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MATERIAL IN THE LBJ LIBRARY PERTAINING TO **RELIGION**

INTRODUCTION

This list includes the principal files in the Johnson Library that contain material relating to religion. It is not definitive, however, and researchers should consult with the Library's archivists about other potentially useful files. The guide includes those collections which have been opened for research in part or in whole, and those collections which are currently unprocessed or unavailable.

WHITE HOUSE CENTRAL FILES (WHCF)

This permanent White House office was the main filing unit during the Johnson presidency, though not the primary file for foreign policy documents. Material was filed under 60 major subject headings, several of which are pertinent to religion. For descriptions of the various subject headings, see the finding aid for WHCF.

	<u>Box #</u>
CO 310, Countries, Vatican City	78
FA 2, Federal Aid to Education (includes aid to parochial schools)	6-13
GI 2-13, Religious Articles	130-46
HO, Holidays (check listings for religious holidays)	
HU 4-3, Worship (religion)	67
LE/HU 4-3, Freedom to Worship	67, 72
LE/ND 9-4, Conscription, Induction, Draft, Universal Military	140-41
LE/RM, Religious Matters	152
LE/RM 2, Prayers-Prayer Periods-Prayer Breakfast	152
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ME 3-1, Churches, Synagogues	134
ME 3-1-1, Catholic	134-35
ME 3-1-2, Jewish	135
ME 3-1-3, Protestant	135-38
ME 4-3-1, Messages Denied Churches, Synagogues	190
ME 4-3-1, Messages Denied Churches, Catholic	190
ME 4-3-1, Messages Denied Churches, Jewish	191

ME 4-3-1, Messages Denied Churches, Protestant	191
PP 13-3, Church Affiliations	103
PP 15-4, Bible Passages-Prayers	118
RM, Religious Matters	1-8
SO 1, Breakfasts (includes Prayer Breakfasts)	2
SP/RM, Speeches/Religious Matters	52
SP 3-6, Presidential Prayer Breakfast 2/5/64	159
SP 3-30, Christian Leadership Seminar of Southern Baptists Garden 3/25/64	162
SP 3-69, Prayer Breakfast, 2/4/65 Shoreham Hotel, D.C.	167
SP 3-126, Polish Christian Millenium Anniversary and Signing of Proclamation WH 5/3/66	180
SP 3-221, Presidential Prayer Breakfast 2/1/68	196
SP 3-234, Southern Baptist Leaders, WH 3/26/68	197
SP 3-246, Texas Christian University Fort Worth, TX	251
SP 3-261, B'nai B'rith, 125th Anniversary Meeting Washington D.C. 9/10/68	253
TR 6, Holidays in Texas 12/24/63 - 1/5/64 (includes dedication of Congregation of Agudas Achim Synagogue in Austin)	10
TR 21, Worchester, Massachusetts, June 10, 1964 Holy Cross College Commencement	14
TR 54, Camp David, Maryland, 4/3/65 (includes visit to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hagerstown Maryland)	20
TR 75, Trip to Ranch-Convalescent, October 23, 1965 (Billy Graham church service 10/28)	22
TR 81, Baltimore, Maryland, Bicentennial Celebration of Methodism (proposed) 4/22/66	23
TR 84, Ranch, San Antonio, TX, Mexico (includes San Fernando Cathedral services 4/8/66)	24
TR 123, Philadelphia, PA, San Antonio, and Ranch (includes trip to Stonewall for baptismal service for grandson 7/4/67)	38
TR 132, Veterans Day Tour, GA, CA, KS, VA 11/10-12/67 (includes Sunday church service at Bruton Parish and public reactions to Rev. Lewis' criticism of LBJ Vietnam policy)	40-42
TR 136, Australia for Memorial Services for Prime Minister Harold Holt 12/19/67 (includes meeting with Pope Paul VI)	43
TR 143, New York City, 4/4/68 (includes installation ceremony for new Archbishop of New York)	43
TR 156, Ranch 6/13/68 (attended Lutheran Church, visit by Billy Graham at ranch)	44
TR 168, Missouri, TX, Ranch 10/11/68 (includes church at Trinity Lutheran Church)	46

WHCF NAME FILE

This file serves as a name index to the Subject File. Name Files, in general, contain copies of the first page of documents (used as cross references) filed in the Subject Files. Request files by name of individual or organization. There is a card file in the Reading Room card catalogue indicating those

Name Files which are already available for research.

WHCF CONFIDENTIAL FILE

Arranged in the same subject categories as the WHCF Subject File, this file contains security classified or otherwise sensitive material. The CF Name File serves as a name index to the CF Subject File. This collection also includes agency reports and oversize attachments. The CF is entirely processed, but portions are still classified. Researcher should check parallel files to WHCF.

OFFICE FILES OF THE WHITE HOUSE AIDES

Many White House aides maintained office files of their own, separate physically from the rest of the White House Central Files. The files of each aide reflect his or her responsibilities. This list is not definitive, but it does include most pertinent folders in the aides files. If a folder is not open for research, it will be processed upon request. Researchers should anticipate a delay in receiving this material.

	<u>Box #</u>
Advertising Council Files	
"Religion in American Life"	2
Horace Busby	
"B'nai B'rith Speech"	4
"B'nai B'rith Materials"	4
"Prayer Breakfast 2/4/65"	41
"Prayer Breakfast 1964"	41
Hubert Humphrey	
"Remarks to the National Conference of Christians and Jews, May 2, 1965"	1
Harry McPherson	
"Catholics"	5
"Episcopal Colleges - Foundation for"	8
"B'nai B'rith Speech"	37
"Methodist Bi-Centennial Speech 11/22/66"	56
"Prayer Breakfast"	57
Charles McGuire	
"B'nai B'rith pamphlet"	6
Bill Moyers	
"Christian Leadership Seminar of Southern Baptists 3/25/64"	125
"Civil Rights Religious Leaders 4/29/64"	126
Researchers should check boxes 70-71 for messages received from religious leaders, particularly Baptists.	
Frederick Panzer	
"Catholicism"	326
"Mormons"	383

William Sparks	
"American Bible Society"	1
"Christians and Jews Conference"	4
"Jewish Groups"	12
"Prayer Breakfast"	16
Ben Wattenberg	
"Humor for B'nai B'rith"	7
"B'nai B'rith Message"	8
"Meany, Jewish Labor Committee speech 11/67"	12
"American Jewish Committee Meeting '68"	21

NATIONAL SECURITY FILE (NSF)

This file was the working file of President Johnson's special assistants for national security affairs, McGeorge Bundy and Walt W. Rostow. Documents in the file originated in the offices of Bundy and Rostow and their staffs, in the various executive departments and agencies, especially those having to do with foreign affairs and national defense, and in diplomatic and military posts around the world.

	<u>Box #</u>
Country File – The Vatican	
vol. I [10/64 - 12/67]	231
Pope Paul Visit [9/65]	231

There are two head of state correspondence files. The first, "Head of State Correspondence File," was maintained as a regular part of the National Security File. The second, "Special Head of State Correspondence File," was maintained by Dorothy P. Territo of the Johnson White House Staff but, since December 1987, has been included as part of the National Security File.

Head of State Correspondence File – the Vatican	
Pope Paul, et. al., vol. I [12/8/63 - 9/26/68]	11
Pope Paul VI [11/30/66 - 1/14/69]	11
Special Head of State Correspondence File – the Vatican	
Vatican - Presidential Correspondence	58
Vatican - Pope Paul, et. al., Correspondence, Vol. I [December 8, 1963 -]	58

APPOINTMENT FILES

The Diary Cards in the Reading Room provide an alphabetically arranged name index to the President's appointments. Once the date of an appointment has been determined, check the "Diaries and Logs" finding aid for the number of the appropriate boxes in both the Daily Diary and the President's Appointment File [Diary Backup]. The Diary Cards include some subjects, including "Church."

The Daily Diary is a log sheet of appointments and phone calls maintained by the White House secretaries.

The Diary Backup contains preparation material, press releases, and schedules for meetings and appointments, as well as some reports and notes from the meetings.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORIES

At the end of the Johnson Administration, each agency and department prepared a history of its activities and accomplishments during the Johnson years. See the finding aid for a table of contents of the various administrative histories.

Selective Service System

Characterization of the Period

Supreme Court Ruling on Conscientious Objectors p.28

Making Military Manpower

Armed Forces Applications for Conscientious Objector separations. p.76

Time Consuming Classification of Conscientious Objectors p.70

SOCIAL FILES

These Files consist of approximately 1,000 cubic feet of material generated during the White House years. They contain material on the activities of Mrs. Johnson, her daughters, and social activities of the Presidency. Processing requests will not be accepted from the following files: Social Files Miscellaneous, Records of the White House Gift Unit.

SOCIAL FILES - ALPHA FILE

Box

This file contains outgoing correspondence from Mrs. Johnson or her staff and often includes the original incoming correspondence as well. Request by the name of the individual or the organization of interest.

"Religion [A-C]"

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"Religion D-O"

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"Religion P-Z"

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LIZ CARPENTER'S SUBJECT FILE

Elizabeth Carpenter was Mrs. Johnson's Press Secretary during the White House years. These files contain both subject and speech files. Request by folder title and box number.

"Scholarship in Mrs. Johnson's name by Orthodox Jewish Women 11/29/66"

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"Tea with National Council of Jewish Women's Delegates 2/28/68"

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"B'nai B'rith convention, luncheon at Shoreham 3/26/68"

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"Presentation of Bibles to Mrs. Johnson for President and grandsons 10/10/68"

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"Congressional Prayer Breakfast-Shoreham Hotel 2/2/67"

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"B'nai B'rith luncheon Shoreham Hotel 3/26/68"

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BESS ABELL'S WHITE HOUSE SOCIAL OFFICE FILES

Contains the files of Mrs. Johnson's Social Secretary. Request by the folder title and box number.

"Dietary Restrictions for Religious Groups"

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SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT OFFICE FILES

Contain all planning, invitations, programs, and guest lists for social

events at the White House. Request by folder title and box number.

"Tea (Mrs. Johnson) National Council of Jewish Women 2/28/68" 109

PERSONAL PAPERS

This collection of papers from individuals or organizations came to the Library separate from President Johnson's papers. See the finding aid for information concerning the availability of individual collections.

	<u>Box #</u>
Ramsey Clark	
"2/23/66 African Methodist Episcopal Church: South Carolina Speech"	102
"Speech B'nai B'rith New York 9/23/70"	128
"Speech-United Church Board Baltimore 10/25/70"	129
"Speech-Hillcrest Jewish Center New York 10/26/70"	129
"Speech-Christ Church in Philadelphia"	129
India Edwards	
"[1960 Campaign material and correspondence] includes anti-Catholic mail	1

ARCHIVES REFERENCE FILE

The reference file has been assembled by the archives staff to assist them in answering questions about Lyndon Johnson, his family, the Johnson administration, and related topics.

Jews and LBJ before and during World War II
"Little Monk" Story (visit to St. Dominic Catholic Church, 6/28/67)"

ORAL HISTORIES

Transcripts of oral history interviews may be consulted at the Library or borrowed through interlibrary loan by writing to the Interlibrary Loan Archivist, Lyndon B. Johnson Library, 2313 Red River Street, Austin, Texas, 78705. The following oral history transcripts relate to President Johnson and religion:

Graham, Billy: Evangelist; Ordained to Ministry, Southern Baptist Convention; personal friend of President Johnson.

Davis, George R.: Minister, Christian Church; Pastor, National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C.; personal friend of President Johnson.

Hatcher, Jessie Johnson: President Johnson's Aunt

Schneider, Wunibald W.: Roman Catholic Priest; Pastor, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Stonewall, Texas; personal friend of President Johnson.