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Ball, George

MATERIAL AT THE LBJ LIBRARY PERTAINING TO **GEORGE BALL**

INTRODUCTION

This list includes the principal files in the Johnson Library that contain material relating to George Ball. It is not definitive, however, and researchers should consult with the Library's archivists about other potentially useful files. The guide includes those collections that have been opened for research in part or in whole, and those collections that are currently unprocessed or unavailable.

Material by and about George Ball is located in many other files, especially those dealing with issues in which Ball was actively involved, such as NATO and the Vietnam War. For suggestions of files to consult, see the "List of Materials Available for Research on the Vietnam War" and the "List of Suggested Materials on Western Europe and NATO in the National Security File and the Oral History Collection." Similar lists are available on other subjects

WHITE HOUSE CENTRAL FILES NAME FILE

This file serves as a name index to the Subject File. Name Files, in general, contain copies of the first page of documents (used as cross references) filed in the Subject Files. Request files by name of individual or organization. There is a card file in the Reading Room card catalogue indicating those Name Files that are already available for research.

Name	<u>Box #</u>
"Ball, G."	

WHITE HOUSE CENTRAL FILES CONFIDENTIAL FILE

Arranged in the same subject categories as the WHCF Subject File, this file contains security classified or otherwise sensitive material. The CF Name File serves as a name index to the CF Subject File. This collection also includes agency reports and oversize attachments. The CF is entirely processed, but portions are still classified.

Name	<u>Box #</u>
"Baker"	143

LBJ POST-PRESIDENTIAL SUBJECT AND NAME FILES

Researchers may request review of individual folders.

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OFFICE FILES OF JOHN MACY

John Macy was the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission. As a "talent scout" he maintained a file on all persons considered for appointments. These folders are reviewed on written request. A card file is maintained in the Reading Room for those name files currently available. Researchers should anticipate a delay in receiving this material.

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NATIONAL SECURITY FILE

This file was the working file of President Johnson's special assistants for national security affairs, McGeorge Bundy and Walt W. Rostow. Documents in the file originated in the offices of Bundy and Rostow and their staffs, in the various executive departments and agencies, especially those having to do with foreign affairs and national defense, and in diplomatic and military posts around the world. More than one-half of the National Security File has been processed. Consult the finding aid in the Reading Room or borrow a lending copy by writing to the Supervisory Archivist, LBJ Library, 2313 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78705. Those folders whose titles are preceded by an asterisk "*" or a date have been processed and their contents declassified in whole or in part. Lists of classified documents have been placed in those folders, and you may request mandatory review of individual documents that have not yet been declassified in full. Those folders not preceded by an "*" or a date are possibly unprocessed and are not subject to mandatory declassification review. Consult with a member of the staff on the processing schedule.

NSF, Country File, Vietnam	<u>Box #</u>
Volume XXXV, Memos C, D	19
Volume XXXVII, Memos A, (includes Ball memos to President on Vietnam, June and July 1965)	20
Southeast Asia, Volume II, Memos A (Includes Material re: Ball's conversations with de Gaulle, June 1964	53
6AA – High Level Comments re: Bomb Pauses (includes Ball memo to President on January 20, 1966	94
7B – Legality Considerations (includes March 8, 1966, Ball memo re: legality of U.S. actions in Vietnam)	97
Political Track Papers (includes Ball memo to President of April 21, 1965	213
Report by George Ball: Validity of Assumptions Underlying Vietnam Policies (includes Ball memo to President of October 5, 1964, with cover memos)	222
NSF, NSC Histories	
Deployment of Major U.S. Forces to Vietnam, July, 1965	40-43
This Compilation of key documents on the decision in 1965 to escalate the Vietnam War was prepared in 1968 by Bromley K. Smith, Executive Secretary of the National Security Council. The documents are dated from December 1964 through August 1965. Many Ball items	

are included. The first folder in box 40 contains an annotated list of all the documents in the NSC History.

NSF, Memos to the President	1-11
This chronologically arranged series consists of memoranda (with attachments) to the President from his national security advisers, McGeorge Bundy (11/63 – 2/66) and Walt W. Rostow (4/66 – 1/69). Material pertaining to Ball is scattered throughout the folders for 1964-66. Bundy's file, located in Boxes 1-6, has been processed and a fair amount of the Material – including most of the material on Vietnam—has been declassified. Boxes 7-10 of Rostow's file. Which cover the period from April 1966 to September 1966, when Ball resigned from the State Department, have been processed, and most of the material has been declassified	
NSF, Files of McGeorge Bundy	
"B" (includes George Ball speech drafts on nuclear weapons)	15
* Notes of White House meetings attended by George Ball (1964-66). For dates and times of Presidential meetings attended by Ball, see the Diary Cards for George Ball in the Reading Room.	18-19
NSF, NSC Meetings File	
1963 - 1968	1-2
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MEETING NOTES FILE

This collection contains notes of 160 White House meetings, in addition to briefing papers and other material for another 20 meetings. The folders below contain material on Latin America; other folders with more general titles may have information on Latin America. See the Special Files finding aid for a folder title list.

	<u>Box #</u>
Meeting Notes (1963-68)	1-3

TOM JOHNSON'S NOTES OF MEETINGS

This collection includes notes for close to 120 meetings that President Johnson held with his senior civilian and military foreign policy advisers during 1967 and 1968, including 45 Tuesday luncheons. W. Thomas Johnson, who took the notes, has retained his copyright in these notes, but they are open for research.

In addition, the collection includes notes for more than 80 meetings that President Johnson held with House and Senate leaders, correspondents, his Cabinet, the National Security Council, businessmen, and other groups. These notes are not copyrighted.

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Mostly 1967-1968	1-4

APPOINTMENT FILES

The Diary Cards in the Reading Room provide an alphabetically arranged name index to the President's appointments. Once the date of an appointment has been determined, check the "Diaries and Logs" finding aid for the number of the appropriate boxes in both the Daily Diary and the President's Appointment File [Diary Backup].

The Daily Diary is a log sheet of appointments and phone calls maintained by the White House secretaries. It has been digitized and is available on the LBJ Library web site.

The Diary Backup contains preparation material, press releases, and schedules for meetings and appointments, as well as some reports and notes from the meeting.

OFFICE FILES OF THE WHITE HOUSE AIDES

Many White House aides maintained office files of their own, separate physically from the rest of the White House Central Files. The files of each aide reflect his or her responsibilities. This list is not definitive, but it does include most pertinent folders in the Aides files. If a folder is not open for research, it will be processed upon request. Researchers should anticipate a delay in receiving this material.

(The term "WHCF Box #" below refers to the White House Central Files Storage Numbers assigned to boxes of material that were sent to White House Central Files in the 1960s. Following the Johnson Administration, the material was put under the jurisdiction of the National Archives and Records Administration and transferred to the LBJ Library, where it was re-boxed and assigned a "NLJ Box #". Please use the NLJ Box # when requesting or referring to a box.)

	<u>NLJ Box #</u>
Busby, Horace	
Memos for Secretary Ball, 1965	17
McPherson, Harry	
Ball, George – Swearing in (6/21/68)	54

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORIES

At the end of the Johnson Administration, each agency and department prepared a history of its activities and accomplishments during the Johnson years. See the finding aid for a table of contents of the various administrative histories.

	<u>Box #</u>
Department of the State: Volume I, Chapters 1-13	1-4
Substantial portions of this lengthy narrative history of State's activities during the Johnson presidency, prepared by State at the request of the White House in 1968, have been declassified. See either Chapter 1 or the Administrative Histories finding aid in the Reading Room for an outline of Volume 1.	

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT FILE

Consists mainly of folders on individual Cabinet officials and aides, associates, and friends. Access to these files was strictly controlled by the President, and materials he deemed sensitive were files here.

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Jack Valenti – Notes taken at Various Meetings during 1965 and 1966 12
 Transcripts of the handwritten Vietnam meeting notes in this file
 can be found in the Meeting Notes File.

PERSONAL PAPERS

The collection of papers from individuals or organizations came to the Library separate from President Johnson's papers. See the finding aid for information concerning the availability of individual collections.

Name	<u>Box #</u>
Ball, George	1 – 7
Bundy, McGeorge (1964 – 1966)	1 – 2

ORAL HISTORIES

Transcripts of some oral history interviews are available on the LBJ Library web site and many more are on the University of Virginia's Miller Center web site (<http://millercenter.org/scripps/archive/>). You may get lending copies of others by writing the Inerlibrary Loan Archivist, Lyndon B. Johnson Library, 2313 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78705. . A complete list of oral histories is available on the LBJ Library web site.

<u>Name of Interviewee(s)</u>	<u>Accession Number and Interview #</u> <u>(if known)</u>
Ball, George	
Rusk, Dean	

RECORDINGS AND TRANSCRIPTS OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

The collection includes over 6,000 recordings of President Johnson's telephone conversations with members of Congress, other public officials, foreign leaders, members of the press, friends and family, including conversations with or about George Ball. A detailed finding aid, including descriptions of individual conversations, is available on the Johnson Library web site. The recordings are available at the University of Virginia's Miller Center web site (<http://millercenter.org/scripps/archive/>).