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MATERIAL AT THE LBJ LIBRARY PERTAINING TO THE WAR ON POVERTY

INTRODUCTION

This guide includes the principal files in the Johnson Library that contain materials relating to the War on Poverty. It is not definitive, however, and researchers should consult with an archivist about other potentially useful files. This guide includes collections that have been processed and opened in part or in full. See also the guides: *Appalachia*; *Area Redevelopment Administration*; *Food Stamp Program*; *Head Start*; *Legal Aid to the Poor*; *The Moynihan Report*.

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORIES

At the end of the Johnson administration each agency and department prepared a history of its activities and accomplishments. Please see the finding aid for complete information and tables of contents for each administrative history. Those concerning the War on Poverty include:

- Council of Economic Advisers – CEA
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- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission – EEOC
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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.

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Prepared by the Director of the Legislative Reference Office of the Bureau of the Budget, these reports cover both private and public bills and joint resolutions submitted to the President for his approval. The reports include the purpose of the act, agency recommendations, and discussions of the ramifications of the legislation. For more information see the Special Files finding aid.

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This chronologically-arranged file includes speeches and remarks made by Lyndon Johnson throughout his career, together with speech drafts, memoranda, teleprompter texts, note cards, and other supporting material. Please ask an archivist to search the electronic files of the finding aid according to relevant keywords. Also consult the cumulative index to the 10-volume printed work *The Public Papers of the Presidents: Lyndon B. Johnson* (available in the Reading Room) and request corresponding Statements files. See also White House Central Files, Subject File, Speeches (SP), described above, and the finding aid.

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