



Rockefeller (Nelson A.) Gubernatorial records, James Cannon, Series 7

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Biographical/Historical note

Nelson A. Rockefeller served as governor of New York from January 1, 1959, to December 18, 1973. He was the first person elected to four consecutive four-year terms as a state governor.

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Scope and Contents note

NOTE TO RESEARCHERS

This series contains the office files of James Cannon. They document official activities in the execution of his duties as a member of Nelson A. Rockefeller's staff. The actions, decisions, and exchanges of information or points of view documented here occurred in the course of proposing and implementing policies for the Rockefeller administration, political campaigns, and/or Rockefeller's personal activities. However, unless a document is specifically addressed to or from Rockefeller, or is referred to in a document addressed to him, it should not be assumed he saw the document or was aware of its existence or substance. Furthermore, researchers should bear in mind that staff files may contain documents or drafts addressed to Rockefeller that were never shown to him.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This series contains a portion of the files of James Cannon. They were created primarily during Cannon's tenure as an executive assistant to Governor Nelson Rockefeller. Cannon worked in the New York State Washington Office in the early 1970s and reported on fiscal and revenue sharing matters in the U.S. Congress. In 1969, Cannon was part of the Governor's staff on the Presidential Mission to Latin America.

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Arrangement note

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Scope and Contents note

This subseries primarily concerns Cannon's tenure in Washington, DC, where he attended to fiscal matters before the U.S. Congress on behalf of Governor Rockefeller. Cannon served as a intermediary representing the interests of the Rockefeller administration to the members of the New York State Congressional Delegation. The chronological files that start the subseries deal with the events and circumstances leading up to the passage of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972. Of note in the subseries is Folder 18, which concerns the General Grant Revenue Act of 1971, proposed by New York Congressmen Hugh Carey and Ed Koch.

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Revenue sharing general files, bound volumes on government finance.

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Latin American Mission, 1968-1972

Physical Description: 13 Document Box(es)

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After several discussions with President Richard Nixon, in 1969 Nelson Rockefeller was appointed to undertake a Presidential Mission to Latin America to consult with the leaders of those republics and determine the needs and conditions there. During the spring and summer of that year, Rockefeller toured 20 Latin American countries. This subseries contains a small sample of the documentation of the mission. Notable in this subseries is correspondence with members of President Nixon's staff, specifically National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger, who monitored the mission from Washington.

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