

GERALD R. FORD CONGRESSIONAL PAPERS, 1949-73 ROBERT T. HARTMANN FILES SUB-GROUP, 1965-73

Collection Type

Personal Papers

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Textual

Series List

Robert T. Hartmann Files, 1965-73. (Boxes R1-R34, 13.6 linear feet)

Robert Hartmann assisted House Republicans, 1966-69, as editor of the House Republican Conference and Minority Sergeant-at-Arms. He then served Ford as Legislative Assistant to the Minority Leader, chief of staff to the Vice President, and Counsellor to the President. To these posts he brought his years of experience with the Los Angeles Times and, more briefly, as information officer with the Navy 1941-45 and the Food and Agriculture Organization 1964-65.

In his 1980 memoir *Palace Politics* (p.45) Hartmann described his duties for Congressman Ford:

"I was responsible for almost everything unrelated to Ford's role as Representative of the Fifth District of Michigan. I did the staff work connected with his role as Minority Leader. When the House was in session I was usually within beckoning range, sometimes acted as lookout when he was off the floor. I carried confidential messages to and from other Republican members and their aides, with my Democratic counterparts in the Speaker's and Majority Leader's offices. People got to

me when they couldn't get to Ford, or didn't want to bother him, to relay their concerns...

I was go-between with the Senate leadership, the Republican National Committee, Governors' Association and Congressional campaign staffs. When Nixon was nominated I was at Permanent Chairman Ford's side on the convention podium. I represented him in Inaugural arrangements and became his liaison with White House and Executive departments. I pushed Ford's requests and helped Nixon's lobbyists - Harlow, Timmons and others - push Administration programs in the House."

Hartmann's files document his diverse duties, but in an uneven and fragmentary fashion. Relatively little material reflects his duties as House Republican Conference editor or Minority Sergeant-at-Arms. Of his work on Ford's staff, some subject areas are better documented than others, most notably the investigation of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. In contrast the subject file is primarily from 1973 and the chronological correspondence file largely omits 1970.

Hartmann kept these files until the end of the Ford presidency. He then relinquished this material, along with his vice presidential and White House files, to the Ford Library under the Ford deed of gift. Hartmann also donated a collection of his personal papers to the Ford Library in 1992.

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Appointments and Job File, 1969-73.

(Boxes R1-R6, 2.5 linear feet)

Material concerning Ford's and Hartmann's involvement in efforts by or on behalf of constituents, political colleagues, and others to secure positions in the Federal government, often Presidential appointments. Types of material include: requests for and letters of recommendation from Ford and others; resumes; agency acknowledgments of forwarded material; brief records of telephone calls; White House courtesy clearances with Ford of appointments; and miscellaneous other memoranda and notes. Many items were annotated by Ford. Arranged alphabetically by name of job candidate, boxes 1-5. Additional material arranged

by subject in box 6.

Box R1 - Appointments and Job File

Status

Title

OPEN Appointments to Positions, 1969-73 - A-C

Box R2 - Appointments and Job File

Status

Title

OPEN Appointments to Positions, 1969-73 - C-J

Box R3 - Appointments and Job File

Status

Title

OPEN Appointments to Positions, 1969-73 - K-M

Box R4 - Appointments and Job File

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Title

OPEN Appointments to Positions, 1969-73 - M-S

Box R5 - Appointments and Job File

Status

Title

OPEN Appointments to Positions, 1969-73 - S-Z

Box R6 - Appointments and Job File

Status

Title

OPEN Jobs File, 1969-73 - A-Z and Clearances

Business Luncheons File, 1965-73.

(Box R7, 0.4 linear feet)

Invitations, arrangement plans, thank-yous, guest lists, guest books, calendars, brochures, press releases and occasional meeting notes concerning informal business luncheons at the Capitol hosted by Ford in his capacity as House Minority Leader. Begun in 1965, the luncheons were held in an effort to establish better communications between the Republican Party and leaders from business, labor, professional, academic, and civic constituencies. Hartmann's secretary Neta Messersmith made many of the luncheon arrangements and apparently maintained the file. Arranged chronologically.

Box R7 - Business Luncheons File

Status

Title

OPEN 1965-73

Chronological Correspondence File, 1966-73.

(Boxes R8-R11, 1.5 linear feet)

Incoming and outgoing correspondence, mostly routine, handled by Hartmann for Ford on a wide variety of subjects such as: political concerns, campaigns, and contributions; Ford's public statements: the Vietnam War; revenue-sharing; legislation; congressional housekeeping such as office supplies, telephones, parking permits; job applications; letters of congratulations or condolence; get-well messages; and information requests. Only three 1970 items are included. Arranged chronologically. A set of cross-references arranged alphabetically by correspondent is in box 11.

Box R8 - Chronological Correspondence File

Status	Title
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OPEN	January 1966 - July 1971
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Box R9 - Chronological Correspondence File

Status	Title
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OPEN	August 1971 - December 1972
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Box R10 - Chronological Correspondence File

Status	Title
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OPEN	January - June 1973
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Box R11 - Chronological Correspondence File

Status	Title
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OPEN	July - October 1973
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Justice William O. Douglas Investigation, 1969-73.

(Boxes R12-R18, 3 linear feet)

Correspondence with committee members, officials, and the general public; newsclippings; publications; press releases; background information; and miscellaneous notes and legal opinions concerning the investigation of Supreme Court Justice Douglas by Ford and the Celler Special Subcommittee. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box R12 - Justice William O. Douglas Investigation

Status	Title
OPEN	Abdulrahman, Mustafa, 1969-70
OPEN	Becker, Benton - Background Information, 1970
OPEN	Bloss vs. Dykema Case, 1970
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Books, 1970-71
OPEN	Cellar Special Subcommittee - Celler/Ford Correspondence, 1970
OPEN	Cellar Special Subcommittee - Miscellaneous, 1970
OPEN	Cellar Special Subcommittee - News Clippings, 1970
OPEN	Cellar Special Subcommittee - News Releases, 1970
OPEN	Cellar Special Subcommittee - Notes on Confidential Committee Print, 1970
OPEN	Cellar Special Subcommittee - Reports, 1970
OPEN	Cellar Special Subcommittee - Request for Documents and Factual Materials
OPEN	Cellar Special Subcommittee - Requested Documents, 1970
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, 1969-70
OPEN	Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions - Publications, 1969-70 (1)

Box R13 - Justice William O. Douglas Investigation

Status	Title
OPEN	Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions - Publications, 1969-70 (2)
OPEN	Chronology of Articles and Remarks, of Justice Douglas, 1965-69
OPEN	Congressional Record re Douglas Investigation, 1970-71
OPEN	Congressional Record re Douglas Investigation - Ford Remarks, 1970 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Congressional Record re Dayton Journal Herald Series on Indianapolis Bankruptcy Cases, 1972
OPEN	Cook Brothers - The Aladdin Enterprise, 1970
OPEN	Correspondence, 1969-70 (1)-(5)

Box R14 - Justice William O. Douglas Investigation

Status	Title
OPEN	Correspondence, 1970-71 (1)-(8)

Box R15 - Justice William O. Douglas Investigation

Status	Title
OPEN	Correspondence, 1972-73 and Undated (1)-(3)
OPEN	Dominican Inaugural - Bosch/Baker, 1967-70
OPEN	Evergreen Review Magazine, 1970
OPEN	Extra Judicial Activities, 1970
OPEN	Form Letters, 1969-73
OPEN	Ginzberg - FACT - Avant-Garde Magazine, 1970-72
OPEN	Impeachment, 1969-70 (1)-(3)
OPEN	"Impeachment - A Mace for the Federal Judiciary" - Article by Ford, 1971

Box R16 - Justice William O. Douglas Investigation

Status	Title
OPEN	Judicial Ethics/ Douglas Opinions, 1969-71
OPEN	Judiciary Report, 1970
OPEN	Kelley, Bethel B. - Memorandum, 1970 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Lansky, Meyer - Aladdin Hotel, 1970
OPEN	List of Files, 1970
OPEN	Miscellaneous, 1969-70
OPEN	News Clippings, 1969-72 (1)-(7)
OPEN	News Clippings - Anti-Ford Columns, 1970

Box R17 - Justice William O. Douglas Investigation

Status	Title
OPEN	News Clippings - Anti-Ford Editorials, 1970
OPEN	News Clippings - Pro-Ford columns, 1970
OPEN	News Clippings - Pro-Ford Editorials, 1970
OPEN	News Releases, 1970-71
OPEN	News Releases - Ford, 1970
OPEN	Parvin Foundation, 1969-70 (1)-(2)

Status	Title
OPEN	"Points of Rebellion, " 1970
OPEN	Positions of Miscellaneous Senators and Representatives, 1970-71
OPEN	Practice of Law, 1970
OPEN	Rifkind, Simon H. - Memorandum on Impeachment of Federal Judges, 1970
OPEN	Rifkind, Simon H. - Response to Bethel Kelley Memorandum re Definition of Impeachable offense, 1970

Box R18 - Justice William O. Douglas Investigation

Status	Title
OPEN	Second Interim Draft Report, 1970
OPEN	Securities and Exchange Commission Abstracts and Investigative File, 1970
OPEN	Securities and Exchange Commission Complaint, 1969
OPEN	Speaker (John W. McCormack), 1969-70
OPEN	State of California vs. Jerome Rehman, 1970-72
OPEN	Supreme Court Disclosure of Income Impeachment - Fortas, 1969
OPEN	Ticker Tape Reports, 1970
OPEN	Waggoner, Joe D., 1970-72
OPEN	Wyman, Louis C. 1970-71
OPEN	Wyman - Waggoner Resolution, 1970-71

Subject File, 1965-73.

(Boxes R19-R34, 6.7 linear feet)

Correspondence, agendas, form letters, circulars, occasional notes, news releases, committee prints, and publications concerning miscellaneous House affairs, current and proposed legislation, Republican congressional matters, and disparate other topics. Primarily 1973 but with some earlier items. Arranged alphabetically by subject. Folders from this series relating to Nixon White House meetings with Republican congressional leaders are available in digital form.

Box R19 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Abraham Lincoln - Letters From the White House, 1973
OPEN	Abraham Lincoln - Proclamation (Printed)
OPEN	Agnew, Spiro T., 1973
OPEN	Alaska Pipeline Bill (H.R. 9130), 1973-74
OPEN	Amateur Athletic Act of 1973
OPEN	American Broadcasting Company - State of the Congress Proposal, 1970-73
OPEN	American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, 1973
OPEN	Amway Corporation - Center of Free Enterprise, 1971-3
OPEN	Assistant Minority Floor Leaders, 1973
OPEN	Atomic Energy, 1973
OPEN	Bartlett, Joe, 1973
OPEN	Bills - Introduced by Gerald Ford, 1973 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Bills - Ready for Introduction (Not to be Introduced), 1973

Box R20 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Biographies - Gerald Ford, 1973
OPEN	Boggs, Hale - New Orleans States - Item Series on Career, 1973
OPEN	Boggs/Ford Trip to China, 1972
OPEN	Books
OPEN	Boosters Club, 1966
OPEN	Boosters Club, 1969
OPEN	Budget, 1973
OPEN	Business Community - Republican Leadership Relations, 1967
OPEN	California Steam Bus Project, 1972-73
OPEN	Cambodia, 1973
OPEN	Campaign Spending - Federal Election Campaign Act, 1973
OPEN	Capitol - Extension of, 1972-73
OPEN	Capitol Historical Society, 1973

Status	Title
OPEN	Capitol Page School, 1973
OPEN	Chamber of Commerce, 1973
OPEN	Chinese Film on Acupuncture - Showing to Kent County Medical Society, 1973
OPEN	Committee on Agriculture, 1973
OPEN	Committee on Appropriations, 1973
OPEN	Committee on Armed Services, 1973 (Empty)
OPEN	Committee on Banking and Currency, 1973
OPEN	Committee on Committees, 1973
OPEN	Committee on District of Columbia, 1973 (Empty)

Box R21 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Committee on Education and Labor, 1973
OPEN	Committee on Foreign Affairs, 1973
OPEN	Committee on Government Operations, 1973 (Empty)
OPEN	Committee on House Administration, 1973 (Empty)
OPEN	Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, 1973
OPEN	Committee on Internal Security, 1973
OPEN	Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, 1973 (Empty)
OPEN	Committee on Judiciary, 1973 (Empty)
OPEN	Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, 1973
OPEN	Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, 1973
OPEN	Committee on Public Works, 1973 (Empty)
OPEN	Committee on Rules, 1973
OPEN	Committee on Science and Astronautics, 1973 (Empty)
OPEN	Committee on Veterans Affairs, 1973 (Empty)
OPEN	Committee on Ways and Means, 1973
OPEN	Common Cause, 1971-73 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Conference for Business Executives on Federal Government Operations, 1968

Status	Title
OPEN	Congressional Campaigns, 1968-70
OPEN	Congressional Campaigns, 1973
OPEN	Congressional Casualties List - Congressional Record Remarks, 1972
OPEN	Congressional Guests of White House, 1973

Box R22 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Congressional Record Inserts, 1973
OPEN	Court Cases Involving Congress, 1971-73 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Current Comedy - Publication by Bob Orben, 1973
OPEN	Death Penalty (HR6028), 1973
OPEN	Debt Limit (Empty)
OPEN	Department of Defense, 1973
OPEN	Economic Development Act (HR 2246), 1973
OPEN	Engineering and Medical Services (S.504), 1973
OPEN	Energy and Natural Resources Department, 1973
OPEN	Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1973
OPEN	Flood Disaster Protection Act, 1973
OPEN	Fonda, Jane, 1973
OPEN	Food Labeling, 1973
OPEN	Ford/Albert Reception for President Thieu, 4/5/73
OPEN	Ford/Blatnik Environmental Protection Agency Briefing, 10/11/73

Box R23 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Frye, Alton - Institute for the Congress, 1971-73
OPEN	Grass Roots, Inc., 1973
OPEN	Hartmann - Biographical Information
OPEN	Hartmann - Bull Elephants, 1973
OPEN	Hartmann - Father-Son Breakfasts, 1973
OPEN	Hartmann - For House Floor, 1973

Status	Title
OPEN	Hartmann - Maps and Directions to RTH's House
OPEN	Hartmann - Personal, 1973
OPEN	Hartmann - RAMS, 1973
OPEN	Hartmann - Republican Communications Association, 1973
OPEN	Holland Christian Schools, 1973
OPEN	Honor America Resolution, 1973
OPEN	House Information Systems - Bill Status System, 1973
OPEN	House Information Systems - Electronic Voting Systems, 1972-73
OPEN	House Members, 1966-72
OPEN	House Parliamentary Summary, 1973
OPEN	House Republican Leadership, 1973
OPEN	Impeachment of the President, 1973
OPEN	Impoundment Bill - Anderson (HCR 165), 1973
OPEN	Impoundment Bill - Mahon (HR 5193), 1973
OPEN	Impoundment of Funds, 1973
OPEN	Interns, 1972-73

Box R24 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Joint Committee on Congressional Operations, 1973
OPEN	Joint Senate-House Republican Leadership, 3/19/73
OPEN	Joint Senate-House Republican Leadership, 4/9/73
OPEN	Joint Senate-House Republican Leadership, 4/16/73
OPEN	Jokes, 1972-73
OPEN	Legislation - Miscellaneous, 1973
OPEN	Legislation - Requests for Ford to Co-Sponsor with Other Members, 1973
OPEN	Legislation - Upcoming, 1973
OPEN	Letters to Republican Incumbents - 93rd Congress, 1972
OPEN	Letters to Republican Members of the House and Republican Leadership, 1971-72

Status	Title
OPEN	Letters to Republican Members of the House and Republican Leadership, 1/73-3/73

Box R25 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Letters to Republican Members of the House and Republican Leadership, 4/73-10/73
OPEN	Library of Congress, 1970-73
OPEN	Lipscomb, Glennard P. - Keel Laying and Launching of Submarine Named After Him, 1971-73
OPEN	Manpower Revenue Sharing, 1973
OPEN	Mayors and Presidents - 5th District, Michigan (re gifts of American flags)
OPEN	McCloskey, Paul N., 1971-73 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Meetings with Senator Scott, 1973
OPEN	Memoranda - Hartmann to Ford, 1967-68 and 1973
OPEN	Minority Staffing, 1973
OPEN	Miscellaneous, 1971-73
OPEN	Miscellaneous Data, 1965-69
OPEN	Motion Picture Association of America - Screening, 3/19/73
OPEN	Motion Picture Association of America - Theatre Party, 5/4/73
OPEN	Motion Picture Parties, 1966-67

Box R26 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Mushrooms, 1972-73
OPEN	National Football Foundation Hall of Fame Dinner, 1972 (1)-(2)
OPEN	National Governors Conference, 1973
OPEN	New Hampshire's Education Cash Voucher Experiment, 1973
OPEN	Newsletters - Ford, 1973
OPEN	93rd Class Club - Congressional Freshmen, 1973

Status	Title
OPEN	93rd Congress - Key Changes, 1973
OPEN	Nixon - Accomplishments of the First Four Years, 1972
OPEN	Nixon - Miscellaneous, 1973
OPEN	Nongermane Point of Order - State Department Appropriations Authorization Act, 1973
OPEN	Nut File, 1973
OPEN	Office Equipment, 1973
OPEN	Office of Technology Assessment, 1971-73
OPEN	Office of the Whip, 1973

Box R27 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Oil Supply Problem, 1972-73
OPEN	Older Americans - Aging, 1973
OPEN	O'Neill, Thomas P., 1973
OPEN	Panama Canal, 1972-73
OPEN	Pesticide Letters, 1973
OPEN	Pesticides - Emergency Temporary Standards for Exposure to Organophosphorous Pesticides, 1973 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Photograph Album
OPEN	Policy Committee, 1966
OPEN	Polls, 1973

Box R28 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Presidential Messages, 1973

Box R29 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Press - Parties, 1966
OPEN	Prisoners of War - Return of, 1973
OPEN	Professional Standards Review Organizations - Department of HEW, 1973
OPEN	Republican Attendance, 1967

Status	Title
OPEN	Republican Attendance, 1968-69
OPEN	Republican Conference, 1972-73
OPEN	Republican Conference - Legislative Digest, 1972-73 (1)- (2)
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - Chairmanship, 1973
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - Miscellaneous, 1973

Box R30 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - Newsletter, 1973
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - News Releases, 1973
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - Seventy-Four (Publication), 1973
OPEN	Republican National Committee, 1973
OPEN	Republican National Committee - First Monday (Publication), 1973
OPEN	Republican Policy Committee, 1973
OPEN	Republican Research Committee, 1973
OPEN	Republican Research Committee - Record Vote Analysis, 1973
OPEN	Republican Task Force on Environment, 1973
OPEN	Republican Task Force on House Rules, 1972
OPEN	Rosters, 1973
OPEN	Rural Electrification Administration, 1973
OPEN	Rural Environmental Assistance Program (HR 2107), 1973
OPEN	Rural Water and Sewer Bill (HR 3298), 1973
OPEN	Scott, Hugh - Dugout Chatter, 1973
OPEN	Scott, Hugh - News Releases, 1973
OPEN	Select Committee on Committees, 1973

Box R31 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Select Committee on Committees - Hearings, 1973 (Publication)
OPEN	Select Committee on Small Business, 1972
OPEN	Simmons, Willard B., 1973
OPEN	Soviet Jews, 1973
OPEN	Space Shuttle Program - NASA, 1973
OPEN	Speeches - South Bend Gridiron Club Dinner, 4/17/67
OPEN	Speeches - Remarks by Gerald Ford on the Floor of the House, 8/8/67
OPEN	Speeches - Annual Dinner of the Gridiron Club, 3/9/68
OPEN	Speeches - William and Mary Commencement, 6/9/68
OPEN	Speeches - Wake Forest University Commencement, 5/9/72
OPEN	Speeches, 1973 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Speeches - Red Arrow Division Convention, 9/2/73
OPEN	State Chairmen - Republicans, 1966
OPEN	State Delegations
OPEN	Statements and Press Releases, 1973
OPEN	Status of Administration Requests, 1973 (1)

Box R32 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Status of Administration Requests, 1973 (2)-(4)
OPEN	Status of Veto-Bait Bills, 1973
OPEN	Task Force on Election Reform, 1973
OPEN	Task Force on Energy and Resources, 1973
OPEN	Taxing of Political Parties - New IRS Policy, 1973
OPEN	Trade Reform Act, 1973 (Publications)
OPEN	Trilateral Commission, 1973
OPEN	Vietnam War, 1973
OPEN	Vote Breakdowns - Roll Calls, 1973 (1)-(2)

Box R33 - Subject File

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Status	Title
OPEN	Vote Breakdowns - Roll Calls, 1973 (3)-(4)
OPEN	Voting Records, 1965-66
OPEN	War Powers Resolution, 1973
OPEN	Watergate, 1973 (1)-(2)
OPEN	White House Leadership Meetings
OPEN / DIGITIZED	White House Leadership Meeting, 1/11/73
OPEN / DIGITIZED	White House Leadership Meeting, 1/26/73
OPEN / DIGITIZED	White House Leadership Meeting, 2/6/73
OPEN / DIGITIZED	White House Leadership Meeting, 3/6/73
OPEN / DIGITIZED	White House Leadership Meeting, 3/13/73 (includes Ford notes)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	White House Leadership Meeting, 3/20/73
OPEN / DIGITIZED	White House Leadership Meeting, 4/10/73 (includes Ford notes)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	White House Leadership Meeting, 5/23/73 (includes Ford notes)

Box R34 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	White House Leadership Meeting, 6/5/73 (includes Ford notes)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	White House Leadership Meeting, 7/10/73 (includes Ford notes)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	White House Leadership Meeting, 7/25/73 (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	White House Leadership Meeting, 7/25/73 (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	White House Leadership Meeting, 7/25/73 (3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	White House Leadership Meeting, 7/25/73 (4)