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## FOREWORD

To analyze and describe the permanently valuable records of the Federal Government preserved in the National Archives Building is one of the main tasks of the National Archives. Various kinds of finding aids are needed to facilitate the use of these records, and the first step in the records-description program is the compilation of preliminary inventories of the material in the 270-odd record groups to which the holdings of the National Archives are allocated.

These inventories are called "preliminary" because they are provisional in character. They are prepared as soon as possible after the records are received without waiting to screen out all disposable material or to perfect the arrangement of the records. They are compiled primarily for internal use, both as finding aids to help the staff render efficient reference service and as a means of establishing administrative control over the records.

Each preliminary inventory contains an introduction that briefly states the history and functions of the agency that accumulated the records. The records themselves are described series by series, that is, by units of records of the same form or that deal with the same subject or activity or that are arranged serially. Other significant information about the records may sometimes be given in appendixes.

When the record group has been studied sufficiently and the records have been placed in final order, the preliminary inventories will be revised and the word "preliminary" dropped from the title of the revision. Meanwhile, as occasion demands and time permits, special reports, indexes, calendars, and other finding aids to the record group will be prepared.

Several finding aids that give an overall picture of materials in the National Archives have been published. A comprehensive Guide to the Records in the National Archives (1948) and a brief guide, Your Government's Records in the National Archives (revised 1950), have been issued. Forty-three Reference Information Papers, which analyze records in the National Archives on such subjects as transportation, small business, and India, have so far been published. Records of World War I have been described in the Handbook of Federal World War Agencies and Their Records, 1917-1921, and those of World War II in the two-volume guide, Federal Records of World War II (1950-51). Many bodies of records of high research value have been edited by the National Archives and reproduced on microfilm as a form of publication. Positive prints of some 4,700 rolls of this microfilm, described in the List of National Archives Microfilm Publications (1953), are now available for purchase.

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## INTRODUCTION

The Select Committee to Investigate the Disposition of Surplus Property was created by House Resolution 385, 79th Congress, adopted by the House of Representatives on May 9, 1946. The resolution, which was submitted on October 29, 1945, by Representative Roger C. Slaughter, of Missouri, provided in part as follows:

Resolved, That there is hereby created a select committee to be composed of five Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker, one of whom he shall designate as chairman. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

It shall be the duty of the committee to make a full and complete study and investigation of the operation of the program for the sale, leasing, or other disposition of surplus property, including plants, or other real estate, materials, munitions, vehicles, aircraft, vessels, camps and cantonments, together with all other articles and facilities acquired by the Government of the United States, through its various departments, establishments, and agencies, in connection with the national defense and the war effort.

Such study shall embrace--

- (a) The types and terms of contracts which are being entered into by and between the United States and purchasers and lessees of surplus real and personal property;
- (b) The methods by which such contracts of sale or rental are awarded and purchasers and lessees selected;
- (c) The opportunity which is being afforded States and municipalities, veterans, individuals, and small business concerns to bid on and to acquire such surplus real and personal property;
- (d) The effect of such program of disposition with respect to labor and the stimulation and encouragement of employment;
- (e) The disposition of such surplus property outside the continental United States, whether in territories and possessions of the United States or in foreign countries, with particular reference to the effect of the disposition of such property upon the domestic economy and the foreign trade of the United States;
- (f) The advisability of Government operation of plants, installations, facilities, and pieces of equipment in those instances where the same cannot be sold or leased to private business;
- (g) The effect of competition on the part of the Government with private business by reason of the operation or proposed operation of plants, factories, and other facilities owned by the Government;
- (h) The adequacy or inadequacy of present statutes under which the policy of surplus-property disposition is being formulated and carried out; and
- (i) Such other matters connected with the disposal of surplus property as the committee deems appropriate.

House Report 2738, 79th Congress, 2d session, describes as follows the circumstances leading to the creation of the select committee:

By May of 1946, it had become apparent that the whole program of surplus property disposition had bogged down. The system of priorities was confused, merchandise was unobtainable, information as to the location of various critical items of surplus property was not available. There were charges in the press and elsewhere that certain favored individuals acting as brokers were able to secure surplus property while veterans and other priority holders were unable to have their certificates honored. Consequently, it was determined that the adoption of this resolution which had been introduced in October 1945 should be pressed, and when the resolution was called on the floor it was passed by a voice vote with little opposition, on the 9th day of May 1946.

On May 23, 1946, the Speaker of the House appointed Representatives Roger C. Slaughter, of Missouri (chairman); Clifford Davis, of Tennessee; John J. Rooney, of New York; Ross Rizley, of Oklahoma; and Charles R. Robertson, of North Dakota, as members of the committee. Shortly thereafter, Hugh D. Wise, Jr., was appointed to serve the select committee as general counsel, and Kathryn E. Smith was appointed to be its chief clerk.

The Select Committee to Investigate the Disposition of Surplus Property was the first committee of either the House or the Senate whose sole task was the investigation of the operation of the program for the sale, lease, or other disposition of the vast holdings of property which had been acquired by the Federal Government in connection with the national defense and war effort and which had become disposable as surplus property. When the select committee began its work, 14 other committees of the Senate or House of Representatives had already, as part of their activities, made inquiries into some phases of the operation of this program. Among these committees was the contemporary Surplus Property Subcommittee of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, which had initiated its inquiry in June 1945, under the authority of Senate Resolution 129, 79th Congress, and had continued it for the duration of the 79th Congress.

The Select Committee to Investigate the Disposition of Surplus Property decided to concentrate its efforts on an investigation of the organization, policies, and procedures of the Federal agency primarily responsible for the administration of the program--the War Assets Administration. In the course of its inquiry, however, the select committee looked into the operations of other Federal agencies which had a direct relationship to surplus property disposal activities. Though it was not the policy of the select committee to investigate individual transactions in the field of surplus property disposal, it made exceptions in several instances which, the committee believed, exemplified important policies governing the surplus property disposal program or disclosed significant administrative shortcomings in its operation.

The select committee and subcommittees thereof conducted intermittent public hearings from July 12, 1946, to December 19, 1946, in Washington, D. C., Atlanta, Ga., Kansas City, Mo., Brooklyn, N. Y., St. Louis, Mo., and Los Angeles. Upwards of 300 witnesses furnished testimony for the select committee's record, which amounted to approximately 6,500 pages of printed testimony; and 445 exhibits were received in evidence. During the course of its investigation, the committee received letters from private persons and business organizations expressing dissatisfaction with the operations of the War Assets Administration. The committee referred many of these communications to the agency for administrative corrective action or for explanation. The select committee submitted to the House of Representatives three reports covering its findings and making recommendations derived from its investigation; House Report 2730, 79th Congress, 2d session; House Report 2733, 79th Congress, 2d session; and House Report 2738, 79th Congress, 2d session. With the filing of its final report with the Clerk of the House on December 31, 1946, the activities of the Select Committee to Investigate the Disposition of Surplus Property came to an end.

At the beginning of the 80th Congress, it was felt that a House committee should continue the work of the select committee; and in conformity with the spirit of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, it was decided that the work should be done by a subcommittee of a standing committee. Accordingly, under the provisions of rule XI (1) (h), Rules of the House of Representatives, as implemented by House Resolutions 90 and 100, 80th Congress, the chairman of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments appointed a Surplus Property Subcommittee in January 1947. The subcommittee was made up of Representatives Ross Rizley, of Oklahoma (chairman); Mitchell Jenkins, of Pennsylvania; Chet Holifield, of California; and W. J. Bryan Dorn, of South Carolina. Representative Ralph Harvey, of Indiana, subsequently succeeded Representative Mitchell Jenkins on the subcommittee. The subcommittee retained the services of Hugh D. Wise, Jr., and most of the other staff members of the select committee. Mr. Wise served as general counsel to the subcommittee until June 30, 1947, when he resigned. He was succeeded by Edmond J. Donohue, Jr.

Shortly after the House Surplus Property Subcommittee was appointed, the Senate agreed to Senate Resolution 75, 80th Congress, authorizing the continuation of the investigation by a Senate committee of the surplus property disposal program initiated in the 79th Congress by the Surplus Property Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. Pursuant to the resolution, a Surplus Property Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Expenditures in Executive Departments was appointed and conducted during the 80th Congress a parallel investigation of the surplus property disposal program. The records of these two Senate committees are in the National Archives and have been described in Preliminary Inventory No. 59.

Like the select committee, the House Surplus Property Subcommittee concentrated its attention on broad policies and administrative matters affecting the disposal of surplus property; it concerned itself with individual transactions of surplus property disposal only when they exemplified broad policies or reflected administrative defects in the Federal agencies charged with the disposal of the surplus property. The subcommittee held intermittent public hearings from February 28, 1947 to May 20, 1948, in Washington, D. C. It also met in San Francisco on September 15, 16, and 17, 1947, to hold joint hearings with the Procurement and Supply Subcommittee of the House Committee on the Armed Services to inquire into surplus real property transactions and into the consolidation of the supply facilities of the armed services in the San Francisco Bay area. The subcommittee received voluminous testimony from witnesses in its hearings and entered 396 exhibits in its record. It took under advisement Senate and House bills and resolutions referred to it, which proposed legislation relating to the surplus property disposal program. Many complaints and charges of irregularities against the War Assets Administration and other Federal agencies concerned with surplus property disposal, brought to the attention of the subcommittee in the course of its investigation, were referred to the agencies concerned for remedial administrative action or for explanation. The investigation made by the Surplus Property Subcommittee was of a broader scope than that made by its predecessor, for it covered overseas operations of the surplus property disposal program. The findings and recommendations of the subcommittee were presented to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments in a series of reports. After considering and adopting the reports, that committee submitted them to the House of Representatives. The activities of the surplus Property Subcommittee ended at the close of the 80th Congress.

The records described in this inventory, amounting to approximately 35 cubic feet, are records of the Select Committee of the House to Investigate the Disposition of Surplus Property and of the Surplus Property Subcommittee of the House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments (referred to herein as the select committee and the subcommittee, respectively). The records are part of Record Group 233, Records of the United States House of Representatives. Since the investigation made by the subcommittee continued that made by the select committee, certain records of the subcommittee were not set up as separate series but were interfiled with those of the corresponding series set up by the select committee. Thus, as in the case of the general correspondence series, a series may contain records of both committees. No person may be given access to the records of either committee or to the information contained therein without the express authorization of the House of Representatives.

The preparation of this inventory was facilitated by the use of a shelf list prepared by Philip R. Ward, covering the records described in entry 4.

RECORDS OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS. July 1946-Nov. 1948. 4 ft.

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The administrative records of the select committee and of the subcommittee comprise carbon copies of all correspondence, memoranda, and staff investigative reports prepared within their respective offices; personnel records of staff members; drafts and prints of reports of the two committees to the House of Representatives; diaries kept by the two committees recording chronologically significant happenings in their investigations; press releases of the committees, June 1946-June 1948; informational materials; and vouchers reflecting expenditures of the two committees for salaries, office supplies, and for other purposes, with accompanying correspondence and other papers. For a list showing the arrangement and folder headings of the records in this series, see section A of the appendix.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. May 1946-Sept. 1948. 4 ft.

2

This series consists of the correspondence resulting from the substantive activities of the select committee and of the subcommittee; it includes correspondence with private individuals and with representatives of business organizations bringing to the attention of the committees complaints arising from their transactions with the War Assets Administration, or commenting on the inquiries conducted by the two committees; correspondence with Members of Congress respecting complaints of their constituents against the War Assets Administration; correspondence with the War Assets Administration; and correspondence of Representative Roger C. Slaughter, chairman of the select committee, and of Representative Ross Rizley, chairman of the subcommittee. See also series 9. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent or by subject.

RECORDS RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS. June 1946-Nov. 1948. 7 ft.

3

These records, generally referred to as the "Investigations File," resulted from investigations conducted by the two committees that in general did not result in formal hearings. The records deal with the disposal of surplus aircraft, aircraft component parts, parachutes, and real property; with the operation of customer service centers by the War Assets Administration; with surplus property disposal activities in Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico; and with other aspects of the administration of the surplus property disposal program. Among the records are correspondence and memoranda of investigators of the committees; and correspondence and other records obtained from the files of the War Assets Administration for use as exhibits or informational materials by the committees. See also series 9. For a list showing the arrangement and folder headings of the records in this series, see section B of the appendix.

RECORDS RELATING TO THE HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE. July 1946-Dec. 1946. 9 ft.

4

These records resulted from the hearings conducted by the select committee intermittently between July 12, 1946, and December 19, 1946, to

inquire into the operations of the War Assets Administration, into the disposal of bronze screen wire to Benjamin F. Fields, into the disposal of surplus war property in certain other individual cases, into the plans for the ultimate and permanent disposition of the Big Inch and Little Big Inch pipelines, and into other phases of the administration of the surplus war property disposal program. Among the records are correspondence of the committee; work papers of staff members; and stenographic verbatim transcripts of the testimony. For a list showing the arrangement and folder headings of the records in this series, see section C of the appendix.

**RECORDS RELATING TO THE HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE.** Feb. 1947-June 1948. 9 ft. 5

These records resulted from the hearings held by the subcommittee intermittently from February 28, 1947, to May 20, 1948, to inquire into the organization, policies, and procedures of the War Assets Administration, into the policies and procedures of other Federal agencies that affected the disposal of surplus property, and into the handling of the disposal of surplus property in certain individual cases; and to receive testimony with respect to proposed legislation affecting the disposal of surplus property. Among the records are correspondence with the War Assets Administration and other Federal agencies; reports and memoranda of investigators of the subcommittee; stenographic verbatim transcripts, together with prints, of the testimony received in the subcommittee's hearings; and informational materials. For a list showing the arrangement and folder headings of the records in this series, see section D of the appendix.

**EXHIBITS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE.** July 1946-Dec. 1946. 2 ft. 6

Exhibits received in evidence during the public hearings, most of which have been printed in the Hearings. For a list of the exhibits, see the Hearings. Included in this series is a table, entitled "Listing of Exhibits," containing references to page numbers of the stenographic transcript of the hearings to indicate on what page of the transcript each exhibit was introduced as evidence. Arranged numerically, 1-448.

**EXHIBITS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE.** Feb. 1947-May 1948. 1 ft. 7

Exhibits received in evidence during the public hearings, most of which have been published in the Hearings. See the Hearings for a list of the exhibits. Arranged numerically, 1-396.

**RECORDS ACCOMPANYING SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE.** May 1947-June 1948. 6 in. 8

Prints of House and Senate bills and resolutions proposing legislation relating to the disposal of the surplus property of the Federal Government, referred to the subcommittee for consideration, together with related committee papers reflecting phases of their legislative history. Arranged numerically by bill or resolution number.

"REFERENCE FILE." June 1946-Aug. 1948. 1 ft.

Informational materials obtained by the select committee and by the <sup>9</sup> subcommittee from the War Assets Administration and from private sources in connection with their investigations. Included are some general correspondence of the two committees; correspondence relating to their investigations; memoranda of their investigators; and the draft of an unpublished committee report dealing with the disposal of surplus electronics equipment. See also series 2 and 3. For a list showing the arrangement and folder headings of the records in this series, see section E of the appendix.

APPENDIX

LISTS OF FOLDER HEADINGS FOR SERIES OF RECORDS

A. Administrative Records (Entry 1)

General

Committees of the United States House of Representatives and Senate  
House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, 79th  
Cong.: hearings on bills to amend the Surplus Property Act  
House Special Committee on Postwar Economic Policy and Planning,  
78th and 79th Cong.: hearings and reports  
Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program,  
79th Cong.: reports  
Senate Special Committee to Study and Survey Problems of Small  
Business Enterprises, 78th Cong.: hearings  
Senate Surplus Property Subcommittee of the Committee on Military  
Affairs, 79th Cong.: hearings and reports  
Correspondence (office copies), July 8, 1946 to Nov. 26, 1948

Laws

Personnel

Applications for staff positions  
Credentials of staff members  
Powers of appointment; personal history statements

Press releases, June 24, 1946-June 9, 1948

Report on War and Post War Adjustment Policy submitted by Bernard M.  
Baruch and John M. Hancock to James F. Byrnes, Director, Office  
of War Mobilization on Feb. 15, 1944 (S. Doc. 154, 78th Cong.,  
2d sess.)

Research--Robertson

Surplus Disposal Law Reporter, Commercial Clearing House, Inc.  
Surplus Property Act of 1944 (Public Law 457, 78th Cong.); hearings  
and reports

Select Committee

Diary, Oct. 29, 1945-Dec. 31, 1945  
Fields, Benjamin F. (contempt of Congress)  
Finance (expenditures for salaries and other expenses)  
Newspaper clippings  
Refunds on transportation  
Report, First Intermin (H. Rept. 2730, 79th Cong., 2d sess.)  
Report, Second Intermin (H. Rept. 2733, 79th Cong., 2d sess.)  
Report, Final (H. Rept. 2738, 79th Cong., 2d sess.)  
Resolutions: H. Res. 641, 719, 79th Cong.  
Vouchers, June 1946-Jan. 1947

Miscellaneous

Subcommittee

Diary, Jan. 1947-June 8, 1948  
Financial reports (expenditures of the subcommittee)  
Minutes of the subcommittee  
Notifications to members of subcommittee meetings

Subcommittee - cont'd

Organization and planning; newspaper clippings  
Resolutions: H. Res. 86, 90, 100, 170, 334, 478, 80th Cong.  
Report, Second Intermediate (H. Rept. 735, 80th Cong., 1st sess.)  
Report, Seventh Intermediate (H. Rept. 1250, 80th Cong., 2d sess.)  
Report, Thirteenth Intermediate (H. Rept. 2164, 80th Cong., 2d sess.)  
Refunds  
S. E. Ledger (record book of subcommittee expenditures, kept by  
Kathryn E. Smith, clerk of the subcommittee)  
Stationery Room invoices  
Vouchers, Jan. 4, 1947 to Nov. 10, 1948

B. Records Relating to Investigations (Entry 3)

Aircraft

Aircraft component parts, disposal of  
Agency agreements  
Copies of War Assets Administration contracts for scrap and smelting disposition of aircraft components  
Memoranda and miscellaneous correspondence of the subcommittee  
Monthly reports of activities of aircraft component parts agents, Aug. 1946-Oct. 1947  
Reports of activities of aircraft component parts agents: delinquency report--status of receivables  
War Assets Administration: Compliance Enforcement Division reports  
Disposal of surplus aircraft (non-flyable) at five air fields  
Aircraft disposal--general  
Miscellaneous data  
Memoranda and miscellaneous data of the subcommittee  
Prime report--five air fields  
Supplemental reports  
Altus, Okla. (scrap aluminum sales by War Assets Administration)  
Financial statements  
Government-owned equipment  
Newspaper clippings  
Scrapping and generating of airplanes  
Violation of antitrust laws  
Disposal of parachutes by the War Assets Administration  
Check stubs of Miller and Bontempo, Inc., and Miller Aviation Supply, Inc.  
Hotel registrations of Mollison, Carey and others, Oct. 6-25, 1947  
Miscellaneous correspondence  
Mollison and Carey--bank accounts, Dun & Bradstreet reports; War Department 201 report on Mollison, Carey, Miller and Bontempo  
Parachute sales  
Parachutes: procedure, pricing, allocation, etc.  
Lodwick, Albert I., activities and interests of  
Army procurement regulations

Aircraft - cont'd

Lodwick, Albert I., activities and interests of - cont'd  
Army and Air Force correspondence  
Navy Department correspondence  
Report of E. B. Solomon  
Subcommittee memoranda and reports; War Assets Administration  
correspondence  
War Assets Administration correspondence and records  
Unauthorized use of aircraft by War Assets Administration personnel  
Exhibit 1: flight logs covering officially authorized trips of  
War Assets Administration Aircraft, Nov. 1, 1946-Mar. 31,  
1947  
Exhibit 2: flight logs covering flight tests and ferrying flights  
Exhibit 3: time and attendance reports of Paula Beitel, Patricia  
Brewer, Marjorie A. Marquess, and Irene A. Saloman  
Travel orders and travel vouchers  
Brownsville, Tex. (attempts to purchase surplus property by city of  
Brownsville, Tex., and by city of Owensboro, Ky.)  
Chenault Air Line  
Clothing, Impregnated  
Courtland Army Air Base, Courtland, Ala.  
Cuba, material transported to  
Customer Service Centers  
Correspondence, general  
Cheyenne, Wyo.  
Denver, Colo., and Albuquerque, N. Mex.  
Des Moines, Iowa  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
Miami, Fla.  
New Orleans, La.  
New York City  
Omaha, Nebr.  
Pensacola, Fla.  
Tampa, Fla.  
Inspection of declared surpluses by War Assets Administration  
inspectors  
Inspection reports  
War Assets Administration manuals and instructions  
Foodstuffs sold to United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration  
Harrisburg, Pa., War Assets Administration District Office  
(violations of Hatch Act and Corrupt Practices Act)  
Housing  
Illinois Industries for the Blind  
Kinetic Chemical Co.  
Kingsley Coal Case  
Latin Americans and Party Girls  
Liquor, disposal of surplus by the War Assets Administration  
Lone Star Steel Plant, Daingerfield, Tex.

Oklahoma State Penitentiary

Investigator Hazel Huffman's reports; Chairman Rizley's summary statement

Investigator Paul Morrison's report of May 18, 1948

Leather scandal

Miscellaneous correspondence and information from the War Assets Administration

Personnel employed by Government agencies

Disposing of surplus property

Department of Agriculture

Federal Security Agency

Department of the Interior

Maritime Commission

Office of Foreign Liquidation Commissioner

Reconstruction Finance Corporation

Real property

General

Alameda, Calif., Pacific Overseas air depot at

Bendix Aviation Plant, Norwood, Mass.

Bunker Hill Naval Air Station

Cabot Carbon Co. Plant

Cactus Fertilizer Plant, Etter, Tex.

Cactus Ordnance Plant, Dumas, Tex.

Camp Anza, Riverside, Calif.

Camp Beale, near Marysville, Calif.

Commodity Credit Corp., Winchester, Ky.

Dodge Chrysler Plant, Chicago

Fairfax Airport, Kansas City, Kans.

Florida Emergency Pipeline (Carrabelle to Jacksonville, Fla.)

Fontana Steel Plant, Fontana, Calif.

Fort Funston, San Francisco

Granite City Blast Furnace, Granite City, Ill.

J. A. Jones Shipbuilding Yard, Brunswick, Ga.

Lido Beach Hotel, Lido Beach, N. Y.

New Haven Clock Co.: bid for plant located at 35 Ryerson St.,  
Brooklyn

Oklahoma Ordnance Works

Ordnance plants

Passamaquoddy Tidal Power Project

Perry Wright Homes Housing Project

Plum Brook Ordnance Plant, Sandusky, Ohio

Republic Steel Plant, Cleveland

River Rouge Magnesium Smelter, Plancor 409, Dearborn, Mich.

Rubber plants

San Bruno, Calif., U. S. Navy Advance Base Personnel Depot

San Diego County and City

San Francisco, Maritime Service building in

Shoemaker, Calif., U. S. Navy Training and Distribution Center

Standard Steel Spring Co. Plant, Madison, Ill.

Real Property - cont'd.

Sweeney, Tex. (Plancor 880)  
Temple University (Bendix Aviation Corp. Plant, Plancor 8, Philadelphia)  
Tung Sol Lamp Works Plant, Newark, N. J.  
Washington Court House, Ohio (Plancor 1085)  
West Virginia Ordnance Works  
Willow Run Bomber Plant, Ypsilanti, Mich.  
Wright Aeronautical Plant, Lockland, Ohio  
Wright Building, Tulsa, Okla.  
San Diego War Assets Administration District Office (complaint of  
O. H. Guentert)

Site Sales

General  
Walsh Construction Co., Davenport, Iowa  
South Chicago Steel Plant  
Speculators  
Territorial possessions  
Operations of the War Assets Administration  
Alaska  
Hawaii  
Puerto Rico  
Textile investigation  
War Assets Administration  
Maladministration  
Operating costs  
Wheelbarrows (sale to United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administra-  
tion and Priority Bidder)

C. Records Relating to the Hearings Conducted by the Select Committee  
(Entry 4)

Site Sales (July 12, 13, and 15, 1946)

Correspondence, memoranda, and related papers  
Stenographic verbatim transcript of testimony, vols. 1-3  
War Assets Administration  
Monthly Progress Report--Sec. 8, July 1946, entitled "Site  
Sales"  
Site Sales Handbook I  
Policy statement  
Administrative directive  
Handbook for site sales  
Location of property to be sold at site sales  
Site Sales Handbook II  
Training program  
Disposal of Nails and Wire Screening (July 27, Aug. 12-16, and Sept. 4,  
1946)  
Contempt citation against Benjamin F. Fields  
Correspondence, memoranda, and related papers

Disposal of Nails and Wire Screening (July 27, Aug. 12-16, and Sept. 4, 1946)

- Newspaper clippings
- Stenographic verbatim transcript of testimony, vols. 4-9, and 11
- Summary of testimony
- Working papers
- War Department records

Sale of Electronics Material by Warner Robins Air Materiel Area, Warner Robins, Ga. (Aug. 19, 1946)

- Correspondence, memoranda, and related papers
- Newspaper clippings
- Report of investigation of alleged improper sale of valuable radio equipment as scrap
- Stenographic transcript of testimony, vol. 10

Disposal of Thunderbird Airfield No. 1, near Phoenix, Ariz., to the American Institute for Foreign Trade (Sept. 4-6, 1946)

- Correspondence, memoranda, and related papers
- Newspaper clippings
- Report of Comptroller General of United States on sale of Thunderbird Field No. 1
- Stenographic transcript of testimony, vols. 11-13
- Summary of testimony
- Working papers

Disposal of Surplus Electronics Material (Sept 23-27, and Oct. 1-4, 1946)

- Correspondence, memoranda, and related papers
- Stenographic transcript of testimony, vols. 14-23
- Summary of testimony
- War Assets Administration
- Working papers

Diversion of Steel Rails by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration from China to Yugoslavia (Oct. 8-9, 1946)

- Correspondence, memoranda, and related papers
- Newspaper clippings
- Stenographic transcript of testimony, vols. 24-25
- Summary of testimony
- Working papers

Pricing and Priorities (Oct. 10-11, 1946)

- Stenographic transcript of testimony, vols. 26-27
- Summary of testimony

War Assets Administration Disposal Center No. 19, Seneca, Ill. (Oct. 15, 1946)

- Correspondence and memorandum
- Stenographic transcript of testimony, vol. 28
- Summary of testimony
- Working papers

Allocation of C-54 Airplanes to Commercial Air Lines (Oct. 16, 1946)

- Correspondence and related papers
- Stenographic transcript of testimony, vol. 29

Priority Problems (Hearings in New York, Oct. 21-23, 1946)

- Correspondence, memoranda, and related papers
  - Brokers
  - General
  - Miscellaneous memoranda and letters
- Newspaper clippings
- Stenographic transcript of testimony, vols. 30-32
- Summary of testimony
- Veteran fronts
  - Bentley, Andrew J.
  - Greenstein, Sam N.
  - Heller, Dorothea
- Scrap Deals (Max Bailis & Sons) (Oct. 28-31, 1946)
  - Correspondence, memoranda, and related papers
  - Newspaper clippings
  - Stenographic verbatim transcript of testimony, vols. 33-36
  - Summary of testimony
- Educational Priorities (Nov. 18-19, 1946)
  - Correspondence, memoranda, and related papers
  - Stenographic verbatim transcript of testimony, vol. 37
- Big Inch and Little Big Inch Pipe Lines (Nov. 19-22, 25, 26, and Dec. 2-6, 9, 1946)
  - Committee file
  - Correspondence, memoranda, and related papers
  - Federal Power Commission opinion No. 157 (in re application of Texas Eastern Transmission Corp. for certificate of convenience and necessity, Oct. 11, 1947)
  - Information materials
    - Congressional hearings and reports; reports of Surplus Property Administration and of War Assets Administration to Congress; and prints of bill H. R. 119 and of resolution H. J. 2, 80th Cong.
    - Hearings of the Special Senate Committee Investigating Resources, 78th and 79th Congs., and of the Surplus Property Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, 79th Cong., on war emergency pipeline systems and other petroleum facilities, Nov. 15-17, 1945
    - Report of the select committee on the disposition of the Big Inch and Little Big Inch pipelines (H. Rept. 2733, 79th Cong., 2d sess.)
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