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50	56	5/15/1971	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domestic Policy	Letter	From John Olin to John Merrill Olin RE: Organized labor. 3pgs. Attached copy of handwritten letter. 2 typed copies.

## DOCUMENT WITHDRAWAL RECORD [NIXON PROJECT]

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N-1 [Doc 58]	letter	Olin to RN re organized labor [typed version]	5/15/71	C (Nixon)
N-2 [Doc 58]	letter	same as Doc # N-1 [handwritten]	5/15/71	C (Nixon)
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Olin, John Merrill

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Review on Contested Documents

**Collection:** President's Personal Files

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Disposition

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Return Private/Political

Copy of hand-written letter

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John Merrill Olin  
7701 Forsyth Boulevard  
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May 15th, 1971

Copy to  
John Merrill Olin  
(has  
one)

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I enclose the October 26, 1970 release of COPE, also a copy of a letter from George Meany to Alexander Barkan, Director of COPE and a clipping from the Atlanta Constitution January 1, 1971 stating Meany's views re you and your Administration which I send only to refresh your memory.

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