

ARTHUR A. FLETCHER FILES, 1976

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Scope and Content Note

Arthur Fletcher assumed the position of Deputy Assistant to the President for Urban Affairs in February, 1976. Prior to this appointment, Fletcher had gained national

recognition through service in private and public sectors. His activity in the Republican Party earned him the position of State Vice-Chairman of the Kansas Republican State Committee, 1954-1956. From 1965 to 1966, he served as Director of the Washington Manpower Development Project in Pasco, Washington. Fletcher worked at the Hanford Atomic Energy facility in Richmond, Washington, from 1967-1969, as an Employee Relations Specialist. In 1969, he was appointed Special Assistant to the Governor of Washington. The following two years, Fletcher served as Assistant Secretary of Labor in Washington, DC. After leaving the Department of Labor, he was the Executive Director of the United Negro College Fund until 1973. He organized and became President of Arthur A. Fletcher and Associates, Inc., a personnel placement and management consultant firm in Washington, D.C. While President of this firm, Fletcher supported Ford's nomination for Vice President at the hearings of the House Judiciary Committee in 1973.

As Deputy Assistant to the President, Fletcher reported to the Executive Director for Domestic Affairs, James M. Cannon. His responsibilities entailed reviewing proposals, conferring with government and corporate leaders, and meeting with Congress and federal officials. Fletcher served during the last year of the Ford administration, which was also an election year, and his papers reflect his efforts in the reelection campaign. He did not have a predecessor and did not forward any documents to the White House Central Files.

Arriving in the White House during an election year, Fletcher spent much of his time participating in speaking engagements. He spoke throughout the nation discussing Ford's domestic policies. His papers reflect the wide audiences which solicited his appearance. During his speaking engagements, he conferred with community leaders and private citizens on national, local, and personal matters. Proposals were presented to him by persons seeking funds from various federal agencies for such interests as the elderly, housing and mass transit.

Comments between Fletcher and the White House staff on speaking engagements, urban issues and administrative proceedings are recorded throughout the papers. In suggestions made for the Ford- Carter Debates, Fletcher outlined key points of the busing and black unemployment controversies. The files include reports, memoranda, and news clippings focusing on the background of the crisis in New York City. In addition, there are communications between Fletcher and various

small businesses. Small business viewed Fletcher as the liaison between their offices and the bureaucracy.

The black community kept the Deputy Assistant informed of ongoing activities. Fletcher frequently visited black universities and colleges to solicit advice and perceive problems. Educational, social, and political organizations had direct access to his office and received immediate attention. Fletcher's papers show efforts made by blacks in large corporations, small businesses and neighborhood groups to obtain assistance with and solutions to urban problems.

Related Materials (December 1979)

Related materials are scattered throughout the holdings of the Ford Library. See especially White House Central Files Categories BE 7 (Small Business) and HU 2 (Equality).

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Subject Series, 1976.

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This series consists of suggestions for the Ford-Carter Debates; proposals; memoranda; invitations to speak; speeches; letters of appreciation; agenda and brochures of conferences; reports on urban issues; and correspondence from minority businesses. Bicentennial publications and literature on such activities are abundant. The involvement of private industry in urban renewal policies is represented throughout the series. The General Correspondence files demonstrate the variety of issues referred to Fletcher.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 1 - Subject Series

Status	Title
OPEN	Agency for International Development
OPEN	American Bankers Association
OPEN	American Revolution Bicentennial Administration
OPEN	American Society for Personnel Administration

Status	Title
OPEN	Black American Racers, Inc.
OPEN	Black Colleges
OPEN	Chamber of Commerce
OPEN	Clearance Lists
OPEN	Community Services Administration
OPEN	Computer Print-Outs
OPEN	Council of 100
OPEN	Department of Housing and Urban Development
OPEN	Ebasco Services, Inc.
OPEN	Education
OPEN	Emergency Land Fund
OPEN	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
OPEN	Federal Communications Commission
OPEN	Federal Energy Administration
OPEN	Federal Programs/Funds
OPEN	General Correspondence (1)-(4)
OPEN	General Revenue Sharing
OPEN	General Revenue Sharing Report - Office of Revenue Sharing Civil Rights Compliance Program
OPEN	Hearings on Municipal Bankruptcy Legislation
OPEN	Hearings on the Nomination of Gerald Ford as Vice President
OPEN	Housing

Box 2 - Subject Series

Status	Title
OPEN	Independent Clergy - Campaign Committee
OPEN	Intergovernmental Groups
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OPEN	MATCH Institution
OPEN	Medical Malpractice Crisis
OPEN	Minority Contractors Association

Status	Title
OPEN	Minority Legislative Education Program
OPEN	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
OPEN	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
OPEN	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Roy Wilkins Tribute
OPEN	National Association for Community Development
OPEN	National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education
OPEN	National Association of Black Manufacturers
OPEN	National Association of Broadcasters
OPEN	National Association of Home Builders
OPEN	National Association of Manufacturers
OPEN	National Association of Minority Contractors
OPEN	National Association of Real Estate Brokers
OPEN	National Bankers Association
OPEN	National Bar Association
OPEN	National Black Network
OPEN	National Black Republican Council
OPEN	National Black Veterans Organization, Inc.
OPEN	National Business League
OPEN	National Center for Community Action
OPEN	National Center for Housing Management
OPEN	National Conference of State Legislatures
OPEN	National Conference on the Cities
OPEN	National Constructors Association
OPEN	National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
OPEN	National Forest Products Association
OPEN	National Government and Legislative Relations Service (Dr. Maurice Dawkins)

Box 3 - Subject Series

Status	Title
OPEN	National Governors' Conference
OPEN	National Urban Affairs Council
OPEN	National Urban Coalition
OPEN	National Urban League
OPEN	Opportunities Industrialization Center - Government Relations Service
OPEN	Office of Minority Business Enterprise (1)-(3)
OPEN	Parametic, Inc.
OPEN	President Ford Committee
OPEN	President's Council on Physical Fitness
OPEN	President's Issue Book
OPEN	Presidential Trips
OPEN	Provident Medical Center
OPEN	Questions and Answers
OPEN	Reels and Reality Film Company, Inc.
OPEN	Republican National Convention
OPEN	Resources, Inc. (Arthur McZier)
OPEN	Sears Tower Meetings
OPEN	Small Business Administration
OPEN	Society for Victorious Living
OPEN	Speeches by Arthur Fletcher

Box 4 - Subject Series

Status	Title
OPEN	Speaking Engagements
OPEN	Speaking Engagements - Horizons Festival '76, Washington, DC, 6/25-27, 1976
OPEN	Speaking Engagements - Howard University, Washington, DC, 5/21/76 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Speaking Engagements - International Association of Human Rights Agencies, Wilmington, DE, 11/13/76
OPEN	Speaking Engagements - Letters of Appreciation

Status	Title
OPEN	STIA Systems and Associates (Mr. Stone)
OPEN	Stroock, Stroock and Lavan
OPEN	Swearing-In Ceremony (Mr. Fletcher's)
OPEN	Testimony on the Domestic Council
OPEN	Travel Requests and Vouchers
OPEN	Travel Requests and Vouchers - Request for Travel
OPEN	Travel Requests and Vouchers - Travel Schedules
OPEN	Travel Requests and Vouchers - Travel Vouchers (1)-(2)
OPEN	United Negro College Fund
OPEN	United State Commission on Civil Rights
OPEN	United States Conference of Mayors
OPEN	Urban Issues
OPEN	Urban Policy
OPEN	Wallace and Wallace Southeastern Refinery
OPEN	Watts Manufacturing Company
OPEN	Watts Manufacturing Company - Fact Sheets
OPEN	White House Memoranda (1)-(2)

State Series, 1976.

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Documents in this series focus on speaking engagements and literature relating to such events; talking points; proposals; telegrams; and general correspondence. The documents on the Association of Idaho Cities exemplify Fletcher's involvement at the state level. New York has the largest number of general topics as well as several specialized folders on particular events. Many state folders contain literature on the Republican Party. Most of the Wisconsin documents concern the National Conference of Mayors.

Arranged alphabetically by state.

Box 5 - State Series

Status	Title
OPEN	Alabama

Status	Title
OPEN	California (1)-(2)
OPEN	California - Aire Cardinal Project, Los Angeles, 9/19/76
OPEN	California - Executive Seminar Center, Berkeley, 5/5/76
OPEN	California - Grove Shafter Freeway, Oakland County, 4/16/76
OPEN	California - Los Angeles Federal Executive Board, Los Angeles, 10/7/76
OPEN	California - Marcus Foster Institute, Concord, 6/3/76
OPEN	Colorado - Denver, 7/29/76
OPEN	Connecticut
OPEN	Connecticut - Annual Conference on the State NAACP, Hartford, 10/23/76
OPEN	Florida
OPEN	Georgia
OPEN	Georgia - Southeastern Association of Community Services, Columbus, 8/25/76
OPEN	Idaho (1)-(2)
OPEN	Idaho - Association of Idaho Cities, Coeur d' Alene, 6/28/76
OPEN	Illinois (1)-(3)
OPEN	Illinois - Cook County Bar Association, Chicago, 6/5/76
OPEN	Indiana
OPEN	Indiana - Indianapolis, 7/13/76
OPEN	Iowa
OPEN	Iowa - Blacks in Criminal Justice, Des Moines, 8/24/76

Box 6 - State Series

Status	Title
OPEN	Iowa - Chamber of Commerce, Des Moines, 2/26/76
OPEN	Iowa - Des Moines, 4/5/76
OPEN	Iowa - Des Moines Human Rights Commission, Des Moines, 2/26/76
OPEN	Kansas (1)-(3)

Status	Title
OPEN	Kansas - Black Republican Council of Kansas, Topeka, 4/10/76
OPEN	Kansas - Equal Employment Opportunity Conference, Topeka, 10/28/76
OPEN	Kansas - Kansas Urban League, Wichita, 4/14/76
OPEN	Kansas - National Association for Community Development, Topeka, 2/19-21/76
OPEN	Louisiana
OPEN	Maine
OPEN	Maryland
OPEN	Massachusetts
OPEN	Massachusetts - National Urban League, Boston, 8/3/76
OPEN	Massachusetts - Northeast Work and Welfare Conference, Boston, 3/4/76
OPEN	Massachusetts - WVZ-TV, Boston, 10/22/76
OPEN	Michigan
OPEN	Minnesota
OPEN	Mississippi
OPEN	Mississippi - National Business League Annual Awards Banquet, Jackson, 5/22/76

Box 7 - State Series

Status	Title
OPEN	Missouri
OPEN	Missouri - National Conference on Urban Economic Development, Kansas City, 6/4/76
OPEN	New Jersey (1)-(2)
OPEN	New Jersey - Johnson and Johnson, New Brunswick, 3/5/76
OPEN	New Jersey - New Jersey Black Republican Council, Saddle Brook, 5/2/76
OPEN	New York (1)-(7)
OPEN	New York - Black Athletes Hall of Fame, New York City, 3/31/76

Status	Title
OPEN	New York - Black Dimensions, Channel 13, Rochester, 9/14/76
OPEN	New York - Black Heritage Association Bicentennial Forum, New York City, 9/27/76 (1)-(2)
OPEN	New York - Erie County Republican Leadership Seminar, Buffalo, 5/15/76
OPEN	New York - Life Office Management Association, Tarrytown, 5/20/76

Box 8 - State Series

Status	Title
OPEN	North Carolina (1)-(2)
OPEN	North Carolina - Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, 4/22/76
OPEN	North Carolina - Livingstone College, Salisbury, 9/24/76
OPEN	Ohio
OPEN	Oregon
OPEN	Pennsylvania
OPEN	Pennsylvania - Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, Philadelphia, 8/31/76
OPEN	South Carolina
OPEN	South Carolina - Community Holding Corporation, Sumter, 10/16/76
OPEN	South Carolina - Southeastern Association of Community Services, Myrtle Beach, 8/25/76
OPEN	Tennessee
OPEN	Tennessee - Nashville Urban League, Nashville, 10/1/76
OPEN	Texas
OPEN	Texas - Fred Patterson Awards, Beaumont, 9/9/76
OPEN	Texas - National Association of Black Journalists, Houston, 10/2/76
OPEN	Texas - National Bar Association, Houston, 8/4/76
OPEN	Virginia

Status	Title
OPEN	Virginia - Bristol, 9/3/76
OPEN	Washington
OPEN	Washington - National Association of Minority Contractors, Seattle, 7/2/76
OPEN	Wisconsin
OPEN	Wisconsin - National Conference of Mayors, Milwaukee, 6/29-30/75 (1)-(2)