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McPHEE, HENRY R., Associate Special Counsel to the President: Records, 1953-61

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## INTRODUCTION

Henry Roemer McPhee, Jr., was appointed Special Assistant in the White House in 1954. He became an Assistant Special Counsel to the President in 1957, and on November 12, 1958, he was appointed Associate Special Counsel to the President.

As a member of the White House Staff, McPhee worked primarily with economic and legal matters, especially in connection with the development of legislative programs. He helped draft, research and coordinate special legislative messages, statements, memoranda, and speeches for the President, particularly those approving or vetoing legislations. He also helped develop, from the legal standpoint, staff studies dealing with such matters as civil aeronautics, conflict of interest cases, Executive privilege, and the use of the President's name. McPhee resigned from his position on January 20, 1961.

The file consists of printed House and Senate Documents and Reports; memoranda; press releases; drafts of proposed legislation; drafts of messages, statements, memoranda, and speeches with editing notes and background materials; printed materials; statistical material; some correspondence; newspaper clippings; and other working materials.

Although McPhee came to the White House in 1954, the files contain documents which precede his entry on duty by date of time. These are possibly documents of his predecessor, or documents acquired by McPhee as background material. McPhee has edited and annotated the majority of the documents, placing valuable information thereon for the future scholar. No original over all arrangement was apparent. The folders have been arranged alphabetically.

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