

ROBERT ORBEN PAPERS, 1947-2005

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Biography

Robert Orben

March 4, 1927 - Born in New York, New York

1943 - Graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School

1946 - Published *The Encyclopedia of Patter*

1950-51 - Writer, *Fun with Felix*

1958-89 - Editor, "Orben's Current Comedy"

1962-63 - Writer, *The Jack Paar Program*

1964-67 - Writer, *The Red Skelton Hour*

1974 - Consultant to Vice President Gerald R. Ford

1974-75 - Speechwriter and Associate Editor for President Gerald R. Ford

1/1976-1/1977 - Director, White House Speechwriting Staff

3/1976-1/1977 - Special Assistant to the President under Counsellor Robert T. Hartmann

2000 Published *Speaker's Handbook of Humor*

Scope and Content Note

Robert Orben began his comedy career as a magician and played a prominent role in the magic community through the 1950s. In 1946, he produced his first magic book, *The Encyclopedia of Patter*. Later he wrote for *Magic is Fun* and *Genii* magazine and for the magic TV show *Fun with Felix*. Following this early success, Orben transitioned away from magic and applied his humor to other fields.

As his popularity increased, Orben's comedy writing services attracted corporate and political clients. As a writer for the Republican Congressional Committee and other GOP clients, he was hired as a consultant for Vice President Gerald Ford and served as a speechwriter and advisor during Ford's presidency, eventually becoming Special Assistant to the President. In 1976, he succeeded Paul Theis as the head White House speechwriter under Counsellor Robert Hartmann. Even after his presidency, President Ford continued to employ Orben's humor, seeking his counsel for commencement speeches, Republican National Conventions, and similar public addresses through the 1990s.

In the corporate world, Orben wrote for individual executives as well as large corporations. He worked extensively with IBM's multiple divisions and managers through the 1980s. His experience with speechwriting and delivery also appealed to professional and non-profit organizations. He traveled throughout the United States giving talks on the uses of humor in business and communications. In particular, his talk, "The Business of Humor, the Humor of Business," was well known and frequently requested.

In addition to writing for others, Orben contributed his own jokes and one-liners to numerous newspaper and magazine columns. He has written over 40 books on humor, some of which are included in this collection's "Publications" series. He also edited his own comedy newsletter, "Orben's Current Comedy," published through his Delaware company, The Comedy Inc.

Scope and Content of the Robert Orben Papers: This collection primarily covers Orben's later work in the fields of entertainment, business, and politics, although there are some early publications and clippings documenting his contributions to the magic community during the 1940s and 50s. Materials related to his speechwriting are generally confined to the 1960s through the early 1990s.

Scope and Content

The materials Orben compiled from the Ford administration may in some cases parallel the materials in the Theis and Orben Files or in the White House Central Files Subject File: SP (Speeches), but this collection is not likely to be helpful as a comprehensive resource for speeches and statements delivered by President Ford. Instead, the "White House Speeches" and "White House Subject File" contain materials concerning the use of humor in political situations and as a tool to manage the President's image. Humor as a communication device in the political and corporate realm is also the topic of most materials in the "Interviews and Public Appearances" series.

Related Materials (September 2014)

Related materials include the Paul Theis and Robert Orben Files, the Paul Theis Papers, the Robert T. Hartman Files, Robert Hartman Papers, and the Ron Nessen Files. Drafts and background material for President Ford's speeches can be found in the White House Central Files Subject File: SP (Speeches).

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Television File, 1961-70 (1993).

(Boxes A1-A8 and L1-L11, 8.3 linear feet)

This series contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, monologues, scripts, and joke cards compiled during Robert Orben's career as a comedy writer prior to his work on President Ford's White House Editorial Staff. Included are materials Orben wrote for comedians and television personalities such as Red Buttons, Dick Gregory, Jack Paar, and Red Skelton. The subseries pertaining to Jack Paar consists primarily of monologues written for Paar as host of *The Jack Paar Program*. Materials relating to Red Skelton include writing for the *Red Skelton Hour* as well as his numerous appearances on other talk shows. Orben's edited copies of Dick Gregory's book, *From the Back of the Bus*, are also included along with a published copy.

Arranged alphabetically, chronologically thereunder. Index cards are filed in boxes L1 - L11.

Box A1 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Red Buttons - Correspondence
OPEN	Red Buttons - Sketches, 1963
OPEN	Red Buttons - Sketches, 1964
OPEN	Red Buttons - Sketches, 1969
OPEN	Red Buttons - Sketches, 1993
OPEN	Dick Gregory - From the Back of the Bus (1)
OPEN	Dick Gregory - From the Back of the Bus (2)
OPEN	Dick Gregory - From the Back of the Bus (3)
OPEN	Dick Gregory - Correspondence
OPEN	Dick Gregory - Comedy Material

Box A2 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Dick Gregory - Comedy Material [Continued]
OPEN	Dick Gregory - Newspaper Clippings (1)
OPEN	Dick Gregory - Newspaper Clippings (2)
OPEN	Dick Gregory - Index Cards
OPEN	Jack Paar - Correspondence
OPEN	Jack Paar - Newspaper Clippings
OPEN	Jack Paar - The Jack Paar Program Monologues

Box A3 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Jack Paar - The Jack Paar Program Monologues [Continued]
OPEN	Red Skelton - Correspondence
OPEN	Red Skelton - Monologues

Box A4 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Red Skelton - Monologues [Continued]

Box A5 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Red Skelton - Monologues [Continued]

Box A6 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Red Skelton - Monologues [Continued]

Box A7 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Red Skelton - Monologues [Continued]
OPEN	Red Skelton - Newspaper Clippings
OPEN	Red Skelton - Obituaries and Tributes
OPEN	Red Skelton - Red Skelton Show (1)
OPEN	Red Skelton - Red Skelton Show (2)

Box A8 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Red Skelton [Continued] - Red Skelton Show (3)
OPEN	Red Skelton [Continued] - Red Skelton Show (4)
OPEN	Red Skelton [Continued] - Writers Guild Foundation Book

Political File, 1964-96.

(Boxes B1-B5 and L11-L13, 2.8 linear feet)

This series contains correspondence, background materials, and drafts written by Orben as a political speechwriting consultant. The speeches he wrote for Gerald Ford before and after his presidency are included in this series. Other prominent politicians in this series are Jimmy Carter, Bob Dole, Barry Goldwater, Al Haig, and Ronald Reagan. Prior to working in the Ford Administration, Orben contributed to "Congressional Chaff", the humor section of the Republican Congressional Committee's monthly newsletter, and to "Political Punchlines", a compilation of political one-liners. His working papers for these materials along with the final publications are included in the "Republican Congressional Committee" subseries.

Arranged alphabetically by speaker or organization, and chronologically thereunder. Index cards are filed in boxes L11 - L13.

Box B1 - Political File

Status	Title
OPEN	Adams, Secretary of Transportation Brock- 1979
OPEN	Baker, James - 11/13/1981, Texas Dinner

Status	Title
OPEN	Baker, James - 1/16/1982, Republican Southern Leadership Conference
OPEN	Baker, James - 3/23/1991, Gridiron Dinner
OPEN	Blatchford, Joseph - 10/6/1972
OPEN	Dean, Burch - 11/30/1964, Gridiron Dinner
OPEN	Carter, Jimmy - 9/24/1977, Black Caucus Dinner
OPEN	Dole, Bob - Correspondence
OPEN	Dole, Bob - 3/3/1977, Saints & Sinners
OPEN	Dole, Bob - 1/25/1978, Washington Press Club
OPEN	Dole, Bob - 3/11/1978, Gridiron Dinner
OPEN	Dole, Bob - 5/6/1986, Cronkite Roast
OPEN	Dole, Elizabeth - 6/14/1977, A.A.F Luncheon
OPEN	Eckert, Jack - Comedy Material (1)
OPEN	Eckert, Jack - Comedy Material (2)

Box B2 - Political File

Status	Title
OPEN	Ford, Betty - 4/28/1987, Washington Post Book and Author Luncheon
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 3/9/1968, Gridiron Dinner
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 1/21/1971, Remarks of the Honorable Gerald R. Ford Upon the Election of the Speaker of the 92nd Congress
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 5/29/1972, Wake Forest Commencement Address
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 3/18/1977, Ski Industries America Trade Show
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 12/7/1982, National Football Foundation
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 1/29/1983, NFL Alumni Award
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 2/28/1983, Hyman Rickover
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 5/17/1983, Kissinger Chair Event
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 9/15/1983, Voter Participation Symposium

Status	Title
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 4/12/1984, Pat Brown Institute
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 5/20/1984, Commencement
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 3/17/1986, Tip O'Neil Dinner
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 9/25/1986, Paul Conrad Roast
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 1/3/1988, Dolores Hope Outpatient Center
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 8/16/1988, Republican Convention
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 1/20/199, Betty Ford Center Roast
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 8/1/1992, Bohemian Grove
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 5/27/1993, Kissinger's 70th Birthday
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 10/30/1993, Bakersfield Business/Finance Conference
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - 8/1996, Republican National Convention
OPEN	Fritz, Sarah - 4/13/1984, White House Correspondents Dinner
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry - Comedy Material
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry - Correspondence
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry - Newsbook

Box B3 - Political File

Status	Title
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry [Continued] - 3/20/1965, Gridiron Dinner
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry [Continued] - 11/11/1965, National Review Dinner
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry [Continued] - 7/27/1966, National Press Club
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry [Continued] - 11/17/1966, Golden Mike Awards Dinner
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry [Continued] - 8/23/1967, "Bull Elephants" Talk
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry [Continued] - 10/18/1967, Ryder Cup Match Dinner

Status	Title
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry [Continued] - 3/5/1968, Republican Dinner Speech
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry [Continued] - 1/7/1969, Women's National Press Club
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry [Continued] - 3/5/1969, National Space Club Luncheon
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry [Continued] - 9/22/1984, 50th Wedding Anniversary
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry Jr. - 11/24/1969, Trunk and Tusk Speech
OPEN	Haig, Al - 1/26/1980, Alfalfa Speech (1)
OPEN	Haig, Al - 1/26/1980, Alfalfa Speech (2)
OPEN	Haig, Al - 1/26/1980, Alfalfa Speech (3)
OPEN	Lufkin, Daniel - Introductions
OPEN	Lufkin, Daniel - Venue Fact Sheets
OPEN	Lufkin, Daniel - 2/8/1974, Danbury
OPEN	Lufkin, Daniel - 2/13/1974, East Haddam
OPEN	Lufkin, Daniel - 2/15/1974, New Haven
OPEN	Lufkin, Daniel - 2/16/1974, Stratford

Box B4 - Political File

Status	Title
OPEN	Lufkin, Daniel [Continued] - 2/22/1974, Meriden
OPEN	Lufkin, Daniel [Continued] - 5/23/1974, Agawam
OPEN	Nunn, Senator Sam - 1/3/1982, Alfalfa Dinner
OPEN	Reagan, Ronald - 3/4/1976, Florida
OPEN	Reagan, Ronald - 10/16/1980, Al Smith Dinner
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - Political Punchlines (1)
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - Political Punchlines (2)
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - Newsletter (1)
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - Newsletter (2)

Status	Title
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - Newsletter (3)
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - Newsletter (4)
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - Newsletter (5)
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - Newsletter (6)
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - Newsletter (7)
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - Newsletter (8)

Box B5 - Political File

Status	Title
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee [Continued] - Newsletter (9)
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee [Continued] - Newsletter (10)
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee [Continued] - Newsletter (11)
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee [Continued] - Newsletter (12)
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee [Continued] - Newsletter (13)
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee [Continued] - Newsletter (14)
OPEN	Richards, Carol - 1/26/1982, Washington Press Club Congressional Night
OPEN	Vander Jagt, Guy - 12/4/1982, Gridiron Mid-Year Dinner
OPEN	Wilson, Representative Bob

Corporate File, 1967-92.

(Boxes C1-C7, 3.1 linear feet)

This series contains correspondence, invoices, event programs and schedules, speech cards, and scripts relating to Robert Orben's work as a consultant to executives and corporations. It encompasses his speech writing as well as editing services and speech workshops. Some of his clients include the Campbell Soup Company, Eastern Airlines, and Shell Oil Company. The bulk of this series is comprised of materials representing his long-term business relationship with IBM

(spanning from 1977-1991). This includes planning notes and scripts for IBM's varied recognition events and business retreats as well as comedy material for presenters and managers.

Arranged alphabetically by corporation, chronologically thereunder.

Box C1 - Corporate File

Status	Title
OPEN	Allied Air Freight / Louis Kasman - 11/8/1977, Annual Convention of Allied Van Lines
OPEN	Allied Air Freight / Louis Kasman - 2/16/1977, Air Cargo Convention of Allied Van Lines
OPEN	Allied Air Freight / Louis Kasman - 4/14/1978, Chicago Chapter of the National Defense Transportation Association
OPEN	Allied Air Freight / Louis Kasman - 6-8/1978
OPEN	Burston-Marsteller - 12/30/1980, Farewell Dinner
OPEN	Campbell Soup Co. / David Johnson - 1992
OPEN	Campbell Soup Co. / David Johnson - 1/31/1992
OPEN	Campbell Soup Co. / David Johnson - 3/9/1992, National Food Processors Association, "Butterflies are not Free"
OPEN	Campbell Soup Co. / David Johnson - 4/24/1992, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business Annual Management Conference
OPEN	Campbell Soup Co. / David Johnson - 7/19/1992, Sales Meeting
OPEN	Chase Manhattan Bank - 1/6/1983, Speechwriters Seminar
OPEN	Eastern Airlines - 8/11/1971, Lee Stern, Sales Conference
OPEN	Eastern Airlines - 4/13/1972, Floyd Hall, "IATA: The Untidy Art of Muddling Through"
OPEN	Eastern Airlines - 5/1/1972, Jonathan Rinehart
OPEN	Eastern Airlines - 6/27/1972, Frank Borman
OPEN	Eastern Airlines - 9/25/1972, Floyd Hall (International Air Transport Association)

Status	Title
OPEN	Eastern Airlines - 11/10/1972, Floyd Hall
OPEN	Eastern Airlines - 7/20/1973, Floyd Hall

Box C2 - Corporate File

Status	Title
OPEN	Eastman Kodak - 3/4-3/5/1985, Speechwriting Seminar
OPEN	Esquire / Clay Felker - 1/11/1979, 25th Anniversary of Playboy
OPEN	Focus Marketing / Johnnie Walker Comedy - 9/1989
OPEN	Focus Marketing / Johnnie Walker Comedy - 1991
OPEN	IBM - COMDEX Convention
OPEN	IBM - Management Conferences
OPEN	IBM - Recognition Events

Box C3 - Corporate File

Status	Title
OPEN	IBM - Recognition Events [Continued]

Box C4 - Corporate File

Status	Title
OPEN	IBM - Recognition Events [Continued]

Box C5 - Corporate File

Status	Title
OPEN	IBM - Recognition Events [Continued]

Box C6 - Corporate File

Status	Title
OPEN	IBM - Recognition Events [Continued]
OPEN	IBM - Speeches
OPEN	IBM - Speechwriting Talks and Workshops

Box C7 - Corporate File

Status	Title
OPEN	Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation - 8/1981, American Iron and Steel Institute
OPEN	J. Walter Thompson Company - 1967, silly millimeter jokes

Status	Title
OPEN	Larry King - 1/31/1987, Tommy Lasorda Roast
OPEN	Marriott Corporation - 5/18-5/21/1977, 50th Anniversary Celebration
OPEN	Mobil Oil Corporation - 1979
OPEN	New York Apples Tennis Team - 3/19/1977
OPEN	Panax Corporation / John McGoff - 1/13/1978, Dr. John Jamrich Roast
OPEN	Phillips Petroleum Company - 7/15-7/17/1981, Seminar
OPEN	Phillips Petroleum Company - 3/30/1982, Bill Martin Retirement
OPEN	Scientific Medical Programs - 8/1/1989
OPEN	Scientific Medical Programs - 5/2/1990
OPEN	The Silurian Society - 1982, Newspapers
OPEN	Shell Oil Company / Kitty Borah - 1977, "Future Fuels: A Day in the Year 2000" (1)
OPEN	Shell Oil Company / Kitty Borah - 1977, "Future Fuels: A Day in the Year 2000" (2)
OPEN	Tastykake, Inc. - 6/26-27/1978
OPEN	Union Carbide / Warren Anderson - 11/1/1977, "The Presidents"
OPEN	Union Carbide / Warren Anderson - 1/31/1978, Victoria Chamber of Commerce, Victoria, Texas
OPEN	U.S. News and World Report - 1982, 50th Anniversary Issue
OPEN	Young and Rubicam Inc. - 4/8/1987, AT&T Commercial

White House Speech File, 1968-77.

(Boxes D1-D8 and L13, 3.6 linear feet)

This series consists of case files containing Orben's copies of select speeches and public messages given by White House officials as well as material related to speech development. Most files include the press release copy of the speech (sometimes the first page only) and may also include background material,

correspondence, handwritten notes, drafts, joke cards, or clippings. All speeches were delivered by Ford unless otherwise noted in the folder title list. Presidential writings other than speeches are filed in the White House Subject File series under "Speechwriters - Editorial Staff Writings".


Arranged chronologically. Index cards are filed in box L13.

Box D1 - White House Speech File

Status	Title
OPEN	Presidential Speechwriting Log, 8/9/1974-1/12/1977
OPEN	White House Files Box List
OPEN	Unidentified Speech Material
OPEN	4/17/1967-11/14/1975, Early Humor Speeches (1)
OPEN	4/17/1967-11/14/1975, Early Humor Speeches (2)
OPEN	1973-74, Kissinger ♦ Speeches
OPEN	3/9/1968, Gridiron Club
OPEN	6/9/1968, College of William and Mary Commencement
OPEN	5/29/1972, Wake Forest University Commencement
OPEN	11/1/1973, Senate Committee on Rules and Administration
OPEN	11/15/1973, House Committee on the Judiciary
OPEN	12/4/1973, National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame
OPEN	12/6/1973, Senate and Joint Meeting of Congress
OPEN	12/8/1973, Gridiron Club
OPEN	12/13/1973, Heisman Trophy Dinner
OPEN	1/19/1974, Touchdown Club, Washington, D.C.
OPEN	1/25/1974, Touchdown Club, Columbus, OH
OPEN	1/29/1974, Washington Press Club Congressional Dinner
OPEN	3/16/1974, Hibernian Society
OPEN	3/28/1974, Radio-TV Correspondents Dinner
OPEN	4/6/1974, Gridiron Club
OPEN	4/26/1974, GOP Reception, Alexandria, VA
OPEN	5/4/1974, White House Correspondents' Association

Box D2 - White House Speech File

Status	Title
OPEN	6/28/1974, Sigma Delta Chi
OPEN	7/20/1974, Virginia Bar Association
OPEN	8/1/1974, American Bar Association
OPEN	8/27/1974, Herbert Stein Farewell
OPEN	8/28/1974, Press Conference No. 1
OPEN	8/30/1974, Ohio State University Commencement
OPEN	9/4/1974, Alan Greenspan (Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors) Swearing-in
OPEN	9/6/1974, Message to Washington Redskins
OPEN	9/6/1974, Johnny Grant
OPEN	9/6/1974, Dinner to Honor Reconvening the First Continental Congress
OPEN	9/11/1974, World Golf Hall of Fame
OPEN	9/18/1974, Washington Press Club
OPEN	9/18/1974, Ron Sarro (President, Washington Press Club) Swearing-in
OPEN	9/23/1974, Congressional Administrative Assistants Reception
OPEN	9/24/1974, International Association of Chiefs of Police 81st Convention
OPEN	9/24/1974, Congresswoman Leonor Sullivan Portrait Unveiling
OPEN	9/26/1974, Aviation Club - Robert Hartmann Remarks
OPEN	9/27/1974, Governor William Scranton Dinner
OPEN	10/3/1974, Congressional Retirees Dinner
OPEN	10/7/1974, Senator George Aiken Dinner
OPEN	10/9/1974, Press Conference No. 3
OPEN	10/10/1974, GOP "Michigan Republicans Salute the President" Dinner
OPEN	10/15/1974, Washington Press Club Dinner - Mary Louise Smith Remarks
OPEN	10/16/1974, Lincoln Municipal Airport Rally, Lincoln, NE

Status	Title
OPEN	10/16/1974, South Dakota Rally, Sioux Falls, SD
OPEN	10/16/1974, Republican Candidate Fundraising Dinner, Indianapolis, IN
OPEN	10/16/1974, Alfred E. Smith Memorial Dinner - Henry Kissinger  Remarks
OPEN	10/19/1974, South Carolina Speech
OPEN	10/19/1974, GOP Fundraiser, Louisville, KY
OPEN	10/21/1974, GOP Fundraiser, Des Moines, IA
OPEN	10/21/1974, GOP Dinner, Chicago, IL
OPEN	10/22/1974, GOP Breakfast and Rally, Oklahoma City, OK
OPEN	10/22/1974, GOP Fundraising Dinner, Cleveland, OH
OPEN	10/29/1974, Calvin College
OPEN	10/31/1974, Sioux City Municipal Airport Rally, Sioux City, IA
OPEN	10/31/1974, GOP Fundraiser, Los Angeles, CA
OPEN	11/1/1974, GOP Rally, Portland, OR
OPEN	11/1/1974, GOP Rally, Wichita, KS
OPEN	11/2/1974, GOP Rally, Grand Junction, Co
OPEN	11/7/1974, National Alliance of Businessmen - Remarks Were Not Used
OPEN	11/14/1974, Luke Air Force Base
OPEN	11/14/1974, National Association of Realtors
OPEN	11/14/1974, Sigma Delta Chi
OPEN	11/26/1974, Congressman John Rooney Reception
OPEN	12/1/1974, Lee Elder Testimonial
OPEN	12/2/1974, Boy Scouts "Scouter of the Year" Banquet
OPEN	12/5/1974, Defeated Members of Congress Breakfast
OPEN	12/6/1974, Harlem Globetrotters
OPEN	12/10/1974, Congressman George Mahon Portrait Unveiling

Box D3 - White House Speech File

Status	Title
OPEN	12/10/1974, Bob Hope, Distinguished American Award, National Football Foundation
OPEN	12/11/1974, Business Council
OPEN	12/11/1974, Children's Christmas Party - Betty Ford Remarks
OPEN	12/15/1974, Sid Yodain Party - Remarks Written by Paul Theis (Handwritten Notes Only)
OPEN	12/1974, Secretary Simon Introduction - Kent Crane (Handwritten Notes Only)
OPEN	12/17/1974, Christmas Ball for Congress
OPEN	12/19/1974, Christmas Party for White House Press Corps
OPEN	12/20/1974, John J. Sparkman's 75th Birthday Party
OPEN	12/1974, Christmas Gift (Pocket Calculator) for Hill
OPEN	1/7/1975, NCAA Honors Luncheon
OPEN	1/16/1975, National Press Club - Robert Hartmann, Remarks Were Not Used
OPEN	1/9/1975, American Football Coaches Association Dinner/Coaches of the Year Ceremony
OPEN	1/16/1975, Thank You for Gift of Phone-Lamp
OPEN	1/18/1975, Goldwater-Miller Non-Inaugural Party
OPEN	1/18/1975, Robert Georgine Testimonial
OPEN	1/21/1975, PRSA Luncheon - Robert Hartmann, Remarks Were Not Used
OPEN	1/22/1975, Conference Board
OPEN	1/25/1975, Alfalfa Club Dinner
OPEN	1/24/1975, Bill Broom (President, National Press Club) Swearing-in
OPEN	1/28/1975, New Jersey Republican Finance Committee Dinner - Nelson Rockefeller, Remarks Were Not Used
OPEN	2/1/1975, Budget Press Briefing
OPEN	2/3/1975, White House Conference, Atlanta, GA
OPEN	2/10/1975, API Energy Conference

Status	Title
OPEN	2/11/1975, On the Steps of the Capital Building, Topeka, KS
OPEN	2/11/1975, Joint Session of the Kansas State Legislature
OPEN	2/11/1975, Rock Creek Women's Republican Club - Gwen Anderson Remarks
OPEN	2/12/1975, Bob Hope, Comedian of the Century Award, National Entertainment Conference
OPEN	2/13/1975, Honor Rockefeller Dinner
OPEN	2/13/1975, New York Society of Security Analysts
OPEN	2/14/1975, Congressman Sam Devine Testimonial
OPEN	2/20/1975, White House Dinner Honoring Governors (National Governors Conference), Includes Toasts Exchanged with Governor Calvin Rampton, Utah
OPEN	2/21/1975, Reserve Officers Association Minuteman of the Year Award
OPEN	2/26/1975, Jackie Gleason Golf Reception
OPEN	2/27/1975, Congressman Olin "Tiger" Teague Portrait Unveiling
OPEN	2/28/1975, Young Republican Leadership Conference
OPEN	3/5/1975, University of Michigan Club
OPEN	3/6/1975, Doral Celebrity Dinner - Videotape
OPEN	3/7/1975, Republican National Committee Leadership Conference
OPEN	3/10/1975, Carla Hills (Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development) Swearing-in
OPEN	3/13/1975, Radio-TV Correspondents Dinner
OPEN	3/17/1975, University of Notre Dame Convocation
OPEN	3/18/1975, John Dunlop (Secretary of Labor) Swearing-in
OPEN	3/22/1975, Gridiron Club (1)

Box D4 - White House Speech File

Status	Title
OPEN	3/22/1975, Gridiron Club (2)

Status	Title
OPEN	3/22/1975, Gridiron Club - Nelson Rockefeller
OPEN	3/22/1975, Gridiron Club - Henry Kissinger
OPEN	3/26/1975, White House Republican Reception
OPEN	3/26/2014, Baseball Pass Presentation
OPEN	4/3/1975, White House Conference and U.S. Naval Training Stop, San Diego, CA
OPEN	4/4/1975, San Francisco Bay Area Council
OPEN	4/7/1975, National Association of Broadcasters
OPEN	4/15/1975, GOP Senate-House Dinner
OPEN	4/16/1975, White House News Photographers Association
OPEN	4/18/1975, White House Conference, Concord, NJ
OPEN	4/18/1975, Joint Session of the New Hampshire State Legislature
OPEN	4/23/1975, Gerald Ford Portrait Unveiling
OPEN	4/23/1975, F. Edward Herbert Library Groundbreaking Ceremonies
OPEN	4/23/1975, Tulane University
OPEN	4/23/1975, Navy League Convention
OPEN	4/25/1975, Yale Law School Sesquicentennial
OPEN	4/28/1975, U. S. Chamber of Commerce
OPEN	5/1/1975, Rogers C. B. Morton (Secretary of Commerce) Swearing-in
OPEN	5/3/1975, White House Correspondents' Association
OPEN	5/5/1975, George P. Schultz Portrait Unveiling
OPEN	5/18/1975, Senator Hugh Scott Testimonial
OPEN	5/18/1975, University of Pennsylvania Commencement
OPEN	5/18/1975, Illinois College Commencement - Donald Rumsfeld Remarks
OPEN	5/20/1975, Freedom Day Celebration and North Carolina Bicentennial Committee Picnic Luncheon
OPEN	5/22/1975, Former Congressmen Reception

Status	Title
OPEN	5/24/1975, U.S.S. Monterey Reunion

Box D5 - White House Speech File

Status	Title
OPEN	5/25/1975, Park College Commencement - Donald Rumsfeld Remarks
OPEN	6/4/1975, West Point Commencement
OPEN	6/5/1975, Susan Ford's Graduation, Holton Arms School
OPEN	6/9/1975, Capitol Page School Graduates
OPEN	6/10/1975, National Industrial Council
OPEN	6/11/1975, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Group
OPEN	6/14/1975, Army Bicentennial on Flag Day
OPEN	6/15/1975, Tennessee Ernie Ford and Opryland Singers Introduction
OPEN	6/17/1975, National Federation of Independent Business
OPEN	6/19/1975, Teenage Republicans
OPEN	6/24/1975, Republican National Associates
OPEN	7/3/1975, National Environmental Research Center
OPEN	7/3/1975, GOP Fundraising Dinner, Cuyahoga County, OH
OPEN	7/3/1975, White House Conference, Cincinnati, OH
OPEN	7/11/1975, Mid-America Committee for International Business and Government Cooperation
OPEN	7/12/1975, Chicago State University Commencement
OPEN	7/12/1975, Walter Hagen Invitational Golf Tournament
OPEN	7/13/1975, Judicial Conference
OPEN	7/14/1975, Philip C. Jackson (Member, Federal Reserve Board) Swearing-in
OPEN	7/17/1975, University of Michigan Interns
OPEN	7/18/1975, Girl's Nation Representatives
OPEN	7/22/1975, Future Farmers of America
OPEN	7/23/1975, Boys' Nation Delegates

Status	Title
OPEN	7/23/1975, Congressional Summer Interns
OPEN	7/24/1975, Apollo Crew Members after Splashdown - Phone Call
OPEN	7/24/1975, All-American Collegiate Golf Foundation Dinner - Film Message
OPEN	7/25/1975, Joe Laitin and Bob Loftus Lunch
OPEN	7/27/1975, U.S. and German Troop Picnic, Kirschgoens, Germany
OPEN	8/8/1975, David Mathews (Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare) Swearing-in
OPEN	8/18/1975, Iowa State Fair
OPEN	8/18/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Des Moines, IA
OPEN	8/19/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Minneapolis, MN
OPEN	8/19/1975, American Legion
OPEN	8/19/1975, White House Conference, Peoria, IL
OPEN	8/23/1975, Response to "My Fair Jerry"
OPEN	8/24/1975, Chicago Yacht Club
OPEN	8/24/1975, Libby Dam Dedication
OPEN	8/25/1975, White House Conference, Milwaukee, WI
OPEN	8/25/1975, Hardware Industry Conference
OPEN	8/27/1975, Woody Hayes - Taped Message

Box D6 - White House Speech File

Status	Title
OPEN	8/30/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Newport, RH
OPEN	8/30/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Portland, MA
OPEN	8/30/1975, AFL-CIO Labor Speech in Augusta, ME
OPEN	9/4/1975, White House Conference, Seattle, WA
OPEN	9/4/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Seattle, WA
OPEN	9/4/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Portland, OR
OPEN	9/4/1975, Portland Youth Bicentennial Rally
OPEN	9/5/1975, California Host Breakfast

Status	Title
OPEN	9/5/1975, Joint Session of the California State Legislature
OPEN	9/8/1975, Republican National Convention Reception
OPEN	9/10/1975, Capitol Hill Club Reception
OPEN	9/11/1975, New Hampshire Trip
OPEN	9/12/1975, National Federation of Republican Women
OPEN	9/12/1975, GOP Reception, St. Louis, MO
OPEN	9/13/1975, Petroleum Museum Opening
OPEN	9/13/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Kansas City, MO
OPEN	9/13/1975, Southern Methodist University Bicentennial
OPEN	9/15/1975, Carroll Kilpatrick Dinner, Host Katherine Graham
OPEN	9/16/1975, Air Force Association Salute to the Congress
OPEN	9/19/1975, Oklahoma State Fair
OPEN	9/19/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Oklahoma City, OK
OPEN	9/20/1975, Firestone Fieldhouse Dedication at Pepperdine University
OPEN	9/21/1975, National Association of Life Insurance Underwriters Convention
OPEN	9/21/1975, Stanford University Law School Dedication
OPEN	9/22/1975, AFL-CIO Construction Trades Meeting
OPEN	9/30/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Chicago, IL
OPEN	10/1/1975, White House Conference, Omaha, NE
OPEN	10/4/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Newark, NJ
OPEN	10/7/1975, American Society of Oral Surgeons
OPEN	10/7/1975, White House Conference, Knoxville, TN
OPEN	10/10/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Detroit, MI
OPEN	10/14/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Hartford, CT
OPEN	10/15/1975, National Association of Food Chains' Executives
OPEN	10/17/1975, Thomas Kleppe (Secretary of the Interior) Swearing-in

Status	Title
OPEN	10/28/1975, Roderick M. Hills (Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission) Exchange
OPEN	10/29/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Los Angeles, CA
OPEN	10/30/1975, GOP Fundraiser, San Francisco, CA
OPEN	10/30/1975, GOP Fundraiser/Uihlein Hall Performing Arts Center, Milwaukee, WI
OPEN	11/5/1975, American Business Press Reception
OPEN	11/7/1975, New England Society of Newspaper Editors
OPEN	11/7/1975, Century Club Reception
OPEN	11/7/1975, GOP Reception, Logan International Airport, Boston, MA
OPEN	11/11/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Charleston, WV
OPEN	11/12/1975, Daniel Boorstin (Librarian of Congress) Swearing-in
OPEN	11/14/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Raleigh, NC

Box D7 - White House Speech File

Status	Title
OPEN	11/14/1975, GOP Fundraiser, Atlanta, GA
OPEN	11/14/1975, North Carolina Central University
OPEN	11/1/1975, Speech - Dr. William Lukash
OPEN	11/20/1975, Donald Rumsfeld (Secretary of Defense) Swearing-in
OPEN	11/20/1975, 30-30 Club - Taped Message
OPEN	11/24/1975, Judicial Dinner
OPEN	11/29/1975, Alaska Trip (Eielson Air Force Base and Senator Ted Stevens' 52nd Birthday Party)
OPEN	12/15/1975, Christmas Party for White House Staff
OPEN	12/18/1975, Christmas Tree Lighting at Annual Christmas Pageant of Peace
OPEN	12/19/1975, Christmas Party for White House Press Corps
OPEN	1/5/1976, American Farm Bureau Federation Convention

Status	Title
OPEN	1/1/1976, Swimming Pool Contractors Convention - Robert Hartmann
OPEN	1/7/1976, Farewell Remarks - Henry Kissinger
OPEN	1/1/1976, State of the Union (1)
OPEN	1/1/1976, State of the Union (2)
OPEN	3/6/1976, Small Businessmen and Farmers Luncheon
OPEN	3/9/1976, Veterans of Foreign Wars
OPEN	3/16/1976, Kent County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner, MI
OPEN	3/17/1976, Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick - Robert Hartmann
OPEN	3/23/1976, North Carolina Loss - Handwritten Notes Only
OPEN	3/25/1976, Circus, Saints and Sinners Club
OPEN	3/25/1976, Radio-TV Correspondents Dinner
OPEN	4/3/1976, Gridiron Club (1)
OPEN	4/3/1976, Gridiron Club (2)
OPEN	4/21/1976, Daughters of the American Revolution
OPEN	4/26/1976, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
OPEN	4/27/1976, Defense Speech, TX

Box D8 - White House Speech File

Status	Title
OPEN	4/1/1976, Photographers' Banquet - Taped Message
OPEN	5/1/1976, White House Correspondents' Association
OPEN	7/3/1976, Honor America at the Kennedy Center
OPEN	7/4/1976, U.S.S. Forrestal Bell-ringing Ceremony
OPEN	7/16/1976, Indian American Leaders
OPEN	7/17/1976, Connecticut State Republican Convention, Hartford, CT
OPEN	8/5/1976, Jesse Owens' Medal of Freedom Presentation and Olympic Athletes
OPEN	8/10/1976, Republican National Convention, Presidential Nomination Acceptance Speech (1)

Status	Title
OPEN	8/10/1976, Republican National Convention, Presidential Nomination Acceptance Speech (2)
OPEN	8/10/1976, Republican National Convention, Presidential Nomination Acceptance Speech (3)
OPEN	8/20/1976, Republican National Convention Breakfast
OPEN	9/15/1976, University of Michigan
OPEN	10/13/1976, Iowa State University
OPEN	10/21/1976, Alfred E. Smith Memorial Dinner
OPEN	12/7/1976, Circus, Saints and Sinners Club - Taped Message
OPEN	12/13/1976, Christmas Party for White House Press Corps
OPEN	1/5/1977, Cabinet Farewell Dinner Songs
OPEN	1/12/1977, State of the Union

White House Subject File, 1974-77.

(Boxes E1-E4 and L13, 2.1 linear feet)

This series consists of correspondence, and general materials compiled or created during Orben's time as Presidential speechwriter. Topics represented in this series include: President Ford's humor and image, the Ford / Nessen appearance on Saturday Night Live, and critique and analysis of Ford speeches.

Arranged alphabetically. Index cards are filed in box L13.

Box E1 - White House Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Behind the Lines Television Program (WNET) "Press Jesters" Segment
OPEN	Transcript, 2/12/1975
OPEN	Bicentennial Essay Contest Winners, 10/29/1976
OPEN	Calendar - 1976
OPEN	Correspondence, 1973-1977 (1)
OPEN	Correspondence, 1973-1977 (2)
OPEN	Correspondence, 1973-1977 (3)

Status	Title
OPEN	Correspondence, Letters for Ford, October 1975 - January 1976
OPEN	Defense Department FY 1977 Budget
OPEN	Detailed Guest and Staff Schedules - December 1974 - September 1975
OPEN	Detailed Guest and Staff Schedules - October 1975 - April 1976

Box E2 - White House Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Detailed Guest and Staff Schedules - May - October, 1976
OPEN	Fact Sheets - Air Force One and The Sequoia
OPEN	Ford - Biographical Material
OPEN	Ford - Non-pronounceable Word List
OPEN	Ford, Betty
OPEN	Hay-Adams Hotel Pamphlets
OPEN	Humor - Ford Administration
OPEN	Humor of President Ford as Selected from Recent Speeches
OPEN	Humorous Quotes - Public Mail
OPEN	Job Postings and Contacts
OPEN	Marine One Welcome Card
OPEN	Pool Reports
OPEN	Presidential Image
OPEN	Reference Information for White House Communications
OPEN	Reagan, Ronald - Speech Text with Error Report, 3/19/1976
OPEN	Siller, Ray
OPEN	Social Entertainment
OPEN	Speechwriters - Editorial Staff Writings

Box E3 - White House Subject File

Status	Title
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OPEN	Speechwriters [Continued] - Observations on Recent Ford Speeches, 12/12/1974 - 6/18/1975
OPEN	Speechwriters [Continued] - Observations on Recent Ford Speeches, 7/8/1975 - 6/16/1976
OPEN	Speechwriters [Continued] - Penny, Donald
OPEN	Speechwriters [Continued] - Speech Critique
OPEN	Speechwriters [Continued] - Speech Notes (1)
OPEN	Speechwriters [Continued] - Speech Notes (2)
OPEN	Speechwriters [Continued] - Speech Notes (3)
OPEN	Speechwriters [Continued] - St. Patrick's Day Jokes
OPEN	Staff Regulations
OPEN	Stationery - Kennedy Center Ticket Holder
OPEN	Stationery - White House Notepad Paper
OPEN	Travel Expense Invoices
OPEN	Trip - President's Briefing Book, California, 3/26/1976

Box E4 - White House Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	United States National Viewpoint Statement on the Environment - EXPO '74 Booklet
OPEN	White House Pamphlets - "The White House" and "The President's House"
OPEN	White House Press Briefing Transcripts (1)
OPEN	White House Press Briefing Transcripts (2)
OPEN	White House Press Briefing Transcripts (3)

Interviews and Public Appearances, 1971-2001.

(Boxes F1-F2, 0.8 linear feet)

This series consists of event programs, correspondence, and speech drafts compiled from Robert Orben's guest speaker appearances as well as his television and print interviews. He was a popular guest speaker at the recognition events and conferences of many nonprofits and professional associations. Most talks pertained to the importance of humor in communication. Orben also gave talks on political humor, including his speech at the Gerald R. Ford Foundation's "Humor and the

Presidency Symposium." His interviews with hosts such as David Letterman and *Good Morning America* are included in the "Interviews" subseries.

Arranged chronologically.

Box F1 - Interviews and Public Appearances

Status	Title
OPEN	Interviews - 8/18/1971 - McNaught Syndicate
OPEN	Interviews - 5/12/1972 - The Reasoner Report
OPEN	Interviews - 1974 - J. David Truby
OPEN	Interviews - 6/15/1976 - Exetasis
OPEN	Interviews - 11/4/1981 - IBM Management Focus
OPEN	Interviews - 11/10/1981 - New Jersey Bell Journal
OPEN	Interviews - 12/11/1981 - Business Research Publications, Inc.
OPEN	Interviews - 4/28/1982 - Late Night with Letterman
OPEN	Interviews - 10/26/1982 - David Letterman Show
OPEN	Interviews - 11/18/1983 - Good Morning America
OPEN	Interviews - 3/6/1984 - Good Morning America
OPEN	Public Appearances - 11/17/1971 - Toastmasters Club, Indianapolis
OPEN	Public Appearances - 9/2/1972 - American Psychological Association Symposium on Humor
OPEN	Public Appearances - 5/24/1973 - Orlando-Winter Park Realty Association
OPEN	Public Appearances - 7/4-7/7/1973 - Society of American Magicians
OPEN	Public Appearances - 10/22/1973 - Sales and Marketing Executives Association
OPEN	Public Appearances - 10/30/1973 - International Newsletter Conference
OPEN	Public Appearances - 11/14-11/15/1973 - Ambassador College
OPEN	Public Appearances - 12/3/1973 - Thomas Built Buses, Inc.

Status	Title
OPEN	Public Appearances - 4/10/1974 - Woman's Club of White Plains Luncheon
OPEN	Public Appearances - 8/1/1974 - International Platform Association Convention
OPEN	Public Appearances - 5/12/1977 - "Laugh While It's Still Free", Effective Speechwriting Institute
OPEN	Public Appearances - 5/16/1977 - "An Out Looks Back In", Newsletter Association of America (NAA) Annual Meeting
OPEN	Public Appearances - 10/2/1978 - "Laugh While It's Still Free", Rockwell International Commercial Telecommunications Group Annual Management Conference
OPEN	Public Appearances - 11/29/1978 - "The Business of Laughter - The Laughter of Business", American Iron and Steel Institute
OPEN	Public Appearances - 4/4/1979 - "Humor and Interpersonal Relationships", American Orthopsychiatric Association, Inc.
OPEN	Public Appearances - 4/16/1979 - "The Business of Humor . . . The Humor of Business", National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) Institute on Industrial Relations
OPEN	Public Appearances - 11/29/1979 - "The Business of Humor . . . The Humor of Business", AT&T Bell System Speakers' Conference
OPEN	Public Appearances - 12/6/1979 - Capital Press Women
OPEN	Public Appearances - 3/5/1980 - Washington Press Club Humor Panel
OPEN	Public Appearances - 4/25/1980 - New Jersey Bell Volunteer Recognition Dinner
OPEN	Public Appearances - 10/30/1980 - New England Telephone Public Speakers Conference
OPEN	Public Appearances - 11/13/1980 - Bendix Corporation Meeting

Status	Title
OPEN	Public Appearances - 12/29/1980 - "The Business of Humor . . . The Humor of Business", American Business Communication Association 45th Annual National Convention
OPEN	Public Appearances - 2/4-2/6/1981 - Pryor Corporation
OPEN	Public Appearances - 3/23/1981 - National Press Club Author's Rap Session
OPEN	Public Appearances - 5/5/1981 - Dutch Treat Club
OPEN	Public Appearances - 5/21/1981 - Capital Speakers Club
OPEN	Public Appearances - 9/9/1981 - International Association of Business Communicators Speechwriting Luncheon
OPEN	Public Appearances - 9/24/1981 - Henrico Doctors' Day Doctors' Day Banquet

Box F2 - Interviews and Public Appearances

Status	Title
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 12/2/1981 - "Say Goodnight Gracie: A Look at Humor", Smithsonian Institution Resident Associate Program
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 4/21/1982 - J. Walter Thompson "Thompson Night"
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 8/4/1982 - Association of College and University Telecommunications Administrators Banquet
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 8/27-8/30/1982 - International Conference on Humor
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 11/4/1982 - Dallas Woman's Club
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 11/11/1982 - Men's Dinner Club of Oklahoma City
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 11/12/1982 - National Association of Farm Broadcasters Annual Convention

Status	Title
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 12/10/1982 - "Humor of Business and the Business of Humor", Brown Shoe Company's Manufacturing Executives and Managers Conference
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 1/12/1983 - "Laugh While It's Free", Tuckahoe Woman's Club
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 1/28/1983 - Schenley Affiliated Brands Corporation National Sales Conference
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 2/9/1983 - "A Speech Consultant Talks About Humor", National Capital Speakers Association (NCSA)
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 4/12/1983 - Monmouth-Ocean County Dental Society Staff Appreciation Night
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 5/2/1983 - "Laugh While It's Still Free", Roller Skating Rink Operators Association
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 7/31/1984 - National Speakers Association
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 10/16/1984 - Bartlesville Town Hall, Bartlesville, Oklahoma
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 10/1/1985 - Miller Brewing Company Corporate Affairs Conference
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 10/9/1985 - Miller Center Forum on the Ford Presidency, White Burkett Miller Center of Public Affairs
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 11/8/1985 - "Using Humor to Communicate", Washington Area State Relations Group
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 9/17-9/18/1986 - "A History of Humor and the Presidency", Gerald R. Ford Foundation Humor and the Presidency Symposium - (1)
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 9/17-9/18/1986 - "A History of Humor and the Presidency", Gerald R. Ford Foundation Humor and the Presidency Symposium - (2)

Status	Title
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 9/17-9/18/1986 - "A History of Humor and the Presidency", Gerald R. Ford Foundation Humor and the Presidency Symposium - (3)
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 10/16/1986 - Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 11/10/1986 - Public Relations Society of America Meeting
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 12/9/1986 - American Textile Manufacturers Institute Annual Wool Meeting
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 5/12/1987 - International Management Club of the Blue Water Area, Port Huron, Michigan
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 9/14/1987 - "The Business of Humor, the Humor of Business", Defense Credit Union Council Annual Convention
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 10/19/1987 - "The Business of Humor, the Humor of Business", American Die Casting Institute, Inc. Annual Meeting
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 9/28/1988 - "The Power of Humor in Communications", IABC Synergy Three Symposium
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 7/22/1989 - American Bankers Association Annual Personal Economic Program
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 6/17/1992 - Inner Circle Talk
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 3/28/1995 - "The Business of Humor - The Humor of Business", International Subacute Healthcare Association, Inc. Annual Convention
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 4/27-4/29/2000 - "Magic and Me, Fifty Years Ago", Magic Collectors Association
OPEN	Public Appearances [Continued] - 7/8/2001 - "Laugh While It's Still Free", 20th Annual Humor Conference

Publications, 1948-2005.

(Boxes G1-G12 and L14, 5.3 linear feet)

This series contains books, articles, and newsletters written by Orben as well as other publications that concern his comedy career or incorporate his jokes and stories. In addition to the columns and articles he wrote for magic, business, and political publications, this series includes Orben's Current Comedy and other newsletters published by the Comedy Center, Inc.

Some of the books that are part of this collection contained loose documents. In these cases, the documents left inside a book have been transferred to the book's parallel folder at the end of the series.

Arranged alphabetically. Index cards are filed in box L14.

Box G1 - Publications

Status	Title
OPEN	Articles and Columns - "10 Rules for Better Comedy"
OPEN	Articles and Columns - 50 Plus, "50 Plus Funnybone" /" Fun & Games" 1980-83
OPEN	Articles and Columns - American Legion Magazine, "Parting Shots" / "Orben's World" 1984-86
OPEN	Articles and Columns - American Way, "Quip Trip" 1983-86
OPEN	Articles and Columns - "The Baby's Dictionary"
OPEN	Articles and Columns - "Bob Orben -- America's Joke Factory," Gene Conally
OPEN	Articles and Columns - Capitol Hill, "Party Lines"
OPEN	Articles and Columns - Chicago Sun, Kup's Column
OPEN	Articles and Columns - The Conjurers' Magazine
OPEN	Articles and Columns - Genii
OPEN	Articles and Columns - "The Indian Rope Trick Exposed"
OPEN	Articles and Columns - Investment Dealer's Digest, "The Bawl Street Journal" (1)
OPEN	Articles and Columns - Investment Dealer's Digest, "The Bawl Street Journal" (2)
OPEN	Articles and Columns - Investment Dealer's Digest, "The Bawl Street Journal" (3)

Status	Title
OPEN	Articles and Columns - Investment Dealer's Digest, "The Bawl Street Journal" (4)
OPEN	Articles and Columns - Investment Dealer's Digest, "The Bawl Street Journal" (5)

Box G2 - Publications

Status	Title
OPEN	Articles and Columns [Continued] - The Linking Ring
OPEN	Articles and Columns [Continued] - Magic is Fun
OPEN	Articles and Columns [Continued] - Meetings and Conventions, "Start 'Em Laughing" 1971-82 (1)
OPEN	Articles and Columns [Continued] - Meetings and Conventions, "Start 'Em Laughing" 1971-83 (2)
OPEN	Articles and Columns [Continued] - McCall's, "Whatever Happened to Mother-In-Law Jokes"
OPEN	Articles and Columns [Continued] - Newsweek, "Hot Lines" (1)
OPEN	Articles and Columns [Continued] - Newsweek, "Hot Lines" (2)
OPEN	Articles and Columns [Continued] - Newsweek, "Hot Lines" (3)
OPEN	Articles and Columns [Continued] - Newsweek, "Hot Lines" (4)
OPEN	Articles and Columns [Continued] - Newsweek, "Hot Lines" (5)
OPEN	Articles and Columns [Continued] - "Orben's Million Dollar Paper Tear"
OPEN	Articles and Columns [Continued] - Sharing Ideas
OPEN	Articles and Columns [Continued] - "A Time of Crisis, Read my Quips"

Box G3 - Publications

Status	Title
OPEN	Books - Booth, John - Wonders of Magic

Status	Title
OPEN	Books - Budler, Bob - You Can Do It!
OPEN	Books - Byrne, Robert - The Other 637 Best Things Anybody Ever Said
OPEN	Books - Carpenter, Liz - Start with a Laugh: An Insider's Guide to Roasts, Toasts, Eulogies, and Other Speeches
OPEN	Books - Carpenter, Liz, Hail to the Comic Relief
OPEN	Books - Dunn, Jerry - Tricks of the Trade

Box G4 - Publications

Status	Title
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Fireman, Judy - TV Book: The Ultimate Television Book
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Helizer, Melvin - Comedy Techniques for Writers & Performers
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Helizer, Melvin - Comedy Writing Secrets: How to Think Funny, Write Funny, Act Funny, and Get Paid for It
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Klein, Allen - Quotations to Cheer You Up When the World is Getting You Down
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Liebman, Glenn - Political Shorts: 1,001 of the Funniest Political One-Liners

Box G5 - Publications

Status	Title
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Mitchell, Greg - Cats, Chocolate, Clowns, and Other Amusing, Interesting and Useful Subjects Covered by Newsletters
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Mott, Robert L. - Radio Live! Television Live!
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Orben, Robert - 2100 Laughs for All Occasions
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Orben, Robert - 2400 Jokes to Brighten Your Speeches
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Orben, Robert - 2500 Jokes to Start 'Em Laughing

Status	Title
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Orben, Robert - The Ad-Libber's Handbook: 2000 New Laughs for Speakers

Box G6 - Publications

Status	Title
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Orben, Robert - The Encyclopedia of One-Liner Comedy
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Orben, Robert - The Joke Teller's Handbook or 1,999 Bellylaughs
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Orben, Robert - Speaker's Handbook of Humor
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Peter, Laurence, J. - Peter's Quotations: Ideas for Out Time

Box G7 - Publications

Status	Title
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Preston, Charles - The Wall Street Journal Book of Wit
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Rowes, Barbara - The Book of Quotes
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Safire, William and Leonard Safir - Leadership: A Treasury of Great Quotations for Everybody Who Aspires to Be a Leader
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Shafer, Ronald G. - Minor Memos
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Tarver, Jerry - Professional Speech Writing
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Wade, Bruce - 1001 Very Clean Jokes for Every Occasion

Box G8 - Publications

Status	Title
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Wilde, Larry - The Merriest Book of Christmas Humor
OPEN	Books [Continued] - Yoho, Dave - Have a Great Year Every Year: A Four-Point Program for Maximizing Your Performance

Box G9 - Publications

Status	Title
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. - Current Comedy volume 1 (11/1958-10/1969)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. - Current Comedy volume 2 (11/1959-10/1960)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. - Current Comedy volume 3 (11/1960-10/1961)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. - Current Comedy volume 5 (11/1962-10/1963)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. - Current Comedy volume 6 (11/1963-10/1964)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. - Current Comedy volume 7 (11/1964-10/1965)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. - Current Comedy volume 8 (11/1965-10/1966)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. - Current Comedy volume 9 (11/1966-9/1967)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. - Current Comedy volume 10 (10/1967-4/1968)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. - Current Comedy 1971-89 (1)

Box G10 - Publications

Status	Title
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - Current Comedy 1971-89 (2)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - Current Comedy 1971-89 (3)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - Current Comedy 1971-89 (4)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - Current Comedy 1971-89 (5)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - Current Comedy 1971-89 (6)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - Current Comedy 1971-89 (7)

Box G11 - Publications

Status	Title
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - Current Comedy with Clippings
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - Orben Comedy Fliers 4/1971-9/1973 (1)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - Orben Comedy Fliers 4/1971-9/1973 (2)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - Orben Comedy Letter 4/1971-9/1972
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 2/19/1981, How to Spice up those Dull Speeches
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 6/5/1981, The Care and Heeding of Speechwriter
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 8/19/1981, Starting Your Speech a Winner
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 12/2/1981, The Odds on Getting a Laugh (used for 2400 Jokes to Brighten Your Speeches)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 2/18/1982, A Look at Laughter (used for 2100 laughs for all occasions)
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 6/2/1982, The First Two Minutes of Your Speech
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 9/21/1982, Controlling Your Audience
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 2/3/1983, Preparing for Your Speech
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 6/15/1983, Handling Stage Fright Part One
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 6/28/1983, Handling Stage Fright Part Two
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 10/5/1983, Rehearsing Your Speech

Status	Title
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 2/15/1984, Preparing the Roast
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 6/21/1984, Serving the Roast
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 8/15/1984, Delivering the Roast
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 12/5/1984, Lessons I learned from Lowell Thomas
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 2/6/1985, After the Applause has Ended
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 5/8/1985, Seven Don'ts If You Want to Get Laughs
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 8/7/1985, Where do Stories Come From?
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 11/6/1985, Why Humor? Part One
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 12/6/1985, Why Humor? Part Two
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 4/2/1986, Advice - and How to Ignore it
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 4/2/1986, Money Makes the Words Go 'Round
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 3/5/1987, Assessing Your Audience Part One

Box G12 - Publications

Status	Title
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 6/3/1987, The Cutting Edge of Humor
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 8/5/1987, Assessing your Audience Part Two
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 10/6/1987, Assessing your Audience Part Three

Status	Title
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 11/2/1987, Once Around the Writer's Block Part One
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 3/2/1988, Once Around the Writer's Block Part Two
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 4/6/1988, How to Use Humor When You're Afraid to Use Humor
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 9/23/1988, The Uses and Limits of Humor Part One
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 10/19/1988, The Uses and Limits of Humor Part Two
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 11/1/1988, The Uses and Limits of Humor Part Three
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 12/1/1988 , The Uses and Limits of Humor Part Four
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 1/5/1989, How to Succeed in Humor By Really Trying
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 1/19/1989, Mistakes
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 11/13/1989, The Hard Work of Humor
OPEN	The Comedy Center, Inc. [Continued] - 1990, Kinder, Gentler Comedy
OPEN	Books Parallel - Helizer, Melvin - Comedy Techniques for Writers & Performers
OPEN	Books Parallel - Helizer, Melvin - Comedy Writing Secrets: How to Think Funny, Write Funny, Act Funny, and Get Paid for It
OPEN	Books Parallel - Liebman, Glenn - Political Shorts: 1,001 of the Funniest Political One-Liners
OPEN	Books Parallel - Mitchell, Greg - Cats, Chocolate, Clowns, and Other Amusing, Interesting and Useful Subjects Covered by Newsletters

Status	Title
OPEN	Books Parallel - Peter, Laurence, J. - Peter's Quotations: Ideas for Out Time
OPEN	Books Parallel - Tarver, Jerry - Professional Speech Writing
OPEN	Books Parallel - Wade, Bruce - 1001 Very Clean Jokes for Every Occasion

Correspondence, 1953-2001.

(Boxes H1-H2, 0.8 linear feet)

This series contains letters and printed e-mails between Robert Orben and his friends and fans as well as media representatives, politicians, and other humorists. Frequent correspondents include, Herb Block, Jerry Lester, Phyllis Schlafly, J.P. Tarcher (Penguin Publishing), and President Ford. Prominent politicians such as Bill Clinton, James Baker, and Dick Cheney are also represented.

Arranged alphabetically.

Box H1 - Correspondence

Status	Title
OPEN	Block, Herb
OPEN	Buchwald, Art
OPEN	Campos, Violet Warren
OPEN	Cheney, Dick
OPEN	Ford, Gerald
OPEN	Frewin, Tony
OPEN	Gerald R. Ford Foundation (1)
OPEN	Gerald R. Ford Foundation (2)
OPEN	Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum
OPEN	Goldwater, Barry
OPEN	Haig, Al
OPEN	Hulke, Malcolm
OPEN	Lester, Jerry
OPEN	Monkhouse, Bob
OPEN	Ray, Frankie

Status	Title
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee
OPEN	Smith, Ethel
OPEN	Tarcher, Jeremy and Shari
OPEN	Tyler, Lynn (Brigham Young University)
OPEN	Valee, Rudy
OPEN	Variety
OPEN	Wall Street Journal
OPEN	White House
OPEN	Wilson, Earl

Box H2 - Correspondence

Status	Title
OPEN	A-C
OPEN	D-J
OPEN	K-M
OPEN	N-R
OPEN	S-W

General Subject File, 1964-2005.

(Boxes I1-I3, 1.3 linear feet)

This series contains correspondence, invoices, event programs, and birthday cards compiled during Orben's professional comedy and speechwriting career and from his personal contacts thereafter. This includes Orben's awards and fan letters as well as materials related to the reprinting of his comedy material through publications such as *Reader's Digest*. Correspondence, newsletters, and programs pertaining to the Gerald R. Ford Foundation and the Ford Presidential Library and Museum are also part of this series.

Arranged alphabetically.

Box I1 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Alfalfa Club, 2002

Status	Title
OPEN	Awards - 11/17/1979 - National Capitol District 36 Toastmasters International Award
OPEN	Awards - 11/17/1979 - Acropolis 1979 Zero Base Gobbledygook Award
OPEN	Awards - 9/23/1992 - 1992 World Humor Award
OPEN	Awards - 3/23/1996 - The Academy of Magical Arts Literary Fellowship
OPEN	Awards - 4/7/2005 - Fifth Annual Award for Contributions to Society through Humor, The Art Gliner Center for Humor Studies
OPEN	Bergen, Edgar
OPEN	Birthday Cards
OPEN	Fan Letters, 1976-1987
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - Awards and Events
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - Birthday
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - General
OPEN	Ford, Gerald R. - Selected Speech Humor
OPEN	Gerald R. Ford Foundation
OPEN	Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library (1)
OPEN	Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library (2)
OPEN	Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum (1)
OPEN	Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum (2)

Box I2 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum (3)
OPEN	Graves, Sybil
OPEN	Griffith, Joe, 6/18/1977
OPEN	Humor
OPEN	The Humor Project - Joel Goodman
OPEN	Janus, Samuel
OPEN	Nixon, Richard

Status	Title
OPEN	Publishing Opportunities - Hall Syndicate, 1964
OPEN	Publishing Opportunities - I've Got My Back to Wall Street (The Beginner's Guide to the Stuck Market), 1970
OPEN	Publishing Opportunities - "You Can Go Home Again", 1977
OPEN	Reprints - Carolina Telephone, 4/1986
OPEN	Reprints - Chief Executive Magazine / Leaders Magazine, 1/1978
OPEN	Reprints - IBM, 1983
OPEN	Reprints - The Linking Ring, 2002
OPEN	Reprints - National Association of Manufacturers Enterprise Magazine, 11/1981
OPEN	Reprints - National Association of Manufacturers Enterprise Magazine, 7/1979
OPEN	Reprints - National Association of Manufacturers Enterprise Magazine, 2/1978
OPEN	Reprints - Readers Digest (1)

Box 13 - General Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Reprints [Continued] - Readers Digest (2)
OPEN	Reprints [Continued] - Readers Digest (3)
OPEN	Reprints [Continued] - Readers Digest (4)
OPEN	Reprints [Continued] - Readers Digest (5)
OPEN	Reprints [Continued] - Readers Digest (6)
OPEN	Reprints [Continued] - Readers Digest (7)
OPEN	Reprints [Continued] - Readers Digest (8)
OPEN	Reprints [Continued] - Readers Digest (9)
OPEN	Reprints [Continued] - Toastmasters Magazine
OPEN	Reprints [Continued] - The World and I, 2/1987
OPEN	Transportation, Department of - Report on Speechwriters Division
OPEN	Turkish Embassy Humor Publication

Status	Title
OPEN	Van Dyke, Dick

Clippings, Magazines, and Scrapbooks, 1947-2002.

(Boxes J1-J8, 3.5 linear feet)

This series contains newspaper and magazine clippings, bound scrapbooks, and loose scrapbook material. Clippings are compiled from national and local news sources as well as magic and comedy publications. Some of Orben's own publications are included. Also included are select issues of "News and Comment: The President's Daily News Summary" a White House-produced collection of news and magazine articles.

These materials primarily concern Robert Orben in his capacity as a magician, comedian, and comedy writer. The White House clippings and Post-White House clippings also pertain to the Ford administration. The scrapbooks cover Orben's early career and mainly contain material from magic magazines and newsletters.

Arranged alphabetically.

Box J1 - Clippings, Magazines, and Scrapbooks

Status	Title
OPEN	Clippings - Pre-White House (1)
OPEN	Clippings - Pre-White House (2)
OPEN	Clippings - Ford Administration (1)
OPEN	Clippings - Ford Administration (2)
OPEN	Clippings - Ford Administration (3)
OPEN	Clippings - Post White House (1)
OPEN	Clippings - Post White House (2)
OPEN	Clippings - Post White House (3)

Box J2 - Clippings, Magazines, and Scrapbooks

Status	Title
OPEN	Clippings [Continued] - Post White House (4)
OPEN	Clippings [Continued] - Post White House (5)
OPEN	Clippings [Continued] - Post White House (6)
OPEN	Clippings [Continued] - Post White House (7)

Status	Title
OPEN	Clippings [Continued] - Post White House (8)
OPEN	Loose Scrapbook Material (1)
OPEN	Loose Scrapbook Material (2)
OPEN	Loose Scrapbook Material (3)

Box J3 - Clippings, Magazines, and Scrapbooks

Status	Title
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - March 1976
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - April 1976
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - July 1976
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - August 1976 (1)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - August 1976 (2)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - August 1976 (3)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - September 1976 (1)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - September 1976 (2)

Box J4 - Clippings, Magazines, and Scrapbooks

Status	Title
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - September 1976 (3)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - September 1976 (4)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - September 1976 (5)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - September 1976 (6)

Status	Title
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - October 1976 (1)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - October 1976 (2)

Box J5 - Clippings, Magazines, and Scrapbooks

Status	Title
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - October 1976 (3)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - October 1976 (4)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - October 1976 (5)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - October 1976 (6)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - October 1976 (7)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - October 1976 (8)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - October 1976 (9)

Box J6 - Clippings, Magazines, and Scrapbooks

Status	Title
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - November 1976 (1)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - November 1976 (2)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - November 1976 (3)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - November 1976 (4)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - November 1976 (5)

Status	Title
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - December 1976 (1)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - December 1976 (2)

Box J7 - Clippings, Magazines, and Scrapbooks

Status	Title
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - December 1976 (3)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - December 1976 (4)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - December 1976 (5)
OPEN	News & Comment: The President's Daily News Summary: - January 1977

Box J8 - Clippings, Magazines, and Scrapbooks

Status	Title
OPEN	Scrapbook (1)
OPEN	Scrapbook (2)
OPEN	Scrapbook (3)

Television File, 1961-70 (1993).

(Boxes A1-A8 and L1-L11, 8.3 linear feet)

This series contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, monologues, scripts, and joke cards compiled during Robert Orben's career as a comedy writer prior to his work on President Ford's White House Editorial Staff. Included are materials Orben wrote for comedians and television personalities such as Red Buttons, Dick Gregory, Jack Paar, and Red Skelton. The subseries pertaining to Jack Paar consists primarily of monologues written for Paar as host of *The Jack Paar Program*. Materials relating to Red Skelton include writing for the *Red Skelton Hour* as well as his numerous appearances on other talk shows. Orben's edited copies of Dick Gregory's book, *From the Back of the Bus*, are also included along with a published copy.

Arranged alphabetically, chronologically thereunder. Index cards are filed in boxes L1 - L11.

Box L1 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Red Buttons - 1963
OPEN	Red Buttons - 1963 (TV and Cleveland)
OPEN	Red Buttons - 1963 (Puerto Rico)
OPEN	Red Buttons - 1964 (6/30/1964)
OPEN	Red Buttons - 1964 (Hasidic Night Patrols)
OPEN	Red Buttons - 1969
OPEN	Dick Gregory

Box L2 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Dick Gregory

Box L3 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Dick Gregory

Box L4 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Dick Gregory (unpublished)

Box L5 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Dick Gregory (unpublished)

Box L6 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Dick Gregory (unpublished)
OPEN	Dick Gregory - Comedy Material - 1962

Box L7 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Dick Gregory - Comedy Material - 1962
OPEN	Dick Gregory - Comedy Writing - 1965-67
OPEN	Red Skelton - 1964-65

Box L8 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Red Skelton - 1964-65 [Continued]
OPEN	Red Skelton - 1965-66

Box L9 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Red Skelton - 1965-66
OPEN	Red Skelton - 1966-67
OPEN	Red Skelton - 1967-68

Box L10 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Red Skelton - 1967-68
OPEN	Red Skelton - 1968-69

Box L11 - Television File

Status	Title
OPEN	Red Skelton - 1968-69
OPEN	Red Skelton - 1969-70

Political File, 1964-96.

(Boxes B1-B5 and L11-L13, 2.8 linear feet)

This series contains correspondence, background materials, and drafts written by Orben as a political speechwriting consultant. The speeches he wrote for Gerald Ford before and after his presidency are included in this series. Other prominent politicians in this series are Jimmy Carter, Bob Dole, Barry Goldwater, Al Haig, and Ronald Reagan. Prior to working in the Ford Administration, Orben contributed to "Congressional Chaff", the humor section of the Republican Congressional Committee's monthly newsletter, and to "Political Punchlines", a compilation of political one-liners. His working papers for these materials along with the final publications are included in the "Republican Congressional Committee" subseries.

Arranged alphabetically by speaker or organization, and chronologically thereunder. Index cards are filed in boxes L11 - L13.

Box L11 [Continued] - Political File

Status	Title
OPEN	Ford, Gerald - Gridiron Dinner 1968
OPEN	Goldwater - #1-#32

Box L12 - Political File

Status	Title
OPEN	Goldwater - #33-#75
OPEN	Lufkin, Daniel
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - 1970

Box L13 - Political File

Status	Title
OPEN	Republican Congressional Committee - 1970

White House Speech File, 1968-77.

(Boxes D1-D8 and L13, 3.6 linear feet)

This series consists of case files containing Orben's copies of select speeches and public messages given by White House officials as well as material related to speech development. Most files include the press release copy of the speech (sometimes the first page only) and may also include background material, correspondence, handwritten notes, drafts, joke cards, or clippings. All speeches were delivered by Ford unless otherwise noted in the folder title list. Presidential writings other than speeches are filed in the White House Subject File series under "Speechwriters - Editorial Staff Writings".

Arranged chronologically. Index cards are filed in box L13.

Box L13 [Continued]- White House Speech File

Status	Title
OPEN	3/17/1975 - Radio-TV Correspondents Dinner
OPEN	3/22/1975 (1) - Gridiron Club - Ford
OPEN	3/22/1975 (2) - Gridiron Club - Ford

White House Subject File, 1974-77.

(Boxes E1-E4 and L13, 2.1 linear feet)

This series consists of correspondence, and general materials compiled or created during Orben's time as Presidential speechwriter. Topics represented in this series include: President Ford's humor and image, the Ford / Nessen appearance on Saturday Night Live, and critique and analysis of Ford speeches.

Arranged alphabetically. Index cards are filed in box L13.

Box L13 [Continued] - White House Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Speechwriters - Speech Notes (1)

Publications, 1948-2005.

(Boxes G1-G12 and L14, 5.3 linear feet)

This series contains books, articles, and newsletters written by Orben as well as other publications that concern his comedy career or incorporate his jokes and stories. In addition to the columns and articles he wrote for magic, business, and political publications, this series includes Orben's Current Comedy and other newsletters published by the Comedy Center, Inc.

Some of the books that are part of this collection contained loose documents. In these cases, the documents left inside a book have been transferred to the book's parallel folder at the end of the series.

Arranged alphabetically. Index cards are filed in box L14.

Box L14 - White House Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Publications - Hot Lines