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Descriptive Summary

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1925-1972 (bulk 1950-1969)

Size

28 boxes (37.5 linear feet)

Language of Materials

English

Abstract

Correspondence, files, photographs, and scrapbooks of Felton M. Johnston. Johnston served as Secretary of the U.S. Senate from 1955 through 1964. He was a member of the American Battle Monuments Commission from 1965 to 1969.

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Biographical Note

Chronology

10 March 1909	Felton M. Johnston born in Tallulah, Louisiana
1929	Graduated from the University of Mississippi
1934-1941	Serves as Clerk for the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance
1940s	Serves as Congressional Liaison Officer for the U.S. State Department and Enlists in the U.S. Army
1948 and 1952	Serves as Secretary of the Committee on Platform and Resolution at the Democratic National Conventions
1955-1965	Serves as Secretary of the Senate
1965-1969	Serves on the American Battle Monuments Commission
20 April 1973	Johnston dies in Washington, D.C.

Biography

Born in Tallulah, Louisiana on 10 March 1909, Felton M. Johnston (known to his friends as "Skeeter") grew up in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

After graduating from the University of Mississippi in 1929, Johnston took a position as stenographer for U.S. Senator Pat Harrison. When Harrison assumed chairmanship of the Committee on Finance in 1933, Johnston became an assistant clerk for the committee. A year later, Johnston advanced to clerk, a position he held until 1941. During World War II, Johnston served for two years as congressional liaison officer for the U.S. State Department before enlisting in the army. After the war, Democrat senators elected him their party's secretary. Johnston also served as secretary of the Committee on Platform and Resolution at the Democratic National Conventions in 1948 and 1952.

In 1955, Johnston attained the highest administrative position in the Senate -- Secretary of the Senate. Although past officeholders had wielded tremendous political influence, Johnston rarely took such advantage. Senators and colleagues considered him a congenial, hard worker who paid attention to detail. After retiring in 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Johnston to the American Battle Monuments Commission (an independent agency of the federal government which designs, builds, and maintains U.S. military cemeteries and memorials in foreign countries). Johnston's tenure on the commission lasted from 1965 to 1969.

Johnston was a member of the Burning Tree Country Club, the Metropolitan Club, the Alfalfa Club, the Jefferson Island Club, the National Capitol Democratic Club, and several senate staff associations.

Johnston's wife, Wanda Stippich of Norfolk, Nebraska, passed away in 1972. On 20 April 1973, Johnston died of a heart attack in his Washington home. He was survived by two children: Wanda Wray Chatfield Putnam of Grand Junction, Colorado and Felton M. Johnston Jr. of Washington, DC.

Bibliography

Robert C. Albright, "Senate's Undercover Executive" *Washington Post* (15 August 1965): E3.

Lawrence Feinberg, "Retired Secretary of Senate Dies" *Washington Post* (22 April 1973): D6.

"Retired Secretary of U.S. Senate Gives Papers to OM [sic, UM]" *Jackson Clarion-Ledger* (5 September 1976).

U.S. Senate, "Felton M. Johnston, Secretary of the Senate, 1955-1965," http://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/generic/SOS_Felton_Johnston.htm (accessed 8 September 2006).

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Scope and Content Note:

The collection includes correspondence with numerous congressmen and other national figures; personal photographs as well as signed photographs of noteworthy individuals; Johnston's minutes of the meetings of the Democratic policy committee; diaries, daybooks, and desk calendars in which Johnston kept track of his own schedule, the names of those who attended meetings, and important events; a complete set of minutes of the Metropolitan Club, which counted many senators among its membership; and material related to Johnston's 1965-1969 service on the American Battle Monuments Commission.

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Felton M Johnston Jr. and Wanda Wray Chatfield donated their father's papers to the University of Mississippi in 1976-1977. In 2005, they donated a small accretion of material related primarily to U.S. Senator Pat Harrison, including correspondence with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and an original Clifford K. Berryman political cartoon. In 2009, Felton M. Johnston Jr. gave additional documents, photographs, letters, and ephemera to the collection. In 2010, Wanda Putnam donated additional items to her father's collection. Felton M. Johnston Jr. added more photographs and framed items to the collection in 2013. In 2015, Felton M. Johnston Jr. and Wanda Putnam donated the three books listed in the "Separated Materials" note.

Processing Information

Edward M. Walters, University Archivist, coordinated efforts to sort and inventory the collection with the assistance of the family's representative, Edward P. Moore Jr., soon after receipt. Leigh McWhite, Political Papers Archivist, composed the introductory fields in September 2006. During 2006-2007, student assistant Rachel Domm created a folder-level inventory for boxes one through forty which the original finding aid lacked, and Alyson Kennedy completed a rearrangement of the files in February 2008. McWhite processed the 2005, 2009, 2010, and 2013 accretions to the collection and updated the finding aid.

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Harrison, Pat
- Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973
- Johnston, Felton M.

Subject(s)

- American Battle Monuments Commission
- United States. Congress. Senate

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Related Materials

Additional Resources at the University of Mississippi

The James O. Eastland Collection contains correspondence and photographs with Johnston.

The Pat Harrison Collection may contain interoffice communications with Johnston.

Tributes to Honorable Felton McLellan Johnston, Secretary of the Senate, upon the Occasion of His Retirement: Delivered on the Floor of the United States Senate. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1965. Catalogued: [E840.8 J612 T75 1965](#).

Lowell B. Mason. *Felton M. Johnston Hits a Home Run.* [Chicago]: Rand McNally & Co., [1956]. Catalogued: [E840.8 J612 M37 1956](#).

Further Archival Sources on Johnston

The Senate Historical Office has posted an online oral history which discusses Johnston at "Dorothea G. Scott, Administrative Assistant to the Senate Democratic Secretary and to the Secretary of the Senate (1945-1977)," http://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/oral_history/Dorothea_Scott.htm (accessed 24 February 2008).

The Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress holds the Francis Ralph Valeo Papers. Valeo replaced Johnston as Secretary of the Senate in 1966. The collection's subject file series includes files created by Johnston.

Felton M. Johnston participated in the Richard B. Russell Jr. Oral History Project at the University of Georgia's Richard B. Russell Library.

Separated Material

A number of books and publications have been removed and catalogued for Special Collections, Government Documents, and the main stacks of the J.D. Williams Library. Among the many volumes are the following three books:

Eric Sevaried, ed. *Candidates 1960: Behind the Headlines in the Presidential Race* (New York: Basic Books, 1959). First edition signed by five of the candidates profiled in the book: Hubert Humphrey, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, John F. Kennedy, and Stuart Symington. Call Number: [E840 S4](#).

John F. Kennedy, *Why England Slept* (New York: Wilfred Funk, Inc., 1940). Inscribed: "To Skeeter Johnston with esteem and best wishes John F. Kennedy." Call Number: [DA578 K4](#).

John F. Kennedy, *Profiles in Courage* (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1955). First edition. Inscribed: "To Skeeter Johnston with the high regard of his friend John F. Kennedy." Call Number: [E176 K4](#).

Original photographs are located Modern Political Archives Photographs Boxes 3, 4, and 6. These images are also available online in the [Felton M. Johnston digital collection](#). One

oversized panoramic photograph is located in Library Annex Map Case, Drawer 3. Three photographs with inscriptions have been retained in their original frames (two by Lyndon Johnson and one by Leslie Biffle). These framed items are located in Modern Political Archives Frame Case 2J.

On permanent display in the Library Annex is an original political cartoon drawing inscribed by the artist C.K. Berryman to Pat Harrison and dated May 1938. The cartoon caption reads "This Hurts Me a Great Deal More Than It Hurts You" and depicts Harrison holding a hair brush with Roosevelt in knickers before the senator. 15" x 14" in black wood frame with glass. The cartoon is part of the [C.K. Berryman Cartoons digital collection](#).

Original signed correspondence from presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Lyndon B. Johnson have been removed to a VIP Restricted Access Location.

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The Democratic Campaign Manual 1964 (Washington, DC: Democratic National Committee, 1964).

Official Report of the Proceedings of the Democratic National Convention Held at Houston, Texas June 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1928.

Republican Platform 1964 "For the People." Washington, DC: Republican National Committee.
One Nation, One People: Democratic Platform, 1964 (Jersey City, NJ: Scott Printing Co., 1964).

Clarence Cannon. *Democratic Manual for the Democratic National Convention of 1964.*

Memorial Services Held in the House of Representatives and Senate of the United States, Together with Remarks Presented in Eulogy: Byron Patton Harrison, Late a Senator from Mississippi (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1944).

The National Assembly of the Republic of Korea (Seoul, Korea: Secretariat of the National Assembly, 1964). *Note:* Inscribed to Johnston with three business cards taped to inside cover.

Lyndon B. Johnson: A Great Leader for America (Washington, DC: Citizens for Johnson, circa 1960).

United States Senator Eugene J. McCarthy (Minneapolis: Gilbert Publishing, 1964).

Special Analysis: The Panama Canal – It's Past and Future (Washington, DC: American Enterprise Institute).

Look (2 January 1962). Includes "Kennedy One Year Later."

Report of the Twenty-sixth American Assembly: The Congress and America's Future, Arden House, Harriman, New York, October 29 – November 1, 1964.

Bound volume of various printed and typed documents entitled "Testimony by the Secretary of the Senate before the Legislative Subcommittee, Senate Appropriations Committee, 1962."

Bound volume of various typed documents entitled "Office of the Secretary of the United States Senate" (circa 1964).

Bound volume with clippings taped in entitled "Legislative Reorganization Act."

Official Inaugural Program January 20, 1961 (Washington, DC: Merkle Press, 1961). 2 copies.

Brien McMahon Commemorative Stamp Ceremony, July 27, 1962.

Commemoration Ceremony: The One Hundredth Anniversary of the Second Inauguration of Abraham Lincoln 1865-1965 (Washington, DC: 1965).

Arthur D. Little. *Management Study of the U.S. Congress* (NBC News, 1965).

The Metropolitan Club of the City of Washington 1972: Governors, Officers, Membership. Membership Roster and By-Laws of the Jefferson Islands Club 1961.

Edward T. Follard. *History of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Washington, D.C., 1928-1968.* (1968).

Burning Tree Club: A History 1922-1962 (Bethesda, MD: Burning Tree Club, 1962).

National Sculpture Review (Spring 1965). Note: U.S. World War II Memorials Issue.

Bound volume of documents and stamps entitled "John F. Kennedy Memorial Stamp May 29, 1954."

Senate Resolution No. 228 Expressing the Sorrow of the Senate on the Death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1963)

The 1964 Democratic National Convention (1964).

BOX 16: Scrapbooks and Miscellaneous

Scrapbook "American Battle Monuments Commission, Dedication Ceremony, May 1, 1966, Honolulu Memorial."

Scrapbook in slipcase "Inauguration January 20, 1961."

Bound volume "Clarksdale High School" containing Johnston's 1925 diploma.

Bound volume "Souvenir Dinner Honoring Former President Truman, May 8, 1964."

Bound volume in slipcase "Felton McClellan Johnston, Secretary of the United States Senate, in Commemoration of His Thirty-Fifth Anniversary in Government Service"

BOX 17: Photographs and Guest Books

Folder. Photocopies of some Felton M. Johnston Collection photographs. *Note: Original photographs stored separately for preservation reasons in Modern Political Archives Photographs Boxes 3, 4, and 6 as well as Annex Map Case Drawer 3.*

Guest Book (January-September 1955)

Guest Book (September 1955 – July 1956)

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Personal scrapbook of newspaper clippings (1954-1960)

Personal scrapbook of newspaper clippings, letters, photographs (1948-1956)

Scrapbook of penguins, newspaper clippings, and magazine articles (1954-1958)

Scrapbook of penguins, newspaper clippings, and magazine articles (1958-1965)

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Scrapbooks of Felton M. Johnson Retirement (2 volumes)

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Amendment of Rule XXII, Cloture, 88th Congress, 1st Session, January 10 – February 14, 1963

Life Magazine, John F. Kennedy

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Senate Resolution 78, signed by Harry Truman and Felton M. Johnston

Felton M. Johnston Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army

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Felton M. Johnston 35th Anniversary Commemorative Plaque

United States Senate, E Pluribus Unum Plaque

E Pluribus Unum Plaque

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Mississippi's State Flag

BOX 26: 2005 Donation

Folder 1. "Tax Methods and Policies: Message from the President of the United States Transmitting Views on the Broad Question of Tax Methods and Policies, June 19, 1935" (74th Congress, 1st Session, House Document No. 229).

Folder 2. Copy handwritten letter circa 1935 signed from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Pat Harrison, re: estate versus inheritance tax analysis. Attached: copy typed manuscript beginning "To abandon the inheritance tax entirely and increase estate..." *Note: original letter removed to VIP Restricted Access Location.*

Folder 3. Handwritten memorandum on U.S. Senate letterhead, re: "unwritten letter"; Attached: typed letter dated 13 April 1938 from [Pat Harrison] to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, re: Revenue Bill (3 pages); Attached: copy typed letter signed on White House letterhead dated 13

April 1938 from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Pat Harrison, re: above topic (3 pages); Attached: carbon copy of above letter. *Note: original letter removed to VIP Restricted Access Location.*

Folder 4. White House press release with notations dated, 27 May 1938; re: address of the president delivered at Arthurdale, West Virginia on taxes. (6 pages). *Note: possibly in Pat Harrison's hand.*

Folder 5. *Congressional Record* Vol. 83, No. 109 (27 May 1938). *Note: Handwritten notations to see pages 10024-10025 regarding the president's address on taxes.*

Folder 6. Reprint "Tax Revision: Speech of Hon. Pat Harrison of Mississippi in the Senate of the United States May 28, 1938" *Congressional Record.*

BOX 27: 2009 and 2010 Donations

Box 27, Folder 1. Pat Harrison Material

Pat Harrison metal name plate from the Finance Committee.

Campaign button "Our Pat."

Typed memorandum dated 18 August 1936 from [Johnston] to "Catherine," re: possible story in Jackson newspaper on Pat Harrison's chairmanship of Senate Finance Committee, biographical information on past chairmen. (3 pages)

Typed letter dated 12 April 1937 from Pat D. Holcomb in Clarksdale, MS to Johnston, re: discussion with Pat Harrison on Holcomb's interest in Assistant District Attorney position. Attached: carbon typed letter dated 5 April 1937 from Johnston to Holcomb, re: appointment; typed letter dated 2 April 1937 from Holcomb to Johnston, re: above subject; carbon typed letter dated 29 March 1937 from Johnston to Holcomb, re: above topic; typed letter dated 24 March 1937 from Holcomb to Johnston, re: above topic.

Senate tally card dated 21 July 1937 for Alben Barkley/Pat Harrison Senate Majority Leader contest.

Handwritten manuscript, re: Pat Harrison versus president's views on 1938 Tax Bill.

Carbon typed memorandum dated 8 May 1939, re: overheard conversation on Senate trolley car between Senator Borah and Senator Johnson regarding the president of Nicaragua.

Carbon typed letter dated 7 September 1939 from [Johnston] to [Pat Harrison], re: special legislative session, Treasury Department.

Carbon typed letter dated 11 September 1939 from Johnston to [Pat Harrison], re: material on neutrality legislation, special session. Attached: typed note from "CB" to Johnston, re: Harrison's health and work habits; typed letter dated 9 September 1939 from Harrison to Johnston, re: canceled trip to Seattle, Harrison's health, research material on neutrality legislation.

Carbon typed letter dated 22 September 1939 from Johnston to [Pat Harrison], re: special session, presidential nominations, president's radio message, neutrality legislation.

Carbon typed letter dated 25 September 1939 from Johnston to [Pat Harrison], re: neutrality legislation.

Carbon typed letter dated 28 February 1941 from Johnston to George W. Romney in Detroit, MI, re: reception for Senator Harrison, Ike Stewart. Attached: typed letter dated 19 February 1941 from Romney to Johnston, re: above topics.

Carbon typed letter dated 22 September 1941 from Johnston to Pat Harrison Jr., re: quit claim deed on Biloxi land, Ole Miss football game. Attached: typed letter dated 12 September 1941 from Pat Harrison Jr. to Johnston, re: quit claim deed, Wall Doxey Senate race.

Box 27, Folder 2. Correspondence on Johnston Leaving Position with the Senate Finance Committee

Typed letter dated 26 November 1941 from Arthur J. Altmeyer, Chairman of the Federal Security Agency, to Johnston, re: Johnston's service on Finance Committee, Social Security Act.

Typed letter dated 26 November 1941 from Wilbur J. Cohen, Technical Advisor to the Social Security Board, to Johnston, re: Johnston's service on Finance Committee.

Typed letter dated 26 November 1941 from Hansford L. Simmons in Jackson, MS to Johnston, re: article on Johnston's position in State Department, Wall Doxey.

Typed letter dated 26 November 1941 from J. Harry Covington of Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson & Shorb in Washington, DC to Johnston, re: Johnston's service on the Finance Committee.

Typed letter dated 26 November 1941 from [illegible] in Internal Revenue Service, District of Mississippi, to Johnston, re: congratulations on new position.

Box 27, Folder 3. Correspondence with Robert W. Collins

Typed letter dated 10 July 1965 from Robert W. Collins to Johnston, re: John Sharp Williams's grandfather Captain John Sharp, Pat Harrison, Thomas Jefferson; Includes Envelope

Typed letter dated 27 November 1965 from Robert W. Collins to Johnston, re: John Sharp Williams, Pat Harrison, Johnston's retirement.

Box 27, Folder 4. Inaugural Invitation and Program (20 January 1941)

Box 27, Folder 5. Inaugural Invitation and Program (20 January 1949)

Box 27, Folder 6. Cabinet Officers Correspondence

Typed letter dated 24 April 1965 from Henry H. Fowler, Secretary of the Treasury, to Johnston, re: thanks for copy of certificate confirming appointment.

Typed letter dated 25 August 1965 from Dean Rusk, Secretary of State, to Johnston, re: thanks for comments on White House dinner, best wishes for Johnston's retirement. Attached: carbon typed letter dated 19 August 1965 from Johnston to Rusk, re: Rusk's comments at White House stag dinner.

Typed letter dated 7 September 1965 from Lawrence F. O'Brien to Johnston, re: thanks for copies of nomination and certification of O'Brien's confirmation as Postmaster General. Attached: carbon typed letter dated 1 September 1965 from Johnston to O'Brien, re: above.

Typed letter dated 5 May 1970 from Dean Acheson to Johnston, re: thanks for message on Pulitzer Prize, eye problems.

Carbon typed letter dated 18 October 1971 from Johnston to Mrs. Acheson, re: Acheson and his funeral service.

Box 27, Folder 7. Congressional Correspondence

Typed letter dated 3 January 1955 from Theodore C. Sorensen to Johnston, re: John F. Kennedy's proxy for Democratic Caucus. Attached: typed letter dated 3 January 1955 from Kennedy "To Whom It May Concern," re: authorizes Senator Thomas C. Hennings to cast proxy vote in 4 January 1955 Democratic caucus in favor of Lyndon Johnson as Majority Leader, Earle C. Clements as Majority Whip, Joseph Duke as Sergeant at Arms, Johnston as Secretary of the Senate, and Bobby Baker as Secretary of the Majority.

Typed letter dated 25 August 1958 from Mike Mansfield to Johnston, re: thanks for help during 85th Congress.

Carbon typed letter dated 8 June 1959 from Thomas J. Dodd to Paul M. Butler, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, re: Butler's disparaging references to Dodd at the Regional Democratic Women's Luncheon in Hartford, southerners as presidential candidates, civil rights, Lyndon Johnson.

Carbon typed letter dated 10 November 1960 from Johnston to John Stennis, re: recent election.

Handwritten letter dated 1 December 1961 from John W. McCormack to Johnston, re: happy holidays.

Program for Brien McMahon Commemorative Stamp Ceremony (27 July 1962) with attached stamp.

Typed letter dated 20 December 1962 from John Stennis to Johnston, re: Christmas and recovery wishes, University of Mississippi.

Copy typed letter dated 1 April 1963 from Johnston to Warren G. Magnuson, re: Magnuson taking over hosting duties for Senate luncheon during Johnston's absence.

Carbon typed letter dated 24 March 1964 from Johnston to Magnuson, re: contribution to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee by Leonard E. Nelson.

Typed letter dated 1 June 1964 from John Stennis to Johnston, re: thanks for copy of Wall Street Journal article, enclosed *Washington Report*. Attached: *Washington Report from U.S. Senator John Stennis (28 May 1964)*.

Typed letter dated 19 October 1965 from Eugene J. McCarthy to Johnston, re: sorry to miss Johnston's luncheon.

Typed letter dated 25 May 1966 from Everett McKinley Dirksen to Johnston, re: thanks for kind message during illness.

Typed letter dated 6 June 1966 from George A. Smathers to Johnston, re: Smathers' retirement.

Typed letter dated 21 November 1966 from Walter F. Mondale to Johnston, re: thanks for writing. Envelope.

Typed letter dated 19 December 1966 from Richard Russell to Johnston, re: Atlanta dinner.

Typed letter dated 29 January 1968 from Lister Hill to Johnston, re: thanks for note on retirement.

Handwritten letter dated 18 February 1968 from John O. Pastore to Johnston, re: thanks for expression of concern.

Typed letter dated 3 June 1968 from Frank J. Lausche to Johnston, re: thanks for expression of regret on election primary.

Typed letter dated 12 November 1968 from George McGovern to Johnston, re: thanks for note on election.

Typed letter dated 13 November 1968 from Sam J. Ervin Jr. to Johnston, re: thanks for congratulatory message

Typed letter dated 15 November 1968 from A.S. Mike Monroney to Johnston, re: thanks for campaign support.

Typed letter dated 15 November 1968 from Gaylord Nelson to Johnston, re: thanks for letter on election.

Typed letter dated 15 November 1968 from Herman E. Talmadge to Johnston, re: thanks for letter on reelection.

Typed letter dated 18 November 1968 from Abraham Ribicoff to Johnston, re: thanks for congratulations note.

Typed letter dated 19 November 1968 from Ernest F. Hollings to Johnston, re: thanks for note on election.

Typed letter dated 3 December 1968 from Edmund S. Muskie to Johnston, re: thanks for campaign support.

Typed letter dated 5 December 1968 from Frank Church to Johnston, re: thanks for note on reelection.

Typed letter dated 17 January 1969 from Harry F. Byrd Jr. to Johnston, re: thanks for letter.

Typed letter dated 5 May 1969 from Earle C. Clements to Johnston, re: enclosed winnings for Derby horse race.

Typed letter dated 7 August 1969 from Carl Hayden to Johnston, re: retirement, Dick Russell. Attached: carbon typed letter dated 4 August 1969 from Johnston to Carl Hayden, re: retirement.

Typed letter dated 27 April 1973 from Harry F. Byrd Jr. to Felton M. Johnston Jr., re: Johnston's death.

Typed letter dated 30 April 1973 from Henry M. Jackson to Felton M. Johnston Jr., re: Johnston's death.

Box 27, Folder 8. White House Correspondence

Typed letter dated 23 April 1963 from Lawrence F. O'Brien, Special Assistant to the President, to Johnston, re: thanks for help with H.R. 4715.

Typed letter from Evelyn Lincoln to Johnston, re: autographed photograph of president.

Typed letter from John F. Kennedy to Johnston, re: thanks for condolence on death of son. Envelope. Attached: carbon typed letter dated 12 August 1963 from Johnston to Kennedy, re: above topic.

Typed letter dated 3 December 1963 from Walter Jenkins, White House Assistant, to Johnston, re: Holcomb letter.

Typed letter dated 17 December 1963 from Clifton C. Carter, White House Assistant, to Johnston, re: thanks for biographical information on individuals to be considered for high government service. Attached: carbon typed letter dated 6 December 1963 from Johnston to Walter Jenkins, re: biographical information on James C. Windham, Isaac M. Stewart, James N. Ogden, William J. McManus, and Robert Hinckly. Attached: typed memorandum with list of names. (6 pages)

Typed letter dated 10 April 1964 from Johnston to Juanita, re: presidential photograph for James A. Whitaker School in Buena Park, California. Attached: copy typed letter dated 6 April 1964 from Jerry W. Streater, Principal of James A. Whitaker School, to Johnston, re: thank you for photograph.

Typed letter dated 1 May 1964 from Clifton C. Carter to Johnston, re: thanks for documents. Attached: carbon typed letter dated 30 April 1964 from Johnston to Carter, re: *Election Law Guidebook, 1964* and *Federal Corrupt Practices and Political Activities*.

Typed letter dated 9 May 1964 from Walter Jenkins, Special Assistant to the President, to Johnston, re: thanks for documents. Attached: carbon typed letter dated 30 April 1964 from Johnston to Jenkins, re: *Election Law Guidebook, 1964* and *Federal Corrupt Practices and Political Activities*.

Carbon typed memorandum with contact information for Isaac M. Stewart.

Copy telegram dated 14 July 1964 from White House Social Secretary to Johnson, re: invitation to luncheon honoring the Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Typed note from "DGS," re: Johnston attending White House recital of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir on 23 July 1964.

Carbon typed memorandum with contact information for Isaac M. Stewart.

Copy telegram dated 14 July 1964 from White House Social Secretary to Johnson, re: invitation to luncheon honoring the Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Typed note from "DGS," re: Johnston attending White House recital of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir on 23 July 1964.

Copy typed letter dated 4 August 1964 from "DGS" to "Juanita," re: replies to boys interested in becoming Senate pages.

Carbon typed letter dated 8 September 1964 from Johnston to Lawrence F. O'Brien, Special Assistant to the President, re: thanks for letter. Attached: typed letter dated 2 September 1964 from O'Brien to Johnston, re: thanks for help during this administration.

Typed letter dated 28 September 1964 from Walter Jenkins, Special Assistant to the President, to Johnston, re: consideration of Ed Cooper for National Council on the Arts. Attached: carbon typed letter dated 24 September 1964 from Johnston to Jenkins, re: Cooper on National Council on the Arts. Attached: *Public Law 88-579*, re: National Council on the Arts.

Carbon typed memorandum dated 17 January 1965, re: President Johnson's Special Assistants.

Carbon typed letter dated 27 January 1965 from Johnston to Lyndon B. Johnson, re: transmission of Senate Resolution 53 on the death of Winston Churchill. Attached: *S. Res. 53*.

Typed memorandum dated 2 February 1965 by Johnston, re: transmission of Senate Resolution 53 to White House.

Copy typed letter dated 21 August 1965 from Hubert H. Humphrey to Johnston, re: thanks for cooperation and counsel.

Carbon typed letter dated 24 August 1965 from Johnston to W. Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, re: boxes containing the electoral votes from 1961 and 1965 elections for placement in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library. Attached: typed memorandum dated 29 September 1965 by "DGS," re: meeting with President Johnson to deliver boxes. (2 copies)

Box 27, Folder 9. Air Force One Flight to Funeral of Senator Patrick V. McNamara (4 May 1966)

Copy typed memorandum entitled "Funeral for the Late Senator Patrick V. McNamara Military Plane for Congressional Committee, Wednesday, May 4, 1966."

Copy typed memorandum entitled "Congressional Delegation Attending the Funeral of the Late Senator Patrick V. McNamara, Detroit, Michigan."

Air Force One Program for 4 May 1966, re: preflight reports, weather, lunch menu.

Air Force One napkin.

Guest Nametag for Felton M. Johnston.

Box 27, Folder 10. Lyndon Baines Johnson Library

Invitation to dedication of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library (1971).

Typed letter dated 20 April 1971 from Lyndon B. Johnson to Johnston, re: dedication.

Typed letter dated 20 April 1971 from Mary Rather, Secretary to Lyndon B. Johnson, to Johnston, re: dedication, oil and gas lease.

Carbon typed letter dated 7 April 1971 from Johnston to Mary Rather, re: oil & gas lease attached: carbon typed letter dated 7 April 1971 from Johnston to Lyndon B. Johnson, re: dedication, oil & gas lease.

Invitation to Lyndon Baines Johnson Library dedication (1971). Envelope.

Box 27, Folder 11. Lyndon B. Johnson

Typed letter dated 27 November 1963 from Pat D. Holcomb in Clarksdale, MS to Johnston, re: death of John F. Kennedy, leadership of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Typed letter dated 4 December 1963 from Lyndon B. Johnson to Johnston, re: thanks for color photograph of Senate Chamber. Envelope.

Copy typed letter dated 11 August 1965 from Lyndon B. Johnson to Johnston, re: Johnston's retirement as Secretary of the Senate.

Engraved card with handwritten note postmarked 10 November 1965 from Lady Bird Johnson to Johnston, re: Lyndon B. Johnson. Envelope.

Typed letter with handwritten note dated 18 April 1966 from Lady Bird Johnson to Mr. and Mrs. Felton M. Johnston, re: thank you for contribution to the More Beautiful National Capital in memory of Leslie Biffle. Envelope.

Carbon typed letter dated 6 April 1968 from Johnston to Lyndon B. Johnson, re: Johnson's decision not to run for reelection.

Carbon typed letter dated 11 April 1969 from Johnston to Lyndon B. Johnson, re: thanks for gifts, American Battle Monuments Commission, Teague's "Cemetery Bill," appointment of Bill Darden to the Military Court of Appeals, Senate friends, Johnston family.

Christmas Card dated 1969 from Lady Bird and Lyndon B. Johnson. Envelope.

Typed letter dated 9 March 1970 from Lyndon B. Johnson to Mr. and Mrs. Felton M. Johnston, re: thanks for expression of concern. Envelope.

Typed letter dated 27 August 1970 from Lyndon B. Johnson to Johnston, re: thanks for birthday note. Envelope. Attached: carbon typed letter dated 23 August 1970 from [Johnston] to Lyndon B. Johnson, re: happy birthday.

Typed letter dated 29 October 1971 from Harry Middleton, Director of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library to Johnston, re: publication of Johnson's book *The Vantage Point*.

Typed letter dated 10 December 1971 from Mary Rather, Secretary to Lyndon B. Johnson, re: enclosed signed bookplate. Envelope.

Typed letter dated 20 April 1972 from Lyndon B. Johnson to Johnston, re: thanks for letter.

Typed letter dated 21 April 1972 from Lady Bird Johnson to Johnston, re: thanks for note during illness.

National City Christian Church bulletin for Lyndon B. Johnson memorial service on 25 January 1973.

National City Christian Church announcement for funeral service of Lyndon B. Johnson on 25 January 1973. Envelope. Attached: seating instructions.

Typed letter dated 6 February 1973 from Lady Bird Johnson to Johnston, re: Johnson's death. Envelope.

Box 27, Folder 12. Clippings

Congressional Record (23 June 1941), re: announcement of Pat Harrison's death and memorial remarks.

Clipping. Photograph of strategy conference with Senate Majority Leader Scott W. Lucas, Johnston in photograph as Majority Secretary.

Clipping. "Map Senate Program" *Baltimore Sun* (3 January 1950), re: conference with Senate Majority Leader Scott W. Lucas, Johnston in photograph as Majority Secretary.

Clipping. "Senate Democratic Leaders Map Legislative Program" *New York Herald Tribune* (3 January 1950), re: Johnston in photograph as Majority Secretary.

Typed note from Betty Kraus to Johnston, re: attached clipping. Attached: Clipping. Roy Meachum, "Luck of the Draw Can Keep Senator in Office" *Washington Post* (25 February 1957), re: deciding terms of new Alaska senators, Johnston in photograph.

Clipping. "Nixon Presides over Tally Naming Kennedy Winner" *New York Times* 7 January 1961), re: Johnston in photograph.

Clipping. "Nixon Sparks Creaky Ol' College to 303-219 Victory for Kennedy" *Washington Post* (7 January 1961), re: Johnston in photograph.

Box 27, Folder 13. Richard B. Russell Jr. Oral History Project

Typed letter dated 16 March 1979 from Max M. Gilstrap, Librarian, to Felton M. Johnston Jr., re: release form on Johnston's oral history. Attached: copy typed form dated 24 March 1979 signed by Felton M. Johnston Jr., re: release on Johnston's oral history. Attached: copy typed transcript from oral history (3 pages).

Box 27, Folder 14. Harry Truman

Typed letter dated 3 January 1966 from Harry Truman in Independence, MO to Johnston, re: thanks for Senate calendar.

Box 27, Folder 15. Meeting Minutes

Carbon typed manuscript entitled "Minutes of Meeting Held between Mr. Johnston and Mr. Siegel, October 26, 1954," re: list matters to be brought to Lyndon Johnson's attention upon his return for special session – seating of new senators, committee assignments, vacancy on Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, Senator Anderson, vacancy on Democratic Steering Committee created by Senator Maybank's death, Policy Committee vacancy, organization of the Senate, legislative program. Attached: clipping, George Dixon, "Washington Scene," *Washington Times-Herald* (19 February 1955), re: lottery for Senate seats. (2 copies of manuscript).

Carbon typed manuscript entitled "Minutes of the Senate Democratic Conference, Tuesday, January 4, 1955, Room 201, Senate Office Bldg.," re: unanimous election of Lyndon Johnson as Majority Leader, election of Thomas C. Hennings as Secretary of the Conference, unanimous election of Walter F. George as President Pro Tempore of the

Senate, unanimous election of Johnston as Secretary of the Senate, unanimous election of Joseph C. Duke as Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, unanimous election of Bobby G. Baker as Secretary to the Majority, vote of thanks to members of the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee and committee staff, Strom Thurmond on his election, resolutions for families of late senators, health of John F. Kennedy, Senate floor seating for Wayne Morse, seniority status, question of pairs when senators were absent on business, number of staff employees on Senate floor, use of Senate cloakroom by senators only (2 copies).

Box 27, Folder 16. Miscellaneous Correspondence

Copy typed letter dated 12 December 1963 from Edward Cooper, Vice President of the Motion Picture Association, to Johnston, re: editorial in the *Eastern Banker*, Banking and Currency Committee.

Box 27, Folder 17. Photographs

Note: Photocopies of photographs only. Original photograph prints stored separately for preservation in Modern Political Archives Boxes 3, 4, and 5 as well as Annex Map Case Drawer 3.

Lyndon B. Johnson, Felton M. Johnston, and unidentified man. (8"x10")

Lyndon B. Johnson, Felton M. Johnston, and unidentified woman. (7" x 9")

Felton M. Johnston with General and Mrs. Smith of Massachusetts (29 December 1960) (8" x 10")

Felton M. Johnston, Leslie Biffle, Sol Taishoff, and three unidentified men at birthday dinner for Biffle and Taishoff (7 October 1960) (7" x 9"). Signed by "Hinckley."

Coffin lying in state in Senate chamber. (7" x 9") (2 copies).

Portrait of John F. Kennedy. (10" x 8"). Inscribed: "To Skeeter Johnston with the highest regards and esteem of his friend John Kennedy."

Box 27, Folder 18. 2010 Donation

Photocopy of photograph of original 1965 cartoon drawing by Gib Crockett of Johnston (11" x 14"). *Note: Original print of photograph removed for separate storage to Modern Political Archives Photographs Box 3.*

Bound scrapbook "Certification of Resolutions Electing Felton M. Johnston to Various Senate Offices, 1945-1955."

BOX 28: 2022 Additions

Folder 1. White House Material

Partly printed call United States Senate form, re: telephone call from White House to Johnston extending congratulations dated 5 January 1955.

White House entrance card for 12 May 1052 for Mr. and Mrs. Johnston with windshield display card and envelope.

Folder 2. Invitations and Events

Invitation for congressional commemoration of Franklin D. Roosevelt on 1 July 1946 with envelope.

Menu card for "Mississippi Regular and Reserve Commissioned Officers of Washington, D.C. Salute to Miss America 1959 Miss Mary Ann Mobley."

Invitation to annual dinner of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in Washington, DC (undated).

Folder 3. Senate Resolutions 1955

Printed "84th Congress, 1st Session S. Res. 5" re: Johnston elected Secretary of the Senate.

Printed "84th Congress, 1st Session, S. Res. 6" re: notification of president of election of Walter F. George as President Pro Tempore and Johnston as Secretary of the Senate.

Printed "84th Congress, 1st Session, S. Res. 7" re: notification of the House of Representatives of election of Walter F. George as President Pro Tempore and Johnston as Secretary of the Senate.

Folder 4. Envelopes Addressed to Private Johnston in 1944

Folder 5. Clippings (1945 and 1955)

Folder 6. Photocopies of Photographs. *Note: Original prints of these photographs stored separately in Modern Political Archives Photographs Box 6.*

National Diary (1953)

National Diary (1970)

National Diary (1971)

National Diary (1972)

Bound volume "Factual Campaign Information 1962" with Johnston's name and title embossed on cover.

Bound volume "Procedures in the Senate of the United States 1939" with Johnston's name embossed on cover.

50th Anniversary 1922-1972, Membership 1972-73, Burning Tree Club, Washington, D.C. (1972).

Scrapbook in slipcase "Inauguration January 20, 1961" with Johnston's name and title embossed on cover.

Scrapbook in slipcase "Inauguration January 20, 1965" with Johnston's name and title embossed on cover.

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