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## **Robert Ash Wallace Papers: A Guide to His Papers at the Jimmy Carter Library**

### **Collection Summary**

Creator: Wallace, Robert Ash, 1921-2001

Title: Robert Ash Wallace Papers

Dates: 1977-1980

Quantity: 4 linear feet; (3 linear feet, 11 linear inches open for research); 9 containers

Identification:

Accession Number: 86-01

National Archives Identifier: 1094

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of correspondence, memoranda, outlines, notes, drafts, clippings, unpublished testimony, budgets, scholarly papers, and published documents. The material contains information relating to Robert Ash Wallace's role serving as Research Director of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress's 1977-1980 Special Study on Economic Change (SSEC). The SSEC evolved from Wallace's December 1976 discussion with Congressman Richard Bolling, Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee (JEC). The collection illustrates the underlying thesis of the SSEC that was since World War II, economic, social, political, international, and technological conditions had changed and were continuing to change. The records reflect the purpose of the study which was to examine the consequences of these changes, and to suggest policy options based upon the findings. The 1970's phenomena of persistent inflation coupled with high rates of unemployment and stagflation was one of the primary problems examined in the study.

Documents in this collection pertain to ten general subject areas; and the history, organization, and administration of the SSEC as well. Researchers interested in the ten subject areas covered by the study will find that the majority of material relates to stagflation and international economics. This collection does not reveal input from or consultation with President Carter's staff.

Creator Information: Robert Ash Wallace

Robert Ash Wallace was born in 1921. Wallace earned a PhD in Public Administration at the University of Chicago. He served in the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations as Assistant Secretary of Treasury for Economic Affairs, and was an economic consultant to Senator John F. Kennedy from 1959 to 1960. He served as a Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury from 1961 to 1969. Wallace was also a member of the U.S. delegation to the International Textile Conference in Geneva, Switzerland in 1962.

From 1969 to 1977, he served as Vice Chairman and then President and Chief Operating Officer of the Exchange National Bank in Chicago. He served as Chief Senate Consultant on the 1974 Congressional Budget Reform Act. During the Carter Administration, he served as Research Director of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress's Special Study on Economic Change (SSEC). In May 1977, he drafted the concurrent resolution which Congress enacted in July 1977, establishing the SSEC. In 1986, he served as Chairman of the Board of National Bancorp of Arizona, Tucson.

Robert Ash Wallace died in 2001.

Restrictions:

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Related Material:

Related materials in this repository: Domestic Policy Staff, Stuart Eizenstat Files; Records of the White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development (RG 220); White House Central File, Subject File: Business-Economics (BE) subject category; Finance (FI) subject category.

Index Terms:

Limited to major topics under each category  
Persons: Robert Ash Wallace, John Dixon, Senator Lloyd Benton

Organizations: Special Study on Economic Change (SSEC)

Subjects: Unemployment, finance, pensions, human resources, energy, stagflation, social security, international economics

Types of Material: correspondence, memoranda, outlines, notes, drafts, clippings, unpublished testimony, budgets, scholarly papers, published documents

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 donated historical materials were received under provisions of the instrument of gift that Robert Ash Wallace signed on December 23, 1986.

Processing information: The collection was opened in August 1987.

System of Arrangement:

The records of the Robert Ash Wallace Papers contain one series:

<b>Series Title</b>	<b>National Archives Identifier</b>
<a href="#">Robert Ash Wallace's Subject Files</a>	145602

**Detailed Description of the Collection**

**[Robert Ash Wallace's Subject Files](#)**

Scope and Content: Containers 1-9. This series was opened in August 1987. This series contains correspondence, memoranda, outlines, notes, drafts, clippings, unpublished testimony, budgets, scholarly papers, and published documents. Topics include human resources and demography, energy materials (natural resources), research and innovation, stagflation, government regulation, federal finance, state and local finance, social security and pensions, labor productivity, and international economics. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

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