

**LONG (RUSSELL B.) COLLECTION**

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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	771 l. f.
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Louisiana and Washington, D. C.
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1881-1990
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1938-1986
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	Correspondence, printed material, speeches, photographs, memorabilia, scrapbooks, and video and audio media. The collection includes information about Long family members such as Huey Long, Earl Long, George Shannon Long, and Rose McConnell Long among others. Topics of interest in the collection are U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Projects, tidelands, civil rights, Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), Lt. William L. Calley, Jr., Trial, Panama Canal Treaties, Finance Committee Files, Joint Committee on Taxation Files, Ethics Committee Files, Senate Assistant Majority Leader Files, campaign and political files, Mardi Gras (Washington, D. C.), and the New Orleans World's Fair.
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Russell Billiu Long served in the United States Senate from Louisiana for 38 years. Son of Louisiana governor and senator, Huey Pierce Long, and nephew of three-time Louisiana governor, Earl Kemp Long, Russell Long was elected to the U.S. Senate seven times, retiring from public office in January 1987.

Russell Long was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on November 3, 1918. He was nine years old when his father became governor in 1928 and 17 when his father was assassinated in 1935.

Long began his political career at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, where he was elected president of the freshman class in 1935 and sophomore president the next year. In 1938, as a junior, he won the election for student body president.

After he graduated third in his Law School class in 1942, Long enlisted in the Navy to do his part in the World War II effort. He saw action in the Mediterranean, where he commanded a Landing Craft Tank (LCT) boat. He won four battle stars for his role in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and France and held the rank of lieutenant when he was discharged in December 1945.

Long established a law practice in Baton Rouge in 1945, but his Uncle Earl convinced him to help in his campaign for governor in 1948. When Earl Long won the governorship, Russell joined the administration as executive counsel.

In 1948, Long ran for and won a seat in the U. S. Senate. He served as Democratic whip from 1965 to 1969. During his time in the Senate, he was chairman of the Committee on Finance and the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation and co-chairman of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation. He was instrumental in passing a bill establishing public financing of presidential campaigns, the Tax Reform Act of 1969, the Earned Income Tax Credit, legislation creating Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs) and Senate ratification of the Panama Canal Treaties.

Long married Katherine Mae Hattic in 1939, and they were divorced in 1969. In December 1969, he married Carolyn Bason. Long practiced law in Washington, D.C., and Baton Rouge, La., and was a resident of Washington, D.C., at the time of his death on May 9, 2003.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Russell B. Long Collection is composed of two subgroups—the Long Family Papers Subgroup and the Russell B. Long Papers Subgroup.

Correspondence among family members, newspaper clippings, photographs, speeches, financial documents, writings, and memorabilia covering the period 1912-91 document the lives and activities of Huey Pierce Long, Earl Kemp Long, George Shannon Long, Palmer Reid Long, Rose Lolita Long McFarland, and Rose McConnell Long, as well as Russell B. Long. Most notably missing from the Long Family Papers Subgroup are files from Rose McConnell Long's tenure as a U.S. Senator (1936-37) after her husband's death. Researchers should refer to related manuscript groups for more extensive files on Huey Pierce Long (mss. group #2005) and Earl Kemp Long (mss. group #3126).

Documenting Russell B. Long's career as a U.S. Senator (1948-86) are correspondence, research files, writings, schedules and trip files, subject files, legislative files, agencies' files, voting records, press releases, speeches, photographs, films, video tapes, scrapbooks, special issue files, social events files, and campaign materials. The Russell B. Long Papers Subgroup contains materials on his pre-Senate life, as well as the files of Senate office staff members.

### **NOTES ON ARRANGEMENT**

In 1979, Russell B. Long's (RBL) office filing system was changed to a central files system. Prior to the change, items were filed under these general headings: general legislative files, department and independent agency files, project files, and special issue files. After the change, items were filed under specific subject headings, e.g., energy, environment, public works, taxation, etc.

For each series, oversize materials have been separated from the regular files and placed in the oversize files. Such items are indicated by separation slips within the files.

**LIST OF SUB-GROUPS, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES**

I. Long Family Papers Subgroup

1. Huey Pierce Long Papers Series
  - A. Correspondence
  - B. Speeches
  - C. Financial Documents
  - D. Memorabilia
  - E. Miscellaneous
  - F. Clippings
2. Earl Kemp Long Papers Series
  - A. Correspondence
  - B. Speeches
  - C. Clippings
3. Family Papers Series
  - A. George Shannon Long Papers
  - B. Palmer Reid Long Papers
  - C. Rose Lolita Long McFarland Papers
  - D. Rose McConnell Long Papers

II. Russell B. Long Papers Subgroup

1. Early Years Series
  - A. Personal Correspondence
  - B. Louisiana State University Papers
  - C. Naval Career Papers
  - D. Katherine Hattic Long Correspondence
  - E. Business/Civic Papers
  - F. Memorabilia
  - G. Miscellaneous
2. Executive Counsel to Earl Kemp Long Papers Series
  - A. Earl Kemp Long Campaign Material
  - B. Executive Counsel Correspondence
3. United States Senate Series
  - A. Senate Office Files
    1. Personal Office Files
      - a. Correspondence
      - b. Research Files
      - c. Writings [RESTRICTED]
      - d. Schedules and Calendars
      - e. Telephone Logs
      - f. Invitations Accepted
      - g. Personal Secretaries' Files
      - h. Yellow Cards Indexing System
      - i. Miscellaneous Files
        - (1.) Tom Dodd Controversy Files

- (2.) Judgeship Files
- (3.) Service Academy Files
- 2. Administrative Assistants' Files
- 3. Legislative Directors' Files
- 4. Legislative Assistants' Files
- 5. Legislative Files
  - a. General Legislation Files
  - b. Bills Sponsored and Co-sponsored
  - c. Voting Records
  - d. Joint Letters
- 6. Department and Independent Agency Files
- 7. Louisiana State Affairs Files
- 8. Central Files
- 9. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Projects Files
- 10. Special Issues Files
  - a. Tidelands
  - b. Civil Rights
  - c. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP)
  - d. TV in the Senate
  - e. Lt. William L. Calley, Jr. Trial
  - f. Panama Canal Treaties
- 11. Automated Correspondence Files
- 12. Press Files
  - a. General
  - b. Press Secretary's Files
  - c. Motion Pictures, Audio Tapes, and Videotapes
  - d. Photographs
  - e. Scrapbooks
- B. Senate Committee Files
  - 1. Democratic Steering Committee Files
  - 2. Finance Committee Files
  - 3. Joint Committee on Taxation Files
  - 4. Ethics Committee Files
- C. Senate Assistant Majority Leader Files
- 4. Political Series
  - A. Senate Campaign Files
  - B. Democratic National Party and National Campaign Files
  - C. Louisiana Political Files
- 5. Social Series
  - A. Mardi Gras Files
  - B. Other Social Occasions Files
    - 1. Louisiana State Society Picnic
    - 2. New Orleans World's Fair
  - C. Memorabilia

## **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

I. Long Family Papers Subgroup, 1912-86, n.d. (5.5 linear feet)—Includes correspondence to, from, and regarding members of the Long Family, clippings concerning events in the careers of family members, memorabilia, photographs, and articles. Materials in all series are arranged chronologically unless otherwise indicated.

1. Huey Pierce Long (HPL) Papers Series, 1912-85, n.d. (4 l. f.)
  - A. Correspondence, 1923-85, n.d. (1.5 l. f.)—Includes letters to, from, and about HPL. Many of the letters are from HPL's supporters expressing opinions on his policies or requesting copies of speeches. The correspondence after 1935 consists mostly of requests for information about HPL or expressions of belief in his ideas.
  - B. Speeches, 1928-35 (34 items)—Includes typewritten copies and reprints of HPL's speeches, some from the Congressional Record.
  - C. Financial Documents, 1935-36 (86 items)—Includes bills paid after HPL's death and papers regarding the settlement of his estate.
  - D. Memorabilia, 1912-35 (2 inches)—Includes HPL's transcript from University of Oklahoma Law School, his application to the Louisiana State Bar, a program from his inauguration, and the coroners inquest for Carl Weiss, among other items.
  - E. Miscellaneous, 1932-85 (11 inches)—Includes pamphlets, typescripts, and theses on HPL, as well as typewritten copies of speeches made on the anniversary of his death.
  - F. Clippings, 1923-85, n.d. (5 inches)—Includes clippings of articles regarding HPL's career and his death.
2. Earl Kemp Long (EKL) Papers Series, 1939-62, n. d. (7 Inches)
  - A. Correspondence, 1939-62 (4 inches)—Includes correspondence during EKL's 1939 gubernatorial campaign, his terms as governor, and his hospitalization in 1959. Small amounts of campaign materials and financial papers are interspersed with the accompanying correspondence.
  - B. Speeches, 1941-61 (7 items)—Includes RBL's campaign speech written for EKL, speeches made at the time of EKL's 1959 hospitalization, and a printed copy of Ernest S. Clements' memorial speech about EKL.
  - C. Clippings, 1943-60, n. d. (2 inches)—Includes photocopies of clippings related to EKL's career, extensive clippings from the period of his 1959 hospitalization, and clippings from the time of his death.
3. Family Papers Series, 1935-86, n. d. (1 if.)
  - A. George Shannon Long (GSL) Papers, 1957-60 (6 items)—Consists of copies of bill H.R. 8606 concerning the Civil Service Retirement Act. A short note refers to Jewell Long, GSL's wife, and her pension.
  - B. Palmer Reid Long (PRL) Papers, 1937 (2 items)—Consists of one letter

to brother RBL and one photocopy of a photograph of PRL with his wife in Cuba (original photograph housed in RBL Photograph Series).

- C. Rose Lolita Long McFarland Papers, 1936-38 (56 items)—Includes correspondence regarding wedding plans, guest lists, gift lists, and photocopies of newspaper clippings.
- D. Rose McConnell Long Papers, 1935-86, n. d. (58 items)—Includes specifications for a house; correspondence regarding RMLs acceptance other late husbands Senate seat; expressions of sympathy at HPL's death; photocopies of photographs (originals are housed in RBL Photograph Series); autographed copy of sheet music to *Lovely Louisiana, Land of Romance*, by Castro Carazo; and photocopies of newspaper clippings regarding RMLs acceptance of the Senate seat.

II. Russell B. Long Papers Subgroup, 1912-91 (bulk dates 1948-86) (658 l. f.)—This subgroup consists of five series: Early Years, Executive Counsel to Earl Kemp Long, U.S. Senate, Political, and Social. The largest of these series is the U.S. Senate Series, which contains the working files of RBL's Senate office from 1948-86.

- 1. Early Years Series, 1920-48, n.d. (3 l. f.)—Includes letters, documents, and memorabilia from RBL's life prior to his election to the U.S. Senate in November 1948.
  - A. Personal Correspondence, 1920-48, n. d. (8 inches)—Consists of correspondence between RBL and his friends and family members. Many of these letters are photocopies of originals in the possession of the respective authors.
  - B. Louisiana State University Papers, 1937-42, n. d. (3 inches)—Includes material related to RBL's campaign for president of the LSU Student Body in 1938, photocopies of clippings concerning this election, papers recording RBL's membership in Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, a small diary RBL kept during the period 1937 to 1941, and RBL's notes and papers from LSU Law School.
  - C. Naval Career Papers, 1942-46 (2 inches)—Includes correspondence concerning RBL's naval career, copies of his orders, and certificates from midshipman's school.
  - D. Katherine Hattic Long Correspondence, 1937-44 (1 l. f.)—Photocopies of correspondence between RBL and his first wife, Katherine Hattic Long. Mrs. Long retains the originals.
  - E. Business/Civic Papers, 1941-48, n. d. (1 l. f.)—Consists of papers documenting RBL's business ventures and community activities between 1941 and 1948. The folders are arranged alphabetically by subject. Subjects include Amvets, Baton Rouge Country Club, Baton Rouge Junior Chamber of Commerce, Inter-Civic Club Council, Palm Air Products, Inc., and others.
  - F. Memorabilia, 1930-43, n. d. (20 items)—Includes a small undated pad of notes for speeches, several of RBL's report cards from Alcee Fortier High School, a joke book, and sheet music.

- G. Miscellaneous, n.d. (24 items)—Includes a rough sketch of a lakefront lot, copies of various poems and songs, fragments of academic papers, and cartoons.
2. Executive Counsel to Earl Kemp Long Papers Series, 1947-48 (1 l. f.)—Includes EKL campaign material and speeches made by RBL during EKL's campaign for governor of Louisiana in 1947 and 1948, as well as constituent correspondence and letters to and from those involved in EKL's campaign. The papers are divided into the two following subseries:
- A. Earl Kemp Long Campaign Material, 1947-48
  - B. Executive Counsel Correspondence, 1948
3. United States Senate Series, 1948-91 (bulk dates 1949-86) (618.5 l. f.)
- A. Senate Office Files, 1948-91 (bulk dates 1949-86) (608 l. f.)—Consists of all office files from RBL's senate office. RBL retired from the Senate in 1986. Personal files of the Senator are separate from the working files of office units such as legislative, press, administrative assistants' files, legislative assistants' files, and Senate committee files. Unless otherwise noted, all materials are filed chronologically within their subseries.
    - 1. Personal Office Files, 1948-91 (35 l. f.)
      - a. Correspondence, 1948-91 (9 l. f.)—Included are some constituent mail, correspondence from colleagues on various political issues, and personal mail from colleagues. The letters are filed alphabetically by last name of the author and then chronologically by year. VIP letters pertain to legislative issues and RBL's views concerning issues. VIP letters have been photocopied and originals placed in the vault. This series includes Christmas cards and thank-you letters. Includes some post-Senate materials.
      - b. Research Files, 1959-79 (5 l. f.)—The staff kept background files on various topics of importance to RBL. These include such issues as rice, railroads, taxation, and windfall profits. These files—arranged alphabetically by subject—were used for research on the topics at various times.
      - c. Writings, 1978-82, n. d. (1 l. f.) [RESTRICTED]—Because of the sensitive nature of many items, this series is restricted. The series consists of notes, mostly handwritten by RBL. Some appear to be drafts of personal letters, while others appear to be notes for speeches. A few photocopies are included, but most items are originals. A few of the items are addressed "Dear Mr. P" and discuss such issues as welfare reform, economics, and the energy crisis. These may have been

- intended for the President of the United States or the President of the United States Senate. Other draft letters, addressed to family members, give advice and discuss RBL's beliefs in marriage and religion. Some discuss HPLs and RBL's decision to enter politics.
- d. Schedules and Calendars, 1956-86 (5 l. f.)-Includes daily schedules, monthly schedules of meetings, trip schedules, daily logs, and yearly calendars for RBL.
  - e. Telephone Logs, 1959-81 (3 l.f.)-Each staff member kept a "Weekly Report to Senator Long" listing the name of the party telephoning, who they represented, what topic was discussed, date, time, and staff members' names. RBL and administrative staff reviewed these to stay informed about constituents' concerns.
  - f. Invitations Accepted, 1948-86 (4 l. f.)-During his 38 years in office, Senator Long accepted numerous invitations to official and non-official functions. His attendance at these functions is reflected in his schedules and calendars; therefore, the invitations files were randomly sampled for each year. The retained invitations are arranged chronologically. Non-accepted invitations were disposed of in Washington according to the office records management plan.
  - g. Personal Secretaries' Files, 1949-86 (3 l. f.)-Includes correspondence to and from constituents and agency personnel to RBL's personal secretaries; memos to RBL and notes from RBL; general files include copies of speeches and drafts of speeches (1966-70), press releases, daily agendas, appointments and schedules, and telephone messages. Also includes file heading lists and mail analysis for 1976-86 and a list of former staff members, 1945-86.
  - h. Yellow Cards Indexing System, 1950-81 (2 inches)- Personal correspondence card file gives date of letters or notes sent by RBL and summary of what was said; includes names and addresses. These were used until RBL's personal correspondence file was automated in 1981.
  - i. Miscellaneous Files, 1949-87 (5 l. f.)
    - (1.) Tom Dodd Controversy Files, 1966-67 (2 l. f.)- In 1967, Senator Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut was investigated by the Senate Select Committee on Standards and Conduct. RBL was a proponent of Dodd's innocence. Files include legal briefs, bills and resolutions, research materials, press releases, speeches,

- memos, newsletters, drafts of newsletters, and correspondence.
- (2.) Judgeship Files, 1949-87 (2 l. f.)—Letters of nomination written by RBL for federal judgeships; requests for letters of recommendation; and background files.
  - (3.) Service Academy Files, 1981-82 (1 l. f.)—Requests from Louisiana students seeking RBL's nomination and recommendation for appointment at service academies; includes student files, letters of nomination, references, and some correspondence with academies; filed by name of student. Service academy files were filed with Legislative files through 1982. After 1982, they were interfiled in the Central Files.
2. Administrative Assistants' Files, 1949-86 (5 l. f.)—In RBL's office, the Administrative Assistant was the chief operating officer and manager who worked very closely with RBL on all activities. Included are memos to and from RBL; notes from RBL; VIP correspondence (including copies of transition letters from RBL to President Jimmy Carter, 1976, and President Ronald Reagan, 1980); memos to and from staff; research notes; office policy files; committee activity files; calendars and agendas for various meetings; mark-up committee files; and personal journals of the Administrative Assistant.
  3. Legislative Directors' Files, 1982-86 (8 l. f.)—In 1982, the position of Legislative Director was established in RBL's office. These files, representing the activities of the Legislative Director, include research files; bills and amendments; correspondence with constituents, VIPs and agencies; notes; subject files; and committee files. Subjects include budget, Commerce Committee, Superfund, TV in the Senate, and Transportation.
  4. Legislative Assistants' Files, 1960-82 (8 l. f.)—Most legislative assistants' files are in the Legislative Series or the General Files; however, some assistants kept extensive files of their own that are included in this series. Files include reference materials, speech drafts, press releases, bills, correspondence to and from RBL, and some Finance Committee files. Each assistant's files are grouped under the individual's name and filed alphabetically by subject. Each folder is labeled with the initials of the Legislative Assistant. An office personnel list is available in the repository. Tax bill mark-up conference files for 1984 are restricted until 1999.
  5. Legislative Files, 1949-86 (151 l. f.)
    - a. General Legislation Files, 1949-78 (137 l. f.)—These

files contain correspondence from constituents expressing their opinions about various bills and amendments and RBL's response to them; letters and notes from colleagues in the House and Senate seeking support or thanking RBL for support for certain bills, resolutions, and amendments; letters and telegrams from lobbyists, agencies, organizations, and businesses; copies of research and background information from constituents, colleagues, agencies, organizations, businesses, and lobbyists; copies of bills, amendments, resolutions and pages of the Congressional Record; includes some handwritten notes from RBL and staff members. These files are arranged chronologically by year and then alphabetically within years. See Guide to General Legislative Files by Subject, available in the repository. [After 1978, the office developed a system of Central Files. General Legislative Files for 1979-86 will be found in the Central Files.]

- b. Bills Sponsored and Co-sponsored, 1949-86(16l.f.)— Includes drafts of bills, printed copies of bills, pages from the Congressional Record, requests from colleagues to co-sponsor or support their bills, invitations from RBL to colleagues to co-sponsor his bills, and status sheets on bills. These files are arranged chronologically by Congress and numerically by bill number. At the end of each Congress is a "Legislative Activities" report for RBL prepared by the Senate Computer Center, Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and the Committee on Rules and Administration. This report contains a subject cross-reference to bills sponsored and co-sponsored by RBL and notes by his staff.
  - c. Voting Records, 1953-86 (12 l. f.)—Indicate how RBL voted on each bill that came before the Senate. Included are copies of bills, pages from the Congressional Record, printed vote tally lists, status sheets on bills, and notes by staff. These are arranged by Congress and then numerically by bill number. At the end of each Congress is a "Legislative Activities" report for RBL that gives a subject cross reference to bills sponsored and co-sponsored by RBL. Included are multi-year issue indexes to Senate votes and reference materials.
  - d. Joint Letters, 1965-75, 1983 (1 l. f.)—Letters in support of legislation signed by several senators.
6. Department and Independent Agency Files, 1949-75 (86 l. f.)— These files—chronological, then alphabetical, by name of agency—consist of requests from Louisiana constituents for

RBL's assistance in their interactions with federal agencies. Files include correspondence, clippings, agency reports, bills, transcripts of hearings, and oversight and background information. After 1978, these files are included in the Central Files.

7. Louisiana State Affairs Files, 1949-78 (49 l. f.)—Includes correspondence with state agencies on behalf of constituents; with organizations in Louisiana such as chambers of commerce regarding issues, invitations, and projects; constituents' correspondence concerning problems with state agencies and companies; general requests from constituents; and clippings. Files are mostly from state offices in Baton Rouge. The filing system is mixed alphabetical and chronological. See the box list available in the repository.
8. Central Files, 1979-86 (128 l. f.)—In 1979, the office filing system was changed to a central files system. For 1949-78, items that had previously been filed under separate subject headings—Legislative Files, Department and Independent Agency Files, Project Files, Louisiana State Affairs Files, and some Special Issue Files from 1949-78—were centralized in 1979. All files were thereafter alphabetically interfiled for these areas under subject headings. See subject headings in Central Files list available in the repository.
9. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Projects Files, 1949-79 (20 l. f.)—Files contain correspondence from constituents, agencies, lobbyists, and VIPs; statements from the Corps and other agencies; Corps studies and project background information; site plans and construction drawings; legislation; clippings; and resolutions. There is an alphabetical file by name of project, a general file that is chronological, and a "Parishes A-W file.
10. Special Issues Files, 1941-86 (17 l. f.)
  - a. Tidelands, 1947-75 (5 l. f.)—Alphabetical by topic, includes correspondence with constituents regarding tidelands in Louisiana; agency reports and correspondence; Senate hearings; transcripts of testimony; reprints of bills and laws; legislative histories; legislative research materials; and staff working files.
  - b. Civil Rights, 1941-71 (5 l. f.)—Includes speeches, committee reports, press releases, research files, copies of bills, newspaper clippings, pages from the Congressional Record, and correspondence. Subjects include voting rights. Civil Rights bills, crime and violence, school integration, court decisions in Louisiana, and Senate Cloture.
  - c. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), 1965-78 (5 l. f.)—RBL was a proponent of ESOP. These files

- include correspondence with agencies, constituents, VIPs, and lobbyists; research and background files; bills; and files on Banger & Co. and Louis O. Kelso, ESOP consultants.
- d. TV in the Senate, 1960-86 (1.5 l. f.)—RBL was opposed to TV in the Senate. Files include speeches, background files, and correspondence.
  - e. Lt. William L. Calley, Jr. Trial, 1971 (3 inches)—These files include constituent correspondence and constituent petitions in support of and in opposition to the verdict at Calley's trial.
  - f. Panama Canal Treaties, 1978 (1 inch)—Constituent correspondence in support of and in opposition to the treaties.
11. Automated Correspondence Files, 1979-86 (23 l. f.)—RBL's office used a number of different automation systems to handle constituent correspondence and issue mail. Early systems were decentralized, but in 1982 the office began to use the centralized Correspondence Management System (CMS) of the Senate Computer Center. This automated system provided a method for creating many similar, but individualized letters by using approved paragraphs or letters of text merged with constituent names and addresses. Information available from the system includes the name and address of the constituent, the aide responsible for answering the letter, at least three subject terms about the letter, a paragraph item number, the date of correspondence, and brief comments about the letter. This series contains the following paper reports issued by the CMS for RBL's office—Abstract Report by Topic, Abstract Report by Item, Frequency of Items Record, Frequency of Items Report, Topic Breakdown Report, Weekly History Report, and Library Item Encyclopedia. The magnetic tapes of RBL's files are also available. According to RBL's Office Records Management Plan, constituent letters, mail dealing with issues, postcards, telegrams, and letters answered by CMS were discarded in Washington after the Central Files system was established in 1979. In order to research such materials, the CMS records must be used. Previous to CMS, the office used decentralized automated systems that performed essentially the same function on a lesser scale than CMS. Pre-1979, the system was called "Flexos"; from 1979-82, a mag card System 6 that produced "robos" was used; CMS was used from 1982 until the office closed in 1986. A new decentralized automated system was added in 1982. This was the Honeywell Office Automation Systems (OAS). The records kept for all the decentralized systems are similar and include the library of form letters and/or

paragraphs, including those that are outdated, indexing terms, reports, and codes. There are no electronic records for these systems.

12. Press Files, 1912-90 (bulk dates 1949-86) (85 l. f.)
  - a. General, 1948-90, n. d. (37 l. f.)—Contains transcripts of press conferences and radio spots; copies of articles, speeches, interviews, and press releases; correspondence with magazines, television stations, and radio stations regarding RBL's interviews and appearances; constituent correspondence regarding public statements and appearances. Many files contain a chronological file of press releases, with relevant copies of Senate bills, committee prints, etc. Press release folders occasionally contain copies of speeches made by Long on the same topic and at the same time. Speech files may contain a copy of "remarks prepared" for the speech, a transcript of the actual speech, and background materials such as an outline of topics, texts of related speeches, schedules, lists of participants, and "suggested jokes."
  - b. Press Secretary's Files, 1982-84 (1.5 l. f.)—Contains only photocopies of newspaper clippings reading files.
  - c. Motion Pictures, Audio Tapes, and Video Tapes, 1949-86 (34 l. f.)—Throughout his Senate career, RBL was filmed and taped numerous times during press conferences, radio broadcasts to Louisiana constituents, on TV programs, and at special functions. Topics included the major legislation and committee activities of RBL, and Louisiana projects and problems. See inventory in the repository. Some items may be restricted because of physical condition.
  - d. Photographs, 1912-90 (14 l. f.)—Most items in this file are photographs taken by Senate photographers or taken in the Senate and at Senate functions. These files contain photographs from RBL's childhood, college days, and Senate career. Also included are photographs of family members, constituents, office staff, colleagues, and events. A subject, date, and name index has been prepared for the photograph file and is available in the repository.
  - e. Scrapbooks, 1947-65 (1 l. f.)—In addition to clippings, a series of scrapbooks were kept by the Senator's office for a number of years. Due to their poor condition, all the scrapbooks were microfilmed by the Senate Microfilming Department. Newspaper clippings about RBL and clippings and magazine articles about RBL's family are included. Two scrapbooks were retained.

- B. Senate Committee Files, 1957-86 (10 l. f.)—The official records of Senate Committees are housed in the Legislative Records Center of the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C. In addition to the following committee files, other committee files can be found in the files of the Legislative Assistants, the Administrative Assistants, and the Legislative Directors.
1. Democratic Steering Committee Files, 1968-82 (1 inch)—The Senate Democratic Steering Committee was responsible for making appointments of Senators to various committees. These files include correspondence regarding committee preferences, lists of possible members, and final committee assignments.
  2. Finance Committee Files, 1957-86 (2 l. f.)—RBL served on the Senate Finance Committee from 1953 to 1986. Included are statements to the Finance Committee, background files, correspondence, staff memos, information sheets, agendas and calendars, reports, and subject files. Subject files include revenue sharing, 1980; the Windfall Profits Conference, 1980; social security, 1982-83; Conrail, 1985; budget reconciliation, 1985-86; and the Tax Reform Transition Rule, 1986.
  3. Joint Committee on Taxation Files, 1973-86 (7 l. f.)—These files deal mainly with tax reform and include mark-up files. Included are memos, correspondence with committee members and other Representatives and Senators, bills and resolutions, research files, and reports.
  4. Ethics Committee Files, 1976-82 (2 inches)—Committee reports, bills and resolutions, background and research files, memos and correspondence.
- C. Senate Assistant Majority Leader Files, 1964-71 (2 inches)—In 1964, RBL was elected by his colleagues to serve as Senate Assistant Majority Leader (Senate Whip). Files include correspondence of support for RBL, correspondence from RBL soliciting support from other Senators, congratulatory letters, and agendas. One series of correspondence from RBL denies the 1968 rumor that he resigned as Assistant Majority Leader.
4. Political Series, 1947-88 (20.5 l. f.)
- A. Senate Campaign Files, 1948-81 (10 l. f.)—Includes correspondence to and from constituents, newsletters, clippings, speeches, biographical information, interview transcripts, transcripts of commercials, and tabular reports on Louisiana voters.
  - B. Democratic National Party and National Campaign Files, 1956-80 (6.5 l. f.)—Includes Democratic and Republican platforms, background information, speeches, articles, convention files, voting records of candidates for President, and correspondence.
  - C. Louisiana Political Files, 1947-88 (4 l. f.)—Included are files dealing with political activities in Louisiana, governors' races, and

constitutional conventions. General political files contain letters from constituents and Louisiana organizations expressing their opinions about political activities in the state and nation including elections, legislation, and national and state conventions. Files regarding the Senator's activities with gubernatorial races in Louisiana—such as Hale Boggs's 1951 campaign and Gillis Long's 1963 and 1972 campaigns—are also included.

5. Social Series, 1949-86 (14.5 l. f.)

- A. Mardi Gras Files, 1955-86 (7 l. f.)—Each year the Louisiana delegation hosts a Mardi Gras celebration in Washington, D.C. RBL's office handled the arrangements during these years. Included are correspondence, lists of attendees and members of the Krewe of Louisianians, programs, financial records, reservations, and information on arrangements. RBL's actual Mardi Gras costume is included in this series.
- B. Other Social Occasions Files, 1963-84 (1.2 l. f.)
  - 1. Louisiana State Society Picnic, 1963-69 (2 inches)—These yearly picnics, held in Washington, D.C., were fund-raising events for RBL. Included are invitations, lists of attendees, and correspondence.
  - 2. New Orleans World's Fair, 1974-84 (1 l. f.)—In 1984, a World's Fair was held in New Orleans after 10 years of planning. These files include planning documents, economic studies, correspondence with constituents and company representatives, calendars of events, and publications from the Fair.
- C. Memorabilia, 1949-86 (6 l. f.)—During his career, RBL was given hundreds of gifts of plaques, certificates, citations, and other items from organizations he spoke to and from political supporters. A representative sample of these items is included in the collection.