

## COLLECTION DETAILS and FOLDER TITLE LIST

### Collection: Office Files of Peter Benchley, 4/1966 - 1/1969 [ NAID 45568516 ]

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### Aides Files: Peter Benchley

#### Scope and content note:

This collection consists of files created by Peter Benchley while he served as a Presidential speech writer and aide to Lyndon B. Johnson. The files contain statements and correspondence along with the drafts and notes used for their creation. They include drafts and copies of correspondence written for the President ranging from personal letters for family and friends to official correspondence such as transmittal letters that accompanied legislation to Congress.

The files also contain drafts and copies of statements such as toasts; comments for bill signings, ceremonies, dinners, meetings, and social events; press releases; and proclamations. A small body of materials written for use in White House publications is included in the files.

- Date range: 1966-1969
- 1 linear foot, 10 linear inches
- Partially available for research

#### Folder Title List

Box #	Folder Title	Status
1	Chronological	empty
1	Cancelled Projects	empty
1	Executive Orders: Preamble for Executive Order on Consumer Interests 4/25/67	
1	Foreword-Booklet Published by Dept. of Agriculture - Women in Government 8-16-67	open
1	Forward to <i>Age in Transition: Rural Youth In a Changing Society</i> 7/28/67	
1	Forward to Centennial Issue of the World Almanac	
1	Letters of Transmittal: Health Research Facilities Program 5/19/67	open
1	Letters of Transmittal: Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corp. 9/8/67	

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1	Letters of Transmittal: Semi-Annual Report of Federal Agency Activity Under P.L. 88-451 "Alaska Omnibus Act" 8/12/67	
1	Letters of Transmittal: Weather Modification - Letter of Transmittal 7/6/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letter of Thanks to Armed Forces Visited 11 - 11 & 12 11/17/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Corps of Cadets and Brigade of Midshipmen 11/6/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letter to Senator Scott Lucas on Death of his Wife 11/8/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letter to General Westmoreland on Death of his Mother 7/10/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letter to Pvt. 1/c Kennedy M. Braxton 7/20/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letters to Mr. B.J. Chenault and SSgt. Arthur F. Rose, Jr. 7/13/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letter to Betty Furness on Marriage 6/29/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letter to Private Alonzo Fortune 7/11/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Harpoon Club's Annual "Fall Guy" - Governor Dempsey Letter to J. Bailey 5/8/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letters of Acknowledgement - Mr. Brooks, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Cox, Colonel Gage 7/10/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letters of Acknowledgement, etc. From the President 5/25/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letters June 20 to Hon. E. M. Kennedy, Hon. Cyrus Vance, Robert Kintner, and Mrs. J. Kennedy	open
1	Presidential Letters: Letter to Pvt. 1/C Daniel L. Lowe 7/20/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Message to the 75th Anniversary of the Pen and Pencil Club New York City Terminal Market - Letter from the President 5/15/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letter: Mr. Firestone - USO Cold Medal Award	

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1	Presidential Letters: Letter to S. Shulman, Chairman of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission from Califano 6/29/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letter to Ens. P. M. Snyder, Jr. 7/20/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letter to Congressman Schwengel on book "We, the People" 6/29/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letter to Lt. John T. Somerville 7/20/67	
1	Presidential Letters: Letters of Acknowledgement to Stahl, Rev. Lehman Flemming, Carlson, 6/28	
1	Presidential Letters: Letters to Reverend Thomas and Mr. Hughes 9/2/67	
1	Press Releases: White House Press Release - Appointment of Armando Rodriguez as Coordinator of Mexican-American Affairs Unit 4/27/67	
1	Press Releases: Consumer's Advisory Committee White House Press Release 6/13	
1	Press Releases: "Share Your Summer" Program White House Press Release 4/13	
1	Proclamations: Cancer Control Month, 1967	
1	Proclamations: Columbus Day Proclamation 1967, 9/1/67	
1	Proclamations: Leif Erickson Day Proclamation 1967, 9/1/67	
1	Proclamations: General Pulaski's Memorial Day Proclamation 1967, 8/31/67	
1	Proclamations: National Forest Products Week 1967 Proclamation, 9/21/67	
1	Proclamations: Small Business Week, 1967 Proclamation, 4/17/67	
1	Proclamations: White Cane Safety Day, 1967 Proclamation, 4/11/67	
1	Proclamations: 30th Anniversary of the Bonneville Project Act, 8/17/67	
1	Remarks by the President: Advertising Council, 5/11/67	
1	Remarks by the President: Statement by the President before 3rd Reserve and Recovery Group	open
1	Remarks by the President: Meeting with ANPA - Talking Points, 10/6/67	
1	Remarks by the President: Swearing In of Miss Betty Furness, 4/27/67	
1	Remarks by the President: Boys' Nation Group, 7/26/67	

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1	Remarks by the President: National Council of Boy Scouts Annual Meeting, 4/12/67	
1	Remarks by the President: Children's Fair Remarks, 9/8/67	
1	Remarks by the President: Remarks to the Directors of State Department of Commerce, 3/29/67	
1	Remarks by the President: Consumer Assembly, 10/30/67	
1	Remarks by the President: Draft Remarks for Congressional Campaign Comm. Dinner, 5/5/67	
1	Remarks by the President: Consumer Advisory Council - Remarks, 10/25/67	
1	Remarks by the President: Consumer Groups Remarks by the President, 9/21/67	
1	Remarks by the President: President's Committee on Consumer Interests - Talking Points 10/12	
1	Remarks by the President: Co-op Month, 1967 Remarks, 10/3/67	
2	Remarks by the President: DNC Dinner Memorandum to McPherson for 10/7/67, 9/28/67	
2	Remarks by the President: Signing of Amendments to Flammable Fabrics Act, 12/11/67	
2	Remarks by the President: Toasts or Remarks at Private Reception for Ambassador Goldberg, 8/8/67	
2	Remarks by the President: Graduating Class of the Capitol Page School, 6/5/67	
2	Remarks by the President: Internal Revenue National and Field Officials, 5/12/67	
2	Remarks by the President: Message of Welcome to the First International Big Game Hunter's and Fishermen's Conference, 4/11/67	
2	Remarks by the President: International Platform Association - Goldberg Award, 7/27/67	

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2	Remarks by the President: Remarks in Honor of Andrew Jackson at the Hermitage	
2	Remarks by the President: Jewish Labor Committee - Filmed Remarks by the President, 11/3/67	
2	Remarks by the President: Welcoming of Premier Ky and General Thieu to Guam, 3/20/67	
2	Remarks by the President: Marine Corps Base - Camp Pendleton, Calif., 11/10/67	open
2	Remarks by the President: Marine Corps Air Station - El Toro, Calif., 11/10/67	open
2	Remarks by the President: Medal of Honor Award Remarks Sergeant David Dolby, 9/26/67	
2	Remarks by the President: Remarks for White House Photographers 4/6/67	open
2	Remarks by the President: Product Safety Commission - Bill Signing Remarks, 11/18/67	
2	Remarks by the President: Radio & Television Correspondents Dinner, 3/7/67	open
2	Remarks by the President: Welcoming Remarks for Prime Minister Sato, 11/13/67	open
2	Remarks by the President: Toast for Eisaku Sato Dinner, 11/13/67	open
2	Remarks by the President: Senatorial Stag Dinner Remarks, 9/19/67	
2	Remarks by the President: Safety Awards - Presentation of Remarks by the President, 6/10	
2	Remarks by the President: Savings Bond Awards Ceremony, 7/17/67	
2	Remarks by the President: Wholesome Meat Act - Signing Remarks, 12/15/67	
2	Remarks by the President: Presentation of Young American Medals, 6/20/67	
2	Remarks by the President: Young President's Club, 5/22/67	
2	Statements: CIA Awards Statement, 9/16/67	

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2	Statements: Remarks Concerning Chancellor Adenauer, 4/21/67	open
2	Statements: St. Patrick's Day	
2	Statements: Labor Day Statement, 8/11/67	
2	Telegrams: Night Letter to Mr. Morgan Beatty on His Retirement, 9/27/67	
2	Telegrams: Four Freedoms Award to A. Goldberg Night Letter, 11/7/67	
2	Telegrams: Association of Junior Leagues of Am. Telegram, 5/6/67	
2	Telegrams: Night Letter - Mr. B. Wechsler on Winston Churchill Memorial, 10/17/67	
2	Telegrams: International Rescue Committee 1967 Freedom Award to General Sarnoff - Night Letter, 10-11	
2	Telegrams: Telegram to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Midgley (Miss Betty Furness) on Marriage, 7/10/67	
2	Telegrams: 41st Annual Convention of Propeller Club - Night Letter, 10/7/67	
2	Telegrams: Wires to Mrs. Paul Schulzer and Mrs. Ted Yates, 6/6/67	
2	Telegrams: Night Letter on Award of 5th Eleanor Roosevelt Award to Mrs. M. Field, 4-18	
2	Toasts: Toast at Governors Dinner, 3/18/67	
2	Toasts: Yen Chia-Kan, Vice President, Rep. of China - Toast for Luncheon, 5/8/67	
3	Non-Presidential Statements: House Committee on Banking and Currency - Testimony for Ms. Furness, 11/8/67	
3	Non-Presidential Statements: Speeches for Congressmen (8-12-67)	open
3	Non-Presidential Statements: Miss Furness Testimony Before A Civil Disorders Commission Panel, 11/3/67	open
3	Non-Presidential Statements: Remarks by Miss Furness Before Consumer Assembly, 11/2/67	
3	Non-Presidential Statements: Remarks for Betty Furness before Consumer Bankers Asso., 9/13/67	

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3	Non-Presidential Statements: Testimony by B. Furness on D.C. Retail Installment Sales, 12/7/67	open
3	Non-Presidential Statements: Betty Furness - Remarks for Farmers Wives, 4/26/67	
3	Non-Presidential Statements: Betty Furness - Draft Testimony on S. 1003, Amendments to Flammable Fabrics Act, 4/26/67	open
3	Non-Presidential Statements: New York City Terminal Market - Remarks by Miss B. Furness, 5/16	
3	Non-Presidential Statements: Testimony given by Betty Furness on H.R. 11601 8/7/67	open
3	Miscellaneous: Television Comments	open
3	Miscellaneous: Willie S. Bowman - Correspondence Concerning Visit with the President, 5/24	
3	Miscellaneous: Latin American Summit	
3	Personal:	empty
3	Chronological File:	empty
3	Bill Signing Statements: Bill Signing S. 449, 9/11/68	
3	Bill Signing Statements: Signing the Extension and Amendments to the Agriculture Trade Development and Assistance Act, 7/24	
3	Bill Signing Statements: Signing the Extension and Amendments to the Consolidated Farmers Home Administration Act, 7/19/68	
3	Bill Signing Statements: Bill Signing - Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, 10/1/68	
3	Bill Signing Statements: Signing the Uniform Holiday Bill, 6/28/68	
3	Bill Signing Statements: Signing of the Consumer Credit Protection Act, 5/29/68	
3	Bill Signing Statements: Fire Research and Safety Act Signing Ceremony, 3/1/68	
3	Bill Signing Statements: National Visitors Center Bill Signing, 3/12/68	
3	Bill Signing Statements: Vocational Rehabilitation Amendments	open
3	Bill Signing Statements: Signing Veterans Bill H.R., 16027, 8/13/68	

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3	Bill Signing Statements: Signing Wholesome Poultry Products Act, 1968, 8/14/68	
3	Forewords:	
3	Letters of Transmittal: Transmittal Letter - First Report of National Adv. Committee on Adult Basic Education, 9/4/68	
3	Letters of Transmittal: 2nd Annual Report of Appalachian Commission 1/15/68	open
3	Letters of Transmittal: Ann. Report of Natl. Commission on Architectural Barriers to Rehabilitation of Handicapped, 5/7/68	
3	Letters of Transmittal: Highway Safety Act of 1966 - First Annual Report, 4/19	open
3	Letters of Transmittal: International Cultural and Educational Exchange Programs, 3/15/68	open
3	Letters of Transmittal: 1967 Federal Disaster Act Activities, 2/14/68	
3	Letters of Transmittal: 22nd Report on Participation of U.S. in United Nations, 9/12	
3	Letters of Transmittal: National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 1st Annual Report, 4/25/68	open
3	Letters of Transmittal: 9th Annual Report on Weather Modification for 67, 9/5/68	
3	Letters of Transmittal: Peace Corps - 7th Annual Report	
3	Letters of Transmittal: Wilderness Preservation System - 5th Annual Report	
3	Letters of Transmittal: 4th Annual Report of National Wilderness Preservation System, 2/13/68	
3	Letters of Transmittal: U.S.-Japan Cooperative Medical Science Program 2nd Annual Report, 4/26/68	
3	Letters of Transmittal: Annual Report of Railroad Retirement Board for 1967, 6/6/68	
3	Letters of Transmittal: Power Plant Locations - OST Report	



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3	Letters of Transmittal: 2nd Annual Report of Department of HUD, 6/7/68	
4	Messages to Congress: (Empty)	empty
4	Presidential Letters: November - December 1968	open
4	Presidential Letters: September and October 1968	open
4	Presidential Letters: July and August 1968	open
4	Presidential Letters: May and June 1968	open
4	Presidential Letters: Letter to the Abramsons on Death of Son Frederick in Vietnam, 3/12/68	open
4	Presidential Letters: Letter to DAR for 77 <sup>th</sup> Continental Congress, 4/8/68	open
4	Presidential Letters: Two Draft Letters for the President After Deciding Not to Run, 4/1/68	open
4	Presidential Letters: Letters from the President for Correspondence (17) 3/4/68	open
4	Press Releases: Thomas, Norman (Death) 12/19/69	open
4	Proclamations: American History Month, 1968 2/1/68	open
4	Proclamations: Columbus Day Proclamation, 9/30/68	open
4	Proclamations: Law Day, U.S.A., 1968, 2/1/68	open
4	Proclamations: General Pulaski's Memorial Day, 1968, 8/12/68	open
4	Proclamations: Mother's Day Proclamation, 4/18/68	open
4	Proclamations: National Farm Safety Week, 1968 2/16/68	open
4	Remarks by the President: Urban Committee, Savings and Loan Industries, 3/6/68	open
4	Remarks by the President: Astronauts Dinner, 12/9/69	open
4	Remarks by the President: Gardner Ackley/Charles Schultze Dinner McNulty, Duggan, Wattenberg, Laitin & PB, 2/5/68	open
4	Remarks by the President: Arrival of P.M. Errol Barrow of Barbados Remarks, 9/11/68	open
4	Remarks by the President: Boy Scout Delegation - Talking Points, 2/8/68	open
4	Remarks by the President: Choice '68 Students	open

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4	Remarks by the President: Correspondence Section Farewell, 11/26/68	open
4	Remarks by the President: Presentation of DSM to General Johnson, 7/2/68	open
4	Remarks by the President: Reception for Editorial Cartoonists Remarks, 5/18/68	open
4	Remarks by the President: Edit for Radio Spot on "Fly the Flag" Month in Oklahoma, 5/24/68	open
4	Remarks by the President: Educational Broadcasters Assn., 11/22/68	open
4	Remarks by the President: U.S. Forests and Parks Film Strip, 3/20/68	open
4	Remarks by the President: Remarks to Delegates from Girl's Nation	open
4	Remarks by the President: Harmon Trophy Presentation, 11/15/68	open
4	Remarks by the President: Holland Society Award Reception, 1/8/69	open
4	Remarks by the President: Iranian PM Visit, 12/5/68	open
4	Remarks by the President: Kuwaiti Amir's Visit - Toast, 12/11/68	open
4	Remarks by the President: Medal of Honor Ceremony, 1/31/68, Major Merlyn Dethlefsen	open
4	Remarks by the President: National Association of Attorneys General-Remarks, 1/31/68	open
5	Remarks by the President: Physical Fitness Awards - Talking Points, 4/23/68	
5	Remarks by the President: Post Office Department Visit, 12/17/69	
5	Remarks by the President: Private Dinner Party Remarks, 9/25 & 9/27 St. Francis College of Brooklyn	open
5	Remarks by the President: San Salvador Dinner Toast, 7/5/68	
5	Remarks by the President: San Salvador Luncheon Toast, 7/5/68 Scholastic Awards to Blind Students, 5/7/68	open
5	Remarks by the President: Secret Service Meeting - Farewell, 11/23/68	
5	Remarks by the President: Swearing in Clark Clifford, 3/1/68	
5	Remarks by the President: Swearing in of Fred Delliquadri - Chief of Children's Bureau, 6/21	

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5	Remarks by the President: Swearing in of Jerre S. Williams as Chairman of Administrative Conf. of U.S. - Remarks, 1/25/68	
5	Remarks by the President: Receive Swords Into Plowshares Award, 6/6/68	
5	Remarks by the President: TV and Radio Correspondents Dinner, 3/6/68	open
5	Remarks by the President: Presentation Unit Citation 26th Marines, 5/23/68	
5	Remarks by the President: Voices of Democracy Youth - Talking Points, 3/13/68	
5	Remarks by the President: Young American Medals - Remarks, 5/3/68	
5	Remarks by the President: Remarks f/Mtg w/National Water Commission (11/21/68)	
5	Remarks by the President: Women's Poverty Advisory Council Remarks, 5/16/68	open
5	Statements: Bishop Hubbard Book "Let the Seller Beware" Draft Introduction, 9/19	
5	Statements: Statement on Federal Credit Union Amendments, 7/13/68	
5	Statements: Booklet for Presentation of Hereford Bull to Mexican President, 4/12/68	
5	Statements: Draft Obit for Norman Thomas, 6/18	
5	Statements: Taped Message to the Tribe, 1/24/68	open
5	Telegrams: (Empty)	
5	Toasts: Filmed Remarks for United Community Campaigns of America, 7/15/68	
5	Non-Presidential Statements: Childrens Booklets - LBJ Library	open
5	Non-Presidential Statements: Draft Convention Speech for Miss Furness, 8/16/68	open
5	Non-Presidential Statements: Draft Remarks by Betty Furness on FISH, 2/24/68	open
5	Non-Presidential Statements: Betty Furness Remarks before the National Press Club, 6/18/68	open

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5	Non-Presidential Statements: Remarks by Heywood Smith at Medal Award Ceremony for Worth Hobbs, 2/14/68	open
5	Non-Presidential Statements: Tributes to Homer Thornberry from the House of Representatives, 7/2/68	open
5	Non-Presidential Statements: Remarks by Luci, 2/6/68	open
5	Non-Presidential Statements: Quips on Republican Convention	open
5	Non-Presidential Statements: Statements on Steel Price Increase, 8/1	open
5	Personal: Miscellaneous Correspondence, Memorandums etc. PB	open
5	Personal: Miscellaneous Hold	open