

## COLLECTION DESCRIPTION and FOLDER TITLE LIST

Collection: Pre-Presidential Memo File, 1939 – 1963 [ NAID 659965773 ]

**For a folder title list, see page 2.**

### Scope and content note:

The Pre-Presidential Memo File contains staff memoranda between Lyndon B. Johnson and his staff dating between 1939 and 1963. There are few before 1946, and only a slim folder of memos from the Vice Presidential period. Most were authored by the staff rather than Johnson.

The memos concern a variety of subjects including: legislation, national issues, nominations, constituent problems, Texas politics, phone messages, Johnson's contacts with other Senators and national leaders, and news coverage of Johnson's activities. Most of the 1948 memoranda concern Johnson's Senate campaign, and many mid-1950's memoranda concern the liberal versus conservative split in Texas politics. The file also reflects Johnson's role as Majority Leader, as well as his role as Senator from Texas. Few memos refer to Committee assignments and activities, other than those connected with the Senate Policy Committee.

This collection was apparently created by aide Dorothy Territo from memos in Lyndon Johnson's House, Senate, and VP papers. Most files were arranged in folders designating them as "Memos: To LBJ from Staff," "Memos: Inter-Office," or "Memos: Walter Jenkins to the Senator." Some memoranda were still filed in original folders from the House Papers or the Senate General Files. Territo began managing Johnson's files in 1958.

- Date range: 1939 - 1960
- 2 linear feet, 3 linear inches
- Available for research

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| Box # | Folder Title                                                              |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Memos: To Staff from LBJ [1942 - 1957]                                    |
| 1     | Memos: LBJ to Staff, 7/29/50, Constituents Problems with Defense Agencies |
| 1     | General Office memorandums initiated by LBJ [1953 - 1954]                 |
| 1     | Memos: To Walter Jenkins from LBJ [1951 - 1955]                           |
| 1     | Memos: To LBJ from Staff, prior to 1952                                   |
| 1     | Memos: Inter-Office, prior to 1952 [1939 - 1946]                          |
| 1     | Inter-Office, July 1946                                                   |
| 1     | Memos: Inter-Office, prior to 1952 [1948] [2 folders]                     |
| 1     | Austin - Miscellaneous, [1948]                                            |
| 1     | Memos: Inter-Office, prior to 1952 [1950]                                 |
| 1     | Memos: Walter Jenkins to the Senator, 1946 - 1951                         |
| 1     | Memos: To LBJ from the Staff, 1952                                        |
| 1     | Memos: Inter-Office, 1952                                                 |
| 1     | Memos: To LBJ from Staff, 1953 [1 of 2]                                   |
| 2     | Memos: To LBJ from Staff, 1953 [2 of 2]                                   |
| 2     | Memos: Inter-Office, 1953                                                 |
| 2     | Memos: Walter Jenkins to the Senator, 1953                                |
| 2     | Memos: To LBJ from Staff, 1954 [3 folders]                                |
| 2     | Memos: Inter-Office, 1954                                                 |
| 2     | General - Office Memos from Austin, 1954                                  |
| 3     | Memos: Walter Jenkins to the Senator, 1954                                |
| 3     | Memos: To LBJ from Staff, 1955 [2 folders]                                |
| 3     | Memos: Inter-Office, 1955                                                 |
| 3     | Memos: Walter Jenkins to the Senator, 1955                                |
| 3     | Memos: George E. Reedy, 1955 [2 folders]                                  |
| 4     | Memos: To LBJ from Staff, 1956 [2 folders]                                |
| 4     | Memos: Inter-Office, 1956 [2 folders]                                     |
| 4     | Memos: Walter Jenkins to the Senator, 1956                                |
| 5     | Memos: To LBJ from Staff, 1957 [2 folders]                                |
| 5     | Memos: Inter-Office, 1957                                                 |
| 5     | Memos: Walter Jenkins to the Senator, 1957                                |
| 5     | Memos: To LBJ from Staff, 1958                                            |
| 5     | Memos: Inter-Office 1958                                                  |
| 5     | Memos: Walter Jenkins to the Senator, 1958                                |

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|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6     | Agriculture [Reedy, 1958]                                                |
| 6     | Civil Rights [Reedy, 1958]                                               |
| 6     | Defense [Reedy, 1958]                                                    |
| 6     | Economy [Reedy, 1958]                                                    |
| 6     | Miscellaneous [Reedy, 1958]                                              |
| 6     | Oil and Gas [Reedy, 1958]                                                |
| 6     | Political Ethics [Reedy, 1958]                                           |
| 6     | Politics - Texas [Reedy, 1958]                                           |
| 6     | Presidential [Reedy, 1958]                                               |
| 6     | Reciprocal Trade [Reedy, 1958]                                           |
| 6     | Rule 22 [Reedy, 1958]                                                    |
| 6     | Space [Reedy, 1958]                                                      |
| 6     | Memos: To LBJ from Staff, 1959                                           |
| 6     | Memos: To LBJ from Staff, 1960                                           |
| 6     | Memos: Inter-Office, 1960                                                |
| 6     | Administrative Memos: Memo to LBJ from Baker, Reedy, and Siegel, 2/12/60 |
| 6     | Horace Busby to the Senator, 1960                                        |
| 6     | Memo to LBJ from Bill Gibbons, 1960                                      |
| 6     | Memos: Walter Jenkins to the Senator, 1960                               |
| 6     | Adm. Memo: Max Lehrer to LBJ, 1960                                       |
| 6     | Memos to the Sen. fr B. Lloyd, 1960                                      |
| 6     | Memo: George Reedy to LBJ, 1960                                          |
| 6     | [Vice Presidential Memoranda]                                            |