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Summary

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Abstract: Journalist Seymour Topping was a longtime reporter and influential editor for *The New York Times*. The Seymour Topping papers contain many of Topping's office files, primarily from his time as deputy managing editor and managing editor of The Times between 1976 and 1986, with a small amount of records from the late 1960s and early 1970s. Files document the day-to-day operations of the News Department, as well as Topping's interactions with fellow editors of the various newspaper sections and staff in *The Times*' advertising and production departments.

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Creator history

Seymour Topping (born 1921) was an influential foreign news reporter, editor, and newspaper administrator who spent much of his career at The New York Times.

Topping was born in New York City and graduated from the Missouri School of Journalism in 1943. During World War II, he served in the United States Army in the Pacific theater, and in 1946 began covering Southeast Asia for the International News Service. He joined the Associated Press in 1948, and over the next decade was stationed as a reporter in the French Indochina region, London, and Berlin. The Metropolitan Department of The New York Times (which covers regional New York City news) hired Topping in 1959, and the following year he became chief Times correspondent in Moscow. His next assignment, in 1963, was in Hong Kong as chief correspondent of Southeast Asia. Topping returned to New York in 1966 as The Times' foreign editor; in this role he managed all correspondents stationed abroad. He continued to rise through The Times editorial ranks, becoming assistant managing editor in 1969, deputy managing editor in 1976, and managing editor from 1977 to 1986. While having increasing influence over news coverage, editorial decisions, and the general operations of the News Department, Topping continued to travel around the world and contribute major stories based on his travels. In September 1985, Times Publisher Arthur Ochs Sulzberger assigned Topping to be a consultant to the editors and publishers of The Times' 32 regional newspapers. Starting in 1986, Topping focused exclusively on improving the journalistic quality of the regional papers and received the new title of director of editorial development.

Topping retired from The Times in 1993 and for the next ten years served as Administrator of the Pulitzer Prizes at Columbia University's School of Journalism. Topping was the president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors from 1992 to 1993, and chaired that group's Committee on International Communications.

Topping married journalist and documentary filmmaker Audrey Ronning in 1948 and together they had five children.

Source: "Seymour Topping: Former Foreign Correspondent, Foreign Editor, Managing Editor and Director of Regional Newspapers at The New York Times (Retired)." University of Missouri, accessed July 9, 2013: <http://journalism.missouri.edu/alum/seymour-topping/>

Scope and content note

The Seymour Topping papers are composed of Topping's office files, primarily from his time as deputy managing editor and managing editor of The New York Times between 1976 and 1986. The collection also contains some items from between 1968 and 1975 when Topping was Times foreign editor and assistant managing editor, as well as photographs of Topping and his family dated as early as 1963. The bulk of the collection documents the day-to-day operations of the News Department under Topping, as well as his interactions with fellow editors and staff members of the various newspaper sections (culture, education, family, financial, metropolitan news, sports, style, and others), desks, city bureaus, and with The Times' advertising and production departments.

Topping's contributions to the paper are numerous, as evidenced by the large amount of internal memoranda between Topping and his associates in the News Department present in this collection. Memoranda and notes reflect all manner of issues facing the News Department, especially the working relationship between the news and editorial departments, and concerning general editorial policies, news coverage and assignments, publication space issues, story schedules and deadlines, production schedules, and headline development. Also present are records that touch on Topping's involvement with the launching and development of The Times regional newspapers and various national editions.

The collection is divided into two series: I. People and II. Subjects. The People files consist of records pertaining to individuals, while the Subjects files contain items on specific topics, institutions, geographic locations, and many of the paper's departments, sections, and columns. Items germane to two or more

people or subjects are often cross-referenced in the finding aid; documents related to specific issues are generally located in subject files rather than the people folders of those involved.

Topping's correspondence and memoranda with the executive editor can be found in the New York Times Company Records. A.M. Rosenthal papers. Throughout his editorial tenure at The Times and as head of the news department, Topping worked closely with Rosenthal, who was managing editor from 1969 to 1976 and then executive editor from 1976 to 1986. Topping's memoranda with Rosenthal are not duplicated in the Topping papers. Records from Topping during his time as New York Times foreign correspondent and foreign news editor can be found in the New York Times Company records. Foreign Desk records (1959-1966).

Arrangement

The New York Times Company records. Seymour Topping papers are organized into the following series:

Series I: People, 1968-1990
Series II: Subjects, 1963-1993

Key terms

Subjects

American newspapers -- New York (State) -- New York

Occupations

Newspaper editors

Names

New York Times Company
Topping, Seymour, 1921-

Special formats

Memorandums
Photographs

Container list

Series I: People, 1968-1990 (2 boxes)

This series is made up of files that contain items to, from, or concerning various individuals. People include staff members and others affiliated with the New York Times, as well as prominent individuals. Files consist of correspondence and memoranda documenting staff assignments, personnel issues, and letters of recommendation from Topping. Files for prominent individuals contain memoranda discussing coverage of them in The Times or correspondence regarding scheduling meetings and interviews. The most extensive files are those for Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, which contain memoranda on news coverage, story ideas, formatting and layout, and editorial suggestions; and for Iphigene Sulzberger, which hold her suggestions for news stories and correspondence surrounding the publication of her 1981 memoir.

Files are arranged alphabetically by name. Entries without box and folder numbers cross-reference related material in other files. These files do not necessarily collect every letter, memorandum, or document related to the individual; subject files should also be consulted.

- b.1 f.1 Abramson, Edward, 1977-1980
- b.1 f.2 Adams, Virginia, 1977-1980
- b.1 f.3 Altschull, Herbert J., 1980
- b.1 f.4 Beame, Alex, 1980
- b.1 f.5 Bender, Marilyn, 1975
- b.1 f.6 Bennett, Leslie, 1979-1980
- b.1 f.7 Bighia, Lucy, 1983
Bonner, Raymond (See: Cambodia)
- b.1 f.8 Boorstein, Allen L., 1982
Boylan, Elizabeth (See: Wade, Betsey)
- b.1 f.9 Burns, Arthur F., 1975
Butterfield, Fox (See: China)
- b.1 f.10 Caldicott, Helen (Dr.), 1982
Cameron, Dennis (See: Accuracy in Media, Inc.)
- b.1 f.11 Carey, Hugh L. (Gov. and Mrs.), 1975-1981
- b.1 f.12 Cater, Douglass, 1978-1979
- b.1 f.13 Charles, Prince of Wales, 1978, 1981
Cherne, Leo
See: International Rescue Committee, Inc.
- b.1 f.14 Crescenzi, Gene, 1981
- b.1 f.15 Cuomo, Mario M. (Gov.), 1979
- b.1 f.16 Daniel, E. Clifton, 1981 (See also: Century Association)
Dith, Pran (See: Accuracy in Media, Inc.)
- b.1 f.17 Douglas-Home, Alec (Sir), 1971
Report on an off-the-record conversation with Sir Alec Douglas-Home on foreign affairs
Durdin, Tillman (See: China)
Egan, Thomas (See: News Department)
- b.1 f.18 Emmick, Frank, 1978

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- b.1 f.19 English, Betty Lou, 1983
- b.1 f.20 Freedman, Alix M., 1978, 1981
- b.1 f.21 Freudenheim, Milton, 1978
- b.1 f.22 Friendly, Henry (Judge), 1970
- b.1 f.23 Goodman, Jack, 1978
- b.1 f.24 Harris, Jean, 1980
Correspondence regarding the publication of photographs taken in the courtroom
- b.1 f.25 Harris, Robert, 1978-1979
- b.1 f.26 Henry, Diane, 1978-1980
- b.1 f.27 Holtzman, Elizabeth, 1977-1978
- b.1 f.28 Huntley, Chet, 1980-1981
Irvine, Reed J. (See: Accuracy in Media, Inc.)
- b.1 f.29 Janson, Donald, 1972-1976
Jones, David R. (See: National News)
- b.1 f.30 Kirkpatrick, Jeanne, 1981
- b.1 f.31 Kleinfeld, Sonny, 1979-1984
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- b.1 f.32 Langguth, Jack, 1975-1978
- b.1 f.33 Lawrence, Stephen J., 1983-1984
- b.1 f.34 Lazar, Paul, 1981
Lee, John M. (See: Financial News)
- b.1 f.35 Leebaw, Milton, 1978
- b.1 f.36 Levine, Richard, 1980
- b.1 f.37 Lewin, Tamar, 1981
Lewis, Anthony (See: Huntley, Chet)
- b.1 f.38 Lippman, Harley, 1981
Lubbell, John (See: Maps and Charts)
Luce, Charles F. (See: Con Edison)
- b.1 f.39 Macchiarola, Frank J., 1980
- b.1 f.40 Marcos, Ferdinand E. (Pres.), 1982
- b.1 f.41 Marriott, Michel R., 1984
- b.1 f.42 McGovern, George (Sen.), 1972
- b.1 f.43 Monnet, Jean, 1971
- b.1 f.44 Nanji, Gulam Ahmed, 1972-1981
- b.2 f.1 Neubecker, Robert, 1983
Newhouse, Nancy (See: Family/Style Page and Section)
Nossiter, Bernard (See: Kirkpatrick, Jeanne)

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- b.2 f.2 Pollack, Andrew, 1980
Reston, James B. (See: News Sources)
- b.2 f.3 Rhoden, William, 1981
- b.2 f.4 Robbins, William, 1978-1981
Schanberg, Sydney (See: Accuracy in Media, Inc.)
Schorr, Daniel (See: Central Intelligence Agency (CIA))
- b.2 f.5 Seidman, Eric, 1977
- b.2 f.6 Senghor, Leopold Sedor (President of Senegal), 1985
Seymour, Whitney North, Jr. (See: Free Press and Fair Trial)
- b.2 f.7 Shapiro, Sally, 1975
- b.2 f.8 Siebert, Muriel, 1980-1982
Silverstein, Louis J. (See: Art Department)
- b.2 f.9 Stanton, Frank, 1981
- b.2 f.10 Steele, Arch, 1978
Sulzberger, Arthur Hays (See: Central Intelligence Agency (CIA))
- b.2 f.11 Sulzberger, Arthur Ochs, 1970-1983
- b.2 f.12 Sulzberger, Arthur Ochs, Jr., 1974
Of interest: clippings of articles by Sulzberger in *The Raleigh Times* with Topping's comments and suggestions
Sulzberger, Cyrus (See: Central Intelligence Agency (CIA))
- b.2 f.13 Sulzberger, Iphigene, 1977-1983
- b.2 f.14 Taub, William L., 1976
- b.2 f.15 Taylor, Stuart, 1980-1981
Thompson, Howard (See: TV Data)
- b.2 f.16 Topping, Leslie, 1990
- b.2 f.17 Topping-Cone, Karen, 1981
- b.2 f.18 Trudeau, Pierre (Prime Minister of Canada), 1981, 1984
Vinocur, John (See: France)
- b.2 f.19 Wade, Betsy, 1962-1983
Of interest: Wade's testimony before the Newspaper Guild of New York on using video display terminals (VDT) in the newsroom (1983). Pseudonym for Elizabeth Boylan
- b.2 f.20 Wellman, William, 1981
- b.2 f.21 Wilson, Harold (British Prime Minister), 1968
- b.2 f.22 Wright, Michael, 1982
- b.2 f.23 Wright, Robert, 1970-1974

Series II: Subjects, 1963-1993 (21 boxes)

This series is made up of alphabetical subject files that are organized (and titled) by topical keywords, institution names, geographic location, and *Times* departments and newspaper sections. The bulk of these files contain memoranda distributed among Topping's senior colleagues, including Arthur Gelb, John Pomfret, Sydney Gruson, Allan M. Siegal, Louis J. Silverstein, Max Frankel, and sometimes Executive Editor A.M. Rosenthal and Publisher Arthur Ochs Sulzberger. Memoranda reveal all manner of news department operations, mostly regarding staff assignments, news coverage, developing news stories, editorial processes, introductions of new features and special sections, space and layout issues, and staff meeting and luncheon notes. Several files, particularly those pertaining to specific columns or sections, feature readers' mail and complaints. While Topping's focus was on national, foreign, and New York City news, financial news is also particularly well documented.

Of special note are the Enterprise Meetings files. The Enterprise Meetings were weekly meetings of editors designed to generate ideas, proposals, and coordination for special investigative projects. The meetings fostered story ideas across newspaper sections, irrespective of department lines. These files consist of follow-up reports on the Enterprise Meetings, memoranda on specific topics for stories, and rules and procedures for the projects. Also of interest are the National Edition memoranda regarding the planning, testing, and launching of the new edition in 1980.

- b.2 f.24 Abscam, 1980
Of interest: memoranda about the definition of "scam". See also: News Sources
- b.2 f.25 Accuracy in Media, Inc., 1974-1984
Of interest: correspondence about an article by Dennis Cameron on events in Cambodia involving Sydney Schanberg and Dith Pran
- b.3 f.1-2 Advertising, 1977-1984
Correspondence between the news and advertising departments discussing terms of differentiation in appearance between news and advertising material. See also: Consumer Marketing Department; Front Page Advertising
- b.3 f.3 American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE), 1977-1992
- b.3 f.4 Arno Press, 1977-1980
- b.3 f.5 "Around the Garden" (Column), 1980 (Memorandum concerning trademark law)
- b.3 f.6 Art Department, 1977-1985
Articles and Books about Topping (See: Biography)
- b.3 f.7 Articles and Books by Topping, 1980-1981
See also: American Society of Newspaper Editors; Missouri, University of
Arts and Leisure Section (See: Culture News)
- b.3 f.8 Asia Society, 1978-1980
- b.3 f.9 Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, 1976-1982
- b.3 f.10 *Associated Press*, 1973-1982
Of interest: correspondence about rules for *The Associated Press* picking up exclusive stories from *The Times*
- b.3 f.11 Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 1976-1977

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- b.3 f.12 Astronautics, 1981
 Attribution (See: News Sources)
- b.3 f.13 Automobile News, 1977
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- b.3 f.15-17 Awards (to *The New York Times*, Staff Members, or Publishers), 1972-1982 (See also:
 Pulitzer Prizes)
- b.3 f.18 Awards, Decorations, Honors, and Tributes to Topping, 1961-1987
- b.3 f.19 Bettman Archives, 1982-1983
- b.4 f.1 Bicentennial of the American Revolution, 1974-1976
- b.4 f.2 Biography, 1959-1976
 Blacks
 See: Editorial Policy: Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Issues
- b.4 f.3 *Book Review*, 1977-1985
 Of interest: memoranda about the redesign of the *Book Review* (1977); financial statistics on the
 Book Review; memoranda related to questions raised about the review of a book by Sonny
 Kleinfeld, a staff member of *The Times* (1981)
- b.4 f.4 Bridge (Column), 1977
- b.4 f.5 Bristol Myers, 1979-1982
- b.4 f.6 Brookings Institution, 1981
- b.4 f.7 Brooklyn Museum, 1978
- b.4 f.8 Buildings: Commercial-Carlstadt Plant, 1979-1983
- b.4 f.9 Bullpen, 1976-1977
- b.4 f.10 Burlington Industries, Inc., 1981
 Business Day
 See: American Society of Newspapers; Financial News
- b.4 f.11 Bylines, 1974-1985
- b.4 f.12 California, University of: Berkeley, 1980
- b.4 f.13 Cambodia, 1985
 Camp David (See: Middle East)
- b.4 f.14 Canada, 1980-1982
 Of interest: transcripts of Topping's interview with government officials from various provinces and
 cities in Canada
- b.4 f.15 Careers (Special Sunday Section), 1976-1984
- b.4 f.16 Center for Communication, 1980-1984
 Correspondence related to fundraising for the center
- b.4 f.17 Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), 1976-1984
 Of interest: correspondence concerning Cyrus L. Sulzberger's alleged relationship with the CIA.
 See also: International Rescue Committee, Inc.

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- b.4 f.18 Century Association, 1982-1984
Mostly correspondence supporting applications for membership. Of interest: letter from Clifton Daniel regarding Century Association membership for women
- b.4 f.19 Chess Columns, 1981
- b.5 f.1-2 China, 1970-1980
Of interest: memoranda regarding efforts to open a permanent bureau in Peking; memoranda about the adoption of new spellings of Chinese names; correspondence with members of the Chinese delegation at the United Nations
Chinese People's Daily (See: China)
- b.5 f.3 Circulation (of *The New York Times*), 1973
- b.5 f.4 City Athletic Club, 1977
City Edition (See: *New York Times* Editions)
Coalition of Concerned Black Americans
See: Editorial Policy: Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Issues
Code of Ethics (See: Computers)
Color Printing (See: Financial News)
- b.5 f.5 Columbia University, 1976-1982 (See also: China)
- b.5 f.6 Communications Industry, 1981-1982
Memoranda regarding news coverage of the field of communications, including television, radio, and print publications
Company Briefs (See: Financial News)
- b.5 f.7 Computer Science News, 1983-1984
- b.5 f.8 Computers, 1982
Memoranda regarding computer confidentiality policies in the office and a code of ethics
- b.5 f.9 Con Edison, 1978
Connecticut Weekly (See: Regional Editions)
- b.5 f.10 Conrail, 1980
- b.5 f.11 Consumer Marketing Department, 1977-1979
- b.5 f.12 Continental Oil Company, 1974-1977
Critics and Criticism (See: Culture News)
Cuba (See: Emmick, Frank)
- b.5 f.13-14 Cultural News, 1975-1984
Of interest: memoranda regarding combining the Arts and Leisure department with the Culture department
- b.5 f.15 "Day by Day" (Column), 1982-1983
- b.5 f.16 Deadlines, 1980
- b.5 f.17 Death Notices, 1980
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- b.5 f.18 Dominican Republic, 1981
- b.6 f.1 Drug Addiction and Narcotics, 1972-1973

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- b.6 f.3 East/West Foundation, 1970
 - Economic Affairs Luncheons (See: Financial News)
 - Economic News (See: Financial News; Year-End Reviews)
- b.6 f.4 Editorial Department, 1977-1981
- b.6 f.5 Editorial Policy, 1970-1971 (See also: News Desk; News Sources)
- b.6 f.6-10 Editorial Policy: Elections, 1970-1984
 - Many of Topping's memoranda on this subject are in the New York Times Company Records. A.M. Rosenthal papers under the same file name
- b.6 f.11 Editorial Policy: Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Issues, 1977-1978
 - Editor's Meetings
 - See: Enterprise Meetings; News Department: Editor's Conference
- b.7 f.1-3 Education News, 1975-1985
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- b.7 f.4 Electronic Newspaper, 1980
 - Correspondence regarding experiments with electronic delivery of news to the public
- b.7 f.5 Encyclopedia Britannica, 1975
- b.7 f.6 Energy News, 1978-1979
 - Memoranda about the coverage of the 1970s energy crisis
- b.7 f.7-13 Enterprise Meetings, 1977-1985 (See also: Communications Industry)
- b.8 f.1-2 Enterprise Meetings, 1977-1985
 - Executive Changes (See: Financial News)
- b.8 f.3 Exxon, 1979
- b.8 f.4 *Family Circle*, 1978
- b.8 f.5-6 Family/Style Page and Section, 1969-1985
 - Of interest: proposal for a Sunday Family Section
- b.8 f.7 Fashion News, 1972, 1979
 - Of interest: memoranda regarding the coverage of the 1972 Fashion Festival in New York City; memoranda describing an arrangement between the news and advertising departments establishing a weekly fashion feature.
- b.8 f.8 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 1981-1982
- b.8 f.9 Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, 1982
- b.8 f.10-11 Financial News, 1970-1985
 - Of interest: memoranda concerning the introductions of new features, such as Company Briefs, Finance Briefs, and Executive Changes (1980); memoranda concerning a redesign of the Sunday financial section (1980); launching of "Business Day" as a separate section (1978); several layout diagrams and front page "dummies". See also: Stock Market Tables; Year-End Reviews
- b.9 f.1-4 Financial News, 1970-1985
- b.10 f.1-6 Financial News, 1970-1985
- b.11 f.1-4 Financial News, 1970-1985

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- Fine, Travis & Associates, Inc. (See: *New York Daily News*)
- b.11 f.5-6 Food News, 1974-1976
Of interest: Memoranda regarding a series of articles on the global food situation
- b.11 f.7-9 Foreign News, 1977-1985
See also: Financial News; SALT Agreement. Many of Topping's memoranda on this subject are in the New York Times Company Records. A.M. Rosenthal papers under the same file name
- b.12 f.1-6 Foreign News, 1970-1971, 1977-1985
- b.12 f.7 Foreign Policy Association, 1983
- b.12 f.8 France, 1984
Memorandum related to John Vinocur's articles on socialism in France
- b.12 f.9 Free Press and Fair Trial Guidelines, 1971-1980
Freedom House
See: International Rescue Committee, Inc.
- b.13 f.1 Freedom of Information Center, 1975-1980
- b.13 f.2 Freedom of the Press, 1983-1984
Includes a speech by Topping at the Judicial Conference of the United States (1983); a statement from *The Times* before a Pentagon News Panel concerned with drafting war coverage guidelines (1984); letter from Bill Kovach to the Defense Department protesting the decision to exclude newspaper reporters from the War Press Pool (1984)
- b.13 f.3 Front Page Advertising, 1979-1982
Graphics
See: Maps and Charts; Newsroom Technology
- b.13 f.4 The Guide, 1980-1982
Memoranda regarding changes in format and production schedules
- b.13 f.5 Holiday Papers, 1981-1984
Hsinhua News Agency (Xinhua News Agency) (See: China)
- b.13 f.6 Ideas and Suggestions, 1977
Proposal for a weekly story suggestion system incorporating the best ideas of correspondents in domestic and foreign bureaus
- b.13 f.7 Institute of Current World Affairs, 1976
- b.13 f.8 International Rescue Committee, Inc., 1976
Complaints about a news story on the CIA's relationship with Leo Cherne, chairman of the International Rescue Committee
Investigative Reporting (See: Enterprise Meetings)
Kraus-Thomson Organization, Ltd. (See: Bettman Archives)
- b.13 f.9 Labor Party, 1979
- b.13 f.10 Labor Relations: Arbitration, 1984
- b.13 f.11 Large Type Weekly, 1981-1983
- b.13 f.12 Living Section, 1980 (See also: Family/Style Page and Section)
- b.13 f.13 Lotteries, 1971
- b.13 f.14 Makeup Desk, 1976-1977

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- b.13 f.15 Maps and Charts, 1975-1977
Market Studies (See: *New York Daily News*)
- b.13 f.16 Media/Business Conferences, 1977-1979
- b.13 f.17 Metropolitan News, 1970-1985 (See also: Second Front Page)
- b.14 f.1-3 Metropolitan News, 1970-1985
- b.14 f.4 Middle East, 1979-1982
Of interest: memoranda on whether or not to publish the text of the Camp David agreements between Egypt and Israel (1979)
Military Affairs
See: Freedom of the Press; SALT Agreement
- b.14 f.5 Missouri, University of, 1970-1984
- b.14 f.6 Mobil Oil Corporation, 1975-1983
Morgue (See: New York Times Information Bank)
Motion Pictures (See: TV Data)
Narcotics (See: Drug Addiction)
- b.14 f.7 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 1973-1982
National Broadcasting Company (NBC) (See: Radio and Television Program)
National Economic Growth and Reconstruction Organization (See: NEGRO Organization)
- b.14 f.8-10 National Edition, 1973-1984
- b.15 f.1-2 National Edition, 1973-1984
- b.15 f.3-7 National News, 1970-1985
- b.16 f.1-3 National News, 1970-1985
National News Council (See: Newspapers: National News Council)
- b.16 f.4 National Research Council, 1974
Complaints and response regarding the publication of a report on the effects of herbicides in Vietnam
National Women's Agenda (See: Women's Action Alliance)
- b.16 f.5 NEGRO Organization, 1971
Memoranda concerning a demonstration in front of *The Times* building
- b.16 f.6 New Jersey Edition and Weekly, 1972-1978
- b.16 f.7 *New York Daily News*, 1981-1982
Of interest: copy of a study of *Daily News* readers who do not also read *The Times*
- b.16 f.8 *New York Times* Editions, 1971, 1978-1983
- b.16 f.9 New York Times Information Bank, 1971-1972, 1979
- b.16 f.10 *New York Times Magazine*, 1976-1985
- b.16 f.11 New York Times News Service, 1971-1982
- b.16 f.12 New York Times Regional Newspaper Group (NYTRENG)
- b.17 f.1-2 News Content, 1975-1985

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- b.17 f.3-8 News Department, 1970-1984
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- b.17 f.9-11 News Desk, 1977-1985
Primarily memoranda related to editorial policies and following standards
- b.18 f.1-3 News Desk, 1977-1985
News Leaks (See: News Sources)
- b.18 f.4 News Sources, 1976-1985
News Space (See: News Content)
- b.18 f.5 Newspapers: National News Council, 1977-1983
This file concerns complaints before the council against *The Times*
- b.18 f.6 Newsroom Technology, 1973-1984
- b.18 f.7 Nicaragua, 1985
- b.18 f.8 Notes on People (Feature), 1971-1981
- b.18 f.9 Obituaries (News), 1970-1985
- b.18 f.10 Olympic Games, 1984
- b.18 f.11 Overseas Press Club of America, 1982-1983
- b.18 f.12 Parodies of *The Times*, 1978
Pentagon Press Pool (See: Freedom of the Press)
- b.18 f.13 Personal and Private Papers, 1976-1984
- b.18 f.14 Personal Investing, 1982-1983
See also: Financial News: Special Sections
Photography (See: Harris, Jean)
- b.19 f.1-4 Picture Desk, 1969-1985
- b.19 f.5-6 Pictures of Seymour Topping, 1963-1977
Includes photographs of Topping with family members and others, including with poet Robert Frost
Planning Meetings: Tarrytown, New York (See: News Department)
Polling (See: Editorial Policy: Elections)
Presidential Elections (See: Editorial Policy: Elections)
- b.19 f.7 Presidential Inaugurations, 1977-1985
- b.19 f.8 Production Department, 1976 (See also: News Department)
- b.19 f.9 Puerto Rico, 1977
- b.19 f.10-11 Pulitzer Prizes, 1969-1983
Includes lists of nominations for the annual prize; copies of individual citations for the paper and various *Times* employees; scattered letters from Pulitzer administration to Topping and internal *Times* memoranda concerning the award
- b.20 f.1-10 Pulitzer Prizes, 1969-1983
Radio and Television News
See: Culture News; The Guide; Communications Industry

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- b.20 f.11 Radio and Television Program: About and by *The Times*, 1973-1974, 1982
Correspondence regarding the taping of NBC's "Tomorrow" show at *The New York Times* (1974); suggestion for a television news program featuring *Times* editors, correspondents, and reporters (1982)
The Raleigh Times (See: Sulzberger, Arthur Ochs, Jr.)
- b.20 f.12 Real Estate News, 1969-1984
- b.20 f.13 Real Estate Report, 1984
- b.21 f.1 Regional Editions, 1976-1983
Includes memoranda regarding the launch, staffing, and production of regional weeklies, such as *The Westchester Weekly* and *The Connecticut Weekly*. See also: New Jersey Edition and Weekly; Westchester Weekly
- b.21 f.2 Review of the Week, 1976-1985
- b.21 f.3 SALT Agreement (Strategic Arms Litigation Talks), 1979
- b.21 f.4 Saturday Edition, 1974-1976, 1984
- b.21 f.5 Science News, 1972-1985
- b.21 f.6 Science Times, 1978-1979
- b.21 f.7 Second Front Page (Metropolitan Section), 1973-1977
South Africa
See: Editorial Policy: Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Issues
Space Quotas (See: News Content)
Space Shuttle (See: Astronautics)
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