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SCIENCE (SC)

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Scope and content note:

This subject category contains materials pertaining to areas of scientific study, research and development. Included in this category are materials concerning coastal and geodetic surveys, expeditions, cartography, meteorology, engineering, oceanography, weights and measures, and time. Much of the correspondence, reports and information came from the Office of the Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, Dr. Donald Hornig, and his staff. Statements and messages were prepared in this office for the President for numerous scientific groups. This office also answered questions concerning scientific and technological matters from the general public, the scientific and university communities and the members of Congress. Senators Clinton Anderson, Edmund Muskie and Lister Hill and Congressmen Emilio Daddario and Henry Reuss were involved with Congressional committees and subcommittees with interests and responsibilities in the fields of science and technology.

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Subcategories:

SC SCIENCE

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Contains correspondence concerning legislation before Congress on matters dealing with science and technology, including statements by Dr. Donald Hornig and his staff on such legislation as the National Commission on Automation and Technology Progress, the Florence Agreement, which concerned the exportation





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and importation of educational, scientific and cultural materials, and a national clearinghouse for scientific information; correspondence from Dr. Hornig to the general public on suggestions and proposals of inventions and scientific and technical improvements; correspondence between Dr. Hornig and members of the scientific and university communities concerning the distribution of federal funds for research and development; several booklets, magazine articles and news clippings on scientific matters; requests for statements and messages from the President for gatherings of those interested in some aspects of science.

SC 1 COASTAL-GEODETIC SURVEYS

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The Executive file contains a single document concerning the Teller proposal to use nuclear bombs to mine gold; the General file contains memos concerning earthquake prediction and removal of shell from the offshore reefs along the Texas coast. Less than 1 inch.

SC 2 EARTH-EARTH SCIENCES

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Contains material on the MOHOLE project to be carried out by the National Science Foundation; correspondence in favor of placing the Earthquake Research Center within the jurisdiction of the United States Geological Survey. Less than 1 inch.

SC 2-1 EXPEDITIONS-EXPLORATIONS

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The Executive file contains a negligible amount of material. The General file contains a large case on the Noss mine explorations on the White Sands, New Mexico, military preserve; requests to join the expedition to Antarctica sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Department of the Navy; and a request for Federal assistance in an excavation in the Red Sea. Less than 1 inch.

SC 2-2 MAPS-CARTOGRAPHS-GLOBES-GEOGRAPHY-CHARTS

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The Executive file contains a negligible amount of material. The General file contains a mention of the need for coordination between Federal mapping and charting activities. Less than 1 inch.

SC 2-3 METEOROLOGY

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Contains several annual reports on Federal activities in the field of weather modification; numerous weather reports for the LBJ Ranch, Washington, D.C. and Camp David; materials concerning the weather satellites, the NIMBUS and TIROS programs; comments on the agreement between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. on a weather satellite link-up; contains information concerning the NADWARN system, the national disaster warning system; correspondence on the Interagency Meteorological Program; and memos on NERVA, the nuclear rocket. 5.5 inches.

SC 3 ELECTRONICS

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Contains information on the Emergency Broadcasting System; also includes offers to the government from companies of their products and techniques. Less than 1 inch.

SC 4 ENGINEERING

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Contains a letter from Representative Daddario concerning his committee's study of the use of U.S. scientific and engineering resources as the military's demands decrease; letters concerning draft deferments for engineers; and materials concerning the efforts to improve the quality of engineers in the Federal government. 1 inch.

SC 5 PHYSICAL SCIENCES

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Contains letters from Congressmen concerning the energy study by the Office of Science and Technology and the Report on National Policy on High Energy Physics; letters concerning the location of the AEC accelerator in the Los Angeles area; and a study by the Department of Commerce on corrosion. Less than 1 inch.

SC 6 OCEANOGRAPHY

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Contains material primarily concerning the Interagency Committee on Oceanography and includes several annual reports of the committee; references to legislation affecting oceanographic research and development; several references to the National Security Industrial Association, which includes industries involved in the Federal oceanographic studies; the report of the Panel on Oceanography "Effective Use of the Sea"; the commissioning of the *Oceanographer* and the transfer of the *Anton Bruun* to India and the *Geronimo* to Taiwan as research ships; comments on the U.N. General Assembly debate on the use of the sea bed; materials on the Gulf Universities study of the gulf area; and requests for information concerning opportunities in the field of oceanography. Much of the material is cross-referenced to LE/SC 6. 5.5 inches.

SC 7 TIME

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The Executive material consists mostly of cross-references, but there are some items referring to the Uniform Time Bill; the General material includes letters from the general public expressing displeasure over Daylight Savings Time. Less than 1 inch.

SC 8 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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Contains materials on the study by the Department of Commerce of H.R. 3136 establishing the use of the metric system in the United States; includes proposals to have metric equivalents printed on containers. Less than 1 inch.



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