

GEOFFREY C. SHEPARD FILES, 1974-75

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Biography

Geoffrey C. Shepard

Nov. 7, 1944 - Born, Santa Barbara, CA

1966 - B.A., Whittier College

1969 - J.D., Harvard University

1969 - Attorney with Perkins, Cole, Stone, Olsen, and Williams in Seattle, WA

1969-70 - White House Fellow assigned to the Treasury Department

1970-75 - Staff Assistant; Associate Director, Domestic Council staff

1975-77 - Senior Associate, Steptoe and Johnson, Washington, DC

1977-84 - INA Corporation, Philadelphia

1982-91 - CIGNA Corporation, Philadelphia

1991-94 - Reliance Insurance Group, Philadelphia

1994-? - President, Corporate Division of Karr Barth Associates, AXA-Equitable Co.

2008 - Author, *The Secret Plot to Make Ted Kennedy President*, Penguin Sentinel

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Scope and Content Note

Geoffrey Shepard served during the Nixon administration and a portion of the Ford administration as Domestic Council associate director primarily handling general government issues requiring liaison with the Justice Department, especially campaign finance reform, civil rights, drug abuse law enforcement, and Vietnam War amnesty. The materials described consist largely of files produced and

accumulated by Shepard from August 1974 to February 1975, although occasional earlier items appear in the files.

As an Associate Director of the Domestic Council, Shepard worked very closely with Executive Director Kenneth Cole on a variety of significant, politically sensitive issues, many of which involved Justice Department input. He helped coordinate policy formulation on several presidential initiatives, monitored legislation in Congress, attended interagency meetings, and prepared statements, briefing papers and Q and A's for the President. Shepard participated in several Cabinet-level special committees, including the working group of the Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism and Domestic Council committees on drug abuse and illegal aliens. Assistant Director Lynn May worked with Shepard on most of his activities.

The Shepard files document his role in policy development on Vietnam War amnesty, campaign finance reform, and busing; and his meetings and correspondence with agency officials handling the review of federal drug abuse and illegal aliens policies. Also included are substantive memoranda, correspondence and reports on the beginnings of Ford administration criminal law reform initiatives proposed later in 1975. Expecting to depart the Domestic Council in December 1974, Shepard prepared documents to assist his successor which summarized his responsibilities and key agency contacts and meticulously noted the arrangement and condition of his files, including lists of files retired during the Nixon administration.

While generally complete, the Shepard files contain no information on his responsibility on the Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism. Security classified reports on terrorist activity sent to him can be found in Central Files (CFOA 39 and 42). In addition, Shepard's chronological files of correspondence cover only the last three months of his Domestic Council service. Shepard's successor, Richard Parsons, inherited Shepard's files and added a few items and removed some files on currently active issues before retiring the remaining files to Central Files.

Related Materials (May 1982)

The files of certain other Domestic Council staff members contain significant information on topics within Shepard's areas of responsibility, especially those of his assistant F. Lynn May, his successor Richard Parsons, and Executive Director Kenneth Cole. The White House Central Files contain a series of reports on

terrorism sent to Shepard (see CFOA 39 and 42). The files of the Counsel to the President's office contain important related materials, notably the files of Philip Buchen on Vietnam War amnesty.

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General Subject File, 1974-75.

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Memoranda, correspondence, meeting notes, draft reports, printed items and other materials accumulated by Shepard, primarily during the Ford administration. Nixon administration materials on campaign finance reform, busing and drug abuse, among other topics, are interfiled with Ford administration materials on these subjects. Other topics include: amnesty for Vietnam War draft evaders, criminal law reform, illegal aliens and other subjects requiring extensive liaison with the Justice Department.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 1 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	American Bar Association
OPEN	American Bar Association - VP Nomination
OPEN	Amnesty - General (1)-(3)
OPEN	Amnesty - Leniency Drafts
OPEN	Amnesty - Leniency Meeting
OPEN	Amnesty - Leniency Signing Ceremony
OPEN	Amnesty - Newspaper Clippings
OPEN	Amnesty - Press Releases
OPEN	Biographical Sketches of Administration Officials, A-Z
OPEN	Black Caucus
OPEN	Black Caucus - Position Papers, 9/18/74

Box 2 - General Subject File

Status	Title
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OPEN	Campaign Reform - Administration's Bill
OPEN	Campaign Reform - Comparison of S3044 as Passed by the Senate and House
OPEN	Campaign Reform - Correspondence (1)-(2)
OPEN	Campaign Reform - Cooperative Analysis
OPEN	Campaign Reform - Fact Sheet
OPEN	Campaign Reform - Federal Election Campaign Act Committee (Conference) Print (1)-(2)
OPEN	Campaign Reform - General (1)-(2)
OPEN	Campaign Reform - HR 16090: Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1974
OPEN	Campaign Reform - Newspaper Clippings
OPEN	Campaign Reform - Senate Conference Report: Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments
OPEN	Chronological File, 12/74-2/75

Box 3 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Civil Disturbances (1)-(2)
OPEN	Civil Rights - Busing: Boston
OPEN	Civil Rights - Busing: Boston - Kit Contents
OPEN	Civil Rights - Busing: Boston - Newspaper Clippings
OPEN	Civil Rights - General
OPEN	Civil Rights - Holt Amendment
OPEN	Civil Rights - Speeches
OPEN	Civil Rights - Weekly Reports (1)-(2)
OPEN	Commendations - Firemen
OPEN	Commendations - Policemen
OPEN	Congressional - Legislation (1)-(3)

Box 4 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	District of Columbia Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure

Status	Title
OPEN	Domestic Council - Administrative Matters (1)-(2)
OPEN	Domestic Council - Committee on the Right of Privacy
OPEN	Domestic Council - General
OPEN	Domestic Council - Regional Briefings
OPEN	Drug Abuse - Domestic Council Committees
OPEN	Drug Abuse - Drug Enforcement Administration, Exhibit A (1)-(2)
OPEN	Drug Abuse - General
OPEN	Drug Abuse - Special Action Office Extension
OPEN	Drug Abuse - White House Organization and Drug Abuse
OPEN	Drug Reorganization (1)-(2)
OPEN	Drug Reorganization - Plan #2
OPEN	Economic Summit on Inflation

Box 5 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Enrolled Bills
OPEN	Executive Order - Geneva Protocol of 1925: Ratification
OPEN	Executive Order 11030 - National Tourism Resources Board and Inflation Impact Statements
OPEN	Federal Criminal Code Reform Bill (1)-(2)
OPEN	Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee
OPEN	Foreign Investment Regulation
OPEN	Gun Control (1)-(2)
OPEN	Illegal Aliens (1)-(2)
OPEN	Interest Groups
OPEN	Intergovernmental Affairs - Governors' Bulletin
OPEN	Intergovernmental Affairs - Miscellaneous
OPEN	Interoffice Correspondence
OPEN	Internal Revenue Service Traffickers Program
OPEN	Irish Republican Army

Box 6 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Justice Department - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms
OPEN	Justice Department - General
OPEN	Justice Department - Voting Rights
OPEN	Legal Group - Personnel
OPEN	Legislation - Death Penalty
OPEN	Legislation - Elementary and Secondary Education Act Amendments: HR 69
OPEN	Legislative Encroachments
OPEN	Lorton Furlough Program (1)-(2)
OPEN	Meeting Proposals
OPEN	Meeting of Domestic Council, 8/19/74 (Empty)
OPEN	Meeting with the President on Amnesty, 8/30/74
OPEN	Meeting with the President on Crime and Drugs, 9/5/74
OPEN	Meeting with the President - Patrolman of the Year, 9/24/74
OPEN	Meeting with the President and Drug Principals, 10/18/74
OPEN	Meeting with President Echeverria (Mexico), 10/21/74
OPEN	Meeting with Editors and Black Leaders, 10/26/74
OPEN	MIA Matters
OPEN	Miscellaneous Subjects
OPEN	Newspaper Clippings
OPEN	Newspaper Clippings - William Safire
OPEN	North Central Airlines - Preclearance
OPEN	Office of Management and Budget
OPEN	Organized Crime - Correspondence
OPEN	Organized Crime - General
OPEN	Organized Crime Control Act of 1969 - Committee Report (1)

Box 7 - General Subject File

Status	Title
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OPEN	Organized Crime Control Act of 1969 - Committee Report (2)
OPEN	Pending Before Congress
OPEN	Presidential Appointments
OPEN	President's Commission on White House Fellows
OPEN	Privacy Protection Study Commission
OPEN	Privacy - Treasury Proposed Legislation on Privacy of Tax Returns
OPEN	Protection of Foreign Visitors and Dignitaries (1)-(2)
OPEN	Questions and Answers (1)-(4)

Box 8 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Revenue Sharing
OPEN	Schedule Proposals
OPEN	Secret Service - HR 11499
OPEN	Shepard, Geoffrey - Index to Files
OPEN	Shepard, Geoffrey - Items Sent to Central Files
OPEN	State Lotteries
OPEN	Transition
OPEN	Trips - San Clemente, 7/17/74
OPEN	Trips - Seattle, WA, 9/12-18/74
OPEN	Trips - National Conference of U.S. Attorneys, New Orleans, LA, 10/15-18/74
OPEN	Trips - Governor Reagan's Criminal Justice Conference, Sacramento, CA, 12/2-4/74
OPEN	Vice Presidential Residence
OPEN	Voting Rights Act
OPEN	Voting Rights Act - Statistics, 1965-74