1970, and residence requirements for student voter registration. Norman's files also highlight DOJ administrative and appellate procedures, and Alabama segregation laws.

Information on these and other topics can be found by consulting the Subject Index and Principal Correspondents Index at the back of this guide, or by browsing through the Reel Index. Since the entire collection deals with civil rights, this subject is only indexed with a list of corresponding "see" references. It should be noted, however, that the subject of civil rights appears repeatedly throughout the collection. In addition, the Department of Justice has not been indexed, but its imprint also appears repeatedly throughout the collection.

Other collections from LexisNexis that may be of interest include *Civil Rights During the Eisenhower Administration*; *Civil Rights During the Kennedy Administration*; *Civil Rights During the Johnson Administration*; *Civil Rights During the Nixon Administration*; *Department of Justice Classified Subject Files on Civil Rights, 1914–1949*; and *Papers of the NAACP*.

SOURCE NOTE

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- Entry 306 B, Files of W. Wilson White, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, 1958–1959, (files span 1918–1963), (Boxes 1–2)
- Entry 306 C, Files of Joseph M. F. Ryan Jr., Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, 1958–1960 (Boxes 1–2)
- Entry 306 D, Records of Burke Marshall, Attorney, Civil Rights Division, 1961–1965 (Boxes 1–4)
- Entry 306 E, Files of St. John Barrett, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, 1965–1967 (Boxes 1–2)
- Entry 306 F, Records of John Doar, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, 1960–1967 (Boxes 1–2)
- Entry 306 G, Records of David L. Norman, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, 1969–1973 (Boxes 1–4)

EDITORIAL NOTE

LexisNexis has filmed these files in the order in which they are arranged at the National Archives.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used three or more times in the Reel Index.

DOJ	Department of Justice
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
ICC	Interstate Commerce Commission
NAACP	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
U.S.C.	United States Code

REEL INDEX

The following index is a listing of the folders that compose *The Civil Rights Movement and the Federal Government: Records of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, 1958–1973*. 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.

Files of W. Wilson White, 1958–1959

0001 Montgomery—Use of Marshals, 1961.

Major Topics: Robert F. Kennedy; John Patterson; race relations in Alabama; federal-state relations; federal-local relations; arrest of U.S. marshals by state police.

Principal Correspondents: Robert F. Kennedy; Nicholas deB. Katzenbach.

0029 Lynching—Parker (Mississippi) [1959–1960].

Major Topics: FBI investigation of Mack Charles Parker lynching; constitutional law and lynching.

Principal Correspondent: Joseph M. F. Ryan Jr.

0060 Lynching—1949–1958.

Major Topics: Proposed antilynching legislation; DOJ analysis of constitutional law and lynching legislation; Tom C. Clark support for lynching legislation.

Principal Correspondent: James M. McInerney.

0250 Lynching—1937–1948.

Major Topics: Proposed antilynching legislation; Senate Judiciary Committee reports on lynching; DOJ analysis of constitutional law and lynching legislation.

Principal Correspondents: Z. C. Brookley; Theron L. Caudle; Fred G. Folsom; Turner L. Smith.

0641 Lynching—1959.

Major Topics: Proposed antilynching legislation; proposed civil rights legislation; DOJ analysis of constitutional law and lynching legislation; Mack Charles Parker lynching.

Reel 2

Files of W. Wilson White, 1958–1959 cont.

0001 Lynching—Hearings, 1918–1950.

Major Topics: Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on lynching (1948); proposed antilynching legislation; statistical data on lynching; Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on lynching (1918); antilynching legislation and black troops; Subcommittee No. 3, Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on lynching (1950).

0278 Lynching—1961–1963 (Legislative).

Major Topics: DOJ analysis of constitutional law and lynching legislation; proposed legislation protecting Fourteenth Amendment rights; proposed antilynching legislation; proposed civil rights legislation.

Principal Correspondents: Byron R. White; Burke Marshall.

0586 Reports on School Integration through 1960 [1956–1960].

Major Topics: *Ross v. Rogers* (Houston, Tex., desegregation case); *Dove v. Parham* (Pine Bluff, Ark., desegregation case); *Bush v. Orleans Parish School Board* (New Orleans, La., desegregation case); school desegregation progress and cases in Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, D.C., Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia; statistical data on school desegregation (by state).

Principal Correspondents: Harold R. Tyler Jr.; Isabel L. Blair; Harold H. Greene; W. Wilson White.

Reel 3

Files of W. Wilson White, 1958–1959 cont.

0001 Schools, School Closing, Tuition Grants—Laws and Memos [1957–1959, 1961].

Major Topics: School closings in Plaquemines Parish, La.; public schools; private schools; state aid to education; state school closing laws; scholarships; *Allen v. County School Board of Prince Edward County*; *Tuition Grants for Louisiana?* (report); Save our Schools, Inc.; Little Rock Private School Corporation; tax exemptions; DOJ analysis of constitutional law and school closing laws in Virginia and Arkansas; federal-state relations; leasing of educational facilities.

Principal Correspondents: Louis M. Kauder; Harold H. Greene; W. Wilson White.

0233 Segregation Laws [1956, 1958–1959, 1963, 1965].

Major Topics: Discrimination in public facilities; state laws regarding segregation and civil rights in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia; discrimination in education; discrimination against minority organizations; discrimination in transportation; voting rights.

Principal Correspondent: Harold H. Greene.

0418 State Anti-Discrimination Laws and Rights Commission [1964].

Major Topic: State antidiscrimination laws.

0437 U.S. Participation [1956–1958, 1960–1962, 1964].

Major Topics: DOJ role in civil rights cases; case law; discrimination in education, housing, and public facilities; voting rights; *In re Debs*; federal court jurisdiction; constitutional law and federal enforcement of school desegregation; Little Rock, Ark., school desegregation; presidential powers; DOJ law enforcement powers; injunctions; Civil Rights Act (1957); *Aaron v. Cooper*; Judge Harry J. Lemley; appellate procedure.

Principal Correspondents: David Rubin; Herbert Brownell Jr.; Philip Marcus; Harold H. Greene.

Files of Joseph M. F. Ryan, 1958–1960

0627 Impact Area Schools; U.S. Amicus School Cases [1958–1959, 1962–1963].

Major Topics: Military dependents and school desegregation; Jacksonville Elementary School (Little Rock Air Force Base school); DOJ representation of military personnel in lawsuits; constitutional law and impacted area schools.

Principal Correspondents: Joseph M. F. Ryan Jr.; Robert Dechert; W. Wilson White; Harold H. Greene.

0714 Legislation—Florida [n.d.].

Major Topic: Florida voting rights.

0717 Civil Rights Acts [1957, 1960, 1964–1967].

Major Topics: Proposed civil rights legislation; voting rights; discrimination in public facilities, education, federal aid programs, employment, and juries; injunctions; discrimination in housing.

0824 Referee and Registrar—February 1960.

Major Topics: Proposed voting referee legislation; Civil Rights Act (1957); state voting laws in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia; class action lawsuits; constitutional law and voting rights legislation; proposed federal enrollment officers legislation.

Principal Correspondents: Joseph M. F. Ryan Jr.; John D. Calhoun.

Reel 4

Files of Joseph M. F. Ryan, 1958–1960 cont.

0001 Referee and Registrar—February 1960 [cont.]

Major Topics: Proposed voting referee legislation; class action lawsuits; constitutional law and voting rights legislation; Charles J. Block; House Judiciary Committee; states' rights; voter registration; Civil Rights Act (1957); Commission on Civil Rights; Lawrence E. Walsh; voting referee legislation and racial discrimination; Kenneth B. Keating; *Giles v. Harris*; Robert G. Storey.

Principal Correspondent: Joseph M. F. Ryan Jr.

0214 Referee and Registrar—March 1960.

Major Topics: William P. Rogers; Senate Judiciary Committee; proposed civil rights legislation; voting rights; Civil Rights Act (1957); election records; bombings; school desegregation; Commission on Civil Rights; proposed voting referee legislation; constitutional law and voting rights legislation; proposed federal enrollment officers legislation; Thomas C. Hennings Jr.; *Giles v. Harris*; Edwin E. Willis.

Principal Correspondent: Joseph M. F. Ryan Jr.

Records of Burke Marshall, 1961–1965

0489 18 U.S.C. 241 Cases [1957, 1961, 1963–1964, 1966].

Major Topics: ICC; discrimination in bus transportation; Motor Carrier Act (1935); transportation regulation; Robert F. Kennedy; bus discrimination complaints (by city and state); FBI survey of racial discrimination in bus terminals (by city and state); photographs of bus terminals (by city and state); Dean Rusk; Robert S. McNamara; protection of civil rights in Mississippi; public facilities and Civil Rights Act (1964); criminal procedure (list of 18 U.S.C. 241 and 242 cases).

Principal Correspondents: John de J. Pemberton Jr.; Burke Marshall.

0788 Legislation—Mississippi [1959–1960, 1962–1964, 1966].

Major Topics: Federal-state relations; Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party; voting rights in Mississippi; discrimination in political parties; Democratic Party; political conventions; statistical data on black voters in Mississippi; Mississippi laws regarding independent political candidates, voting rights, school closings and desegregation, higher education, states' rights, racial segregation, and civil rights violations; legislation in Mississippi legislature (1964 session) regarding boycotts, picketing, police powers, highway patrol, education, organized crime, sexual sterilization, and administration of justice; proposed legislation in Mississippi legislature (1960 session); educational finance.

Principal Correspondents: Elihu Leifer; David B. Marblestone.

Reel 5

Records of Burke Marshall, 1961–1965 cont.

0001 Reports on School Integration—1961 [1961–1965].

Major Topics: School desegregation progress, statistical data, and cases in Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia; House Committee on Education and Labor.

0130 State and City Ordinances (1 of 3) [1963–1964].

Major Topics: Racial segregation laws in Montgomery, Gadsden, and Selma, Ala.; sit-in cases; *Knight v. NAACP*; Pine Bluff, Ark.; racial segregation laws in Richmond, Va., Greenwood and Jackson, Miss., and Greenwood, Spartanburg, and Greenville, S.C.

Principal Correspondents: Ben Hardeman; Archibald Cox; Robert E. Hauberg.

0293 State and City Ordinances (2 of 3) [1963–1964].

Major Topics: Racial segregation laws in Asheville and Greensboro, N.C., Charleston and Columbia, S.C., Roanoke, Va., and Baton Rouge, La.; *Jemison v. Baton Rouge* regarding racial discrimination and bus transportation; racial segregation laws in New Orleans, Shreveport, and Monroe, La.; sit-in cases in Maryland; Baltimore Community Relations Commission; *Baltimore v. Karson's Inn, Inc.* regarding discrimination in employment; Maryland racial segregation laws; racial segregation laws in Cambridge, Md.

Principal Correspondents: Henry E. Frye; Terrell L. Glenn; Thomas B. Mason; James A. Oast Jr.; Louis C. LaCour; John C. Ciolino; Edward L. Shaheen; Thomas J. Kenney.

0488 State and City Ordinances (3 of 3) [1962–1964].

Major Topics: Racial segregation laws in Birmingham, Ala.; Florida food industry laws; D. H. Pingrey *American Law Register* article on racial discrimination (1891); racial segregation laws in Jacksonville, Fla., and Atlanta, Savannah, Albany, and Americus, Ga.; liquor licenses in New Orleans, La.

Principal Correspondents: Macon L. Weaver; Thomas J. Hanlon III; James H. Walsh; Floyd M. Buford; Louis C. LaCour.

0599 1964 Sit-In Cases [1963–1964].

Major Topics: Sociological impact of racial segregation; review of literature on race relations; C. Vann Woodward; *The Strange Career of Jim Crow* (book); Joint Committee on Reconstruction; discrimination in public facilities and the role of state governments; equal protection; Fourteenth Amendment; state food industry laws; tort law; history of racial discrimination in Maryland.

Principal Correspondents: Archibald Cox; Nicholas deB. Katzenbach.

0770 Solicitor-General's Report: Background [1962–1964].

Major Topics: Sit-in cases; discrimination in public facilities and the role of state governments; tort law; history of Thirteenth Amendment; slaves and slavery; black codes (state and municipal segregation laws); Freedmen's Bureau bill; Civil Rights Act (1866); history of the Fourteenth Amendment; citizenship; equal protection; solicitor general's brief on racial discrimination and sit-in cases; *Griffin v. Maryland*; *Lombard v. Louisiana*; *Wright v. Georgia*; *Peterson v. City of Greenville*; *Gober v. City of Birmingham*; *Shuttlesworth v. City of Birmingham*; *Avent v. North Carolina*.

Principal Correspondent: Bruce J. Terris.

Reel 6

Records of Burke Marshall, 1961–1965 cont.

- 0001 July 1962 Sit-In Cases—*Avent et al. v. North Carolina (1 of 2) [1962–1963]*.**
Major Topics: History of Thirteenth Amendment; slaves and slavery; black codes (state and municipal segregation laws); Freedmen’s Bureau bill; Civil Rights Act (1866); solicitor general’s brief for sit-in cases; racial discrimination and state governments; equal protection; Fourteenth Amendment; discrimination in public facilities and the role of state governments; state laws; right of property.
Principal Correspondents: David Rubin; Battle Rankin; Bruce J. Terris; Archibald Cox; Charles A. Reich; Harold H. Greene.
- 0190 July 1962 Sit-In Cases—*Avent et al. v. North Carolina (2 of 2) [1961–1962]*.**
Major Topics: *Griffin v. Maryland*; discrimination in public facilities; state laws; *Lombard v. Louisiana*; *Wright v. Georgia*; *Peterson v. City of Greenville*; *Gober v. City of Birmingham*; *Shuttlesworth v. City of Birmingham*; Bruce J. Terris; discrimination in public facilities and the role of state governments; right of property; *Garner v. Louisiana*; Louisiana, Alabama, North Carolina, and South Carolina racial segregation laws.
Principal Correspondents: Harold H. Greene; Howard A. Glickstein; Alan G. Marer.
- 0369 Removal [1958, 1960, 1962, 1965].**
Major Topics: *Brown v. Meridian*; public demonstrations in Meridian, Miss.; 28 U.S.C. 1443 (jurisdiction over civil rights criminal procedure); racial discrimination in state courts and laws; equal protection; federal-state relations; habeas corpus.
Principal Correspondents: Burke Marshall; Stephen F. Eilperin; William C. Levy; Allen J. Krause.
- 0474 Proposed Civil Rights Act—1964.**
Major Topics: H.R. 7152 (Civil Rights Act of 1964); voting rights; discrimination in public facilities; Fourteenth Amendment; congressional powers; discrimination in government buildings and facilities; school desegregation; Commission on Civil Rights; discrimination in federal aid programs; discrimination in employment; EEOC; survey of voting statistics; 28 U.S.C. 1443 (jurisdiction over civil rights criminal procedure); Community Relations Service (DOJ and Department of Commerce); constitutional law and public facilities; constitutional commerce clause; state public facilities laws.
- 0612 Public Accommodation [1964].**
Major Topics: Procedures for U.S. attorneys handling complaints under Civil Rights Act (1964); discrimination in public facilities; FBI.
Principal Correspondent: Burke Marshall.

0627 Proposed Civil Rights Act—1966.

Major Topics: Constitutional law and H.R. 14765 (Civil Rights Act of 1966); discrimination in jury selection and housing; constitutional commerce clause; Fourteenth Amendment; ghettos; discrimination in education and public facilities.

0732 Annual Report—1954.

0740 Annual Report—1955.

0750 Annual Report—1956.

0758 Annual Report—1957.

0768 Annual Report—1958.

0783 Annual Report—1959.

0802 Annual Report—1960.

Major Topics: Civil Rights Act (1960); Civil Rights Act (1957).

0825 Annual Report—1961.

0859 Annual Report—1962.

Major Topics: Civil Rights Act (1957); Civil Rights Act (1960).

0878 Annual Report—1963.

Major Topics: Civil Rights Act (1957); Civil Rights Act (1960).

0892 Annual Report—1964.

Major Topic: Civil Rights Act (1964).

0907 Title III of the Civil Rights Act of 1960—Preservation of Voting Records [1960, 1962–1963, 1965].

Major Topics: FBI investigations of public facilities discrimination complaints; *Georgia v. U.S. and ICC*; discrimination in transportation and interstate commerce; Interstate Commerce Act (1887); constitutional commerce clause; federal-state relations; Subcommittee No. 5, House Judiciary Committee; Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, Senate Judiciary Committee.

Principal Correspondents: Burke Marshall; Harold W. Kennedy.

Reel 7

Files of St. John Barrett, 1965–1967

0001 Control of Title VII Litigation [1967].

0004 Planning Litigation under Section 707 [1968].

Major Topics: Civil Rights Act (1964); discrimination in employment; EEOC.

0010 Policy Memoranda [1965, 1968].

Major Topics: Investigation of public facilities discrimination complaints; DOJ research files.

Principal Correspondent: Stephen J. Pollak.

0023 Lynching File [1959–1960].

Major Topics: Mack Charles Parker lynching; proposed antilynching legislation; *U.S. v. Alford* (Parker lynching); conspiracy; equal protection; due process of law; Fourteenth Amendment.

Principal Correspondents: Joseph M. F. Ryan Jr.; St. John Barrett.

0096 Legislation—Arkansas [1958–1960].

Major Topics: Arkansas Anti-Integration Acts of 1958; Arkansas election laws; federal aid to education; state aid to education; Arkansas school closures, segregation, and administration; Arkansas State Sovereignty Commission and educational enrollment.

0216 Racial Demonstrations Legal Memoranda [1960].

Major Topics: DOJ involvement in sit-in cases; sit-in at Peachtree Baker Building (Atlanta, Ga.); discrimination in government buildings and facilities; public demonstrations against racial discrimination; discrimination in library facilities.

Principal Correspondents: St. John Barrett; Harold H. Greene.

0254 Legislation—Virginia 1959 (2).

Major Topics: Virginia Pupil Placement Board and school desegregation; state aid to education; scholarships; constitutional law and Virginia tuition grant laws.

Principal Correspondent: William A. Kehoe.

0281 Transportation I.C.C. Cases [1960–1961, 1964].

Major Topics: *NAACP v. St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company*; discrimination in railroad transportation; ICC regulations and discrimination in bus transportation; criminal procedure; injunctions; lawsuits; *Georgia v. U.S. and ICC*; discrimination in transportation and interstate commerce; Interstate Commerce Act (1887); transportation regulation; *Lassiter v. U.S. and ICC*; *U.S. v. City of McComb* (Miss.); Fourteenth Amendment; constitutional commerce clause; jurisdiction; *U.S. v. Fraiser*; Greyhound Lines, Inc.; *U.S. v. Pitcher*; Louisiana racial segregation laws; *U.S. v. City of Shreveport*; *U.S. v. City of Winona* (Miss.).

0530 Transportation [1956–1961, 1963].

Major Topics: Discrimination in airport facilities; Moisant Field (New Orleans, La., airport); ICC regulations; discrimination in bus transportation; Motor Carrier Act (1935); “Civil Rights in Air Transportation and Government Initiative” (article); law enforcement of desegregation; jurisdiction; constitutional law and discrimination in transportation and interstate commerce; Southern Regional Council; discrimination in public facilities; NAACP; state racial segregation laws; *Our Struggle: The Story of Montgomery* (pamphlet by Martin Luther King Jr.); nonviolent public demonstrations; *Bailey v. Patterson*; federal-state relations.

Principal Correspondents: J. Harold Flannery; Gerald P. Choppin; Thurgood Marshall; A. Philip Randolph.

0751 Memoranda to Assistants [1961, 1965].

Major Topics: FBI investigative procedures; subpoenas served on FBI agents.

Principal Correspondents: Henry Putzel Jr.; John L. Murphy; St. John Barrett.

Records of John Doar, 1960–1967

- 0770 1964 End of Year Report [n.d.]**
0784 1965 End of Year Report [1966].
Major Topic: Voting Rights Act (1965).
0798 1966 End of Year Report [1967].
Major Topic: Voting Rights Act (1965).
0808 1965 Annual Report.
Major Topic: Civil Rights Act (1964).
0824 1966 Annual Report.
Major Topics: Voting Rights Act (1965); Ku Klux Klan.
0860 1967 Annual Report.
Major Topics: Voting Rights Act (1965); equal protection.
0885 Memo to the Acting Attorney General [1967].
Principal Correspondent: John Doar.
0892 Compilation of Violations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 [1965].
Major Topics: Procedures for handling discrimination in employment complaints; EEOC.
Principal Correspondent: John Doar.
0905 Jury Instructions in 18 USC 241–242 Cases [1963, 1965, 1968].
Major Topics: Conspiracy; *U.S. v. Price*; evidence; witnesses; *U.S. v. Myers*; *U.S. v. Wilkins* (Viola Liuzzo case); *U.S. v. Patridge*.

Reel 8

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- 0001 Legal Memos—Employment [1966–1969].**
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Principal Correspondents: John Doar; Owen M. Fiss; Stephen J. Pollak.
0090 Legal Memos—Criminal [1966–1968].
Major Topics: New Jersey laws; grand juries; witnesses; self-incrimination; extradition; jury instructions in 18 U.S.C. 241 cases; conspiracy; Jencks Act (witness testimony); federal-state relations and disclosures of information; trials of multiple defendants.
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- 0250 Legal Memos—Housing [1965, 1968].**
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- 0283 Legal Memos—Public Access [1964].**
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Principal Correspondents: Battle Rankin; K. William O'Connor; Gerald P. Choppin.
- 0337 Legal Memos—Voting [1963, 1967–1968].**
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- 0470 Procedures to be Followed under the Voting Rights Act of 1965.**
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- 0474 School Desegregation [1966].**
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- 0486 Desegregation [1964, 1967].**
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- 0615 Policy Correspondence [1965–1966].**
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Principal Correspondents: Nicholas deB. Katzenbach; John Doar; David L. Norman.
- 0700 Background Notebook #2 [1966].**
Major Topics: Civil rights legislation; racial violence; proposed Civil Rights Act (1966); criminal procedure; interstate commerce and incitements to riot; Subcommittee No. 5, House Judiciary Committee hearing (October 5, 1966); John Doar; First Amendment rights; DOJ investigation of “reprisal” violence; jury selection reform; discrimination in jury selection; compensation of crime victims; liability; tort law; Civil Rights Act (1964); federal aid programs; enforcement of school and public facilities desegregation; tax exemptions for private schools and charitable organizations; civil rights functions of federal departments and agencies; Commission on Civil Rights; Community Relations Service (DOJ); community development; 28 U.S.C. 1443 (jurisdiction over civil rights criminal procedure).

0925 Legal Memos—Miscellaneous [1964–1966, 1969].

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Principal Correspondents: David Rubin; Bernard J. Haugen; George Searls; Howard A. Glickstein; Leonard Ross.

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Major Topics: Elections; North Carolina; Chicago, Ill.; U.S. marshals and enforcement of voting rights; Voting Rights Act (1965); Richmond, Va. congressional district; statistical data on elections; sale of Van Eaton Park (Woodville, Miss.); Mississippi elections; Civil Rights Division reorganization; Section 5, Voting Rights Act (1965); Georgia gubernatorial election (1966); congressional districts.

Principal Correspondents: K. William O’Connor; John C. Hoyle; David L. Norman; C. B. Mattox Jr.; Gerald W. Jones; Jerris Leonard; Gary J. Greenberg.

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Major Topics: Voting Rights Act (1965); elections; racial discrimination and Medicare; Mississippi congressional districts; voter registration; election laws; Louisiana congressional districts; Civil Rights Act (1960); voting records.

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0344 Judicial Decisions—Section 5 [1971].

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0377 Hearing Re Voting rights—Subcommittee on Civil Rights Oversight, May 26, 1971.

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0701 Proposed Legislation—Section 5 Amendment [1970–1971].

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Principal Correspondent: David L. Norman.

- 0749 Correspondence [1971].**
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- 0790 Memoranda [1971].**
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- 0807 Subcommittee Requests—Work Papers [1965].**
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- 0860 Edwards Subcommittee Requests for Section 5 Information—Preparation [1971].**
- 0878 Voting Rights Hearings—1971 Testimony [1970–1971].**
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- 0013 Annual Report—1972.**
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- 0024 92nd Congress—Voter Registration Legislation [1971].**
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- 0268 Registration by Mail—93rd Congress [1973].**
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0735 94th Congress—Voter Registration [1975].

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0934 Release of Information—DJ Policies [1953, 1960, 1964–1965, 1967].

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0968 Appeals Procedures [1969–1976].

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Principal Correspondents: David L. Norman; Erwin N. Griswold.

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0001 Appellate Section—Organizational Memoranda [1972, 1974–1976].

Major Topics: Appellate procedure; Civil Rights Division reorganization; *Aspects of Federal Civil Rights Enforcement: The Justice Department and the FBI, 1939–1964* (booklet by John T. Elliff); history of DOJ civil rights enforcement; FBI investigations; J. Edgar Hoover; school desegregation; criminal investigations and procedure; constitutional law and independence of DOJ; *California Law Review*; equal protection; *Virginia Law Review*; opposing certiorari in the Supreme Court.

Principal Correspondent: J. Stanley Pottinger.

0232 Non Racial Bombing [1970].

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Principal Correspondents: David B. Marblestone; Louis M. Thrasher.

0264 Control of Title VII Litigation [1967].

Major Topics: Civil Rights Act (1964); EEOC and DOJ jurisdiction over Title VII litigation; U.S. statutes on administration of justice.

Principal Correspondent: Gary J. Greenberg.

0329 Employment Memoranda to U.S. Atty. [1967].

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Principal Correspondents: Arthur D. Wolf; Merle W. Loper; James Schreiber.

0392 Legislation—Alabama [1961, 1965–1966].

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Principal Correspondent: Paul S. Adler.

0540 Procedure for Handling Div. Cases on Appeal & as Amicus Curiae [1970].

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0551 Overseas Voting—[J. Eugene] Marans [1972–1973].

Major Topics: Bipartisan Committee on Absentee Voting; proposed legislation on voting rights and registration of U.S. citizens abroad; lobbying; Voting Rights Act Amendments (1970); residence requirements; presidential and congressional elections; J. Eugene Marans; state election laws.

0647 House Judiciary Subcommittee #4—Civil Rights Oversight—(Edwards) [1971–1972].

Major Topics: Subcommittee on Civil Rights Oversight (#4), House Judiciary Committee; enforcement of Voting Rights Act (1965) in Mississippi; voter registration; state election laws; congressional districts; voting rights lawsuits; Civil Service Commission; directory of registered voters in Jones County, Miss.

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0003 Draft to States Concerning Compliance with VRAA of 1970 [1970–1972].

Major Topics: Voting Rights Act Amendments (1970); voter registration; presidential elections; residence requirements; state election laws and compliance with Voting Rights Act Amendments (1970); federal-state relations.

Principal Correspondents: William L. Guy; Jimmy Carter.

0173 (132) [Unlabeled Folder, 1970–1971].

Major Topics: Administrative law and procedure; enforcement of Section 5, Voting Rights Act (1965); state election laws; federal-state relations.

0222 State & County Voting Letters [1971].

Major Topics: Voting Rights Act Amendments (1970); state election laws.

0252 Section 5—Guidelines—Public comments [1971].

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Principal Correspondent: Armand Derfner.

- 0359 Copies of Section 5 Amendment Bill Regarding Administrative Hearings (and Speaker letter) [n.d.].**
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- 0369 18 Year Old Vote [1970–1971].**
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- 0454 AG Speech: Students' Voting [1971].**
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- 0474 Student Reg. and Voting Bill [n.d.].**
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- 0490 S. 2240 Student Residency (Cranston) [1971].**
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Major Topics: Mississippi elections, voter registration, and congressional districts; Subcommittee on Civil Rights Oversight (#4), House Judiciary Committee; enforcement of Voting Rights Act (1965); statistical data on Mississippi voter registration; state election laws.
Principal Correspondents: Margot S. Humphrey; David L. Norman.
- 0609 Age Discrimination—Labor Dept. Draft bill [1972].**
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- 0620 Allegations of discrimination Re: consumer business lending [1971–1972].**
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