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Scope and content note:

This collection consists of material collected by Lee C. White in his role as Associate Counsel and then Special Counsel to the President. They reflect his involvement with many aspects of the government's activities relating to civil rights. They consist of correspondence, memorandums, drafts of bills and executive orders, published and unpublished reports, newspaper and journal articles, and other types of material.

Among the topics represented in the files are implementation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, consolidation of federal efforts in the field of civil rights, businessmen and civil rights, the military and civil rights, discrimination in medical facilities, ethnic minorities, public accommodations, discrimination in housing, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, federal assistance programs, desegregation in the South, public and vocational education, law enforcement and riots in northern and southern cities, and violence directed against blacks in the South.

Although the series includes material on civil rights throughout the United States, many of the documents focus on the South, particularly Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida. There is considerable material on the United States Commission on Civil Rights, the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, the Community Relations Service, and the 1966 White House Conference on Civil Rights ("To Fulfill These Rights").

- Date range of collection: 1963 - 1966
- 2 linear feet, 3 linear inches
- Available for research (Open)

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Box Number	Folder Title and description
1	Civil Rights Bill 1963-64
	Draft bill for the Civil Rights Act of 1963; drafts of the President's remarks upon signing the 1964 bill; rebuttal to an attack on the bill by the Coordinating Committee for Fundamental American Freedom, and a long letter from Burke Marshall to Senator Lee Metcalfe regarding this committee; comparison of various versions of the bill.
1	Civil Rights – Public Accommodations [2 folders]
	Draft of proposed 1963 civil rights bill; material regarding key people and organizations in Birmingham, Alabama, Columbia, South Carolina, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Tampa, Florida; 1964 clippings and correspondence on public accommodations and community relations services; extract of a publication entitled <u>Official Local Community Relations Services with Full Time Professional Staff</u> ; 11/18/63 memo pertaining to recent city ordinances against discrimination; 3/9/64 memo discussing the racial situation in several southern cities and how businessmen might help; 1964 honors thesis by Marianne J. Rosenfeld entitled "No Room At The Inn: The Constitutionality of the Federal Public Accommodations Legislation."
1	Civil Rights – Title VI, Agency Replies to LCW Memo, 7/7/64 [3 folders]
	Memos and letters to White in response to his memo asking what the agencies would do to implement the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
1	Civil Rights – General Memoranda to President re Cabinet Meeting 7/2/64
	Reports from several agencies to the President outlining steps they would take to implement the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
2	Implementation of Civil Rights Act of 1964 [2 folders]
	Analysis of the implications of the Act for departments and agencies; correspondence pertaining to supplemental appropriations for implementation of programs authorized by the Act; reports from departments and agencies on

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	actions needed to comply with the Act; 9/28/64 memo from LCW to the President regarding Titles VI and VII; press releases on the Act; paper entitled "Religious Discrimination and Title VI of the Civil Rights Bill."
2	Civil Rights Act of 1964 – Title VI Regulations [2 folders]
	Material from departments and agencies on drafting, review, and issuance of Title VI regulations; 12/4/64, 12/31/64, and 1/9/65 issues of the <i>Federal Register</i> ; Department of Labor "Suggestions for Preliminary Implementation of Title VII" of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.
2	Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI
	Memoranda, press releases, and other material regarding the development and implementation of procedural guidelines of Title VI; booklets entitled "Civil Rights Under Federal Programs: An Analysis of Title VI," and "Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.... As applied to HHFA Programs: Questions and Answers"; material, including an agenda, for the 1965 National Conference on Title VI; items relating to nondiscrimination under federal contracts and grants, southern states and Title VI, and interagency meeting on Title VI, and the need for coordination of civil rights activities by the various agencies.
3	Civil Rights – Title VI, 1966
	January 1966 HEW memo reviewing departmental policies for implementing Title VI; January 1966 memo on compliance by the Alabama Civil Defense organization.
3	Civil Rights Legislation
	December 1964 LCW and Nicholas Katzenbach memos on voter registration; 12/15/64 LeRoy Collins memo regarding federal assistance for local human relations commissions; 6/17/64 "Task Force Issue Paper: Civil Rights."
3	Civil Rights – Poll Tax
	"Voting in Mississippi," a 5/7/65 report of the United States Commission on Civil Rights; April 1965 memo on discriminatory purposes in the enactment and administration of poll taxes.
3	Voting Rights 1965
	Material on the background, passage and implementation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, including a March 1965 memo from Edward Kennedy to LCW about an

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	amendment to the legislation; transcript of testimony of Herman Badillo (vice president of the Legion of Voters, Inc.) before the House Judiciary Committee; comparison of 2/63 and 6/63 voting proposals and Title I of the 1964 Civil Rights Act; 12/64 DNC paper entitled "Registration and Election Law Reform."
3	Civil Rights – Proposition 14
	November 1964-February 1965 material relating to the implications for urban renewal in California of Proposition 14 (passed 11/3/64, amending the California Constitution), with emphasis on Redondo Beach, California.
3	Civil Rights – Hospitals (Hill-Burton)
	Correspondence pertaining to the 11/1/63 Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals' finding in <i>Simkins v. Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital</i> that the "separate but equal" provision of the Hill-Burton Act was unconstitutional; tentative agenda and list of invitees to a 7/27/64 conference on compliance with nondiscrimination in the Hill-Burton Hospital program.
3	Civil Rights – Federal Airport Act Amendments
	Justice Department memo of 11/20/63 on the constitutionality of proposed amendments to the Federal Airport Act.
3	Commission on Civil Rights
	Memos from F. Peter Libassi to members of the President's Council on Equal Opportunity 4/65-8/65 regarding coordination of federal civil rights programs and other topics; material concerning a 2/12/64 meeting between the Commission and the President; correspondence and press releases dealing with the Commission's staffing, policies, etc. (several items on the Mississippi State Advisory Committee); background material on Commission reports on voting rights (12/65) and equal protection in the South (11/65).
3	Civil Rights – Community Relations Service
	Material on 1965 racial situations in Watts, California, and Bogalusa, Louisiana, on Community Relations Service financing, personnel, policy, and relations with the press, on the National Citizens Committee for Community Relations, and on the National Women's Committee for Civil Rights; letter of resignation and other items relating to the departure from the Service in 12/65 of Acting Director Calvin Kytle; July 1965 weekly summary reports on Service activities; 4/21/65 memo and

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	notes pertaining to a meeting between Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh and the Task Force on Urban Summer Violence.
3	Committee on Equal Opportunity in the Armed Forces
	December 1963 memo and other items on integration of blacks in the National Guard; final report of the President's Committee on Equal Opportunity in the Armed Forces entitled "Military Personnel Stationed Overseas and Membership and Participation in the National Guard" (November 1964).
3	Committee on Equal Opportunity in Housing
	Miscellaneous material, including a 12/65 memo analyzing executive and legislative approaches to housing discrimination, a 12/31/65 press release by Republican Senators Javits, Scott, and Case on housing discrimination, a memo on minority opposition to urban renewal, and a Federal Home Bank Board review of possible effects of the 1965 Executive Order on Discrimination in Housing.
3	A Coordinated Program for Securing Equal Opportunity in Housing for Federal Employees and Employees of Federal Contractors
	March 1963 paper of this title prepared by the Housing and Home Finance Agency Office of Program Policy; material from 1961-1963 dealing with this topic; 2/12/64 draft memo to heads of executive departments and commissioners of D.C. regarding de facto discrimination against employees or those seeking employment, together with several responses to this memo.
4	Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, 1963
	December 1963 comments on a draft report of the Committee; article by Owen Birnbaum entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity and Executive Order 10925" (<i>Kansas Law Review</i> 11:1, October 1962); booklet entitled <i>Equal Opportunity in Federal Employment... A Community Centered Study May 15, 1963 through June 30, 1964</i> (U.S. Civil Service Commission, Sept. 1964).
4	Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, 1964
	Material on the 1965 White House Conference on Equal Employment Opportunity, including a provisional program and suggested statement by the President; various publications of the Committee (newsletters, press releases, etc.); paper entitled "Minority Group Study June 1963: Negro and Total Employment in Selected Agencies"; article by Richard K. Berg entitled "Equal

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	Employment Opportunity Under the Civil Rights Act of 1964" (<i>Brooklyn Law Review</i> , December 1964); copy of the Civil Service Commission booklet listed under the preceding folder.
4	Executive Order Ending President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity
	Includes background memos (many from Hubert Humphrey to LBJ and others) and drafts; press reaction to the President's 1965 Executive Order; and related material, mostly from June-August 1965, on coordination and streamlining of federal civil rights activities.
4	Civil Rights – Plans for Progress
	Memo of 8/12/65 and attached list of "Plans for Progress – Major Programs 1962-1965."
4	President's Council on Equal Opportunity (V.P.)
	January-September 1965 memos (many between the President and the Vice President) discussing the Council and its activities, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and coordination of federal civil rights activities; copy of a 1/4/65 report submitted by the Vice President-Elect to the President entitled "Report to the President on the Coordination of Civil Rights Activities in the Federal Government"; miscellaneous material on the creation and operation of the Council.
4	Civil Rights – Businessmen's Group, Ad Hoc
	Material relating to the involvement of businessmen in civil rights matters, including remarks of the President to a group on 4/9/64, correspondence between LCW and Harold Fleming of the Potomac Institute, information developed by Fleming's group on the status of desegregation as of March 1964 in thirty-nine southern cities, and lists of key business people in Charlotte, Rocky Mount, Greensboro, and Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Knoxville and Memphis, Tennessee, Charlottesville, Newport News, Richmond and Lynchburg, Virginia, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Mobile, Alabama and Pensacola and St. Petersburg, Florida.
4	Civil Rights – Ethnic Groups

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	Correspondence between Paul Deac of the National Federation of American Ethnic Groups and LCW concerning questions and complaints about federal actions; background memo on the Federation and material relating to a 4/24/64 meeting between representatives of the Federation and members of the White House staff; miscellaneous items on Mexican-Americans, including an article by George Sanchez entitled "The American of Mexican Descent" (<i>Chicago Jewish Forum</i> 20:2).
4	Civil Rights – List of Organizations and Political Leaders
	1959-1965 lists covering different groups associated with civil rights issues; August 1963 notes from a meeting with civil rights leaders regarding the March on Washington; August 1963 memo on black employment; Bureau of the Census booklet on the voting population and votes cast for president in 1960 and 1964; Labor Department booklet entitled <i>America is for Everybody</i> (1963); 9/7/65 George Reedy to the President memo regarding relations between the White House and black leaders.
5	Equal Rights Conference, 1965
	Lists of participants in July planning sessions for the October conference; material relating to various aspects of the conference, including scheduling, financing, selection of participants and chairman, and definition of purposes; copy of an 8/19/65 U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Report on the Watts rioting; 8/24/65 memo regarding merger of the Community Relations Service and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Correspondents include Hubert Humphrey (many items), A. Philip Randolph, Bill Moyers, Louis Martin, and William L. Taylor.
5	Preliminary Plans for Planning Session, White House Conference on Civil Rights, November 17-18, 1965
	Correspondence and other material on putting together a planning session for the 1966 White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights," including a preliminary outline of the conference, a staff list, and items relating to goals and participants; a fourteen-page bibliography of materials pertinent to the subject matter of the conference; "A Memorandum on Identity and Negro Youth" prepared by Erik Erikson in 1963.
5	Preliminary Session for White House Conference on Civil Rights, November 17-18, 1965

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	Items on the financing, physical accommodations, goals, suggested topics for discussion, and participants; copies of preliminary reports of the panels at the planning session.
5	1966 Spring White House Conference on Civil Rights
	Correspondence on arrangements for the conference, including setting a date, financing, an agenda, etc.
5	Civil Rights – Education
	Items pertaining to the July 1965 White House Conference on Education, including a booklet of background readings and a program; material on school desegregation, non-discrimination in vocational education, accreditation of Jacksonville, Florida, high schools, and the largely segregated land-grant colleges in several southern states (especially Texas and Tennessee).
5	Civil Rights – Federal Employment
	A November 2, 1965, U.S. Civil Service Commission news release.
5	Nondiscrimination Clause in Government Lease
	December 1963 – June 1965 material relating to the question of whether the federal government could legally withhold funds from government contractors or grant-holders guilty of racial discrimination.
5	Law Enforcement - Riots
	Material relating to federal aid for training local law enforcement officers, methods of handling riots (including legislation), federal legislation for combating crime, and a proposed conference of mayors and law enforcement officers; extracts regarding crime from the 1965 State of the Union message; a long 1964 Justice Department memo on urban riots and crime; items on the American Nazi Party in Arlington, Virginia; suggested arguments for 1964 Democratic speakers addressing the problem of crime.
5	Civil Rights Demonstrations
	Memos concerning disturbances or expected disturbances in Baltimore (9/64), at the Federal Pavilion at the New York World's Fair (6/65), in Jackson, Mississippi (6/65), Seattle (10/64), and Chicago (9/64); 9/8/64 memo LCW to the President

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	about a program aimed at riots; 2/65 F.B.I. booklet entitled "Prevention and Control of Mobs and Riots."
6	Civil Rights – Alabama <i>SCANNED</i>
	Fact sheet on Autauga County; 8/12/65 memo from Hubert Humphrey to the President on the Title VI notice of hearing to Alabama; 3/11/65 summary of federal efforts in Selma; 1/29/64 report on Birmingham.
6	Civil Rights Boycotts – Alabama and Mississippi <i>SCANNED</i>
	Material, including a list of targeted companies and an estimate of impact, concerning SCLC plans for a 1965 Alabama boycott; correspondence, estimate of impact, and other items regarding a 1965 Mississippi boycott.
6	Civil Rights – St. Augustine, Fla. <i>SCANNED</i>
	September 1963 – July 1964 material on federal participation in the Quadricentennial of the city, racial unrest, and SCLC request for protection and charges of federal inaction during a demonstration, including a 5/29/64 telegram from Martin Luther King, Jr., to the President and many other King-related items; SCLC pamphlet entitled "St. Augustine, Florida: 400 Years of Bigotry and Hate Supported and Maintained by Northern Tourist Dollars."
6	Civil Rights – Cambridge, MD <i>SCANNED</i>
	Two 5/27/64 memos regarding black unrest.
6	Civil Rights – Mississippi <i>SCANNED</i>
	Includes June-July 1964 material on voter registration and use of federal personnel for law enforcement, an April 1963 memo on curtailment of SBA financial assistance, a Mississippi Summer Project chronology of contacts with federal agents concerning the Philadelphia, Mississippi, murders, an October 1964 report on racial unrest in McComb and a UPI release on a 9/24/64 meeting between the President and three black women from Mississippi.
6	Mississippi Summer Project Voter Registration <i>SCANNED</i>
	Correspondence and other material, including several items on the disappearance of three civil rights workers near Philadelphia, Mississippi, a list of New England students involved in the project, and a letter signed by thirty-eight northeastern educators requesting protection for the students.

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6	Civil Rights – Watts, Los Angeles Riots <i>SCANNED</i>
	Memoranda and other items regarding August 1965 rioting, possible federal disaster relief, and loans to black construction firms.
6	Civil Rights – Miscellaneous 1963 <i>SCANNED</i>
	October 1963 memo on blacks appointed to positions in the Ohio state government.
6	Civil Rights – Miscellaneous 1964 <i>SCANNED</i>
	Includes material on housing patterns, development of a directory of persons working for equal opportunity programs in the government, foreign service membership in segregated recreation clubs, the withdrawal of government sponsorship from a segregated seminar, inclusion of race designation on government forms, open housing for government employees, the reported closing of a Masonic lodge at Brookley AFB, requests for travel funds, antidiscrimination efforts by the military, discrimination in housing in an Illinois Motorola plant, an SBA pilot plan for loans to black businessmen, and suggested responses to magazine editors' inquiries. Other items are James Farmer's proposal for literacy training, a summary of functions and structure of civil rights agencies, a BOB agenda for a Task Force on Civil Rights Issues, an eight-page statement by the governor of the Virgin Islands, and drafts and press releases of presidential statements.
6	Civil Rights – Miscellaneous 1965 <i>SCANNED</i>
	Material on compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, challenges to the seating of the Mississippi congressional delegation [by the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party or MFDP], placement of race designation on government forms, a proposal for a black astronaut, the release of "The Negro Family" (the Moynihan Report), racial tensions in Bogalusa, Louisiana, the resignations of two men from the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights, Alabama's non-compliance with federal civil rights legislation, jail conditions in Selma, Alabama, Treasury Secretary Fowler's address to an all-white group in Birmingham, Alabama, AID hiring practices, the legality of making a government plane available to the widow of murdered civil rights leader Reverend Reeb, and a discussion of a response to the request by attorney William Kunstler that a federal Post Office building in

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	Greenwood, Mississippi, be used to take depositions; notes from a 9/13/65 meeting with members of CORE, and excerpts from an NAACP annual report.
6	Civil Rights – Miscellaneous 1966 <i>SCANNED</i>
	Memo and clipping regarding the refusal of the Georgia Legislature to seat Julian Bond; correspondence concerning a proposed state civil rights act in Kentucky.
6	Civil Rights Accomplishments – LBJ <i>SCANNED</i>
	March 1964 summaries from various agencies (including Justice, USIA, HEW, NASA, SBA, VA, Interior, AEC, and State) of civil rights achievements in the first one hundred days of the Johnson Administration; April 1964 draft campaign fact sheet on civil rights based on these summaries and entitled “Administration Record: Established Equal Opportunity.”