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Record Group 220: White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development: A Guide to Its Records at the Jimmy Carter Library

Collection Summary

Creator: White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development

Title: Record Group 220: White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development

Dates: 1977 through 1979

Quantity: 10 linear feet, 6 linear inches; 24 containers

Identification:

Accession Number: 80-1

National Archives Identifier: 547

Scope and Content:

This collection contains correspondence concerning member selection; list of advisory committee members and charter, press releases, meeting minutes, meeting audio tapes, post conference correspondence, memoranda, and correspondence between the conference staff and the White House, and the Department of Commerce and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The collection includes general information about previous White House papers relating to conference speakers, general sessions, and public forum correspondence lists. The materials also include copies of workshop guides and reports; planning and coordination documents for the final report; a staff summary of conference research materials; and copies of publications.

The collection also contains miscellaneous newspaper articles reporting information of a general nature about the conference and participants, articles dealing with economic issues relating to the general conference theme, and other articles relating to the debate over balanced regional economic development

Creator Information: White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development

The proposal for the White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development originated in the Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee in 1976. It was chaired by Senator Jennings Randolph (Democrat -West Virginia). Implementing the legislation was Title II, Public Law 94-487, 90 Stat. 2339,

approved October 12, 1976, which directed the President to prepare recommendations designed to stimulate the U.S. economy.

President Jimmy Carter formally announced plans for the conference on August 4, 1977, and designated the Commerce Department as the lead agency. Under the guidance of Secretary of Commerce Juanita Kreps, Michael Koleda was appointed Conference Director; funds and administrative support were provided; other federal agencies were contacted to help formulate the agenda, and major conference themes were developed. An advisory committee was also appointed, with Governor John D. Rockefeller IV of West Virginia as Chair. During the five months preceding the conference, Rockefeller directed planning sessions and secured the assistance of governors, other public officials, and business and labor leaders.

Restrictions:

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Related Material:

Related materials in this repository: Anne Wexler Files; Jack Watson Oversized Attachment Files

Separated material: Audiovisual materials were transferred to the Audiovisual Department

Index Terms:

Limited to major topics under each category

Persons: Anne Wexler, Juanita Kreps, Lawrence Houstoun

Organizations: Department of Commerce, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), National Council for Urban Economic Development

Types of Material: Correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, reports, opinion polls, press releases, speeches, transcripts of meeting minutes, and briefing materials

Administrative Information:

Preferred citation: [Type of Document], [Names of Sender and Recipient or Title of Document], [Date], [Collection Title], [Series Title], [Folder Title], [Box Number], Jimmy Carter Presidential Library.

Acquisition information: These historical materials were received under provisions of the instrument of gift that Jimmy Carter signed January 31, 1981.

Processing information: The collection was opened in March 1990. The open dates are indicated in the series descriptions.

System of Arrangement:

The records of the White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development are divided into nine series:

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Detailed Description of the Collection

[Advisory Committee Records Files](#)

Scope and Content: Container 1. This series was opened in March 1990. This series contains correspondence concerning member selection; advisory committee's list of committee members and charter, press releases, meeting minutes, meeting audio tapes, post conference correspondence, and committee statements. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

[Agency Correspondence Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 2-3. This series was opened in March 1990. This series contains memoranda and correspondence between conference staff members and the White House; and the Department of Commerce and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The correspondence primarily relates to establishing liaisons, administrative support, and conference planning input. Arranged alphabetically by government department and agency and there under chronologically.

[General Conference Records Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 3-6. This series was opened in March 1990. This series contains general information about previous White House papers relating to conference speakers, general sessions, and public forum correspondence lists; copies of workshop guides and reports; planning and coordination of documents for the final report; a staff summary of conference research materials, and copies of publications. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

[Organization Policy Planning Files](#)

Scope and Content: Container 6. This series was opened in March 1990. This series contains copies of supporting legislation, and background material on the history of the conference; testimony of Michael Koleda and John D. Rockefeller IV, before the Environmental and Public Works Committee; briefing materials containing a Presidential statement concerning the conference; projected themes and issues, agenda and logistic planning; outline plans for regional and state governments, and public information initiatives. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

[Chronological Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 7-9. This series was opened in March 1990. This series contains correspondence, memoranda and resumes. Topics include immigration, education, and economic development. Arranged chronologically.

[Outreach Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 10-19. This series was opened in March 1990. This series contains correspondence, memoranda, reports, surveys, pamphlets, and brochures relating to public relations and public outreach. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

[Newspaper Clippings Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 20-21. This series was opened in March 1990. This series contains miscellaneous newspaper articles of a general nature about the conference and participants. Some articles deal with economic issues relating to the general conference theme, and other articles relate to the debate over balanced regional economic development, (frost belt vs sunbelt). Arranged alphabetically by state or newspaper name.

[Audiovisual Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 22-23. This series was opened in March 1990. This series contains audiocassette recordings of the daily business activities of the conference, including the opening and closing sessions, general discussions, and public forums. Recordings of luncheon and workshop sessions are not included. Also included are photographs and images that depict all aspects of the conference program, including business and social activities. Video cassettes are also included and provide a visual and audio summary of all conference activities. Highlighted are notable speakers containing speech excerpts. All audiovisual material has been transferred to the audiovisual department. Arranged by type of material.

[Conference Final Report Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 23-24. This series was opened in March 1990. This series includes a summary of the history, activities, and findings of the conference; background research papers prepared for the Conference; and a complete report of the conference workshop. Included are transcripts of the four general sessions which focus on fiscal problems of local governments and limited resources; conflicting objectives; regional policies in a changing economy; and structural unemployment. The series also contains transcripts of the opening and closing session speeches and proceedings, pre-conference state and regional reports, workshop guidelines, and other conference staff presentations. Unarranged.

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