Ernest F. “Fritz” Hollings Collection  
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**Historical Note**

As governor of South Carolina, Ernest F. "Fritz" Hollings proved an energetic, forceful, and progressive leader who altered both the face of South Carolina and the fabric of the office itself. During his term of office, from January 20, 1959 to January 15, 1963, he made constant efforts to improve the state's educational system at all levels, to develop industry, and to create jobs. Speaking at the Governor's Conference on Business, Industry, Education and Agriculture, held in Columbia in October 1961, Hollings proclaimed--"Today, in our complex society, education is the cornerstone upon which economic development must be built--and prosperity assured." Hollings developed the authority of the office of governor and used that power to work with the General Assembly in developing the state's resources and programs.

The legacy from his term in office includes the establishment of the state's technical education system and its educational television network. While creating a skilled labor pool attractive to business, the technical education system also improved employment opportunities for South Carolinians in general. Furthermore, Hollings called for and saw enacted sweeping changes in the state's educational system. Included in this legislation were significant increases in teachers' salaries, bringing them closer to the regional average. Hollings is also credited for his determination, once it was obvious that South Carolina's schools would be integrated, that integration occur without the bloodshed and hostility which characterized this experience in other Southern states. Plans initiated under Hollings' administration led eventually to the peaceful integration of higher education in South Carolina at Clemson University shortly after Hollings left office.

Hollings previously had served as Lieutenant Governor under George Bell Timmerman, Jr., and before that, represented Charleston in the state's General Assembly. In 1962, while Governor, he ran unsuccessfully for the United States Senate, challenging the aging but popular Olin D. Johnston in the Democratic primary. Hollings was elected in November 1966 to the Senate in a special election to fill the unexpired term of Senator Johnston, who had passed away in 1965.
Description of Materials

Hollings' gubernatorial papers are divided between two repositories--South Carolina Political Collections (SCPC) and the South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH). The collections consist of a total of 37 linear feet of material, 22 feet held by SCPC, and 15 feet by SCDAH. The papers were processed in 1992 by staff of the Hollings Papers Project at SCPC. This finding aid contains the box list for materials at SCPC. Box list for records at SCDAH available upon request.

Papers are arranged in twelve series, listed below. Press Releases and Topical Files are present in records held at both SCPC and SCDAH. When records from a series are held by only one repository, that repository is noted in parentheses.

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Topical Files
Financial Records (SCDAH)
Miscellany (SCDAH)

Correspondence is split into three areas: general correspondence, relating to miscellaneous subjects; an extensive Cross Reference Correspondence File, containing carbon copies of outgoing correspondence, 1959-1962, arranged alphabetically; and correspondence of S. Ernie Wright, Hollings' Industrial Assistant. The Cross Reference Correspondence File, 6.25 ft., consists chiefly of notifications of appointments to various boards and offices and letters regarding extraditions. Two additional folders of cross reference correspondence are located among the Miscellany held by SCDAH. Wright’s correspondence, 2.5 ft. and predominantly from 1959 and 1960, relates mainly to economic development and the promotion and solicitation of business interests. His correspondence includes letters going out under his own signature as well as letters of Governor Hollings and other members of the governor's staff.

Early in his term, Hollings commissioned the New York management consultant firm of Cresap, McCormick and Paget to study the administrative structure and functioning of South Carolina's state government. Executive Department Studies includes their study proposal, Apr. 1959, noting "a lack of preciseness of organizational relationships, a lack of clarity as to the scope of activities of many of the departments, and a lack of certain central administrative services...." Preliminary and final
reports, 1959-1961, are present for the Department of Education, Insurance Department, Medical College of South Carolina, Tax Commission, and University of South Carolina.

**News Briefs**, April 1960 to October 1962, consisting of daily news summaries prepared for the governor, are based primarily upon *The State* newspaper and usually run six to eight pages.

**Press Conference Anticipated Questions** from all four years of press conferences, 1959 to 1962, are found here.

General **Press Releases** held by SCPC cover only November, 1959 to 1961. Another set of press releases concerns appointments and covers all four years, 1959 through 1962. They are alphabetically arranged by last name.

**Topical Files** comprise the largest series. These files contain correspondence, reports, memoranda and other records relating to various state and federal agencies, subjects such as education and segregation, and prominent political leaders. Some files contain records generated prior to 1959 or after January 1963. Little overlapping exists between the material at SCPC and SCDAH among specific subjects. Among topics for which records exist in both places are: Appointments, Aeronautics Commission, Board of Corrections/Law Enforcement, Board of Health, and Supreme Court.

Topical files of particular interest include those on the **Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations**. This commission was established in 1959 to bring together representatives of federal, state, and local governments to consider common problems. Hollings was named one of four "member governors." He served until December 1962, resigning as his term as governor drew to a close. Material regarding the Commission, 1963 to 1966, is filed with the earlier records.

Papers regarding the **Barnett Conference**, 1961, document this meeting of Southern governors to discuss economic expansion. This file is one of many reflecting Hollings' efforts to promote the economic development of South Carolina and the region. Material on his participation in the Governors' Mission to Argentina and Brazil, November 1960, and his South America Industry Tour, September 1960, is located under **Foreign Trade**. Files are also present for **Governors' Conferences** of 1959, 1961, and 1962. In 1962, Hollings served as chairman of the Conference's Committee on State Planning and Urban Development.

Records pertaining to state agencies, boards, and departments document Governor Hollings' interaction with agencies including the departments of Corrections and Education, and Educational Television. **State Law Enforcement Division (SLED)** files also document investigations of complaints regarding magistrates and other state officials.

Additional files contain biographical and other information on **political leaders and other prominent individuals** such as Jimmy Byrnes, Olin D. Johnston, John F. and Robert Kennedy, Nikita Khrushchev, and Burnet Maybank. The Maybank file includes correspondence, 1956, revealing the
possibility of Burnet Maybank, Jr. campaigning for governor in 1958. Had his campaign gone forward, he would have opposed Hollings in the Democratic primary.

In 1962, Hollings issued a *Report to the People* (at left). This publication and related material among the Topical Files traces the progress made under Hollings' leadership in the areas of education, industrial development, agriculture, and the reorganization of state government. The brochure also comments on the new national image of South Carolina crafted during the Hollings administration. Hollings also reached out to the people using the relatively new medium of television. Material on a program aired in 1962 highlighting South Carolina's recent industrial expansion can be found under [Industrial Expansion](#). Other topical records relate to [segregation and the Gressette Committee, 1954-1959](#), and the [textile industry, which is represented by a voluminous file chiefly regarding imports, 1961](#).

Over one hundred audio recordings document speaking appearances, press conferences, political advertisements, and other events related to Hollings as Governor. These are located in the [Audiovisual Series](#) at SCPC.

**Digitized Materials**

Eleven speeches from Hollings' years as Lt. Governor and Governor, including his 1959 Gubernatorial Inaugural Address and 1963 historic final speech to the General Assembly, and a letter from Governor Hollings to Senator John F. Kennedy in August of 1960 about the U.S. textile industry and Kennedy's response two days later, are all available online in "[Fritz Hollings: In His Own Words](#)," a collection of writings, photographs, audio files, and speeches. The cover of one of these speeches, an address to the South Carolina Education Association in 1959, is shown here.
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   Byrnes, James F.
   Johnston, Olin D.
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Police Insurance and Annuity Fund
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