

Richard Nixon Presidential Library

Resources for Social Security

*Related topics likely to also include information relating to Social Security include welfare reform and the Family Assistance Plan. See the subject resource guide for Welfare Reform or search the Guide to Holdings for these terms for more information.

Textual

WHITE HOUSE CENTRAL FILES (WHCF): SUBJECT FILES

- **FG (Federal Government-Organizations)**
 - FG 12 Department of Treasury
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/fg-12-department-treasury-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
 - FG 23 Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW)
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/fg-23-department-health-education-and-welfare-white-house-central-files-subject-files>
 - FG 23-10 Social Security Administration
 - FG 296 Commission on Railroad Retirement
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/fg-296-commission-railroad-retirement-white-house-central-files-subject-files>
- **FI (Finance)**
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/fi-finance-white-house-central-files-subject-files>
 - Boxes 57-60 - EX FI 11 Taxation [18 folders]
- **SP (Speeches)**
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/sp-speeches-white-house-central-files-subject-files>
 - Box 44 - SP 2-3-27 Social Security 9-25-69 [8 folders]
 - Boxes 44-45 - SP 2-3-28 Administration's Legislative Program 10-13-69 [15 folders]
 - Box 81 - SP 2-3-41 Older Americans 3-23-72 [8 folders]
 - Box 81 - EX SP 2-3-42 Welfare Reform 3-27-72 [9 folders]
 - Box 83 - EX SP 2-3-54 Veto of Railroad Retirement Benefits Bill 10-4-72
 - Box 85 - SP 2-3-60 Pension Reform 4/11/73 [3 folders]
 - Boxes 108-112 - SP 2-4 / 1972
 - Boxes 114-118 - SP 2-4 / 1974

- Boxes 169-170 - SP 3-89 / Pres. Remarks on Economic Policy & Productivity, Radio & T.V., White House, 6/17/70 [5 folders]
- Box 187 - SP 3-35 AARP / Nat'l Retired Teachers Assoc., Chicago, Ill. 6/25/71 [7 folders]
- Box 201 - SP 3-75 White House Conference on Aging, Washington Hilton Hotel, D.C. 12/2/71 [4 folders]
- **WE (Welfare)**
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/we-welfare-white-house-central-files-subject-files>
 - Boxes 40-43 WE 7 Social Security [24 folders]

WHCF: ALPHABETICAL NAME FILES

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/alphabetical-name-files-white-house-central-files>

- Box 21 - FINCH, ROBERT H. [5 folders]
- Box 108 - RICHARDSON, ELLIOT L. [6 folders]
- Box 108 - WEINBERGER, CASPAR W. [5 folders]

WHCF: STAFF MEMBER AND OFFICE FILES (SMOF)

- **Martin Anderson**
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/martin-anderson-white-house-central-files-staff-member-office-files>
 - Box 6 - Social Security Law [1970]
 - Box 31 - Social Security [1968-69]
- **Anne L. Armstrong**
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/anne-l-armstrong-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
 - Box 23 - Social Security Questions
 - Box 30 - Social Security
 - Box 52 - Women - Social Security for Housewives (Sally Payton Memo)
- **Robert H. Finch**
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/robert-h-finch-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
 - Box 11 - Social Security Administration - San Francisco
- **First Lady's Press Office**
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/first-ladys-press-office-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
 - Box 69 - 9/28/72 Tricia in Birmingham, Alabama to attend Social Security Payment Center
- **Edwin L. Harper**

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/edwin-l-harper-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>

- Box 61 - Social Security

- **Hendrik S. Houthakker**

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/hendrik-s-houthakker-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>

- Box 59 - Incidence of Social Security payroll Taxes
- Box 59 - Incidence of Social Security Taxes

- **Vicki Keller**

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/vicki-keller-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>

- Box 12 - H.R. 1 Social Security [1971-72]

- **Daniel Patrick Moynihan**

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/daniel-patrick-moynihan-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>

- Box 12 - Bills- HR16311 (FAP) HR 17550 (Social Security)

- **John R. Price**

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/john-r-price-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>

- Box 35 - Welfare – Social Security 7
- Box 98 - Welfare in Review: The Welfare and Child Health Provisions of the Social Security Amendments of 1967

- **Herbert Stein**

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/herbert-stein-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>

- Boxes 58-59 - CEA Troika Memos [7 folders]
- Box 187 - Social Security [2 folders]

- **William E. Timmons**

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/william-e-timmons-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>

- Box 68 - H.R. 1 Social Security
- Box 81 - Social Security

- **Glen E. Wegner**

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/glen-e-wegner-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>

- Box 26 - Advisory Council on Social Security 1971 Report
- Box 26 - [Black Binder] [Welfare and Social Security Review Team] [2 folders]
- Box 43 - Health Insurance for the Disabled under Social Security, 1969

WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL FILES (WHSF): SMOF

- **Egil “Bud” Krogh**

- <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/egil-krogh-white-house-special-files-staff-member-and-office-files>

- Box 63 - 508-OA #2979 [Social Security] [1969]

- **President’s Personal File (PPF)**

- <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/presidents-personal-file-white-house-special-files-staff-member-and-office-files>

- Box 51 - Speech File - September 17, 1969, Social Security
 - Box 51 - Speech File - September 26, 1969, Press Conference
 - Box 53 - December 8, 1969, Press Conference
 - Box 59 - June 17, 1970, Economic Policy Speech
 - Box 67 - Friday, June 24, 1971, American Assn. of Retired Persons
 - Box 70 - Thursday, December 2, 1971, WH Conference on Aging
 - Boxes 70-71 - Thursday, January 20, 1972, State of the Union [9 folders]
 - Box 72 - Monday, January 24, 1972, Budget Message
 - Box 77 - Thursday, June 29, 1972, Press Conference
 - Box 81 - Monday, October 30, 1972, Radio Speech--Older Americans
 - Box 84 - Sunday, January 28, 1973, Budget Speech
 - Boxes 89-90 - Wednesday January 30, 1974, State of the Union Message [6 folders]

RICHARD NIXON RETURNED MATERIALS

- **White House Special Files**

- <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/nixon-presidential-returned-materials-collection-white-house-special-files-whsf>

- Box 35 - folder 16
 - Memo from Anderson to DC regarding Social Security Brochure [10/27/68]
 - Brochure from Richard M. Nixon regarding Social Security and Medicare [n.d.]
 - Memo from Chuck Percy to Richard Nixon advising him to emphasising Social Security and medical care programs during final week of campaign [10/28/68]
 - Box 35 - folder 19
 - Memo from Murray Chotiner to Haldeman RE: "floating" rumors on Social Security/Medicare and RN's farm plank [9/25/68]
 - Box 36 - folder 5

- Murrah Chotiner to Truth Squad/Jeff Kimball/Hank Berliner re: pointing out facts about HHH's proposals on social Security [10/17/68]
- **White House Central Files**
 - Box 80 - WHCF: SMOF: Garment 1968 Campaign – Topical Files: Social Security
- **White House Special Files: Contested Files**
 - <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/nixon-presidential-retained-materials-collection-white-house-special-files-whsf-contested-files>
 - Box 21 - folder 7
 - A brochure created by the Democrats for Nixon, which focuses on the topic of older Americans. Topics covered in the brochure include: Social Security, health care, stability, defense, the economy, etc [8/17/72]

GOVERNED BY DEED OF GIFT: GENERAL DONATIONS

- **Oral Histories**
 - <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/oral-histories>
 - Harper, Ed
 - Linkletter, Art
 - Malek, Fred
- **H.R. Haldeman Diaries**
 - <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/h-r-haldeman-diaries>
 - September 17, 1969
 - September 24, 1969
 - September 25, 1969
 - July 24, 1971
 - June 22, 1972
 - June 23, 1972
 - June 26, 1972

RICHARD NIXON PRE-PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS (LAGUNA NIGUEL)

- **Series 320 General Correspondence, 1946-1962**
 - https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/forresearchers/find/textual/findingaids/findingaid_lagunaniguel_series320.pdf
 - Box 676 - Schottland, Charles I. (Dean)

RICHARD NIXON PRE-PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS (NIXON FOUNDATION)

- **Campaign 1960**
 - https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-10/inventory_campaign1960.pdf
 - PPS 64 “Hamlin File”

- Box 4 - Welfare – Social Security [2 folders]
- **PPS 208 Speech File**
 - https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-12/PPS_208_Speech_File_Inventor%20y.pdf
 - Box 3 - Apr. 8, 1948. “Washington Report”. Increase in social security benefits.
 - Box 3 - June 10, 1948. “Washington Report”. Social security.
 - Box 4 - Mar. 24, 1949. “Under the Capitol Dome”. Re: Rankin Bill (veteran’s pensions), veteran’s disability and social security
 - Box 96 - Oct. 15, 1968. Statement re: Senior Citizens Programs and Social Security. Miami, FL.
- **Senatorial Papers**
 - https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-10/findingaid_senatorial.pdf
 - Box 1 - 1950, Dec. 21-31. Constituent Correspondence. “Social Security Act Amendments of 1950”
- **Wilderness Years**
 - <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2019-10/Wilderness%20Years%20Collecti%20on%20Inventory.pdf>
 - Series I: Correspondence: Sub-Series B: Social and Political Correspondence: Various files – 1965-1968: PPS 247
 - Box 20 - Social Security
 - Series III: 1964 Campaign: Goldwater Form Letters
 - Box 15 - Requests – Social Security
 - Box 15 - Social Security – Voting Age
 - Series VII: Research Materials: Agnes Waldron: Issues File: PPS 259
 - Box 6 - Social Security

White House Tapes

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/white-house-tapes>

- Conversation Number: OVAL 464-25
Conversation Date: March 9, 1971
Participants: Nixon, George P. Shultz, John D. Ehrlichman, H.R. Haldeman
- Conversation Number: OVAL 468-16
Conversation Date: March 16, 1971
Participants: Nixon, Ehrlichman, Shultz
- Conversation Number: OVAL 483-16
Conversation Date: April 20, 1971
Participants: Nixon, Shultz
- Conversation Number: OVAL 500-16
Conversation Date: May 18, 1971

- Participants: Nixon, Shultz, Ehrlichman
- Conversation Number: OVAL 502-20
Conversation Date: May 20, 1971
Participants: Nixon, Shultz, Ehrlichman
- Conversation Number: OVAL 602-6
Conversation Date: October 26, 1971
Participants: Nixon, Ehrlichman, Shultz, Wallace F. Bennett, Clark MacGregor
- Conversation Number: OVAL 676-22
Conversation Date: March 1, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Shultz
- Conversation Number: OVAL 679-13
Conversation Date: March 7, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Shultz, John B. Connally, Herbert Stein
- Conversation Number: CR 94-1
Conversation Date: March 7, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, Elliot L. Richardson, Charls E. Walker, Hugh Scott, Robert P. Griffin, Gordon L. Allott, Norris Cotton, Margaret Chase Smith, Peter H. Dominick, Wallace F. Bennett, Gerald R. Ford, Leslie C. Arends, John B. Anderson, Barber B. Conable, Jr., Richard H. Poff, Robert C. (“Bob”) Wilson, John J. Rhodes, H. Allen Smith, Samuel L. Devine, John W. Byrnes, Robert J. Dole, John D. Ehrlichman, George P. Shultz, Clark MacGregor, William E. Timmons, Herbert G. Klein, Harry S. Dent, Thomas C. Korologos, Ronald L. Ziegler, Noel C. Koch, and Richard K. Cook
- Conversation Number: OVAL 682-9
Conversation Date: March 10, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Ehrlichman
- Conversation Number: CR 94-2
Conversation Date: March 10, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Shultz, Ehrlichman, Connally, Elliot L. Richardson, Arthur S. Flemming
- Conversation Number: OVAL 685-2
Conversation Date: March 14, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Ehrlichman, Edward L. Morgan
- Conversation Number: OVAL 688-12
Conversation Date: March 18, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Ehrlichman
- Conversation Number: OVAL 689-6
Conversation Date: March 20, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Connally

- Conversation Number: EOB 324-43
Conversation Date: March 22, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Ehrlichman
- Conversation Number: OVAL 736-2
Conversation Date: June 15, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Ehrlichman
- Conversation Number: OVAL 737-2
Conversation Date: June 16, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Ehrlichman
- Conversation Number: OVAL 742-18
Conversation Date: June 26, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Shultz, Ehrlichman, MacGregor, Stein, Caspar Weinberger
- Conversation Number: CR 103-7
Conversation Date: June 27, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Wallace F. Bennett, Carl T. Curtis, Jack R. Miller, Leonard B. (“Len”) Jordan, Paul J. Fannin, Clifford P. Hansen, Robert P. Griffin, George P. Shultz, John D. Ehrlichman, John F. Evans, Jr., Clark MacGregor, Thomas C. Korologos, Ronald L. Ziegler, James H. Falk
- Conversation Number: EOB 346-10
Conversation Date: June 28, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Ehrlichman
- Conversation Number: CR 105-9
Conversation Date: June 29, 1972
Participants: Nixon, George P. Shultz, Donald H. Rumsfeld, Earl L. Butz, Peter G. Peterson, James D. Hodgson, George W. Romney, Caspar W. (“Cap”) Weinberger, General George A. Lincoln, Herbert Stein, Virginia H. Knauer, Arthur F. Burns, John G. Veneman, Robert M. Ball, Johnnie M. Walters, Arthur S. Flemming, Thomas B. Curtis, Edward Preston, Marina von N. Whitman, James W. McLane, William Geimer, Richard B. Cheney, Bert M. Concklin, William Walker, Marvin H. Kosters, Donald R. Murdoch, William I. Greener, Jr., C. Robert Lane
- Conversation Number: CDST 135-8
Conversation Date: June 29, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Ehrlichman
- Conversation Number: OVAL 744-21
Conversation Date: June 30, 1972
Participants: Nixon, MacGregor
- Conversation Number: OVAL 745-2
Conversation Date: June 30, 1972
Participants: Nixon, MacGregor

- Conversation Number: OVAL 746 (746-3, 746-16)
Conversation Date: July 1, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Weinberger, Charles Colson
- Conversation Number: OVAL 799-19
Conversation Date: October 16, 1972
Participants: Nixon, Ehrlichman, Haldeman
- Conversation Number: OVAL 867-33
Conversation Date: March 2, 1973
Participants: Nixon, Robert M. Ball, Mrs. Ball, Stephen Bull

Audiovisual

AUDIO COLLECTIONS

- **White House Communications Agency Sound Recordings Collection**
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-08/whca-sr-complete-20180806.pdf>
 - File/ID: H-078
Date: 9/25/69
Event: Press briefing on P's Social Security Message, with Arthur Burns, Neil Ball, and Mr. Cohen
 - File/ID: P-720615
Date: 6/29/72
Event: Remarks by President Nixon in a press conference
- **Main Audio File**
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-08/maf-complete-20180806.pdf>
 - File/ID: MAF-550602
Date: 6/2/55
Event: "Draft of RN Speech to the Rotary International Convention"
 - File/ID: MAF-680007
Date: 1968
Event: Two radio spots focusing on (1) social security benefits and (2) medical care for the elderly

MOTION FILM COLLECTIONS

- **Naval Photographic Center Film Collection**
https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-10/npc_complete_20180806.pdf
 - File/ID: NPC-1211-252-72
Date: 6/29/72
Event: Nixon Press Conference
- **Main Motion Film File**

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-08/mff-complete-20180806.pdf>

- File/ID: MFF-585
Date: 1968
Title: “Social Security”

VIDEO COLLECTIONS

- **White House Communications Agency Videotape Collection**

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2020-02/nixon-library-whca-video-compl-ete-20200211.pdf>

- File/ID: WHCA-4072
Date: 1/2/71
Title: Weekly News Summary, Tape I: Excerpts of evening network news items from 12/28/70 to 12/30/71
- File/ID: WHCA-5510
Date: 6/29/72
Title: President Nixon's Press Conference, with CBS commentary
- File/ID: WHCA-5512
Date: 6/29/72
Title: Weekly News Summary, Tape II: Excerpts of evening news broadcasts from 6/26/1972 to 6/28/1972
- File/ID: WHCA-5525
Date: 7/6/72
Title: Weekly News Summary, Tape I: Excerpts of evening news broadcasts from 6/30/1972 to 7/2/1972
- File/ID: WHCA-5870
Date: 11/2/72
Title: Weekly News Summary, Tape II: Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts from 10/30/1972 to 10/31/1972
- File/ID: WHCA-5983
Date: 1/4/73
Title: Weekly News Summary, Tape II: Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts from 12/30/1972 to 1/2/1973

Other Resources

PUBLIC PAPERS OF THE PRESIDENCY

- **American Presidency Project**

<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/>

- Senior Citizens Program: Study Paper by Richard Nixon, Vice President, United States of America, October 30, 1960
- Statement of the Vice President of the United States, on Social Security, Fresno, CA, November 4, 1960
- Remarks on the CBS Radio Network: “The Elderly: For the Enduring Generation,” October 22, 1968
- Special Message to the Congress on Reform of the Nation’s Welfare System, August 11, 1969
- Remarks on Signing the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1969, September 17, 1969
- Special Message to the Congress on Social Security, September 25, 1969
- The President’s News Conference, September 26, 1969
- Statement Issuing a Call for a White House Conference on Aging, October 6, 1969
- Special Message to the Congress on Legislative Reform, October 13, 1969
- Executive Order 11490—Assigning Emergency Preparedness Functions to Federal Departments and Agencies, October 28, 1969
- The President’s News Conference, December 8, 1969
- Letter to the House and Senate Leadership on Federal Spending and Revenues, December 17, 1969
- Statement on Signing the Tax Reform Act of 1969, December 30, 1969
- Annual Budget Message to the Congress, Fiscal Year 1971, February 2, 1970
- Statement About Passage by the House of the Social Security Amendments of 1970, May 22, 1970
- Address to the Nation on Economic Policy and Productivity, June 17, 1970
- Special Message to the Congress on the Administration's Legislative Program, September 11, 1970
- Letter to the House Minority Leader on Social Security Legislation, December 22 1970
- Annual Budget Message to the Congress, Fiscal Year 1972, January 29, 1971
- Statement on Signing Bill Increasing Social Security Benefits, March 17, 1971
- Letter to the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the House Committee on Ways and Means About the Welfare Reform Bill, March 31, 1971
- Statement About Approval of the Welfare Reform and Social Security Bill by the House Committee on Ways and Means, May 18, 1971
- Statement About House Approval of the Welfare Reform and Social Security Bill, June 22, 1971
- Remarks at the Convention of the National Retired Teachers Association and the American Association of Retired Persons in Chicago, Illinois, June 25, 1971

- Remarks to the White House Conference on Aging, December 2, 1971
- Statement on Signing a Bill Amending the Social Security Act, December 28, 1971
- Annual Message to the Congress on the State of the Union, January 20, 1972
- Annual Budget Message to the Congress, Fiscal Year 1973, January 24, 1972
- Special Message to the Congress on Older Americans, March 23, 1972
- Special Message to the Congress on Welfare Reform, March 27, 1972
- The President's News Conference, June 29, 1972
- Statement on Signing a Bill Extending Temporary Ceiling on National Debt and Increasing Social Security Benefits, July 1, 1972
- Veto of Railroad Retirement Benefits Bill, October 4, 1972
- Statement on Signing the Social Security Amendments of 1972, October 30, 1972
- Radio Address on Older Americans, October 30, 1972
- Annual Budget Message to the Congress, Fiscal Year 1974, January 29, 1973
- State of the Union Message to the Congress on Human Resources, March 1, 1973
- Special Message to the Congress Proposing Pension Reform Legislation, April 11, 1973
- Statement on Signing a Bill Increasing Social Security Benefits, July 11, 1973
- Special Message to the Congress on National Legislative Goals, September 10, 1973
- Statement on Signing a Bill to Increase Social Security Benefits, January 3, 1974
- Annual Message to the Congress on the State of the Union, January 30, 1974
- Annual Budget Message to the Congress, Fiscal Year 1975, February 4, 1974

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- Haldeman H.R. *The Ends of Power*. New York: Time Books, 1978.
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- Shultz, George P. and John B. Shoven. *Putting Our House in Order: A Guide to Social Security and Health Care Reform*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2008
- Weinberger, Caspar W. and Gretchen Roberts. *In the Arena: A Memoir of the 20th Century*. Washington: Regnery Publishing, 2001

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- Library of Congress, Elliot L. Richardson papers
<https://www.loc.gov/item/mm81075869/>
- Library of Congress, Caspar W. Weinberger papers
<https://www.loc.gov/item/mm81075883/>

- **NixonTapes.org**
<http://nixontapes.org/>
- **Social Security Administration, Research & Analysis by Robert M. Ball**
<https://www.ssa.gov/policy/authors/BallRobertM.html>