

The Bull Elephants

A Register of Its Records in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Bull Elephants Records

Span Dates: 1967-1974

ID No.: MSS81115

Creator: Bull Elephants (Organization)

Extent: 1,400 items; 4 containers; 1.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Correspondence, minutes, reports, bylaws, programs, membership files, notes, photographs, and other records documenting the organization's activities including talks by prominent Republican Party political figures and discussions of political and congressional matters.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Agnew, Spiro T., 1918-1996.

Alsop, Joseph, 1910-1989.

Bush, George, 1924-

Ford, Gerald R., 1913-2006.

Goldwater, Barry M. (Barry Morris), 1909-1998.

Kelley, Clarence M.

Reagan, Ronald.

Simon, William E., 1927-

Weinberger, Caspar W.

Organizations

Bull Elephants (Organization)

Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-)

United States. Congress--Officials and employees.

Subjects

Political parties.

Locations

United States--Politics and government--1963-1969.

United States--Politics and government--1969-1974.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The records of the Bull Elephants were given to the Library of Congress by Ron Martinson in 1991.

Processing History:

The records of Bull Elephants were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2007.

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Scope and Content Note

The records of the Bull Elephants, an association of male senior staff of Republican members of Congress and male Republican staff of congressional committees, span the years 1967-1974 and chronicle the activities of an unofficial group that provided party cohesiveness in Congress. Founded in the early 1950s as an informal social gathering of Republicans, the Bull Elephants provided a casual setting for talks by prominent political figures and a forum for the discussion of political and congressional matters. The group flourished in the late 1960s and early 1970s but was moribund by the late 1980s. Several Bull Elephants went on to serve as members of Congress.

The collection includes material relating to funding problems and monthly programs featuring speakers and social activities. Significant speakers included Spiro T. Agnew, Joseph Alsop, George Bush, Gerald R. Ford, Barry M. Goldwater, Clarence M. Kelley, Ronald Reagan, William E. Simon, and Caspar W. Weinberger. The records of the Bull Elephants include correspondence, minutes, reports, bylaws, programs for speakers and social activities, membership files, photographs, notes, and miscellany. The material is grouped chronologically by congressional term and arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material therein. Items within folders are arranged chronologically or alphabetically.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically by congressional term and therein alphabetically by topic or type of material.

Container List

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BOX 1	Dinner/dance, 1969
BOX 1	Illustrations, 1969-1971, n.d.
BOX 1	Minutes and reports, 1968-1970, n.d.
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1969-1970, n.d.
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BOX 2	Minutes and member lists, 1969-1971, n.d.
BOX 2	Photographs, n.d.
BOX 2	Programs, announcements, 1971-1972, n.d.
BOX 2	Ninety-third Congress
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BOX 2	Dinner/dance, 1973-1974
BOX 2	Elections
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BOX 3	Member lists, 1974, n.d.
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BOX 4	Miscellany, 1981-1982, n.d.
BOX 4	Programs, 1979-1982, n.d.
BOX 4	Miscellany, 1974, n.d.