

PAPERS AND OTHER HISTORICAL MATERIALS
OF
KENNETH L. KHACHIGIAN
STAFF ASSISTANT TO HERBERT KLEIN
STAFF ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND
DEPUTY STAFF ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT



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Materials of
Kenneth L. Khachigian
Among Nixon Presidential Materials, 1969-73

The President historical materials of Kenneth L. Khachigian, Staff Assistant to Herbert Klein, Staff Assistant to the President, and Deputy Special Assistant to the President, are in the custody of the National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, under the provisions of Title I of the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act of 1974 (P. L. 93-526, 88 Stat. 1965) and implementing regulations. In accordance with the act and regulations, archivists reviewed the file group to identify personal and private materials as well as non-historical items. No such items were identified or returned to Khachigian.

Materials covered by the act have been archivally processed and are described in this register. Items which are security classified or otherwise restricted under the act and regulations have been removed and placed in a closed file. A Document Withdrawal Record (GSA Form 7279) with a description of each restricted document has been inserted at the beginning of each folder from which materials have been removed. A Document Control Record marks the original position of the withdrawn item. Employees of the National Archives will review periodically the unclassified portions of closed materials for the purpose of opening those which no longer require restriction.

Certain classified documents may be declassified under authority of Executive Order 12065 in response to a Mandatory Review Request (GSA Form 7277) submitted by the researcher.

Linear feet of materials: 11.7

Approximate number of pages: 23,400

Biographical Note

1944, September 14, Born, Visalia, California

1966 B. A., University of California at Santa
 Barbara

1967, December - Worked on Richard M. Nixon's Presidential
 November, 1968 campaign

1969 J. D., Columbia University, New York, New
 York

1970, January Joined the National Goals Research Staff,
 which had been established within the White
 House by Presidential Statement on July 13,
 1969

1970, August - Staff Assistant to Herbert Klein, Director of
 May, 1971 Communications

1971, May - Assistant to Patrick J. Buchanan, Special
 November 1972 Assistant to the President

1973-74 Deputy Special Assistant to the President,
 President's speechwriting staff.

1975-79 Editorial Consultant to Richard M. Nixon

1980 Speechwriter with the Ronald Reagan
 Presidential campaign

1981, January 20 - Consultant to the White House and acting
 May 3 chief speech writer

Special Files Materials
Scope and Content Note

Kenneth L. Khachigian joined the Nixon administration as Staff Assistant to Herbert Klein, Director of Communications, in August 1970. He described his work, done primarily for Klein and Jeb Stuart Magruder, as "generating ideas as how best to communicate President Nixon's goals and policies." He became involved in the 1970 congressional midterm elections, writing speeches and preparing political analyses. In the early months of 1971, his assignment was to generate support for specific administration proposals. Although in the spring of 1971 he was transferred with most of Klein's staff to Charles Colson, his duties remained unchanged.

In May 1971, Patrick J. Buchanan asked Khachigian to help him work on the 1972 Presidential campaign. In a memorandum of May 27, 1971, Buchanan described to H. R. Haldeman the duties which he proposed to delegate to Khachigian: "... to keep tabs on candidates, to keep the 'relevant' research on hand, to write materials needed to get into hands [sic] of various speakers, to communicate with party leaders and the like in states where opposition candidates appear." These were Khachigian's main responsibilities through election day. By late spring of 1972, he was regarded as the White House's major research source on the McGovern campaign, and as a minor expert on State Presidential primary laws - In the early stages of the campaign, he coordinated his work with the Republican National Committee and the Committee for the Re-election of the President, but as White House participation in the campaign intensified this coordination ended. All during this period Khachigian assumed the duties of "an ad hoc unofficial writer." Besides his more official responsibilities, he wrote for anyone who needed a speech, article, or position statement. "... What I was considered," he explained in his interview, "was a broad generalist on the White House staff who could write...."

Sometime in early 1973, Khachigian transferred to the President's speechwriting staff, working under David Gergen and with the title

Deputy Special Assistant to the President. At first his subject areas of expertise were agriculture, natural resources and the environment, and political and legal matters. Beginning in June 1973, however, Khachigian took on the tasks of researcher and writer on issues and problems evolving from the Watergate break-in. Khachigian left the White House Staff in the fall of 1974.

The materials of Kenneth L. Khachigian date from 1970 to 1973, with only five folders of materials dating from 1973. The files fall into seven series: Correspondence File, Chronological File, Name File, Campaign Subject File, Opposition Candidates File, State File, and Miscellany.

The two series, the Correspondence File and the Chronological File, are very closely related in the subject matter of materials they contain. Both files have materials that reflect Khachigian's duties as principal drafter of speeches and memoranda for Herbert Klein and Jeb Magruder and as political and public relations strategist. At the end of the Correspondence Files are two folders of Khachigian's own memoranda, and a folder containing White House Action Memorandum P653, concerning peace demonstrations.

Approximately half of the materials in the Name File series is filed under Patrick Buchanan's name and relates to the 1972 Presidential campaign. In the Campaign Subject File there is a folder of notes taken by Khachigian during meetings of a White House staff group concerned with campaign strategy. Both the Opposition Candidates File and the State File contain political reports, research materials, and numerous newspaper clippings. Appointment calendars for 1971 and 1972 and a folder of memoranda describing Khachigian's meetings with the President are located in the Miscellany File.

The Staff Member and Office Files contain an additional 12 cubic feet of Khachigian materials. There is an exit interview with Khachigian conducted by the Office of Presidential Papers and Archives on September 18, 1974. In addition to these materials, the Federal Archives and Records Center at Laguna Niguel, California, has 11 cubic feet of Khachigian's personal papers and printed materials, relating

primarily to the 1968 and 1972 Presidential campaigns. This material was deeded by Khachigian to the United States in August 1980, and access to it is governed by the terms of the deed of gift.

Description of Series

Container Nos.

Series

1-2

CORRESPONDENCE FILE, 1970-72

Memoranda, correspondence, notes, drafts of speeches, clippings and wire service stories reflecting Khachigian's duties as principal drafter of speeches and memoranda for Herbert Klein and Jeb Magruder, and as political and public relations strategist. Arranged chronologically under Klein's or Magruder's names, as recipient or titular originator of the materials.

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CHRONOLOGICAL FILE, 1971-72

Memoranda, correspondence, drafts of speeches and statements, notes, and clippings reflecting Khachigian's duties as principal drafter of speeches and memoranda for Herbert Klein and Jeb Magruder, and as political and public relations strategist. Arranged chronologically.

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NAME FILE, 1970-72

Memoranda, press releases, drafts of speeches and statements, and clippings. About half of the series is filed under Patrick Buchanan's name and relates to the 1972 Presidential campaign strategy. Arranged alphabetically under the surname of the White House staff members.

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CAMPAIGN SUBJECT FILE, 1970-72

Memoranda, notes of meetings, drafts of speeches and statements, political reports and analyses, schedules, press releases, wire service stories, and clippings. The folder labeled "[Campaign Strategy] Meetings" consists of notes taken by Khachigian during meetings of a White House staff group concerned with campaign strategy. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

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OPPOSITION CANDIDATES FILE, 1970-72

Newspaper and magazine clippings, political research reports, memoranda, notes, schedules, wire service originals, transcripts of broadcast appearances, and drafts of speeches. Arranged

alphabetically by name of candidate.

Description of Series (cont.)

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STATE FILE, 1971-72

Newspaper clippings and political research reports. One folder labeled "72 Primaries" includes a wider range of materials - correspondence, memoranda, notes, newspaper clippings, and political research reports. Arranged alphabetically by State.

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MISCELLANY, 1970-73

Memoranda, notes, appointment calendars, press releases, newspaper clippings and a briefing book. Subjects covered include the Senate Watergate hearings, the 1974 budget, Khachigian's meetings with the President, and appointment calendars for 1971 and 1972. Arranged by subject or type of material.

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