

Guide to the Congressional Papers (1947-1950)

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Congressional Papers

Creator: Office of Representative Richard M. Nixon
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Abstract: Representative Richard Nixon's Congressional papers, including correspondence with constituents and other government officials as well as documents pertaining to the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC) and the Hiss-Chambers Case.

Administrative Information

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Biography

Richard Nixon ran for Congress against Democratic incumbent Jerry Voorhis in 1946 at the suggestion of the California Republican Party's "Committee of 100" and won a seat in the United States House of Representatives. He remained in the House for two terms (1947-48 and 1949-50), serving on the House Education & Labor Committee and playing an active role on the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC).

Congressman Nixon achieved national recognition as a result of his successful prosecution of Alger Hiss (for perjury rather than treason, due to the statute of limitations) in the famous Hiss-Chambers Case. Nixon later was elected to the United States Senate in 1950, defeating Helen Gahagan Douglas.

Scope and Content Summary:

Series I contains Congressman Nixon's correspondence with his constituents and with other government officials, 1946-50.

Series II contains Congressional logs, voting records, news releases, bills introduced by Rep. Nixon, and handwritten notes pertaining to various issues including the Mundt-Nixon Bill and the Hiss-Chambers Case.

Series III contains materials relating to the U.S. Congressional House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC).

Related Collections:

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