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## MATERIALS AT THE LBJ LIBRARY PERTAINING TO **The 1965 Voting Rights Act and the Violence in Selma, Alabama (March, 1965)**

### INTRODUCTION

This list includes the principal files in the Johnson Library that contain material relating to the Voting Rights Act and the events in Selma, Alabama, in March, 1965. It is not definitive, however, and researchers should consult with the Library's archivists about other potentially useful files. The guide includes those collections which have been opened for research in part or in whole, and those collections which are currently unprocessed or unavailable. The Library has also prepared lists of material available on the following related topics: *Civil Rights*; *The 1957 Civil Rights Bill*; *Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP)*; *George Wallace*.

### WHITE HOUSE CENTRAL FILES (WHCF), SUBJECT FILE

This permanent White House office was the main filing unit during the Johnson presidency, although not the primary file for foreign policy documents. Material was filed under 60 major subject headings, several of which are pertinent to the Voting Rights Act and the Selma incident. For descriptions of the major subject headings, see the finding aid for the WHCF, Subject File.

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FG 135, Department of Justice	183-184, 187
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## CONFIDENTIAL FILE (CF)

Arranged in the same subject categories as the WHCF Subject File, this file contains material that was security classified or otherwise sensitive. The CF Name File serves as a name index to the CF Subject File. The CF has been processed, but some documents remain classified.

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SP 2-3/1965/HU 2-7, Voting Rights Message	88
[U.S. Commission on Civil Rights 1965 Report: "Voting in Mississippi" and "Hearings before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, vol. 1, Voting, 2/16-20/65"]	O.A. Box 5

## OFFICE FILES OF THE WHITE HOUSE AIDES

Many White House aides maintained office files of their own, physically separate from the White House Central Files. The files of each aide reflect his or her responsibilities. This list is not definitive, but it does include most pertinent folder titles. Please consult the finding aids for more detailed information on White House aides and their files.

	<u>Box #</u>
Ceil Bellinger	
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Mike Manatos	
"Voting Rights"	10
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Fred Panzer "Voting Participation & Registration"	500
Will Sparks "Voting Rights Act"	22
Mildred Stegall Civil Rights and Related Matters April 1964-September 1965 – General (8 Reports)	63 A
Race Relations and Related Matters January thru April, 1965 (59 Reports) [2 folders]	71 B [1 of 2]
Race Relations and Related Matters May thru December, 1965 (98 Reports) [3 folders]	71 B [1 of 2]
Hobart Taylor Chron. file from 1/65 - 9/65	2-3
Lee White "Civil Rights--Poll Tax"	3
"Voting Rights 1965"	3
"Civil Rights--Alabama"	6
"Civil Rights--Mississippi"	6
"Mississippi Summer Project Voter Registration"	6
Henry Wilson "Civil Rights"	6
"Voting Rights"	10

### **REPORTS ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

Status reports on the President's legislative program and other legislation of interest.

March 17, 1965 – August 6, 1965 Box 10-13

### **REPORTS ON ENROLLED LEGISLATION**

Prepared by the Director of the Legislative Reference Office of the Bureau of the Budget, these reports cover both private and public bills and joint resolutions submitted to the President for his approval. The reports include the purpose of the act, agency recommendations, and discussions of the ramifications of the legislation. For more information see the Special Files finding aid.

PL 89-10, Voting Rights Act Box 22

## ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORIES

At the end of the Johnson administration each agency and department prepared a history of its activities and accomplishments. Please see the finding aid for more information and tables of contents for each administrative history.

Department of Justice: Vol. 7, Civil Rights, Pt. X, Civil Rights Division      Box 5-6  
**LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND AND DOMESTIC CRISES FILE**

This file, compiled in 1968 by White House staff members, contains background documentation for significant legislative achievements and major domestic crises during the Johnson presidency.

Voting Rights Act of 1965      Box 1-2

## APPOINTMENT FILES

The Diary Cards in the Reading Room provide an alphabetically arranged name index to the President's appointments. Consult the card file for the names of individuals such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and George Wallace. Once the date of an appointment has been determined, check the "Diaries and Logs" finding aid for the number of the appropriate boxes in both the Daily Diary and the President's Appointment File [Diary Backup].

The Daily Diary is a log sheet of appointments and phone calls maintained by the White House secretaries.

The Diary Backup contains preparation material, press releases, and schedules for meetings and appointments, as well as some reports and notes from the meetings.

## STATEMENTS OF LYNDON B. JOHNSON

This chronologically-arranged file includes speeches and remarks made by Lyndon Johnson throughout his career, together with speech drafts, memoranda, teleprompter texts, note cards, and other supporting material. Also consult the cumulative index to the 10-volume printed work *The Public Papers of the Presidents: Lyndon B. Johnson* (available in the Reading Room).

		<u>Box</u>
Annual Message to the Congress on the State of the Union	1/4/65	135-136
Statement by the President on the Situation in Selma, Alabama	3/09/65	141
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Special Message to the Congress: The American Promise	3/15/65	141
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### PERSONAL PAPERS

These collections from individuals or organizations came to the Library separately from President Johnson's papers. See the Personal Papers finding aid for more detailed information about their contents and availability.

<u>Ramsey Clark</u>	<u>Box</u>
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"Democratic National Committee"	85
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### RECORDINGS AND TRANSCRIPTS OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

The Johnson Library staff has processed the recordings and transcripts of President Johnson's telephone conversations. The collection includes over 6,000 recordings of conversations with members of Congress, other public officials, foreign leaders, members of the press, friends and family. A detailed finding aid, including descriptions of individual conversations, is available on the Johnson Library web site at <http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu/johnson/archives.hom/Dictabelt.hom/content.asp>.

### ORAL HISTORIES

Transcripts of most oral history interviews may be downloaded as PDFs from our web site or the Scripps Digital Library site at the Miller Center of Public Affairs (Univ. of Virginia). Transcripts not found on the Internet but available for research may viewed in the Reading Room or borrowed by writing to the Interlibrary Loan Archivist, Lyndon B. Johnson Library, 2313 Red River Street, Austin, Texas, 78705. A complete list of oral histories is available in the Reading Room and on our web site.

Morris Abram	AC 94-6
Warren I. Cikins	AC 87-47
Ramsey Clark	AC 79-34
Charles Evers	AC 79-106
James Farmer	AC 74-58-B
Nicholas deB. Katzenbach	AC 78-24
Burke Marshall	AC 74-215
Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr.	AC 73-24
Lawrence O'Brien	AC 92-23, Interview XI
Stephen Pollak	AC 84-15, 84-16
Bayard Rustin	AC 74-65
Harold Barefoot Sanders	AC 74-248

Richard M. Scammon	AC 75-15
Strom Thurmond	AC 80-64
George Wallace	AC 94-14
Lee C. White	AC 79-111
Roy Wilkins	AC 73-27
Andrew Young	AC 75-37