

## INTRODUCTION

Arends, Leslie Cornelius (1895 - 1985), Collection, 1930-75  
65.5 linear feet, 5038 folders

The Leslie C. Arends collection consists of three major types of material: audiovisual items, papers, and photographs. The papers span Arends' career as United States representative from the 17th congressional district in Illinois. First elected to the House of Representatives in 1935, Arends held the office of Republican assistant floor leader for thirty-one years of his career, from 1943 until 1975.

Upon retirement, Arends donated his papers to Illinois Wesleyan University, in Bloomington, Illinois. The university made arrangements with The Everett McKinley Dirksen Congressional Leadership Research Center to arrange, process, and describe the collection. The papers and finding aids were then returned to Illinois Wesleyan.

The following ten record groups constitute the Arends collection: audiovisual, departments, general, legislation, photographs, positions, post office, publications, speeches, and White House press releases.

Arends periodically disposed of some files. As a result, inclusive dates, amounts of material, and significance of the papers vary within each record group. Series descriptions for the record groups further describe methods of arrangement, amounts and types of material, and inclusive dates. Finding aids are available at the Illinois Wesleyan University Library and at The Dirksen Center, Pekin, Illinois.

## BIOGRAPHY

Leslie Cornelius Arends  
(1895 - 1985)

Leslie Cornelius Arends was born on September 27, 1895 in Melvin, Illinois, where he, his four brothers, and two sisters grew up on his father's farm. After graduating from Melvin high school in 1912, he attended Oberlin College in Ohio for two years. Arends enlisted in the Navy during World War I, and following his discharge in 1919, returned to Melvin to work in the grain business and private bank founded by his father. In 1946 he married the former Betty Tychon. They have one daughter, Letty.

In his first bid for public office in 1934, Arends ran on the Republican ticket and was elected to serve as representative of the 17th congressional district. The voters returned Arends to the House in the next nineteen elections. In 1974 he announced his retirement and did not seek re-election.

As a congressman, Arends was particularly concerned with reduction of the federal budget and decentralization of the government. As a long-time member of the Military Affairs Committee (now the Armed Services Committee), Arends also expressed special interest in military spending and military preparedness.

In 1943 Arends' fellow party members elected him to the position of minority whip. The whip's major duties are to gauge the feelings of fellow representatives, try to predict their votes on upcoming legislation, and then see that colleagues are present to vote on important legislation. The whip thus aids the party leadership in designing its legislative strategy.

Arends continued to serve as Republican assistant floor leader for thirty-one years. When he announced his retirement in 1974, Arends had served as whip longer than anyone else, Republican or Democrat.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

Arends, Leslie Cornelius (1895 - 1985), Collection, 1930-75  
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The Leslie C. Arends (1895 - 1985) Collection, 1930-75, documents his career as a United States representative from Illinois' 17th congressional district and as Republican assistant floor leader in the House of Representatives from 1943 until his retirement in January 1975. The material is divided into ten record groups described separately in a finding aid.

The bulk of the material consists of correspondence with constituents and colleagues, notes, news clippings, pamphlets and reference material, and press releases. Individual record groups also contain audiovisual materials, photographs, publications, and speeches. Inclusive dates for the collection are 1930-75, with the bulk of the material dating from 1950-74. Like many other congressmen, Arends periodically discarded files, which accounts for the uneven quality of remaining documentation.

The most complete record groups are the Departments, Positions, and Post Office series. These series contain correspondence, clippings, and notes relating to individual casework files. Constituent correspondence with various government departments requesting assistance, information concerning local and federal post offices, and requests for positions in the government constitute most of the three record groups. The papers are nearly complete for 1951-73. The Post Office series is arranged alphabetically by the name of the town; the Departments and Positions series are arranged alphabetically by the correspondent's name.

The General series contains correspondence, reference material, and related papers on various subjects in which Arends or his constituents were interested. Similar material also can be found in the Departments series. The General file is arranged alphabetically by correspondent or subject. There is little documentation in the General series for years other than 1960-62 and 1970-73.

The Legislation series is divided into three subdivisions: bills, committees, and voting records. The largest, committees, consists primarily of constituent correspondence relating to a broad range of subjects considered by various House committees. Bulk dates are 1970-71 and 1973-74; the sub-series is arranged by name of the committee.

Another significant series is Speeches, 1947-74. It is nearly complete and is arranged chronologically by date of the speech. There are no speeches for 1971.

The remaining series are smaller and coverage less complete. The Publications series contains congressional directories and Arends' weekly newsletter, "Inside News of Congress," dating from 1935-74. The White House Press Releases series dates from 1971-74 and includes chronologically

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arranged press releases concerning the Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford administrations. Other series described in the finding aid are audiovisual, 1953-75, and photographs, 1930-74.

Despite Arends' thirty-one years as Republican assistant floor leader, few documents exist to record his activities. Constituent correspondence comprises most of the collection and many of Arends' responses appear to have been form letters. With some exceptions, notably the speech series and Armed Services committee file, there are few working papers that document the development of Arends' positions on issues. Some reference to position stands can be found in the Speeches and Legislation series.

Arends, Leslie Cornelius (1895 - 1985), Collection, 1930-75  
Audiovisual Materials, 1953-75

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Films, tape recordings, and videotape featuring or collected by Arends. Information used in this description was obtained from container markings. The audiovisual materials were not played or viewed during processing. They are arranged chronologically. A shelf list describes individual items more completely.

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Audiovisual Materials, 1953-75

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| 1                 | Audiovisual (n.d.). 12 1/2" can. Title: RRR Workshop. Film. Black and white sound.                               |
| 2                 | Audiovisual (n.d.). 12" can. Five untitled film negatives from the House Recording Studio. Varying lengths.      |
| 3                 | Audiovisual (n.d.). 11 1/4" can. Three untitled film negatives from the House Recording Studio. Varying lengths. |
| 4                 | Audiovisual (n.d.). 10 1/2" can. "Your Defense Budget." Film.  |
| 5                 | Audiovisual (n.d.). 10 1/2" can. "The Time is Now!" Film.  |
| 6                 | Audiovisual (n.d.). 9 3/8" can. Untitled. Film. No container markings.   |
| 7                 | Audiovisual (n.d.). Untitled. Sony Videocassette. No container markings.   |
| 8                 | Audiovisual (n.d.). 7" reel. Nixon press conference. Audio recording.  |
| 9                 | Audiovisual (n.d.). 7" reel. Untitled. Audio recording.  |
| 10                | Audiovisual (n.d.). 7" reel. Earl Nightengale, WITY. Audio recording.  |
| 11                | Audiovisual (n.d.). 7" can. Lincoln birthday film, WCIA. Film.   |
| 12                | Audiovisual (n.d.). 5" reel. Untitled. Audio recording.  |
| 13                | Audiovisual (n.d.). 5" reel. Untitled. Audio recording.  |
| 14                | Audiovisual (n.d.). 3" reel. Untitled. Audio recording.  |
| 15                | Audiovisual (n.d.). 3" reel. Untitled. Audio recording.  |
| 16                | Audiovisual (1953). 5" reel. Arends at Chanute Air Force Base, May 17, 1953. Audio recording.                    |
| 17                | Audiovisual (1956). 5" reel. Untitled, April 19, 1956. Audio recording.  |

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- 18 Audiovisual (1956). 5" reel. Markham Lecture delivered by Arends, Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, November 9, 1956. Audio recording.
- 19-20 Audiovisual (1957). Two 7" reels. "Senator Mundt," February 1957. Audio recording.
- 21 Audiovisual (1959). 5" reel. Untitled, July 22, 1959. Audio recording.
- 22 Audiovisual (1960). 8 1/2" reel. "Capitol Story," February 25, 1960. Film.
- 23 Audiovisual (1960). 3" reel. Truman Press Conference, April 7, 1960. Film.
- 24 Audiovisual (1960). 4" reel. "Les Arends Day" with Richard Nixon, May 27, 1960. Audio recording.
- 25 Audiovisual (1960). 7" reel. Richard Nixon speech, Melvin, Illinois, May 27, 1960. Audio recording.
- 26 Audiovisual (1962). 5" reel. "The Liberal Papers," interview with Arends, May 11, 1962. Audio recording.
- 27 Audiovisual (1963). 5" reel. Tribute to John Kennedy, ca. November 25, 1963. Audio recording.
- 28 Audiovisual (1965). 7" reel. Reporters' Roundup, interview with Arends, February 21, 1965. Audio recording.
- 29 Audiovisual (1966). 7" reel. Nixon Lunch, October 26, 1966. Audio recording.
- 30 Audiovisual (1969). 60 minute cassette. Arends in Washington, November 7, 1969. Audio recording.
- 31 Audiovisual (1970). 3" reel. Foreign Military Sales Act radio tape with Arends, July 9, 1970. Audio recording.
- 32 Audiovisual (1974). 7" reel. Ceremonies honoring the retirement of Arends with Gerald R. Ford, Melvin, Illinois, October 24, 1974. Audio recording.
- 33 Audiovisual (1975). 7" reel. Interview with Arends, WJBC. February 20, 1975. Audio recording.

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Departments, 1952-73  
f. 34-1626

The Departments series consists primarily of correspondence and requests for assistance, information, or intervention concerning a variety of subjects. Correspondence concerning the military constitutes a substantial part of the series. Other subjects frequently mentioned are pensions, welfare, social security, veterans' benefits, and unemployment compensation. Requests for assistance in obtaining visas or government contracts and complaints about foreign policy and federal spending are numerous.

The series is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent and chronologically within individual case files. Occasionally the Arends office filed correspondence alphabetically by name of an individual intervening on behalf of an acquaintance. In these cases the original order has been preserved. The series includes some subject files which are arranged alphabetically and chronologically within each file. Examples are Agriculture Department, Armed Services, Danville, Danville Junior College, Mackinaw Dam, Requests, and Visas. Alphabetical divisions in the series and each subject file are listed in the series shelf list.

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| 34-41             | A.O. Smith - Agges (1961-71).  |
| 42-47             | Agriculture Department (1960-71). Correspondence concerning the Department of Agriculture. Office filing notes are filed alphabetically and other correspondence is filed chronologically. |
| 48-68             | Ahern - Arends (1953-72).  |
| 69-74             | Armed Services (1959-69). Correspondence concerning the armed services; the Armed Services Committee; and Gilman, Illinois, ambulance service.   |
| 75-91             | Armenise - Az (1959-72).   |
| 92-155            | B- Bloomington Association of Commerce (1954-73).  |
| 156-220           | Bloomington, City of - Byrum (1954-73).  |
| 221-243           | C and EI (railroad) - Celeschi (1960-72).  |
| 244-248           | Census ((1969-70). Correspondence about the 1970 census. Arranged alphabetically by following divisions: Decatur, Joliet, Kankakee, requests for results.                                  |
| 249-252           | Central - Chanute Air Force Band (1960-72).  |
| 253-257           | Chanute Air Force Base (1961-72).  |
| 258-263           | Chapman - Chicago Transit Authority (1961-72).   |
| 264-286           | Childers - Commemorative Stamps (1960-72). Includes letter signed by Charles Lindbergh filed under George T. Clark.  |
| 287-323           | Commerce Department - Cyrier (1960-72). Includes correspondence and memoranda about freight train derailment in Crescent City (1970-72).   |
| 324-326           | Daily Pantagraph - Danner (1960-72).   |
| 327-338           | Danville, City of (1962-72). Correspondence about the city, including day care, housing, sewage improvements, and urban renewal.   |
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| 339-343           | Danville Industries, Incorporated - Danville Junior College (1964-71). Includes  |

correspondence about transfer of Veterans' Administration lands to the college.

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| 344-399           | Danville Producers - Dyson (1960-72).   |
| 400-427           | Eaglen - Ezell (1954-72). Includes correspondence concerning Eureka College.  |
| 428-483           | Fabert - Future (1956-72).  |
| 484-536           | Gabasan - Gyorkos (1956-72).  |
| 537-576           | H - Healey (1959-72).   |
| 577-666           | Health Education and Welfare Department - Hyster Company (1959-72).<br>Subjects include highways, Hill-Burton hospital regulations, Hines Veterans Hospital.                                    |
| 667-687           | Iehl - Izard (1958-71). Includes correspondence concerning the Illinois Agricultural Association, Illinois Department of Agriculture, Illinois Power Company, and Illinois Wesleyan University. |
| 688-710           | Jackson - Johnston (1958-72).   |
| 711-717           | Joliet, City of - Joliet Arsenal (1958-72).   |
| 718-727           | Joliet Refinery - Justice Department (1958-72).   |
| 728-740           | Kadena - Kankakee Airport (1960-72).  |
| 741-792           | Kankakee Geriatric Care Center-Kuykendall (1958-72).  |
| 793-852           | Labor - Lockhart (1952+72).   |
| 853-874           | Lockport Airport - Lystad (1952-72).  |
| 875               | M and W - Mackin (1961-69).   |
| 876-894           | Mackinaw Dam (1964-69). Information is organized into three files, each arranged chronologically: Committee reports, correspondence, and newspaper clippings.                                   |
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| 895-925           | Maddin - Mayszak (1959-72).   |

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| 926-950   | McAllistair - McVey (1959-72).   |
| 951-983   | Meachem - Millar (1959-72).  |
| 984-1034  | Miller - Mylander (1959-72).   |
| 1035-1068 | Naffziger - Nylander (1960-72).  |
| 1069-1091 | Oakes - Owings (1961-72).  |
| 1092-1164 | Pacific - Pyle (1960-72).  |
| 1165-1171 | Quaal - Quinton (1959-72).   |
| 1172-1191 | Raber - Republican (1960-72).  |
| 1192-1211 | Requests (1969-72). Constituent requests for information arranged alphabetically by individual's name.                               |
| 1212-1254 | Reserve - Rypkema (1959-72).   |
| 1255-1296 | Sabena - Scrivens (1955-72).   |
| 1297-1343 | Scully - Smalley (1955-72).  |
| 1344-1387 | Smiley - State Department (1955-72).   |
| 1388-1428 | State Farm - Szilagyi (1955-72).   |
| 1429-1476 | Tabels - Tyner (1954-72).  |
| 1477-1487 | Uarco - Utofka (1958-71).  |
| 1488-1511 | Valeri - Virostek (1959-72).   |
| 1512-1517 | Visas (1958-71). Correspondence concerning applications for visas. Arranged alphabetically by name of applicant or interested party. |
| 1518-1523 | Vogel - Vullo (1960-72).   |

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- 1524-1565            WLS - Wells (1959-72). Includes correspondence concerning the Wabash River Valley Association.
- 1566-1610            Welsch - Wyss (1959-72).
- 1611                    Xanders - Xigogianis (1968-71).
- 1612-1620            Yarbrough - Yulo (1960-72).
- 1621-1626            Zachgo - Zweng (1960-72).

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General File, 1948-74  
f. 1627-2812

The General File consists of correspondence with constituents and colleagues, notes, clippings, pamphlets, and reference material concerning many subjects including the following: public issues, legislation, politics, constituent service, and personal information. In most cases subject coverage is incomplete and fragmented. There is very little documentation for years other than 1960-62 and 1970-73. Although the General File was maintained as a distinct record series, much of the material resembles that found in other subdivisions of the Arends collection.

Some of the subject files contain documents from Charlotte Reid's congressional office, apparently as a result of her assistant, Joseph H. Macauley, joining the Arends staff upon Reid's retirement.

The General File is arranged alphabetically by correspondent's name or by topic. A shelf list describes folder contents in more detail.

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General File, 1948-74

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| 1627-1629         | A-Agency (1962-72).   |
| 1630-1631         | Agnew, Spiro T. (1968-73). Correspondence and reference materials relating to the investigation of Agnew in September and October 1973.   |
| 1632-1643         | Agriculture (1948-73). Press releases, clippings, and Republican party policy statements on farm policy (1948); correspondence with and press releases from the Agriculture Department. Topics include marketing and price support programs, legislation, concerns of farmers, assessments of federal agricultural programs, and meat and food prices. There is no material dating from 1949-59 or 1963-70. |
| 1644-1657         | Agriculture Yearbook Requests (1970-73).  |
| 1658-1680         | Ahrends - Arends, L. (1957-74). Includes organizations titled "American."   |
| 1681-1690         | Arends, Leslie C. (1960-73). Personal correspondence concerning insurance claims, investments, travel, and miscellany; correspondence with family. There is no material dating from 1963-67. Mold damage.   |
| 1691              | Arends, Leslie C. Bills Introduced (1962). Copies of selected bills introduced into the House of Representatives by Arends; reference materials.  |
| 1692              | Arends, Leslie C. Biographies (1971-72). Includes information about Arends prepared by the Ralph Nader Congress Project.  |
| 1693-1698         | Arends, Leslie C. Contributions (1961-62). Requests of Arends for charitable contributions and Arends's response.   |
| 1699-1700         | Arends, Leslie C. Howard International, Inc. (1961-62). Correspondence among several parties in different nations regarding the execution of a steel mill contract and Howard International's difficulties with the Agricultural Bank of the Turkish Republic.  |
| 1701-1702         | Arends, Leslie CV. Howk, John (1954-62). Correspondence regarding tree planting at the Arends home in Melvin, Illinois, arrangements at the house, Howk's desire for employment and campaign work. Howk apparently was a caretaker for Arends.  |

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- 1703 Arends, Leslie C. "Ladies for LES" Luncheon (1972). Contents of a notebook prepared for a luncheon honoring Arends. Includes letters or telegrams from political figures including Spiro Agnew.
- 1704 Arends, Leslie C. Letters to Members (1961). Letter to Republicans thanking them for assisting Arends as whip and responses.
- 1705 Arends, Leslie C. North Atlantic Treaty Organization Trip Records (1962-63).
- 1706-1708 Arends, Leslie C. Penicook, William (1953-62). Correspondence regarding the operation of a farm owned by Arends near Piper City, Illinois.
- 1709-1710 Arends, Leslie C. Rueck, Emil (1953-62). Correspondence regarding the operation of a farm owned by Arends near Melvin, Illinois.
- 1711-1733 Arends, Leslie C. Testimonial 1960 (1959-60). Correspondence, press releases, invitations, memoranda, and other material concerning "Les Arends Day," May 27, 1960. Subjects include planning, fund-raising, scheduling, and organization. Richard M. Nixon served as main speaker for the event.
- 1734-1739 Arends, Leslie C. Testimonial 1960, Lists (1960). Invitations and donor lists.
- 1740-1741 Arends, Leslie C. Testimonial 1965 (1965). Correspondence concerning arrangements and invitations for a Les Arends Stag Dinner, July 26.
- 1742-1746 Arends, Leslie C. Thank You's (1960-62). Thank you letters from Arends acknowledging gifts received.
- 1747-1750 Arends, Leslie C. Vacation (1956-62). Correspondence regarding travel arrangements, engagements, and accommodations. Mold damage.
- 1751-1765 Arends, R. - Azzarelli (1961-73). Includes the following subject headings: Army, Aurora, and Aurora College.
- 1766-1795 B- Byrnside (1959-73). Includes legislative proposals from the Black Caucus (1971); information on Black Lung legislation and benefits.
- 1796-1816 C - Campaigns (1960-74). Includes campaign files for 1962, 1970, and 1974. The most extensive campaign records relate to the 1962 effort.
- 1817-1863 Campbell College - Czuy (1960-74).
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- 1864-1890 D - Dyson (1959-73). Includes the following subject headings: Danville, Defense Department, and DeKalb.
- 1891-1899 E - Enderli (1960-72). Includes the following subject headings: economic stabilization; Eisenhower, Dwight D.; and Electoral College.
- 1900-1930 Energy Crisis (1969-74). Correspondence with constituents and interest groups, press releases, studies, reference material, and miscellany dealing with the oil and gas shortage, propane gas, allocation plans, and legislation. Bulk of material dates from 1973.
- 1931-1943 Energy Crisis. Printed Material (1971-73). Government documents, oil company reports, and petroleum industry publications.
- 1944-1950 Englehardt - Ezell (1961-73). Includes the following subject headings: expenses and export control.
- 1951-1994 F - Forest (1961-73). Includes the following subject headings: Fairbury, Illinois; farewell letters to Eisenhower administration; Farmers' Bulletins; Federal...; federal spending; ferrous scrap metal; finance; flag requests; football tickets; and Ford, Gerald.
- 1995-2004 Form Letters (1966-71). Letters to constituents and colleagues about issues, legislation, and politics.
- 2005-2007 Forman - Foundation (1961-73).
- 2008-2022 Fox River (1966-72). Correspondence, clippings, and reference material dealing with pollution, flood control, and water quality management. This file apparently originated in Charlotte Reid's office, and the bulk of material was sent to or created by Reid.
- 2023-2027 Fox - Future Farmers (1961-72).
- 2028-2047 G - Gyorkos (1961-73). Includes the following subject headings: General Services Administration, Gibson City, and Great Lakes.
- 2048-2075 H - High Schools (1961-73). Includes the following subject headings: Health, Education, and Welfare Department; health care services; and health insurance.

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- 2076-2095 Highway 55 (1965-68). Correspondence and reference material concerning the route of Interstate Highway 55 from Chicago to St. Louis. Involves attempts by Illinois Governor Otto Kerner to re-route the highway and remove it from the Highway 66 corridor.
- 2096-2109 Hile - Hyster (1961-71). Includes the following subject heading: Housing and Urban Development.
- 2110-2169 I - Illinois Valley Women's Club (1959-74). Includes the following subject headings: Illinois, Illinois budget (1973), Illinois congressional delegation, Illinois constitution, Illinois Department..., Illinois directories, Illinois education, Illinois Fifteenth District, Illinois General Assembly, Illinois redistricting, Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, and the Illinois State Medical Society.
- 2170-2174 Illinois Waterway (1973+74). Correspondence and information from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding various river transportation plans and improvements. Includes state of Illinois's critique of Illinois Waterway modernization and Corps' Phase I Report on 12 foot channel study.
- 2175-2179 Illinois Wesleyan University (19631-73). Information prepared for fund-raising and requests for Arends's assistance.
- 2180 Imherr - Immigration (1971).
- 2181-2185 Inauguration (1960-72). Bulk consists of press releases from the 1961 Inaugural Committee concerning arrangements and features of John Kennedy's inauguration.
- 2186-2191 Independent - IZARD (1961-74). Includes the following subject headings: inflation and Interior Department.
- 2192-2212 J - Justice (1960-73). Includes the following subject headings: Joliet and the Joliet Army Ammunition Procurement and Supply Agency.
- 2213 Kai-Shek (1971). Telegram to Chiang Kai-Shek.
- 2214-2220 Kane County (1968-72). Correspondence and information regarding grants sought from the federal government, including funds to build a corrections facility; miscellany. Much of the file originated in Charlotte T. Reid's office.

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- 2221-2240 Kankakee - Kyl (1961-72). Includes the following subject headings: Kankakee (including city and county entities), Kendall County, and the Kishwaukee community Health Center.
- 2241-2274 Labor - Lyons (1945-73). Includes the following subject headings: Labor, Labor Department, LaSalle, LaSalle County, LaSalle County Housing, Library of Congress, lists, Lockheed, and lumber crisis.
- 2275-2294 M - Merry (1960-72). Includes the following subject headings: Macauley, Joseph H. (Special Assistant to Charlotte Reid and Les Arends); Melvin Centennial (includes letter signed by Richard Nixon); Members of Congress get-together; Mendota; Mendota Elderly Housing; and Mercyville Institute of Mental Health.
- 2295-2319 Merwin - Myles (1958-73). Includes the following subject headings: Middle East; minority staffing; and Missing in Action's.
- 2320-2322 N - Nash (1960-73). Includes the following subject heading: Nader Congress Project.
- 2323-2332 National Accelerator Laboratory, Weston (1960-73). Correspondence, studies, clippings, and reference material regarding location and construction of the facility. Specific topics include water management, economic impact, and environmental matters. This file was created by Charlotte Reid's office.
- 2333-2346 National Aeronautics - Niles (1961-73). Includes the following subject headings: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Association . . . , and other "National" titles.
- 2347-2356 Nixon, Richard M. (1969-74). Biographical information; constituent correspondence regarding the Nixon administration; information concerning Nixon's financial assets and liabilities; letters and other documents dealing with Watergate, Nixon's involvement in it, and possible impeachment.
- 2357 Noble - Norad (1960-72).
- 2358-2360 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (1963). Information regarding NATO Parliamentarians' Conference, November 1963, and allegations about congressional junkets.

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- 2361-2364 North-South Freeway (1970-72). Correspondence and proposals regarding the route of interstate systems, including U.S. 51 Supplement Freeway. Much of the material came from Charlotte Reid's congressional office.
- 2365-2374 North Western Railroad (1970-73). Information regarding North Western Railroad's petition to discontinue service to Geneva and DeKalb; information on the railroad industry. Much of the material came from Charlotte Reid's congressional office.
- 2375 Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (1970-71). Government grant announcements.
- 2376-2386 Northern Illinois University (1969-74). Government grant information; requests for assistance from Arends's or Charlotte Reid's office.
- 2397 Norway - Nyberg (1971-73).
- 2398-2399 Oakes - Oakley Dam Project-Allerton Park (1967-69). Includes correspondence between Charlotte Reid and her constituents regarding preservation of Allerton Park.
- 2400-2402 Oathout - Offerman (1961-72).
- 2403-2411 Office of Economic Opportunity (1968-73). Information regarding OEO activities, including the performance of Community Action programs; grants announcements. Includes information gathered by Charlotte Reid's office and an OEO staff study entitled "Congressional Strategy on OEO" regarding continuation of Community Action.
- 2412-2429 Office of Education - Owens-Illinois, Inc. (1959-73). Includes the following subject headings: office receipts; Ogilvie, Richard B.; Oglesby (city); Ohio Valley Improvement Association, Inc.; Oswego; Ottawa; and Owens-Illinois, Inc.
- 2430-2446 P - Peterson (1961-73). Includes the following subject headings: Park Forest; pay television; pensions; and Percy, Charles H.
- 2447-2451 Petroleum (1948). Reference data for investigation of the oil industry by the House Special Subcommittee on Petroleum. This file is one of the few surviving from Arends's early career in the House.
- 2452-2459 Petrowski -Polish(1961-72). Includes the following subject heading: Pitts, William R. (Administrative Assistant to Arends).

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- 2460-2464 Politics (1947-48). This file was labeled "Politics" in Arends's handwriting. It is one of the few files created during Arends's early career in the House. Consists of comments on and information about Democratic administrations, copies of speeches by other Republicans, an American Enterprise Association study of the Economic Cooperation Act of 1948, and statements regarding the special session of Congress in 1948.
- 2465-2468 Pomeroy - Putnam (1961-73). Includes the following subject heading: Postal Service.
- 2469 Qaal - Quirk (1962-71).
- 2470-2479 R - Rentschler (1961-73). Includes the following subject headings: railroad and railroads; referred mail from outside district.
- 2480-2494 Republican Conference (1969-73). Meeting agendas (incomplete); copies of resolutions considered by the Conference on January 2, 1969; selected reports of receipts and disbursements; requests for support of candidates of party positions; conference meeting notices; guide to Republican leadership organization, 92nd Congress; news releases from the House Republican Conference; Legislative Digest guides to various subjects; status of legislation reports; and minutes of a June 7, 1973 meeting.
- 2495-2497 Republican Congressional Committee (1971-73). Bulletins and correspondence from the Committee; resignation letter from Chairman Bob Wilson, March 14, 1973.
- 2498 Republican Congressional Committee (1971-73). Public Relations Account (1972). Invoices.
- 2499-2523 Republican Congressional committee. Publications (1968-72). Complete series of the Committee "Newsletter," 1968-71; voting record compilation for the first session of the 92nd Congress.
- 2524 Republican Congressional Wives - Republican Convention (1961, 1972).
- 2525-2527 Republican Dinner (1961). Information regarding June 1 Republican Testimonial Dinner in Washington, D.C.; ticket requests.
- 2528-2539 Republican Leadership Meetings (1961-71). Meeting agendas and press releases prepared for the Joint Senate-House Republican Leadership with some annotation (1961 and 1962 only); miscellany, 1971.

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- 2540-2544 Republican Leadership Memo (1971-72). "Senate Republican Memo" prepared by the Senate Policy Committee staff on a variety of subjects including the following; spending, European currency crisis, the economy, and legislation.
- 2545-2551 Republican National Committee (1971-73). Information about Committee services.
- 2552 Republican National Finance Committee (1972). Letter requesting assistance.
- 2553-2554 Republican Party. Illinois (1973). Correspondence regarding politics; requests for party positions; and miscellany.
- 2555-2563 Republican Policy Committee (1961-73). Meeting notices and agendas; policy statements; and memoranda of selected meetings marked "personal and confidential" (1961-62). There is no material between 1962 and 1971. Post-1970 documents are primarily meeting notices.
- 2564 Republican Principles Joint Committee (1962). Information about organization and purposes; report, "A Declaration of Republican Principle and Policy."
- 2565 Republican Research Committee(1971). Meeting notices; minutes of May 20 meeting.
- 2566-2599 Requests (1969-74). Requests for general information about Arends, Congress, government, issues, and publications.
- 2600-2617 Research - Ryder (1960-74). Includes the following subject headings: revenue sharing; Rockefeller, Nelson (correspondence regarding his appointment as Vice President, including letter from Gerald Ford urging prompt action).
- 2618-2647 S - Snyder (1959-73). Includes the following subject headings: scholarships, school aid, selective service, seniority, Shawnee National Forest, and the Small Business Administration.
- 2648-2653 Social Security - Speaker (1961-73). Includes correspondence regarding proposed changes in social service reimbursement programs as defined in the Social Security Act.
- 2654-2672 Speaking Engagements (1959-62). Correspondence about arrangements and requests for Arends to speak. Arranged chronologically by date of engagement.
- 2673-2711 Special Letter - Switzer (1961-73). Includes the following headings: state matters, state societies, Stationery Room, and Super Sonic Transport.

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- 2712-2726 T - Twomey (1961-73).
- 2727-2728 U - Utterback (1961-73).
- 2729-2738 V - Vyzral (1961-73). Includes the following subject headings; veterans, visitors, VIVA (Voices in Vital America--petitions regarding release of prisoners-of-war), and voluntary service.
- 2739-2762 W - Wax Museum (1961-74). Includes the following subject headings: wage-price freeze and Waubensee Community College.
- 2763-2793 WCIA (1957-62). Correspondence, petitions, form letters, and reference materials regarding Federal Communications Commission efforts to convert WCIA television channel 3 to a UHF channel.
- 2794-2807 "We the People" - Wyss (1959-73). Includes the following subject headings: Whip Office furniture and White House.
- 2808-2812 Y - Zurich (1961-72).

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Legislation, 1935-74  
f. 2813-3478

The Legislation series consists of the following three subdivisions: Bills, 1965-74; Committees, 1953-74; and Voting Records, 1935-74.

The Bills section, f. 2813-2843, contains copies of bills introduced or co-sponsored by Arends on many subjects including the military, agriculture, domestic programs, the budget, campaign reforms, and others. It also includes requests by members of Congress to co-sponsor legislation and small amounts of correspondence. Related material exists in the "Arends" division of the General File.

The Committees sub-series, f. 2844-3441, comprises the bulk of the Legislation series. It is arranged alphabetically by name of committee and chronologically within each committee unit. Consisting largely of constituent correspondence, the information relates to the broad range of subjects considered by committees. In addition to letters from constituents, there are smaller amounts of colleague and departmental correspondence, memoranda, and reference materials. Major committee files include Agriculture, Armed Services, Education and Labor, Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Judiciary, and Ways and Means. The Judiciary Committee section, for example, contains a large amount of correspondence concerning the possible impeachment of Richard M. Nixon.

Generally the Committee sub-series is incomplete and fragmented. Little material exists outside of 1970-71 and 1973-74. Most of Arends's responses to inquiries appear to have been form-letter responses. With some exceptions, most notable Armed Services, there are few working papers that document the development of Arends's positions on these subjects.

The Voting Records, f. 3442-3478, consist of Arends's individual roll call records. They are arranged chronologically and are complete for his years of service.

A shelf list describes folder contents in more detail.

| <u>Folder No.</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
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| 2813-2814         | Bills (1965-66). Copies of bills introduced or co-sponsored by Arends on the following subjects: military pay, agricultural prices, Internal Revenue Code, civil disturbances, election reform, and others. Also includes status reports on the Human Investment Act and some correspondence.   |
| 2815-2816         | Bills (1967). Copies of bills introduced or co-sponsored by Arends on the following subjects: job training, civil disturbances, social security, education tax credits, political contributions, and others.  |
| 2817-2830         | Bills (1969-70). Copies of bills introduced or co-sponsored by Arends on the following subjects: Lincoln Home National Historic Site (includes some correspondence), reapportionment, postal service, selective service, voting rights, revenue sharing, family assistance, appropriations, land and water conservation, clean air, pollution, home financing, Kent State shootings, health care, budget, and others. |
| 2831-2834         | Bills (1971-72). Copies of bills introduced or co-sponsored by Arends on the following subjects: military appropriations, personnel benefits, and construction; railway labor; energy; budget; and others.  |
| 2835-2839         | Bills (1973-74). Copies of Bills introduced or co-sponsored by Arends on the following subjects: social security, railway labor, drugs, vocational rehabilitation, campaign reform, collective bargaining, pollution, and others. Includes computer-generated reports on status of legislation.   |
| 2840-2843         | Bills. Not co-sponsored (1973). Correspondence from Members of the House of Representatives requesting co-sponsorship of legislation.   |
| 2844              | Committees. Administration (1970-73). Information concerning electronic voting on the House floor, computerized mail addressing, and expense regulations.   |

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- 2845-2884            Committee. Agriculture (1969-74). Correspondence regarding agricultural policy, problems, and legislation. Includes some memoranda, pamphlets, clippings, and copies of proposed legislation.
- Topics include the following: administration's farm policy, cost of farming, dairy industry (1971), federal regulation of farm trucking (1971), farm credit, pesticide control, price supports, Rural Environmental Assistance Program (1973), Rural Electrification Administration loans, food stamps, food prices (1973), the fertilizer industry, and several legislative proposals.
- 2885-2913            Committees. Appropriations (1971-74). Correspondence regarding appropriations legislation. Includes pamphlets, copies of bills, reports, and statistics.
- 2914-2928            Committees. Armed Services (1959-61). Correspondence; committee meeting notices, memoranda, hearings, and legislation; statements by committee members and others; correspondence and related materials from executive branch agencies, including the Defense Department; and miscellany.
- Topics include the following: appropriations for committee investigations, military construction, real estate disposal, historical survey of Army's capabilities, Defense Department management as it relates to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and military input into policy decisions, military base closings, Army build-up, report of the Subcommittee for Special Investigations, and operation of the Elk Hills naval petroleum reserve.
- 2929-2932            Committees. Armed Services (1962). Correspondence, committee meeting notices, memoranda, legislation, and reference materials, including property disposal reports.
- Topics include the following: Aerospace Education Center for Air Force Academy, Chanute Air Force Base housing, Defense Department cost reduction program, Assembly of Western European Union, and military real estate.
- 2933                    Committees. Armed Services (1969). Statement by Mendel Rivers before Democratic caucus, June 18, about defense spending; fact sheet on selective service induction procedures; information on colleges and universities conducting defense research; confidential report on the My Lai incident.

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- 2934-2960            Committees. Armed Services (1970). Correspondence; committee meeting notices, memoranda, hearings, and legislation; statements by committee members and others; correspondence and information from executive branch agencies, including the White House and Defense Department; and miscellany.
- Topics include the following: military-industrial complex; committee report; all-volunteer army; stockpile disposals; defense programs; proposed closing of the Forest Park Naval Ordnance Station; actions to consolidate, reduce, realign or close military activities; My Lai incident; prisoners of war; military pay and allowances; selective service; nuclear weapons; invasion of Cambodia; Vietnamization; troop withdrawal from Korea; the Soviet threat; property disposal; and attempted rescue of prisoners.
- 2961-3011            Committees. Armed Services (1971). Correspondence; committee memoranda, hearings, and legislation; statements by committee members and others; correspondence and related information from executive agencies; clippings and pamphlets; and miscellany.
- Topics include the following: selective service procedures and reform; proposal to transfer the Fifth Army Headquarters from Fort Sheridan, Illinois to Fort Sam Houston, Texas; F-14A aircraft accident investigation; Coast Guard; Vietnam war; stockpile disposal; military manpower needs; F/FB-111 aircraft program; court martial of William Calley (includes petitions); consolidation of local draft boards; Son My and My Lai incidents; student draft deferments; prisoners of war; military personnel benefits; Reserve Officers Training Corps; withdrawal from Vietnam; military contracts and building; Paul McCloskey's challenge to Richard Nixon's Vietnam policy; the "Mansfield amendment"; proposed National Commission on Security Information; House-Senate Conference action on H.R. 6531 (draft and pay bill); subcommittee assignments; proposal to establish a Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; efforts to legislate an end to the Vietnam war; and recomputation of military retired pay.
- 3012                    Committees. Armed Service (1972). Copy of "Pay and Allowances of the Uniformed Services" and "Recomputation and Other Retirement Legislation"; miscellany.

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- 3013-3033            Committees. Armed Services (1973). Correspondence; committee memoranda, hearings, reports, and legislation; statements by committee members and others; correspondence and information from executive agencies; and miscellany.
- Topics include the following: major studies conducted by the Armed Services Investigating Subcommittee; military manpower training; investigation of charges that Representative Harold Runnels bought classified information from the Defense Department; operation of the committee; stockpiles; benefits to military personnel; progress, problems, and prospects of an all-volunteer army; recomputation of military retired pay; inquiry into the Central Intelligence Agency's involvement in Watergate and the Daniel Ellsberg case; and the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services.
- 3034-3059            Committees. Armed Services (1974). Correspondence; committee memoranda, hearings, reports, and legislation; statements by committee members and others; correspondence and information from executive agencies; and miscellany.
- Topics include the following: Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services; stockpiles; defense contracts; recomputation of military retired pay; Veterans Service Center, Inc.; appropriations; use of dogs in experiments; U.S. Army Reserves; benefits for military personnel; Missing in Actions; and procurement of AAU-19 altimeters.
- 3060-3068            Committees. Armed Services. Legislative Calendars (1973-74).
- 3069-3086            Committees. Banking and Currency (1971-74). Correspondence about legislative proposals, including the following; east-west trade, banking, loan to Lockheed, commodity prices, Economic Stabilization Act amendments, fuel shortage, wage and price controls, International Development Association, and the Asian Development Bank. Includes some reference material.
- 3087-3088            Committees. Budget (1974). Copy of the act creating the committee; annotated information considered by the Executive Committee of the Republican Committee on Committees concerning assignments to the Budget Committee.
- 3089-3098            Committees. District of Columbia (1972-73). Summary of committee legislation, 1946-72; correspondence and hearings regarding home rule.

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- 3099-3105      Committees. Education and Labor (1971). Correspondence about many topics including the following: federal aid to education, Davis-Bacon labor act, creation of a cabinet-level Department of Education, minimum wage, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission enforcement powers, student loans, and other legislative proposals.
- 3106-3125      Committees. Education and Labor (1972-73). Correspondence and some legislation and reports regarding many subjects including the following; Welfare benefits received by strikers, various bills under Committee consideration, vocational rehabilitation, federal aid to education, minimum wage, and the National Public Employee Relations Act.
- 3126-3138      Committees. Education and Labor (1974). Correspondence regarding many subjects including the following; committee legislation, Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and the National Public Employee Relations Act.
- 3139-3155      Committees. Foreign Affairs (1953-74). Drafts of legislation, press releases, and correspondence regarding many subjects including the following: a resolution sponsored by Arends calling upon the President to promote universal guaranteed disarmament (1953), admission of Red China into the United Nations (1971), conduct of the war in Viet Nam, postwar aid to North Vietnam, missing in actions and prisoners of war, bombing in Cambodia (1973), Rhodesian chrome importation, Panama Canal treaty, Eximbank credits to Russia, and detente with the Soviet Union. There is no material dated between 1953 and 1971.
- 3156-3158      Committees. Government Operations (1973-74). Correspondence, clippings and reference materials regarding many subjects including the Congressional Budget Act and the proposed elimination of the House Internal Security Committee.
- 3159-3161      Committees. House Administration (1971-74). Correspondence regarding several legislative proposals including campaign reform and public financing.
- 3162-3184      Committees. Interior and Insular Affairs (1970-74). Correspondence and notes concerning many subjects including the following: efforts to save wild horses; conservation, land use, and wilderness legislation; Alaska pipeline; energy; Arends's legislation to establish the Washington Square National Historic Site in Ottawa. Includes statistics on Interior Department programs in Arends's district, fiscal years 1969-71, and information concerning subcommittee procedures and strategy, 1971.
- 3185              Committees. Internal Security (1971-73). Information about proposals to abolish the committee and miscellany.

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- 3186-3209            Committees. Interstate and Foreign Commerce (1970-71). Correspondence, petitions, and information from constituents and trade associations regarding many subjects including the following: railway passenger service, health of the railroad industry, railway retirement program, labor strikes against the transportation industry, use of alcohol in candy, AMTRAK service, natural gas shortage, and impact of dock strike on agriculture.
- 3210-3235            Committees. Interstate and Foreign Commerce (1972-73). Correspondence, occasional memoranda and reference materials, and copies of legislation. Topics include the following: Food Supplement Amendment of 1973, AMTRAK, broadcasting regulations, parachuting, automobile emissions, railroad retirement fund, amendment to the Federal Trade Commission Act to permit certain exclusive territorial arrangements, daylight savings time, energy conservation, and benefits for diabetics.
- 3236-3250            Committees. Interstate and Foreign Commerce (1974). Correspondence and information regarding many subjects including the following: Food Supplement Amendment of 1973, National Diabetes Act of 1973, daylight savings time, federal no-fault insurance, broadcast licensing, all-channel radio bill, railroad retirement benefits, and health planning.
- 3251-3256            Committees. Judiciary (1970-71). Correspondence about many subjects including the following: efforts to remove "In God We Trust" from coins, voting rights at age 18, Monday holidays, and gun control. A substantial amount of material concerns prayer in public schools and includes communications from prominent individuals and organizations.
- 3257-3275            Committees. Judiciary (1973). Correspondence, petitions, and some reference materials. Bulk of material relates to abortion. Other issues include legal holidays, Equal Rights Amendment, violence during labor-management disputes, prayer in public buildings, and criminal attacks on police and firemen.
- 3276-3287            Committees. Judiciary (1974). Correspondence about many subjects including the following: abortion; handguns; prayer in public buildings; Jane Fonda; holidays; proposed National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer; amnesty for deserters; and definition of food supplements.

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- 3288-3298 Committees. Judiciary. Impeachment (1973). Bulk of material consists of correspondence about the Watergate investigation and the possible impeachment of Richard Nixon. Other documents include a 1971 White House memorandum to John Ehrlichman about the Pentagon Papers case and a legal memorandum regarding G. Gordon Liddy's refusal to testify before the Special Subcommittee on Investigations, July 20.
- 3299-3335 Committees. Judiciary. Impeachment, Correspondence (1974). Petitions and correspondence regarding the possible impeachment of Richard Nixon.
- 3336-3342 Committees. Judiciary. Impeachment, Special File (1974). Analysis of the constitutional standard for presidential impeachment prepared by attorneys for Richard Nixon and by the Judiciary Committee; clippings; letters and press releases from colleagues regarding the impeachment issue; memoranda and other information sent by the White House in support of the administration; information regarding congressional requests for tape-recordings, Nixon's taxes, Nixon and the press, Nixon's campaign organizations, and cost of the Watergate investigation.
- 3343 Committees. Merchant Marine and Fisheries (1971-74). Correspondence regarding many subjects including wildlife preservation, waste disposal in oceans, riverboats, and others.
- 3344-3350 Committees. Merchant Marine and Fisheries (1971-74). Correspondence regarding many subjects including the following: employment and retirement benefits for federal employees, complaints about postal service, postal rates and pay, strike legislation for postal workers, and the Post Office department's response to Washington Post criticism (June 1974).
- 3351-3359 Committees. Public Works (1971-74). Correspondence and some legislative reports on many subjects including the following: public works projects, highway construction and beautification, economic development, environment, Lake Michigan water diversion, and mass transportation.
- 3360-3365 Committees. Rules (1970-74). Rules Committee report on the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1973; Act's provisions for minority and committee staffing; notices of meetings and committee action taken (1970); 1971 Rules committee efforts to set a deadline to consider legislation; correspondence about congressional reform and other committee business.
- 3366 Committees. Science and Astronautics (1973-74). Correspondence about the Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1973, metric conversion, and other subjects.

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- 3367-3368            Committees. Standards of Official Conduct (1970-74). Hearings on campaign financing and miscellany.
- 3369-3379            Committees. Veterans' Affairs (1971-74). Information on a variety of veterans' programs, benefits, and legislation; correspondence about pending legislation, Veterans' Administration, pensions and compensation, service pensions for World War I veterans and widows, and miscellany.
- 3380-3390            Committees. Ways and Means (1971). Correspondence about many subjects including the following: social security, welfare reform, medicare, revenue sharing, guaranteed annual income proposal, minimum wage, income tax changes, wage and price controls, import tax proposal, and miscellany.
- 3391-3413            Committees. Ways and Means (1972-73). Correspondence about many subjects including the following: tax reform, Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, federal funding of "human resources" programs, social security, revenue-sharing, pension reform, job security legislation, and foreign trade.
- 3414-3441            Committees. Ways and Means (1974). Correspondence and petitions about many subjects including the following: pension reform, tax reform, including taxation of gifts to charitable organizations and other deductions; national health insurance; Oil and Gas Energy Tax Act; taxes on business and industry; federal estate tax exemption; and tax free interest on savings accounts. Includes some letters from colleagues about legislative proposals.
- 3442-3478            Voting Records (1935-74). Individual voting records by roll calls. Includes a confidential study of the first session of the 87th Congress ranking members on ideological positions.

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f. 3479-3510

The Photograph series consists of black and white and color photographs and snapshots. Approximately one-eighth of the material is undated and filed at the beginning of the series. The photographs are arranged chronologically.

A small portion of the file originally was segregated by Arends in a photographs file. Processors of the collection added to this original group other photographs discovered during collection arrangement. These photographs are identified as to source file, and a photocopy of each has been left in place to maintain its original position in the collection.

Many of the photographs were sent to Arends by his constituents. Subjects include Arends; contemporary political figures; constituent complaints about housing, roads, and public works; and miscellany.



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Positions File, 1952-72  
f. 3511-3820

The Positions series consists of correspondence concerning application and requests for information regarding employment in the federal and Illinois state governments. Correspondence is filed alphabetically by the name of the applicant and chronologically within individual case files. Occasionally the Arends office filed correspondence alphabetically by the name of an individual intervening on behalf of an applicant. In these cases the original order has been preserved.

The series includes some subject files which are groups of individual cases organized alphabetically by position title. Examples include Administration Positions, Interns, and Pages.

A shelf list lists alphabetical divisions in the series and each subject file.

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Positions, 1952-72

| <u>Folder No.</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
|-------------------|---|
| 3511-3530         | Aaland - Auld (1952-71). Includes correspondence concerning administration positions (1969) and the Agency for International Development. |
| 3531-3560         | Baird - Byrne (1952-71).  |
| 3561-3581         | Cadogan - Cusman (1953-71).   |
| 3582-3598         | Daly - Dyson (1952-71).   |
| 3599-3602         | Eacret - Eversole (1953-71).  |
| 3603-3616         | Fagen - Funk (1953-71). Includes correspondence concerning the Federal Roster of Attorneys, Appraisers, Mortgage Brokers of 1969.         |
| 3617-3626         | Gabriel - Gwynne (1953-71).   |
| 3627-3646         | Haas - Hunter (1952-71).  |
| 3647-3657         | Illinois - Irwin (1957-71). Includes correspondence concerning intern applications.   |
| 3658-3668         | Jackson - Jury (1952-72).   |
| 3669-3678         | Kammerman - Kupferschmid (1952-70).   |
| 3679-3690         | Lackey - Lyons (1953-71).   |
| 3691-3721         | Maatman - Myers (1952-72). Includes correspondence concerning the Minority Clerk of the House and the Minority Postmaster.                |
| 3722-3727         | Naef - Nutter (1952-67).  |
| 3728-3731         | O'Brien - Oyer (1953-72).   |
| 3732-3743         | Pacey - Puzey (1952-71). Includes applications for Pages.   |
| 3744              | Quindry (1955)  |
| 3745-3755         | Radcliffe - Runge (1952-70).  |
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- 3756-3795            Safford - Sykes (1952-72). Includes correspondence concerning summer employment.
- 3796-3803            Talbott - Twyman (1952-71).
- 3804                 Uebele - Utt (1953-66).
- 3805                 Valdes - Vom Baur (1953-69).
- 3806-3817            Wachholz - Wycoff (1953-71).
- 3818                 Yale - Yount (1956-69).
- 3819-3820            Zeglis - Zuckerman (1954-71).

Post Office, 1951-73  
f. 3821-4327

The Post Office series consists of four sub-divisions: Communities file, 1951-73; Counties file, 1953-60; Information file, 1953-72; and Non-District file, 1952-65.

The communities file, f. 3821-4309, contains information about postal matters within Illinois's 17th congressional district. The most extensive subdivision of the Post Office series, it contains correspondence from constituents and Republican Party officials about patronage and rural mail delivery, dating largely from 1951 through 1963. Other, lesser topics include location of mailboxes, maintenance and erection of post offices, working conditions in post offices, and post office closings. Included are notes, memoranda, and summaries written by William R. Pitts, administrative assistant, for Arends's use. The file is arranged alphabetically by town name and chronologically within each town unit.

The Counties files, f. 4310-4313, consists of summaries of postal positions and status reports on applications. The file is arranged alphabetically by county.

The Information file, f. 4314-4324, contains pamphlets, press releases, and correspondence concerning the Post Office and is arranged chronologically.

The Non-District file, f. 4325-4327, consists of correspondence concerning postal positions outside the district and is arranged chronologically.

In general, the quantity and quality of files vary considerably. Some files contain only a few documents while others are lengthy. A shelf list describes folder contents in each of the four divisions in greater detail.

| <u>Folder No.</u> | <u>Description</u>                           |
|-------------------|--|
| 3821-3835         | Communities. Allerton - Ashkum (1952-72).    |
| 3836-3879         | Communities. Bensen - Buckley (1952-72).     |
| 3880-3934         | Communities. Cabery - Cullom (1951-72).      |
| 3935-3972         | Communities. Dana - Dwight (1951-72).        |
| 3973-4008         | Communities. East Lynn - Eureka (1952-73).   |
| 4009-4034         | Communities. Fairbury - Frankfort (1952-71). |
| 4035-4063         | Communities. Georgetown - Gridley (1951-73). |
| 4064-4084         | Communities. Henning - Hudson (1952-72).     |
| 4085-4087         | Communities. Indianola - Irwin (1953-71).    |
| 4088-4089         | Communities. Jamaica - Joliet (1957-71).     |
| 4090-4101         | Communities. Kankakee - Kempton (1953-72).   |
| 4102-4128         | Communities. LaHogue - Lowpoint (1953-70).   |
| 4129-4178         | Communities. Malta - Muncie (1952-72).       |
| 4179-4182         | Communities. New Holland - Normal (1952-71). |
| 4183-4195         | Communities. Oakwood - Onarga (1952-72).     |
| 4196-4217         | Communities. Panola - Potomac (1952-70).     |
| 4218-4245         | Communities. Randolph - Rossville (1952-71). |
| 4246-4284         | Communities. St. Anne - Streator (1952-71).  |
| 4285-4288         | Communities. Thawville - Towanda (1954-73).  |
| 4289              | Communities. Union Hill (1957-70).           |
| <u>Folder No.</u> | <u>Description</u>                           |

- 4290 Communities. Vermillion Grove (1955-66).
- 4291-4309 Communities. Washburn - Woodland (1953-72)
- 4310-4313 Counties (1953-60). Contains summaries of postal positions in seven counties of Arends's district. The summaries describe applicants for the positions, their references, dates of recommendation for and/or appointment to positions, and comments about selections.
- 4314-4324 Information (1953-72). General information concerning the postal department including press releases, fact sheets, pamphlets, form letters, correspondence relating to constituents' opinions and problems with the postal department, and summaries and outlines of local patronage positions.
- 4325-4327 Non-District (1952-65). Requests, complaints, and opinions from residents of communities outside of the 17th congressional district.

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Publications, 1935-74  
f. 4328-4338

The Publication series includes pocket and pictorial congressional directories; Arends's weekly newsletter; and miscellaneous items, including party platforms.

The newsletter, "Inside News of Congress," is the most complete series within the Arends collection. Three bound volumes contain the entire series of his newsletters to constituents, 1935-74. They deal with a wide range of legislative and political topics and were sometimes published as newspaper columns. Arranged chronologically, "Inside News" is not indexed.

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Publications, 1935-74

| <u>Folder No.</u> | <u>Description</u>                   |
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| 4328-4333         | Congressional Directories (1959-73). |
| 4334-4336         | "Inside News of Congress" (1935-74). |
| 4337-4338         | Miscellaneous (1936-73).             |



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Speeches, 1947-74  
f. 4339-4952

The Speeches file consists of outlines, drafts of remarks, notes, testimonials, eulogies, speeches, and reference material and correspondence. Arends's remarks deal with a wide range of topics. The following subjects receive relatively substantial coverage: Republican Party principles and programs; Congress; evaluation of presidential administrations; the state of the union; defense policy; and campaign issues.

In many cases, the Arends office filed correspondence and brief reference materials with copies of speeches, and this arrangement has been preserved. In addition, f. 4912-4952 contain a separate file of pamphlets, government documents, and speeches by others used for reference.

The Speeches file is arranged chronologically by the date of the speech. There are no speeches for 1971. A shelf list describes folder contents in more detail and gives specific information about major speech topics. The shelf list does not name each speech or topic.

Related information may be found in the Publications series, "Inside News" subdivision.

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Speeches, 1947-74

| <u>Folder No.</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
|-------------------|---|
| 4339-4351         | Speeches (n.d.-1949). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: Veterans' Day and Memorial Day observances, the American system, VJ Day, Abraham Lincoln, Armed Service Committee testimony (1947), budget, first session of the 80th Congress, foreign policy (1948), campaign issues, and legislation.  |
| 4352-4369         | Speeches (1950-51). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: campaign issues, Korea, Republicanism, civil rights, federal aid to education, appropriations, communism, government reorganization, dedications, eulogies, Americanism, the Truman administration, defense policy, Douglas MacArthur's dismissal, transportation, the Republican whip position, and Armistice Day.   |
| 4370-4385         | Speeches (1952). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: the Democratic administration, the state of the union, campaign issues, government spending, Abraham Lincoln, universal military training, congressional investigations, Wage Stabilization Board, Memorial Day, communism, socialized medicine, rural electrification, Armistice Day, military preparedness, and the impact of international policies on the American economy.  |
| 4386-4402         | Speeches (1953). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: munitions, Abraham Lincoln, expansion of government legislation, congressional investigations, defense policy, citizenship, Armed Forces Day, taxation, national debt, business and free enterprise, the Marine Corps bill, Air Force budget (some documents marked "Secret"), Korean truce, agriculture, the need for a conservative Congress, appropriations, state of the union, Congress, and communism in government. |
| 4403-4424         | Speeches (1954). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: taxes, Eisenhower administration, the state of the union, budget, defense policy, Abraham Lincoln, campaign issues, legislation, health care, Indo-China, communism, Americanism, agriculture, growth of government, and Veterans' Day.  |
| 4425-4458         | Speeches (1955). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: biographical information, state of the union, defense policy, legislation, Eisenhower administration, William McKinley, Abraham Lincoln, agriculture, synthetic rubber plant disposal program, Tennessee Valley Authority, universal military training, Everett Dirksen, values, fiscal policy, agriculture, foreign policy, Veterans' Day, and campaign issues.   |

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- 4459-4478      Speeches (1956). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: state of the union, agriculture, Abraham Lincoln and the Republican Party, campaign issues, defense policy and appropriations, accomplishments of the Eisenhower administration and the Republican Party, legislation, politicians, and foreign policy.
- 4479-4500      Speeches (1957). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: budget; defense policy; state of the union and future challenges; legislation; Abraham Lincoln; Republican Party accomplishments; agriculture; proxy fight for control of Fairbanks, Morse Company; monetary and credit policy; government spending; water projects; foreign currencies and trade development; and the missile-satellite program.
- 4501-4532      Speeches (1958). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: defense policy and appropriations, anti-ballistic missiles, legislation, pay television, campaign issues, Abraham Lincoln and the Republican Party, Defense Department reorganization, reciprocal trade, U.S. Navy, agriculture, economic recession, area redevelopment, business and free enterprise, values, Republican Party accomplishments, and the budget.
- 4533-4551      Speeches (1959). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: state of the union, budget, Armed Services Committee, Abraham Lincoln and the Republican Party, legislation, airport development, U.S. Marine Corps, labor legislation, Congress; performance, principles of government, transportation safety, Republican Party accomplishments, and agriculture.
- 4552-4584      Speeches (1960). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: steel strike settlement, state of the union message, health care, defense policy, campaign issues, Abraham Lincoln and the Republican Party, Republican Party accomplishments, legislation, Mutual Security Program, health care, minimum wage bill, nominating speech for Everett Dirksen as Vice President, agriculture, ballistic missiles, budget, and an evaluation of 1960 election.
- 4585-4611      Speeches (1961). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: state of the union, Abraham Lincoln and the Republican Party, agriculture, appointment of Dwight Eisenhower to the Regular Army, Kennedy administration's legislative program, Republican Party principles and achievements, defense policy and appropriations, the Berlin crisis, evaluation of Congress, mental retardation, and foreign policy.

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- 4612-4643      Speeches (1962). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: military reserve program, defense policy, budget, agriculture, Abraham Lincoln and the Republican Party, evaluation of the Kennedy administration, WCIA television channel 3, the state of the union, foreign policy, defense appropriations, health care for the aged, campaign issues, evaluation of Congress, Cuba, Everett Dirksen, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- 4644-4673      Speeches (1963). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: foreign policy, taxation, evaluation of the Kennedy administration, defense policy and appropriations, government spending, the Defense Department, advertising, distressed areas program, Cuba, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Republican Party program, legislation, and the Central Intelligence Agency.
- 4674-4716      Speeches (1964). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: evaluation of the Lyndon Johnson administration; campaign issues; the state of the union; defense policy and appropriations; Republican Party principles, programs, and achievements; agriculture; Abraham Lincoln and the Republican Party; the Central Intelligence Agency; Wabash River Valley Project; foreign policy; federal retail excise taxes; Republican Party platform; reapportionment; Barry Goldwater; Central Soya; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and post-election challenges.
- 4717-4751      Speeches (1965). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: aid to education, campaign for House Republican whip post, Abraham Lincoln and the Republican Party, challenges facing Republicans, Veterans' Administration, legislation, agriculture, "Great Society" programs, evaluation of Congress, minority leadership, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, reapportionment, and the balance of payments.
- 4752-4774      Speeches (1966). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: nature of government, state of the union, government as business, the "Great Society", agriculture, legislation, campaign issues, Abraham Lincoln and the Republican Party, the "credibility gap", military appropriations, budget, defense policy, aluminum stockpile, museum dedicatory remarks about Dr. William Fithian, "Uncle Joe" Cannon, military pay raise, Winston Churchill, and education.
- 4775-4789      Speeches (1967). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: budget, role of Congress in 1967, the "Great Society", state of the union, the Lyndon Johnson administration, Republican Party principles, inflation, legislative agenda, the role of government, defense policy and congress, crime, agriculture, and the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

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- 4790-4800      Speeches (1968). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: state of the union, campaign issues, Republican Party principles, Lyndon Johnson's administration and the Democratic Congress, civil rights legislation, Lyndon Johnson's decision not to seek re-nomination, Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, defense policy, fiscal policy, Richard M. Nixon, Republican National Convention, and Republican congressional candidates.
- 4801-4824      Speeches (1969). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: soybean economy, state of the union, issues facing Republicans and Republican Party principles, Richard Nixon's administration, campus disorder, defense policy, selective service, role of government, agriculture, inflation and taxation, prayer in schools, drug abuse, Everett Dirksen's death, Arends as possible successor to Dirksen, military procurement bill, antiballistic missile system, Vietnam war, and government spending.
- 4825-4855      Speeches (1970). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: defense spending and policy, world hunger, government spending and inflation, postal service, Richard Nixon's administration, campaign issues, Republican Party principles, Republican Committee on Committees, agriculture, the meaning of life, Vietnam war, publication of classified information, pollution, Vietnam nerve gas disposal, crime, Bryce Harlow, and Mendel Rivers.
- 4856-4873      Speeches (1972). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: Vietnam war, campaign issues statements, publication of classified information, state of the union, Republican Party principles and accomplishments, Richard Nixon's administration, defense policy, rural America, role of government, defense spending, and the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty.
- 4874-4887      Speeches (1973). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: budget, Vietnam war, congressional reform, Richard Nixon's accomplishments, state of the union, defense policy in the wake of the Vietnam war, Lyndon B. Johnson, Memorial Day observances, Watergate, James S. Copley, Gerald Ford's nomination as Vice President, and the nomination of John Rhodes as Minority Leader of the U.S. House.
- 4888-4911      Speeches (1974). Remarks concerning many subjects including the following: reflections on years of public service, state of the union, campaign issues, food prices, agriculture, minority party's role in congressional investigations, impeachment of Richard Nixon, Watergate, challenges faced by Republicans, Republican Party achievements, nature of government, defense policy, importance of congressional elections in 1974, and the meaning of life.

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Leslie Arends Collection

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Speeches. Reference (1947-72). Pamphlets, clippings, government documents, and speeches by other individuals on subjects dealt with by Arends in his speeches. Arranged chronologically.

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Arends, Leslie Cornelius (1895 - 1985), Collection, 1930-75  
White House Press Releases, 1971-74  
f. 4953-5038

Press releases from the Office of the White House Press Secretary concerning the Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford administrations, legislation, domestic and foreign policies, the economy, and other national issues.

The press release file is arranged chronologically. A shelf list describes folder contents in more detail and gives specific information about major topics. The shelf list does not name each press release individually.

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White House Press releases, 1971-74

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| 4953-4973         | White House Press Releases (1971). Press releases concerning a variety of subjects including the following: state of the union, selective service, aeronautics and space, executive branch reorganization, transportation labor disputes, revenue sharing, environment, legislation, urban and rural development, foreign policy, and economic policy.                               |
| 4974-4993         | White House Press Releases (1972). Press releases concerning a variety of subjects including the following: state of the union, dock strike, budget, environment, foreign policy, civil rights, welfare, Vietnam, legislation, and veto messages.  |
| 4994-5020         | White House Press Releases (1973). Press releases concerning a variety of subjects including the following: economic stabilization, inaugural address, Vietnam, budget, state of the union, the American Dream, crime and law enforcement, legislation, energy, foreign policy, campaign practices, Watergate, personal financial reports, fuel allocation, and the Watergate tapes. |
| 5021-5038         | White House Press Releases (1974). Press releases concerning a variety of subjects including the following: energy; education; health; legislation; veto messages; the economy; budget and impoundment; Richard Nixon's resignation and the swearing in of Gerald Ford; the Nixon pardon; inflation, budget, and impoundment.  |



**LESLIE C. ARENDS COLLECTION  
ADDENDUM  
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| <b><u>SEQUENCE</u></b> | <b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>                      |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>Series I</b>        | <b>Scrap Books, Miscellaneous</b>              |
| Box 1                  | Jan. 1933 - July 1940<br>Jan. 1941 - Apr. 1943 |
| Box 2                  | May 1943 - Dec. 1945<br>1949 - 1951            |
| Box 3                  | 1950 - 1952<br>1953 - 1954                     |
| Box 4                  | Dec. 1952 - Dec. 1953                          |
| Box 5                  | Jan. 1954 - Dec. 1954<br>1955 - 1956           |
| Box 6                  | 1957 - 1958<br>1959 - 1960                     |
| Box 7                  | 1961 - 1962<br>Jan. 1963 - Dec. 1964           |
| Box 8                  | 1965 - 1966<br>1967 - 1968                     |
| Box 9                  | 1969, 1970                                     |
| Box 10                 | 1971 - 1972                                    |
| <b>Series II</b>       | <b>Scrap Books, Political</b>                  |
| Box 1                  | 1934 - Nov. 1952                               |

**SEQUENCE****Series II, cont.**

Box 2

**Series III**

Box 1

**Series IV**

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**Series V**

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**Series VI**

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Box 5

**DESCRIPTION****Scrap Books, Political**1952 - 1962  
1964 - 1966, 1968**Scrap Books**Jan. 1936 - Dec. 1947  
Dec. 1947 - Dec. 1949**Photographs**

Group Photos

Conventions, Meetings, & Congress  
Individual Photos, Meals & Events**Newspaper Clippings**

1940 - 1969

1970 - 1985, Early Clippings & 19th  
Century Family Letters**Presidential Memorabilia**

Inaugural &amp; Presidential Memorabilia

Presidential Greeting Cards &  
InvitationsPresidential Nixon & President Ford  
Memorabilia

President Nixon Memorabilia

President Nixon Memorabilia

**SEQUENCE****DESCRIPTION**

**Series VII**

Box 1

**Miscellaneous Papers**Pamphlets, Congressional Records,  
Misc. Correspondence & Speeches

Box 2

Magazines, Typed Speeches &amp; Misc.

Box 3

Election Publicity, "Les Arends Day",  
Julie Nixon Visit, 1969 Inaugural Ball  
Correspondence, Religious Memorabilia  
& Geneology Papers**Series VIII**

Box 1

**Miscellaneous 3-D Objects**

U.S. Stamp Collection

Box 2

Golf Memorabilia

Box 3

Les Arends & Mrs. Arends 3M Inaugural  
Tape, U.S. Marine and U.S. Navy Cuff  
Links and Tie Clip, Pipe w/caligraphic  
'A', Les Arends Retirement Ceremony  
3M Tapes, Arends-Vogel Interview Tape  
Photo Book (USS Wm. H. Bates), 1968  
Album of Nixon Letters, Portrait of  
President Eisenhower, Pipe w/German  
Script, 90th Congress Placard, Letter  
Opener, 20 Yr. Service Pin, Keaton  
Klassic Plate

Box 4

Oversize Photos, Album Eisenhower  
Letters, Album Nixon Letters, Framed  
Citation & Certificate (Doctorate of  
Laws), Convention Book & Election  
Posters**Series VIII, cont.**

Box 5

**Miscellaneous 3-D Objects**

Steel Typesetting Plates for Campaign

Publicity, Political Buttons, 1973  
Inaugural Medals & Plate, 1959 & 1963  
Pocket Congressional Directories,  
Eisenhower Inaugural Medals, 1972  
Republican National Convention  
Ribbon, Congressional Edition Symbols  
of Liberty Coins, Franklin Mint  
Presidential Mini-coin set, 2 Inaugural  
License Plates (Eisenhower and Nixon),  
2 Inaugural License Plates (Nixon)

Box 6

'Les Arends' Campaign Balloons, Steel  
Typesetting for Campaign, Re-elect the  
President Pin, Melvin Illinois Centennial  
Stone, Giant Fake 'bottle opener' from  
Danville, Les Arends Business Cards,  
Seal of Illinois Tie Clip, Invitation to the  
76th Annual Wallow of the Military  
Order of the Caraboo, Military Order of  
the Caraboo Booklet, Leslie C. Arends  
Zippo Lighter: USS MG7 Club Pittsburg  
4-28-65 w/bag and box, Thank You  
Plaque Celebration Dinner, Desk Pen  
Holders w/1 pen.