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Creator

McCarthy, Eugene J., 1916-2005

Physical Characteristics

1.0 linear feet (2 boxes)

Repository

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections & Archives

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no use restrictions for educational use. For purposes other than educational use, the materials are subject to United States Copyright Law.

Acquisition Information

Donated by Hampton Brown in 2011.

Processing Information

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Historical Information

On November 30, 1967, Democratic Senator Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota announced his candidacy for President of the United States. He positioned himself as the anti-Vietnam War candidate to present a clear distinction between himself and the incumbent president, Lyndon Johnson. With the help of younger voters, particularly college students, McCarthy gathered enough support to challenge Johnson in the primaries, and on March 31, 1968, Johnson dropped out of the race rather than face a long nomination battle against McCarthy as well as Robert F. Kennedy. Following Johnson's exit, Vice-President Hubert Humphrey entered the race, and George McGovern joined the race after the assassination of Kennedy on June 5. McCarthy went on to lose the nomination at the Democratic convention in Chicago, and the Democratic nominee Hubert Humphrey lost in the general election to Richard M. Nixon. Hampton Brown, the collection donor, worked for the McCarthy campaign.

Scope and Content

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Related Material

Special Collections and Archives also holds other collections United States politics and government in the 20th century.

Index Terms

Persons:

Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973.

Kennedy, Robert F., 1925-1968.

McCarthy, Eugene J., 1916-2005.

Geographical Names:

United States--Politics and government--1945-1989.

Subjects:

Political campaigns--United States.

Presidential candidates.

Vietnam War, 1961-1975--Protest movements--United States.

Existence and Location of Copies

Copies of these speeches can be found in the Eugene McCarthy papers at the University of Minnesota.

Arrangement

The folders are arranged chronologically.

Contents List

Chronological Speech File Book I,

Unit Date October 4, 1967-January 26, 1968

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Chronological Speech File Book A,

Unit Date January 26-April 1, 1968

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

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Chronological Speech File Book A,

Unit Date January 26-April 1, 1968

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Chronological Speech File Book A,

Unit Date January 26-April 1, 1968

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Container 5 (Folder)

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Chronological Speech File for Indiana and Nebraska Book B,

Unit Date April 1-May 14, 1968

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

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Chronological Speech File for Indiana and Nebraska Book B,

Unit Date April 1-May 14, 1968

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

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Chronological Speech File for Indiana and Nebraska Book B,

Unit Date April 1-May 14, 1968

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

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Chronological Speech File for Oregon and California Book C,

Unit Date May 14-June 4, 1968

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Container 3 (Folder)

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Chronological Speech File for Oregon and California Book C,

Unit Date May 14-June 4, 1968

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Container 4 (Folder)

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Chronological Speech File for New York Book D,

Unit Date June 14-July 4, 1968

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

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Chronological Speech File Research Dept.,

Unit Date July 5-July 31, 1968

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