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Summary

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Arrangement: I. Appropriations Budget Committee files; II. House Budget Committee files; III. Gray Amendment files; IV. Anti-Apartheid/South Africa and Foreign Affairs files; V. Subcommittee of District of Columbia files; VI. Office files; VII. Speeches; VIII. Congressional Black Caucus files IX. Business and Lobbyist files; X. Transportation files; XI. Press Releases and News Clippings

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