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PERSONAL PAPERS OF RALPH W. NICHOLSON

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Creator: Nicholson, Ralph W., 1916-1995

Biographical sketch:

Ralph W. Nicholson served as Assistant Postmaster General during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. He worked as vice president and treasurer of the Corporation of Public Broadcasting from 1969 to 1972, before returning to the Post Office. After retiring from government service in 1975, he served as Director of Conrail.

Scope and content note:

This collection contains correspondence, clippings, reports, charts, tables, memorandums, drafts, statements, and notes collected by Ralph W. Nicholson during his service as Assistant Postmaster General. The bulk of the material relates to postal rates, the budget of the U.S. Post Office, and Congressional hearings, including bound printed material containing information used during and in preparation for the hearings. There is also material related to business, personnel management, and legislation regarding postal rates. In addition to the U.S. Post Office, the series also contains materials concerning the Bureau of the Budget and the Interstate Commerce Commission.

- Date range of collection:
- 2 linear inches
- Available for research. (Open)
- 1 series

FOLDER TITLE LIST

Box Number	Folder Title
1	Rates 1961-1963 (Mostly 1961)
1	December 1961 Rates—Accrued Costs
1	General File Rates—HS Hearings May 1961
1	Rates 1961
1	Religious and Non-Profit
1	[savings bond information]
1	Rate Bill March, 1961
1	[loose pages—statements, letters from Time, Inc. re: postal rates, 1957-1960 and exhibits on 2nd Class postal rates]
2	Parcel Post 1961-1964 [1]
2	Parcel Post 1961-1964 [2]
2	Parcel Post 1961-1964 [3]
2	Parcel Post 5/1/63 HS Hearing
3	Parcel Post Rate Case (ICC 1961-1964)—Tentative Parcel Post and Catalog Rates [3 folders]
3	Parcel Post
3	[unlabeled folder re ICC hearings on 4th class mail, 1963]
3	Olsen Bill
3	Olsen Bill- Zip Code Bill 1965-66 HR-5180
4	Olsen Zip Code Hearings—May 3, 1966
4	Report to the Postmaster General by the Advising Panel on Postal Rates—May, 1965 [binder]
4	[unlabeled folder—statements by various magazine companies re postal rates, Staff Paper, on Postal Rates, 2/19/65]
4	Postal Panel Rates
4	Parcel Post—House 3/66 [1]
4	Parcel Post—House 3/66 [2]
5	Parcel Post—House 3/66 [3]
5	Parcel Post—House 3/66 [4]
5	Corbett Bill 1445 April 1966
5	Parcel Post—Senate 1966 [1]
5	Parcel Post—Senate 1966 [2]
5	Parcel Post—Senate 1966 [3]
6	Parcel Post—(ICC) 1968 (Final)
6	[binder containing letters protesting proposed increase in parcel post rates]
6	Parcel Post—1968—ICC [1]
6	Parcel Post—1968—ICC [2] Briefing Book
6	Parcel Post—1968—ICC [3]
6	Rates—House 1967—1
6	Rates
7	Rates—House 1967—2
7	[unlabeled folder re: postal rate increase 1967]
7	Rates—May, 1967—House
7	Rates—Senate & Conference—1967 [1]
7	Conference
7	Rates—Senate and Conference [2]
8	Rates—Senate and Conference [3]
8	Rates—Senate 10/16/67
8	Senate Rate Hearings—General Position Papers—Sept. 1967
8	Rate Material from Desk Drawer—1/68
8	Rates 1961-1962
9	Miscellaneous Rate Material, Magazine Articles, etc. 1961-62-63
9	Rate Schedules
9	Rates Final 10-62
9	June 28, 1962 Rates
9	[folder labeled “NEW” containing material on postal rate increase, 1961-62]
9	[folder labeled “OLD” containing material on postal rate increase 1961]
9	Rate Articles
10	1964 Appropriations—Senate
10	Senate Appropriation 1963 - Also Supplemental 1963
10	Supplemental Hearings—HS 2/17/61—Senate 3/16/61
10	Senate Appropriations—1962

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10	House—1962 Appropriation Hearings (February 1961)
10	1964 Appropriations
10	Administration—House Appropriations 1964
10	HS Hearings, 1965 Appropriation
10	1965 Budget - Senate
10	BOB Appropriations, 1965
10	BOB—October 8-10, 1962
11	Senate—Useful Information—1964 Appropriations
11	1965 Budget—House—Administration
11	1965 House Hearings—General
11	BOB - 1964 Budget
11	1965—Appeal to BOB
11	Budgets
11	1965—Supplemental Appropriation Pay PL—88—426
12	1966 Senate Appropriations April 14, 1965
12	Overtime Employment Data
12	General—1966 (Low Priority)
12	[loose pages—1965 Appropriation Hearings and Reports, report on “Rent Account”, Research, Development, and Engineering New and Replacement Positions Requested for FY66]
12	1966 Budget
12	1966 Approp. Hearings Administrative
12	BOB Hearings—1966 Budget
12	1966 Budget—BOB Review
12	P. O. Department—Organization Statement with Staffing Tables 1/5/66
12	“Supplemental” Supplemental Senate—April 1966
13	1966 Supplemental Senate Hearings 3/30/66
13	Supplemental August, 1965 and January 1966
13	1966 Supplemental
13	Supplemental—1966
13	1967 Appropriation—Senate April 19, 1966—Hearings Passed April 27
13	1967 Budget—House
13	House Appropriation Hearings—1967—Administrative
13	1967 Budget (BOB) September 1965 to December 1965
14	1967 Preview
14	[unlabelled folder re: 1967 Budget Projections, 1]
14	[unlabelled folder re: 1967 Budget Projections, 2]
14	1967 Preview
14	Senate Supplemental 1967—May 11, 1967
14	1967 Supplemental—9/30/66 and 10/24/66
15	[1968 Budget]
15	[loose pages re 1968 Budget]
15	Finance Positions—A. R. O. 1968
15	1968 Appropriations—Senate
15	1968 Appropriations—House Hearings (2/27-3/3/67)
15	House—1968 Budget Administrative
16	1968—BOB
16	HS Appropriation—Mid-Year Review August 16-17, 1966
16	Budget—Belen 11/29/66
16	1968 Preview
16	Narrative Statement and Schedules for the President’s Printed Budget—Fiscal Year 1967 [binder]
16	November 1964 Effort to Reduce 1966 Budget (BOB request) Working Papers (CONFIDENTIAL) [2 folders]
17	Work done in Nov, '64 to reduce 1966 Budget (BOB Request) – Final Copy
17	1967 Reduction of Program Level—CONFIDENTIAL
17	Various Confidential Reduction of Expenditure Crises
17	House 1968 Appropriation Recession 10/4/67
17	Supplemental Appropriation Request to Bureau of the Budget FY1968 1/24/68 [binder]
17	Request for Partial Restoration of Amounts Reduced in H. R. 164 89 As Passed by House of Representatives FY 1968 5/1/68 [binder]

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17	FY 1969 Budget Summary Data (Analysis of BOB Markup) 1/8/68 [binder]
17	H. J. Res. 888—Debated in House 10/18/67
17	Impact of HJR 888
17	Backup Papers for First Response—Bow Amendment
18	Speeches
18	Speeches—2
18	National Association of Postal Supervisors—New Jersey State Convention—Atlantic City, New Jersey 6/6/64 CONFIDENTIAL
18	National Association of Letter Carriers—Walla Walla, Washington May 29, 1964
18	United Federation of Postal Clerks—Sacramento, California—May 30, 1964
18	National League of Postmasters—Mackinac Island, Michigan 6/1/64
18	2nd Anniversary Meeting of Mail Users Council, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 4/25/63 CONFIDENTIAL
18	United Federation of Postal Clerks—Gearhart, Oregon 6/20/64 CONFIDENTIAL
18	National Association of Postmasters—Boise, Idaho 6/18/64 CONFIDENTIAL
18	Postmaster Installation (Victor J. Bodish) Columbus, Ohio—August 2, 1963 CONFIDENTIAL
18	ABCD—Minneapolis—St. Paul—Hopkins August 13-14, 1963 [Accelerated Business Collection and Delivery]
18	ABCD—Brooklyn, New York—September 13, 1963 CONFIDENTIAL
18	ABCD—McAlaster, Oklahoma May 18, 1963
18	Address by Ralph W. Nicholson before the NAPUS Postmaster's Training School—Springfield, Illinois—March 9, 1964
18	Postal Rate Legislation—January 1965 (Not Used)
18	Miscellaneous Papers—Four Plans for President—12/64
18	Priority Mail—Policy Commission—October 1965
18	Morrison Bill—HR 5938 Parcel Post
19	PMG Briefing—November 1964
19	Relief Parcels—August 1964 [AID, Food for Peace]
19	Postal Savings—1966
19	Admin.—1963 Budget [contains folder labeled "1963 Budget, General and Policy Questions—September 29, 1961"]
19	HS Hearings Info. Budget FY 1963
19	1968 Non-Pay and Pay Supplemental
20	1969 Appropriations—Senate
20	Statements—1
20	Statements—2
20	[envelope labeled "1969 Budget HS Markup Discussion 3/25/68"]
20	Statements—3
21	[Unlabeled loose leaf binder re: budget]
21	Briefing Notes FY 69—Budget 4/23/68 [loose leaf binder]
21	1969 Appropriations—House
21	Post Office Department—Fiscal Year 1969 Budget Summary Data—Bureau of Finance & Administration Budget Division—January 30, 1968 [binder]
21	Post Office Department Fiscal Year 1969 Budget Appeal—Budget Division November 28, 1967 [loose leaf binder]
21	1968—BOB Reduction of Expenditure (August 1967) [contains loose leaf binder]
21	1969 Budget (Aug. 1967) BOB Hearings Nov, 1 & 2 [contains loose leaf binder w/Budget Summary Data]
22	Q & A on FY 1969 Budget
22	Budget Briefing for PMG—1969 (Budget Summary Data)
22	Parcel Post 1967
22	Registered—Indemnity for Delay
22	Computed Bill—S1963—Senate Hearings 6/7/67
22	Canada—2nd Class—Increased International Rates—1967
22	Airlift 1967
22	Building Study (Committee Request)—2/62
22	Currency Security Measures, 1962
22	Reduction Expenditures 10/62
22	Economy Task Force January 1964
22	Employment Package 1964
23	"Corporation" PMG Announcement 4/3/67
23	Dulski Subcommittee Service Adjustments 6/16/64
23	Postage Meters—Olsen Subcommittee—January 1966

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23	O'Brien November 1965
23	HR—Vietnam 11300 (Morrison Bill)
23	Rates—January, 1967 [contains folder labeled RWN Rates January, 1967]
23	Rate Clippings November 1966
24	Rates—October 1966
24	Rates—May 1965
24	Rates—January 1964
24	Senate—PP 8/3/66 PL 89-593 9/20/66
24	Parcel Post—Senate
25	Parcel Post Hearings—House 3/1-2/66, 4/28/66
25	Parcel Post Letter and Draft Legislation 1/27/66
25	Parcel Post Discussions January-February 1966
25	Parcel Post 1965
25	Parcel Post 1963-1964