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George D. Moffett Papers: A Guide to His Papers at the Jimmy Carter Library Collection Summary

Creator: George D. Moffett, 1943-

Title: George D. Moffett Papers

Dates: 1977-1985

Quantity: 5 linear feet, 13 containers

Identification:

Accession Number: 86-01

National Archives Identifier: 1091

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of correspondence, memoranda, notes, speeches, news clippings, transcripts, audio tapes, and published documents. The material relates to George Moffett's research for his dissertation and book on the ratification of the Panama Canal Treaties. In addition to typical research notes and materials, this collection includes material from his Committee of Americans for the Canal Treaties (COACT) office files; White House memoranda made available to him during his service in Hamilton Jordan's Chief of Staff Office; and published hearings on the Canal Treaties before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Due to Moffett's participation in the ratification effort, the collection also contains his reference materials reflecting inside information and interaction with principal players in the treaty debate. Notes of oral history interviews and conversations have been closed in accordance with the donor's deed of gift.

Creator Information: George D. Moffett

George D. Moffett served as Director of Research for the Committee of Americans for the Canal Treaties (COACT), Inc. from the time it was formed in October 1977, until Congress ratified the Canal Treaties in April 1978. He then served as a Staff Assistant to President Carter, and later as Assistant to Chief of Staff Hamilton Jordan. While working in Jordan's office, Moffett was also engaged in research for his doctoral dissertation. In 1981, Moffett earned a PhD in history from George Washington University. He published his dissertation in 1985 under the title, The Limits of Victory: The Ratification of the Panama Canal Treaties. Since 1986, Moffett has worked for the Christian Science Monitor.

Restrictions:

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Related Material:

Related materials in this repository: Office of the Assistant to the President for Communications - Gerald Rafshoon’s and Greg Schneider’s White House Files; White House Central Files-Subject Files, Foreign Affairs (FO) Subject Category; White House Press Office-Jody Powell’s Files

Separated material: Notes of oral history interviews and conversations

Index Terms:

Limited to major topics under each category

Persons: George D. Moffett; Hamilton Jordan

Organizations: Committee of Americans for the Canal Treaties (COACT), Incorporated

Subjects: Panama Canal, Panama Canal Treaties

Places: Panama

Types of Material: Correspondence, memoranda, notes, speeches, clippings, transcripts, audio tapes, 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 George D. Moffett signed February 5, 1986.

Processing information: The first series of the collection was opened in 1987.

System of Arrangement:

The records of the George D. Moffett Papers contain one series.

Series Title	National Archives Identifier
George D. Moffett’s Subject Files	144745

Detailed Description of the Collection

[George D. Moffett's Subject Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 1-13. This series was opened in 1987. This series consists of correspondence, memoranda, notes, clippings, book galleys, audio tapes, and miscellaneous printed materials. The material relates to George Moffett's research files for his dissertation and book; his Committee of Americans for the Canal Treaties (COACT) office files; White House memoranda made available to him during his service in Hamilton Jordan's office; and published hearings on the Canal Treaties before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

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