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Robert C. Weaver papers (Additions)

1930-1987

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Summary

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Name of Collection/Papers Robert C. Weaver Papers (Additions)

Accession Number SCM80-20

Donor: Robert C. Weaver

Gift X

Date received: 1980

Date transferred: 12/9/95

The item(s) listed below have been sent to the division indicated, either to be retained or disposed of there. Any items that should receive special disposition are clearly marked.

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5 8x10 photographs of Weaver from "Right Now" television broadcast, 10/9/69; 2-5x3 1/2 color photographs of Weaver at Rehovot Conference in Israel, 8/71; 1-8x10 b&w photo of Weaver at the Municipal Arts Society of New York Annual Awards Meeting, 5/30/74; 1-8x10 b&w photo of Weaver at 1966 Saratoga Conference; 1-3 1/2 x 4 1/4 color photo of Weaver addressing National Association of Home Builders of the United States in 1976; 5-8x10 b&w photos of Weaver at Topridge conference on the Future of New York State, 1977; 1-8x10 b&w photo of Weaver, John Lindsay, John Larsen, Robert Wagner at the 24 Dollar Dinner at the Museum of the City of New York, 3/10/80.

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Creator History

Economist, public administrator, educator, and author. United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Scope and Content Note

The Robert Clifton Weaver Papers (Additions) augment the substantial collection of Weaver's personal papers which document his entry into the federal service in 1933 and his return to the government in 1961 under John F. Kennedy (See MG 32). The Additions document Weaver's career during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, his departure from federal service in 1968 and subsequent career as educator, public speaker and author during his presidency of Bernard Baruch College (1969) and professorship at Hunter College of the City of University of New York (1971).

The collection has been arranged into five series: Correspondence, Speeches, Writings, Oral History Transcripts, and Certificates.

Arrangement: Collection organized into five series: I. Correspondence; II. Speeches; III. Writings; IV. Oral History Transcripts; and V. Certificates

Key Terms

Subjects

African American economists
African American government executives
African Americans -- Economic conditions
African Americans -- Education (Higher) -- New York (State) -- New York
African Americans -- Employment
African Americans -- History -- 1877-1964

African Americans -- Housing
Housing -- Law and legislation -- United States
Housing -- United States
Housing policy -- United States
Minorities -- United States
New Deal, 1933-1939
Public housing
Public officers
Universities and colleges -- Open admissions
World War, 1939-1945 -- African Americans

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Interviews
Oral histories

Geographic Names

United States -- Officials and employees

Names

Weaver, Robert C. (Robert Clifton), 1907-1997
Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963
Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994
United States. Department of Housing and Urban Development
United States. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

Container List

b. 1 f. 1 Biographical File Correspondence

Correspondence series, 1931-1987 (2 lin. ft.). The folders in this series contain original incoming and carbon copies of outgoing letters arranged chronologically (1962-1980), with the bulk from 1969 and 1970. Included are numerous invitations to speak at conferences, lecture series and commencement ceremonies; invitations to join advisory boards of financial institutions, foundations and community organizations; letters appointing Weaver to various city and state posts; requests for interviews, and permission to reprint articles, essays and speeches. In letters to college students, Weaver expresses his views on his role as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the role of the presidential cabinet under John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Baines Johnson. The files also contain related printed materials including brochures, programs, annual reports, memberships lists of task forces and boards of directors, and newspaper clippings. Some organizations represented in this series include the National Conference of Christians and Jews, American Statistical Association, Committee for Economic Development, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing.

The majority of the files are arranged alphabetically, and chronologically within each folder. Included are letters documenting Weaver's participation on boards of directors (Bowery Savings Bank, Lavanburg Foundation), committees and task forces (Metropolitan Life, Harvard Graduate Society, National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing, General Accounting Office), at conferences and symposiums (Rehovot Conference on Urbanization and Development in Developing Countries, (Israel) and YMCA Conference on Urban and Human Renewal (Sweden)), and as a visiting professor (University of Southern California). Correspondents include: Benjamin Hooks, Basil Paterson, Ted Kennedy, Roy Wilkins, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Hugh Carey, Abraham Beame, Edward Koch, Patricia Roberts Harris, Birch Bayh, A. Leon Higginbotham, Mary McLeod Bethune, Coretta Scott King, Robert F. Wagner, and Vernon E. Jordan.

- b. 1 f. 2 1962, 1963, 1965, 1968
- b. 1 f. 3 1969
- b. 1 f. 4 1969
- b. 1 f. 5 1969
- b. 1 f. 6 1970
- b. 1 f. 7 1970
- b. 1 f. 8 1970
- b. 1 f. 9 1971
- b. 1 f. 10 1972-1973
- b. 2 f. 1 1974
- b. 2 f. 2 1975
- b. 2 f. 3 1976
- b. 2 f. 4 1977
- b. 2 f. 5 1978
- b. 2 f. 6 1979
- b. 2 f. 7 1980
- b. 3 f. 1 The American City Corporation 1970-1971
- b. 3 f. 2 The Bowery Savings Bank 1970
- b. 3 f. 3 Citizens Committee For Government Reorganization 1971-1972
- b. 3 f. 4 Citizens Committee For Postal Reform 1969-1970
- b. 3 f. 5 Congratulations 1968-1969
- b. 3 f. 6 Congress Of European Cultural Foundation 1970

Correspondence (cont.)
Congress Of European Cultural Foundation (cont.)

- b. 3 f. 7 Ditchley Foundations 1974
- b. 3 f. 8 Foreign Policy Association 1968-1969
- b. 3 f. 9 Future Documentation 1960-1976
- b. 3 f. 10 Gao Cost Study 1974-1975
- b. 3 f. 11 Harvard Graduate Society For Advanced Study And Research 1972-1973
- b. 3 f. 12 H.U.D. Programs And Administration 1940-1980
- b. 3 f. 13 Jerusalem Committee 1969
- b. 3 f. 14 Joint Center For Urban Studies Of The Massachusetts Institute Of Technology And Harvard University 1969-1970
- b. 3 f. 15 Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, Austin, Texas 1969-1974
- b. 3 f. 16 Koch, Edward - Appointment To Conciliation And Appeals Board 1978
- b. 3 f. 17 Lambda Alpha 1968-1973
- b. 4 f. 1 Lavanburg Foundation 1973-1974
- b. 4 f. 2 Metropolitan Applied Research Center 1974-1975
- b. 4 f. 3 Metropolitan Life 1970-1975
- b. 4 f. 4 Morrow, Coriene Robinson, Miscellaneous Exhibits 1940-1954
- b. 4 f. 5 National Committee Against Discrimination In Housing 1970-1982
- b. 4 f. 6 Programs 1948-1987
- b. 4 f. 7 Record, Wilson 1969-1970
- b. 4 f. 8 Rehovot Conference, Israel 1971, 1970-1971
- b. 4 f. 9 Reports 1945-1977
- b. 4 f. 10 Requests 1969-1970
- b. 4 f. 11 Rockefeller Public Service Awards, Princeton University 1969-1970
- b. 4 f. 12 Royal Society Of Arts 1968-1969
- b. 4 f. 13 Salmon Committee On Psychiatry And Mental Hygiene 1967
- b. 4 f. 14 Tobacco Study - Draft 1937
- b. 4 f. 15 University Of Southern California 1970-1971
- b. 5 f. 1 Williams, Alma Rene - Documents Cited In Her Ph.D. Thesis 1931-1975
- b. 5 f. 2 Wiltwyck School For Boys 1968-1969
- b. 5 f. 3 Ymca European Trip 1971

Speeches

The *Speeches series, 1952-1984 (.4 lin. ft.)* contains published and unpublished typescripts, including drafts with Weaver's corrections. The speeches are arranged chronologically, and range from testimonials and commencement addresses to lectures and keynote addresses on housing discrimination, problems in urban development, the role of the federal government in housing, the college of the future, and black Americans during the New Deal and World War II. The National Conference on Discrimination in Housing, National Association of Real Estate Brokers, American Institute of Architects, American Jewish Committee, Hartford Board of Education, and the National Organization for the Advancement of Colored People are some of the organizations represented. Corresponding programs are also contained within this series.

- b. 6 f. 1 1952, 1954, 1961-1964
- b. 6 f. 2 1966-1967
- b. 6 f. 3 1968-1969
- b. 6 f. 4 1970-1973
- b. 6 f. 5 1974-1975

Speeches (cont.)

- b. 6 f. 6 1976-1977
- b. 6 f. 7 1978
- b. 6 f. 8 1979
- b. 6 f. 9 1983-1984

Writings

The *Writings series, 1936-1985 (.4 lin. ft.)* is comprised of published and unpublished articles, essays, chapters in books and draft typescripts with Weaver's handwritten corrections. The articles are arranged chronologically and undated typescripts are foldered and marked "n.d." The writings span Weaver's public and private careers, and include topics on African American labor during the New Deal, equal opportunity in housing, land use and urban revitalization, HUD, and open admissions policies in city universities. Weaver's writings appeared in various publications including *The Crisis*, *Opportunity*, *The Journal of Housing*, *The Journal of the American Association of Planners*, and *The Urban University of the 1970s*. The series also includes one folder containing a bibliography of Weaver's writings.

- b. 7 f. 1 1936-1947
- b. 7 f. 2 1950-1959
- b. 7 f. 3 1960-1968
- b. 7 f. 4 1970-1979
- b. 7 f. 5 1981, 1983, 1985
- b. 7 f. 6-8 n.d
- b. 7 f. 9 Bibliography

Oral History Transcripts

The *Oral History Transcripts series, 1964-1973 (.4 lin. ft.)* consists of transcripts of interviews with Weaver conducted over a nine year period for the Civil Rights Documentation Project, Cornell University's New York State School of Industrial Relations, and to supplement the oral history projects of the John F. Kennedy Library, and the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library. In the interview with James Mosby for the Civil Rights Documentation Project, Weaver discusses his tenure as Secretary of HUD and views on integration of non-whites into federal positions and programs. In the Cornell University interview with Frances Hardin, the problems of employing African American craftsmen is addressed. A discussion of Weaver's childhood, early government service, theories on public housing and the development of HUD and its programs can be found in the Joe B. Frantz interview for the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library. In the interviews conducted by Daniel Patrick Moynihan for the John F. Kennedy Library, Weaver discusses his initial meetings with John F. Kennedy regarding social, economic and racial problems in America, his opinions about Kennedy and Richard Nixon, and the role of an African-American cabinet member as a representative of Black America. The folder, Looking Back, Looking Ahead News Conference (1968), contains a transcript in which Weaver discusses the accomplishments and future of HUD. This series also contains a folder of miscellaneous transcripts.

- b. 8 John F. Kennedy Oral History Project
 - b. 8 f. 1-3 Weaver Interview By Daniel Patrick Moynihan May 6, 1964
 - b. 8 f. 4-6 2nd Weaver Interview By Daniel Patrick Moynihan June 16, 1964
 - b. 8 f. 7-8 3rd Weaver Interview By Daniel Patrick Moynihan July 8, 1964
 - b. 8 f. 9-10 4th Weaver Interview By Daniel Patrick Moynihan October 1, 1964
- Lyndon B. Johnson Oral History Project
 - b. 8 f. 11-13 Weaver Interview By Joe B. Frantz November 19, 1968
 - b. 8 f. 14 Weaver Interview By James Mosby March 2, 1969
 - b. 8 f. 15 Weaver Interview By Frances Hardin November 30, 1973
 - b. 8 f. 16 Looking Back, Looking Ahead News Conference October 29, 1968
 - b. 8 f. 17 Miscellaneous Transcripts

Certificates

The *Certificates series, 1930-1974 (1 lin. ft.)* includes certificates, diplomas and awards earned by Weaver documenting appointments, fellowships, visiting professorship and honorary citizenship. Included is the certificate of his appointment to the position of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (1966), signed by Lyndon Baines Johnson, appointment to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (1965), appointment to New York State Rent Commissioner (1956) and appointment to the New York Conciliation and Appeals Board (1974). Weaver's B.S., M.A. and Ph.D. diplomas from Harvard University are included, as are diplomas for Florence Elisa Freeman, Weaver's mother, from high and normal school and from Wayland Seminary.

Pen Certificates, 1961-1968 document Weaver's participation at the signing ceremonies of landmark housing legislation as Administrator of the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency under Kennedy and Secretary, HUD under Johnson. Included are certificates for the Housing Act of 1961 and the Executive Order on Housing (1962) signed by John F. Kennedy, and the Department of Housing Urban Development Act (1965) and Housing and Urban Development Act (1968) signed by Lyndon Baines Johnson.

Citations And Honorary Degrees

- b. 9 Harvard University
- b. 9 Bachelor Of Science 1930
- b. 9 Master Of Arts 1931
- b. 9 Doctorate 1934
- b. 9 New York State Appointment As State Rent Commissioner 1956
- b. 9 Roihuvuori (Helsinki) Inscribed To Weaver September 19, 1961
- b. 9 American Academy Of Arts And Sciences Fellowship Appointment May 12, 1965
- b. 9 Agricultural, Technical And Social College May 31, 1968
- b. 9 Port Of Authority Of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Pa. September 26, 1968
- b. 9 Chapter Of Beta Gamma Sigma May 1969
- b. 9 Royal Society For The Encouragement Of Arts, Manufacturers And Commerce Fellowship Appointment January 12, 1970
- b. 9 Honorary Appointment As Visiting Professor Of Urban Studies In The Center For Urban Studies, University Of Southern California 1970-71
- b. 9 2,000 Men Of Achievement Award 1971
- b. 9 National Research Council, Division Of Engineering 1970-1973
- b. 9 Fisk University Appointment To Visiting Committee For The Social Sciences Ca. 1973
- b. 9 Bowery Savings Bank 2/13/80
- b. 9 Certificate Of Appreciation By The National Housing Conference
- b. 9 Florence Elisa Freeman, Wayland Seminary 1894
- b. 9 Florence Elisa Freeman, From High School And Normal School 1892, 1894
- b. 10 Massachusetts Committee Of Catholics, Protestants And Jews May 10, 1962
- b. 10 Designation Of May 10, 1963 As Robert Clifton Weaver Day In Boston By Mayor Collins
- b. 10 Appointment To Advisory Commission On Intergovernmental Relations February 4, 1965
Filed in Certificate Drawer #2 Filed in Certificate Drawer #2
- b. 10 Appointment To Secretary, Housing And Urban Development January 17, 1966
Filed in Certificate Drawer #2 Filed in Certificate Drawer #2
- b. 10 Honorary Citizen Of The State Of Delaware May 1966

Certificates (cont.)

- b. 10 Merrick-Moore-Spaulding Achievement Award, North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company 1967
- b. 10 Appointment To New York Conciliation And Appeals Board September 5, 1974
- b. 10 Housing And Home Finance Agency From The Association Of American Colleges
- b. 10 *Booklet - "A Salute To America", Friends Of The National Childrens Home American Bicentennial Group*
- b. 11 Pen Certificates
- b. 11 Housing Act Of 1961
- b. 11 Executive Order On Housing 1962
- b. 11 Department Of Housing Urban Development Act 1965
- b. 11 Housing And Urban Development Act 1968