



# House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials Finding Aid

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## Summary Information

**Repository:** Archives and Special Collections - Dean B. Ellis Library

**Creator:** Gathings, E. C.

**Source:** Burton, H. Ralph

**Source:** Pratt, Charles Thomas, 1879-1966

**Source:** Kugelmass, J. Alvin

**Source:** Davis, Clifford, Jr.

**Source:** Hoover, J. Edgar (John Edgar), 1895-1972

**Title:** House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials

**Identifier:** ASTATE-2018-12-17

**Date:** 1951 - 1953

**Physical Description:** 6.67 Linear Feet (This series is made up of 167 folders contained within 16 document cases.)

**Physical Description:** This collection consists of physical materials and has not been digitized.

## Overview

This collection is a series in the E.C. "Took" Gathings Collection. This series contains research, artifacts, and correspondence related to the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials that was chaired by Congressman E.C. Gathings in 1951. From 1951-1953 the House Select Committee investigated alleged pornography in "Pocket Sized Books," advertisements sent through the United States Postal Service, and the content of television, movies, radio, and magazines.

Contained within this collection is the organization of the Select Committee, investigative procedures, hearing schedules, lists of witnesses and their testimony, subpoenas, reference material, artifacts, lists of books to be banned, and correspondence with organizations, individuals, and government agencies.

## Conditions Governing Access

This manuscript collection consists of physical materials. This collection has not been digitized. This collection is open for research use only in the Archives' Reading Room. It is not available for request through Interlibrary Loan. Please contact the archive via email ([Archive-L@astate.edu](mailto:Archive-L@astate.edu)) at least a week in advance of your arrival to ensure the availability of the material

## Accruals

No further additions to this collection are expected.

## Immediate Source of Acquisition

E.C. Gathings turned part of his collection over to Arkansas State University (Jonesboro) after he left Congress and the remainder of the collection was given to the University after his death in 1979.

## **Arrangement**

This series is arranged as a collection as it is part of the much larger collection of E.C. "Took" Gathings.

## **E. C. Gathings**

Ezekiel Candler "Took" Gathings (1903-1979) was born in Prairie, Mississippi on November 10, 1903. He attended public school at Earle, Arkansas and received his law degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1929. Gathings moved to West Memphis in 1932 to practice law and in 1935 was elected to the State Senate. In 1938 he was elected from the First Congressional District of Arkansas to the United States House of Representatives where he served until 1969. Gathings died May 2, 1979 while making a presentation to the West Memphis Port Authority. According to his obituary printed in the Jonesboro Sun, "Gathings died as he had lived, to serve the people of his home area." E.C. (Took) Gathings served on several key House Committees. These committees included the Military Affairs Committee during World War II, World War Veterans, Claims, Irrigation and Reclamation, Census, Immigration and Naturalization, and finally in 1944 he became part of the Agriculture Committee. During his tenure on the Agriculture Committee he served as chairman of several key subcommittees, including the Subcommittee on Cotton; and the Subcommittee on Equipment, Supplies, and Manpower; and the Subcommittee on Rice. Gathings' achievements included the sponsorship and passage of legislation to build bridges across the Mississippi River at West Memphis and at Helena. He was responsible for the fish hatchery at Corning, numerous flood control projects for the First Congressional District, and price support programs for cotton and rice. He fought for the establishment of the Blytheville Army Air Base during World War II, and for reactivation of the base in 1952-54.

The House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials was also known as the Gathings Committee. This committee was formed in 1951 and began investigating in 1952. E.C. Gathings, as Chair of this committee, was concerned that the contents of comic books and pocket sized paperback books would corrupt the youth of the nation and lead to an increase in the number of rapes and violent crimes committed. The Committee report was published in 1953 and called for censorship. No laws were implemented as a result of this investigation.

## **Preferred Citation**

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## **Scope and Contents**

The House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials is a series within the much larger collection of E.C. Gathings. Because of the size of the larger collection, this series is treated as a collection. The House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials Collection is comprised of 5 series: Committee Investigation, Committee Hearings, Committee Findings, Correspondence, and Committee Organization. The Committee Investigation series has the following five subseries: Procedures and Investigative Notes, Reference Materials, Research, Evidence, Investigative Reports, and Correspondence. The Committee

Hearings series has the following four subseries: Hearing Rules and Schedules, Witnesses, Exhibits, and Statements. The Committee Findings series has the following three subseries: Reports, Speeches, and Distribution of Findings. The Correspondence subseries has the following nine subseries: Government, Attorneys, Media, Schools and Universities, Organizations, Petitions, Individuals, Alcohol and Tobacco Advertisement Protest, and Letters Sent. The Committee Organization has the following five subseries: Committee Resolution, Employees, Memorandums, Reports, and Expense Vouchers.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Publication Statement**

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- Advertising and women
- Advertising, Direct-mail
- Advertising, Magazine
- Advertising, Newspaper
- Advertising-Alcohol
- American Bar Association. Committee on Governmental Litigation
- American Book Publishers Council
- American Legion. Annual National Convention
- American Library Association
- American Library Association. Headquarters Library
- Arco Publishing
- Arco Publishing Company
- Arts -- Censorship
- Avon pocket-sized books
- Banning, Margaret Culkin, 1891-1982
- Bantam Books (Firm)
- Censorship
- Censorship -- Fiction
- Censorship -- United States
- Censorship in literature
- Child pornography



- Child pornography -- Law and legislation
- Child pornography -- United States
- Children and erotica
- Children and pornography
- Communism
- Communism -- United States -- History -- 20th century
- Communism and Christianity -- Catholic Church -- History -- 20th century
- Communism and culture
- Communism and families
- Communism and liberty
- Communism and literature
- Communism and mass media
- Communism and motion pictures
- Communism and religion
- Communism and sex
- Communism and society
- Communism in literature
- Control (Psychology) -- Religious aspects
- Correspondence
- Curtis Publishing Company
- De Voto, Bernard, 1897-1955
- Deceptive advertising
- Dixon, Peter, (Radio writer)
- Erotica
- Erotica in literature
- Fawcett Publications, Inc
- Freedom of speech
- Freedom of speech -- United States -- Juvenile literature
- Freedom of speech in literature
- Freedom of the press
- Gay erotica
- Lesbian erotica
- Libraries -- Censorship
- Libraries and communism
- Manila Bay (Philippines)
- Michigan State Police
- Michigan. Department of Michigan State Police
- Michigan. Department of State Police. Community Services Section. Juvenile Unit
- Miller, Henry, 1891-1980
- Miller, Henry, 1891-1980.
- Monaghan, George P.
- Motion pictures -- Censorship
- Mystery Writers of America
- National Civil Liberties Bureau (U.S.)
- National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Convention
- National PTA (U.S.)
- Nationalism and communism
- New Jersey. Division of State Police
- New York (State). Department of State Police
- New York (State). Division of State Police
- New York State Police
- Patri, Angelo, 1876-1965
- Pocket Books romance

- Pocket Star Books
- Pocket Star Books true crime
- Pocket Star books mystery
- Pornography
- Pornography -- Law and legislation
- Pornography -- Law and legislation -- United States
- Pornography -- Law and legislation -- United States
- Pornography -- Religious aspects
- Pornography -- Religious aspects -- Christianity
- Pornography -- Social aspects
- Pornography -- Social aspects -- United States
- Pornography in literature
- Pornography in popular culture
- Prohibited books
- Radio -- Censorship
- Self-control -- Religious aspects
- Self-control -- Religious aspects -- Christianity
- Sex -- Social aspects
- Sex in mass media
- Shapiro, Max
- Television -- Censorship
- United States. Auditor for Post-Office Department
- United States. Bureau of Customs
- United States. Bureau of Post Office Operations
- United States. Congress. House. Committee on Un-American Activities
- United States. Congress. House. Special Committee on Un-American Activities (1934)
- United States. Congress. House. Special Committee on Un-American Activities (1938-1944)
- United States. General Post Office
- United States. Post Office Department
- Woman's Christian Temperance Union
- Women and erotica
- Women--Societies and Clubs
- Youth -- Books and reading -- Censorship
- Youth -- Books and reading -- Censorship
- Youth and erotica

## Collection Inventory

Committee Investigation, 1951 - 1953

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains procedures, reference materials, research notes, evidence, investigative reports, and correspondence with state and federal government offices, publishers, and religious groups.

**Physical Description:** 1.88 Linear Feet (This sub-series is comprised of 50 folders contained within 4.5 document boxes.)

Procedures and Investigative Notes, 1951 - 1952

Box 1; Folder 1 (Text)

### Scope and Contents

This folder contains information on procedures used by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Reference Materials: Legislative Bills, Resolutions, and Reports, 1951 - 1952

Box 1; Folder 2 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains reference material in the form of prior legislative bills, resolutions, and reports.

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Reference Materials: Prior State Statutes and Legal Cases, 1933 - 1952

Box 1; Folder 3 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains reference material in the form of prior state statutes and legal cases that relate to pornographic materials.

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Reference Materials: Pornography Investigations outside the United States, 1952

Box 1; Folder 4 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains reference material related to legislation and investigation that took place outside of the United States, most notably Canada, Great Britain, and Australia.

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Reference Materials: National Organization for Decent Literature, 1951 - 1952

Box 1; Folder 5 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains reference material obtained from the National Organization for Decent Literature.

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Reference Materials: Religious Publications, 1951 - 1952

Box 1; Folder 6 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains copies of religious publications used as a reference for "good" literature.

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Reference Materials: Comic Book Investigation, 1951 - 1952

Box 1; Folder 7 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains reports from committees in New Orleans and New York that investigated comic books prior to the establishment of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Reference Materials: Television, 1951 - 1952

Box 1; Folder 8 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains material related to the investigation of indecency on television.

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Research: Publications, 1952

Box 2; Folder 9 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains publications concerning censorship used for reference.

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Research: Letter and Research from J. Edgar Hoover, 1947 - 1952

Box 2; Folder 10 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains a letter from J. Edgar Hoover to E.C. Gathings, a copy of a statement made to the press by J. Edgar Hoover concerning crime radio programs, and an article written for a magazine by J. Edgar Hoover entitled "How Safe is Your Daughter?"

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Research Notes, 1952

Box 2; Folder 11 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains miscellaneous research notes.

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Research: Books, 1946 - 1953

Box 2; Folder 12 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains two small books related to censorship.

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Research: Detroit Michigan Police Department Banned Book List, 1952

Box 2; Folder 13 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains lists of books that had been banned by the Detroit Michigan State Police Department.

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Research: Articles, 1952

Box 2; Folder 14 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains magazine and newspaper articles reporting prior incidences of censorship and attempts at censorship.

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H. Ralph Burton Research Material, 1952

Box 2; Folder 15 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains information compiled by H. Ralph Burton in the course of his investigation for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Research: Police Reports, 1949 - 1952

Box 2; Folder 16 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains copies of police reports that indicated "obscene" literature was related to crimes that were committed.

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Research: The Suppression of Obscene Literature, 1934

Box 2; Folder 17 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains a thesis written by Miriam Joyce Selker on censorship.

Research, Judge Holleran, 1952

Box 2; Folder 18 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence with Judge Holleran in relation to juvenile delinquency and literature.

Evidence: Photographs

Box 2; Folder 19 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains photographs of naked women and postcards that are adult comics.

Evidence: Novelty Items

Box 2; Folder 20 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains a small amount of unique adult novelty items including matchbooks and a key chain.

Evidence: Magazine Publications, 1944 - 1952

Box 2; Folder 21 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains magazines used as evidence of pornographic materials in publication.

Evidence: Mail Order Publications, 1952

Box 3; Folder 22 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains adult mail order publications used as evidence of pornographic material.

Evidence: Quotes from Pocket Books, 1952

Box 3; Folder 23 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains lists of quotes taken from Pocket Books used as evidence of pornographic material.

Evidence File: R.J. Ross, 1952

Box 3; Folder 24 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains evidence collected against the publisher R.J. Ross. Included in the evidence are adult mail order publications for movies and photos and letter from individuals complaining about receiving such unsolicited publications.

Evidence File: Film Exhibition Before Air Force Personnel, 1950 - 1952

Box 3; Folder 25 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains statements given by United States Air Force personnel who were shown unnamed adult films.

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Investigative File: Magazine Management Corporation, 1952

Box 3; Folder 26 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains investigative notes and material related to the Magazine Management Corporation including a publishing report, lists of magazines investigated, and information on content contained within the magazines.

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H. Ralph Burton Investigative Correspondence, 1952

Box 3; Folder 27 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence to and from H. Ralph Burton in the course of the investigation for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials. Included in this correspondence are letters to and from hospitals, attorneys, and publishers, and transcripts of phone conversations.

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Investigative Reports and Notes: H. Ralph Burton, 1952

Box 3; Folder 28 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains reports and notes made by H. Ralph Burton over the course of his investigation for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Investigative Report Copies to H. Ralph Burton, 1952

Box 3; Folder 29 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains green carbon copies of reports and memorandums submitted to H. Ralph Burton over the course of the investigation for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Investigative Reports: Charles Pratt, 1952

Box 3; Folder 30 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains yellow and white carbon copies of investigative reports compiled by Charles Pratt and submitted to H. Ralph Burton, E. C. Gathings, and other members of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Charles Pratt, Investigative Notes, 1952

Box 3; Folder 31 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains notes made by Charles Pratt over the course of his investigation for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Miscellaneous Investigative Notes

Box 3; Folder 32 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains miscellaneous investigative notes made by unknown authors. All content is related to the investigation by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Investigation Reports to H. Ralph Burton. Re: J. Alvin Kugelmass, 1952

Box 3; Folder 33 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains reports made by Charles Pratt on the questionable investigative practices and opinions of J. Alvin Kugelmass.

Investigation Reports: Clifford Davis, Jr., 1952

Box 3; Folder 34 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains reports compiled by Clifford Davis, Jr. for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Investigation Reports: J. Alvin Kugelmass, 1952

Box 3; Folder 35 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains yellow and white copies of reports compiled by J. Alvin Kugelmass for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Copies of Reports, 1952

Box 4; Folder 36 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains mainly green copies of reports submitted to H. Ralph Burton for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Investigative Reports: Publishers, 1952

Box 4; Folder 37 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains investigative reports made concerning book and magazine publishers for the investigation by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Investigative Reports: Henry Miller, Tropic of Capricorn, 1952

Box 4; Box 38 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains evidence that Henry Miller's Tropic of Capricorn is inappropriate and considered indecent literature.

Investigative Reports. U.S. Postal Service, 1948 - 1952

Box 4; Folder 39 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains reports concerning the use of the Postal Service to send unsolicited adult publications.

Investigative Reports: Bernard DeVoto, 1952

Box 4; Folder 40 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains investigation information on Bernard DeVoto including reports from the Committee on Un-American Activities.

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Statements Against Tie-In Sales, 1952

Box 4; Folder 41 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains statements from merchants speaking out against tie-in sales with magazines and pocket books they find objectionable.

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Investigative Reports: Compiled Book Lists

Box 4; Folder 42 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains lists of books found to be offensive by the investigators working for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Correspondence: State and Federal Government, 1952

Box 4; Folder 43 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence with state and federal government officials relating to the investigation by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Correspondence with Publishers, 1952 - 1953

Box 4; Folder 44 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence between the investigators for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials and publishers that are being investigated.

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Correspondence with State Attorney Generals, 1952

Box 4; Folder 45 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence between H. Ralph Burton and the Attorney General of each state requesting copies of state statutes relating to pornographic materials.

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Correspondence with Law Enforcement, 1952 - 1953

Box 5; Folder 46 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence between the investigative committee and law enforcement personnel in relation to crimes being influenced by salacious literature.

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Correspondence with Juvenile Research, Classification, and Training, 1952 - 1953

Box 5; Folder 47 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence relating to a specific book that was recommended for juvenile sex education classes.

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Witness Correspondence: James Mulholland, 1949 - 1952

Box 5; Folder 48 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains copies of correspondence between Judge James Mulholland and various school principals, juvenile officers, and other officials in relation to salacious literature and juvenile delinquency.



Correspondence: National Council of Catholic Men, 1952

Box 5; Folder 49 (Text)

### **Scope and Contents**

Martin Work, who was affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Men, received correspondence and potential evidence from church members. These letters and information were forwarded to H. Ralph Burton. This file contains the correspondence sent by Martin Work.

Correspondence: The Committee of Seven, 1950 - 1952

Box 5; Folder 50 (Text)

### **Scope and Contents**

The Committee of Seven is an organization of Protestant men in Michigan who joined together to work against salacious literature. This folder contains information about the group and correspondence between the organization and H. Ralph Burton.

Committee Hearings, 1952

### **Scope and Contents**

This sub-series contains documents related to the Committee Hearings including rules and instructions, lists of witness and subpoenas, questions for witnesses, exhibits, statements and depositions, and notes on testimony.

**Physical Description:** 1 Linear Feet (This sub-series is comprised of 20 folders contained within 2.5 document boxes.)

Hearing Rules and Instructions

Box 5; Folder 51 (Text)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains information regarding the rules for the hearings held by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Hearing Schedules and Notices, 1952

Box 5; Folder 52 (Text)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains the schedules of the hearings and the notices to the committee members.

Soliciting Witnesses, 1952

Box 5; Folder 53 (Text)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence between E. C. Gathings or H. Ralph Burton and various potential witnesses.

Subpoenas, 1952

Box 5; Folder 54 (Text)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains subpoenas for witnesses called before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Questions for Witnesses, 1952

Box 5; Folder 55 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains questions for the witnesses before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Exhibits, 1952

Box 5; Folder 56 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains lists of exhibits, news reports, and reports from America's Magazine Association that were presented to the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Exhibit: H. Ralph Burton, Personal Report

Box 6; Object 57 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This is a bound volume with tabs that contains quotes taken from books intended to prove their salacious content. This volume was an exhibit before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Material.

Exhibit: H. Ralph Burton, Personal Report Part I

Box 6; Object 58 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This bound volume contains information separated by subject tabs including books, magazine, homosexuality, narcotics, medical books, and psychiatry. This volume was presented before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Exhibit: h. Ralph Burton, Personal Report Part II-a

Box 6; Object 59 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

The information contained within this bound volume is separated by book publisher. This volume was presented as an exhibit before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Exhibit: H. Ralph Burton, Personal Report Part II-b

Box 6; Object 60 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This bound volume contains information on publishers, books, and authors in relation to salacious content. This volume was used as an exhibit before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Literature.

Exhibit: H. Ralph Burton, Personal Report Part III

Box 6; Object 61 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This bound volume contains compilations of information resulting from the investigation of various groups, organizations, federal and state agencies, and international investigations of salacious literature and those that published it. This bound volume was an exhibit before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Material.

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Statement from US Department of Justice, 1952

Box 7; Folder 62 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains a transcript of the statement made by the US Department of Justice before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Statement from the American Bar Association, 1952

Box 7; Folder 63 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains statements made by the American Bar Association before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Depositions and Statements from U.S. Publishers, 1952

Box 7; Folder 64 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains depositions and statements made by U.S. Publishers before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Statement from New American Library of World Literature, 1952

Box 7; Folder 65 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains the statement of the New American Library of World Literature before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Material.

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Testimony: Margaret Culkin Banning, 1952

Box 7; Folder 66 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains a transcript of the testimony of Margaret Culkin Banning before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Statement: American Civil Liberties Union, 1952

Box 7; Folder 67 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains the statement made by the American Civil Liberties Union before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Statements from Religious Organizations, 1952

Box 7; Folder 68 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains numerous statements made by various religious organizations before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Statements from David Cook, III, 1952

Box 7; Folder 69 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains the statement made by David Cook, III before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Notes on Testimony

Box 7; Folder 70 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains notes made by Committee members concerning witness testimony.

Committee Findings, 1952 - 1953

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains documents related to the findings made by the Committee including committee reports, speeches made by E.C. Gathings, press releases, requests for copies of the Committee Report, newspaper clippings, and correspondence related to continuing interest in the committee.

**Physical Description:** 1 Linear Feet (This sub-series is comprised of 15 folders contained in 2.5 document boxes.)

Investigation of Literature Allegedly Containing Objectionable Material, 1952

Box 7; Folder 71 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains the report: Investigation of Literature Allegedly containing Objectionable Material.

Report of the Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials, 1952

Box 8; Folder 72 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains three copies of the report published by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Material.

Confidential Property of Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials, House of Representatives, 1952

Box 8; Folder 73 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains a bound volume of green carbon copy paper entitled Confidential Property of Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials, House of Representatives, 1952.

E.C. Gathings' Speeches and Rough Drafts, 1952 - 1953

Box 8; Folder 74 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains the rough drafts and copies of speeches given by E.C. Gathings concerning the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

E.C. Gathings' Statement Before House Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, 1952

Box 8; Folder 75 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains a copy of the speech given by E.C. Gathings before the House Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce.

Distribution of Findings, 1952

Box 8; Folder 76 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains information on who was to receive initial copies of the published findings from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Press Releases and Information, 1952

Box 9; Folder 77 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains copies of press releases and other information allowed to be released to the press by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Hunting Hartford, 1952

Box 9; Folder 78 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains a copy of Hunting Hartford's book *Has God Been Insulted Here?* and information related to the scrapbook Hartford compiled in honor of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Requests for Reports: Notes

Box 9; Folder 79 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains handwritten notes stating who requested a copy of the published report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Requests for Reports: Congressional, 1952 - 1953

Box 9; Folder 80 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains requests from members of Congress for a copy of the report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Requests for Reports and Transcripts: State Legislature and Committees, 1953

Box 9; Folder 81 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains requests from members of state legislatures and their committees for the report published by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Material.

Requests for Reports and Transcripts: State Courts and Law Enforcement, 1953

Box 9; Folder 82 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains requests from members of state courts and law enforcement for copies of the published report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Attorneys, 1952 - 1957

Box 9; Folder 83 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from attorneys requesting copies of the published report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Public Schools, 1953

Box 9; Folder 84 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This files contains correspondence from public school requesting copies of the published report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Public Libraries, 1953

Box 9; Folder 85 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from public libraries requesting copies of the published report of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Universities and Students, 1952 - 1955

Box 9; Folder 86 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from universities and university students requesting copies of the published report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Material.

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Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Publishers, 1952 - 1953

Box 9; Folder 87 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from publishers requesting copies of the published report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Organizations, 1952 - 1968

Box 9; Folder 88 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from organizations requesting copies of the published report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Religious Organizations, 1952 - 1955

Box 9; Folder 89 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations requesting copies of the published report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Individual, 1952

Box 9; Folder 90 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals in 1952 requesting copies of the published report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Individual, 1953

Box 9; Folder 91 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals in 1953 requesting copies of the published report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Individual, 1954 - 1965

Box 9; Folder 92 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals between 1954 and 1965 requesting copies of the published report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Newspaper Clippings, 1952 - 1953

Box 9; Folder 93 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains newspaper clippings related to the hearings held by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

E.C. Gathings' Interview in American Bar Association Journal, 1966

Box 10; Folder 94 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains the American Bar Association Journal that contains the interview with E.C. Gathings.

Continuing Interest: Wilson Schools, 1952 - 1966

Box 10; Folder 95 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence with officials at Wilson Public Schools concerning continuing interest in the work by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Continuing Interest: Letters, 1952 - 1966

Box 10; Folder 96 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals requesting the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials to continue the work that it began.

Correspondence, 1952 - 1953

**Scope and Contents**

This series is the largest series in this collection. It is comprised of 60 folders and contains correspondence showing support for the committee from individuals, religious groups, organizations, and government agencies. Also contained in this series is correspondence from special individuals, unusual correspondence, individuals critical of the committee, petitions, letters protesting alcohol and tobacco advertising, and form letters sent by E.C. Gathings and other members of the committee.

**Conditions Governing Access**

This series contain personal information in the form of names and addresses that may require redaction.

**Physical Description:** 2.5 Linear Feet (This sub-series is comprised of 60 folders contained within 6 document boxes. )

Federal Government: Legislature and U.S. Court, 1951 - 1952

Box 10; Folder 97 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence between Federal Congressman and members of the Federal Courts expressing support of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Federal Government: Legislature, 1953

Box 10; Folder 98 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from Congressmen supporting the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

State Government, 1952

Box 10; Folder 99 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from state officials expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Support from Attorneys, 1952 - 1953

Box 10; Folder 100 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from attorneys expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Support from Media, 1952 - 1953

Box 10; Folder 101 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from the media expressing support from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Support from Schools and Universities, 1952 - 1953

Box 10; Folder 102 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from public schools and universities expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Support from Organizations and Businesses, 1951 - 1952

Box 10; Folder 104 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from organizations and businesses expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Support from Religious Organizations: The Christophers, 1952 - 1953

Box 10; Folder 105 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials from the religious organization The Christophers.



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Support from Religious Organizations: Woman's Christian Temperance Unions, 1952 - 1953

Box 11; Folder 106 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from Woman's Temperance Organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Support from Religious Organizations, March-May 1952

Box 11; Folder 107 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Support from Religious Organizations, June-August 1952

Box 11; Folder 108 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Support from Religious Organizations, September-November 1952

Box 11; Folder 109 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Support from Religious Organizations, December 1952

Box 11; Folder 110 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Support from Religious Organizations, January 1953

Box 11; Folder 111 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Support from Religious Organizations, February 1953

Box 11; Folder 112 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Support from Religious Organizations, March 1953

Box 11; Folder 113 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Support from Religious Organizations, April-November 1953

Box 11; Folder 114 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Form Letter of Support from New Orleans Church, September 15, 1952

Box 11; Folder 115 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains form letters from a church in New Orleans, Louisiana expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Form Letter of Support from New Orleans Church, September 25, 1952

Box 11; Folder 116 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains form letters from a church in New Orleans, Louisiana expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Petitions, July-December 1952

Box 12; Folder 117 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations that have attached petitions showing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Material.

Petitions, 1953

Box 12; Folder 118 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations that have attached petitions showing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Material.

Petitions, Undated

Box 12; Folder 119 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations that have attached petitions showing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Material.

Special Letters, 1952

Box 12; Folder 120 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence considered to be of a special nature. It contains letters from Peter Dixon, a letter to Angelo Patri, a letter from Johnny Cash, and a letter that received special treatment from a US Army Chaplain.

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Unusual Correspondence, 1952 - 1953

Box 12; Folder 121 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence considered to be unusual including correspondence from a self-proclaimed psychologist, a letter written on a paper sack, authors wanting endorsement, someone protesting divorce, a letter containing words cut from a newspaper and pasted into the writing, an apparent nudist, sermons, and a letter protesting Catholics in politics.

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Letters Criticizing the Investigation, 1952 - 1953

Box 12; Folder 122 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals criticizing the work of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Support: Postcards from Individuals, 1952 - 1953

Box 12; Folder 123 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains postcards from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, Undated and February-March 1952

Box 12; Folder 124 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, April-May 1952

Box 13; Folder 125 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, June 1952

Box 13; Folder 126 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, July 1952

Box 13; Folder 127 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, August 1952

Box 13; Folder 128 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, September 1952

Box 13; Folder 129 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, October 1952

Box 13; Folder 130 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, November 1952

Box 13; Folder 131 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, December 1-4, 1952

Box 13; Folder 132 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, December 5-10, 1952

Box 13; Folder 133 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, December 11-20, 1952

Box 13; Folder 134 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, December 21-28, 1952

Box 13; Folder 135 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, December 29-31, 1952

Box 13; Folder 136 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, January 1-15, 1953

Box 14; Folder 137 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, January 16-20, 1953

Box 14; Folder 138 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, January 21-31, 1953

Box 14; Folder 139 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, February 1-15, 1953

Box 14; Folder 140 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, February 16-28, 1953

Box 14; Folder 141 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, March 1953

Box 14; Folder 142 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, April-May 1953

Box 14; Folder 143 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Individual Support, June-November 1953

Box 14; Folder 144 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Support Letters Sent with Attachments, Undated and March-May 1952

Box 14; Folder 145 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials and sending material as evidence of salacious literature.

Support Letters Sent with Attachments, June-August 1952

Box 14; Folder 146 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials and sending material as evidence of salacious literature.

Support Letters Sent with Attachments, September-November 1952

Box 14; Folder 147 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials and sending material as evidence of salacious literature.

Support Letters Sent with Attachments, December 1952

Box 15; Folder 148 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials and sending material as evidence of salacious literature.

Support Letters Sent with Attachments, 1953

Box 15; Folder 149 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials and sending material as evidence of salacious literature.

Alcohol and Tobacco Advertisement Protests, April-October 1952

Box 15; Folder 150 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee On Current Pornographic Materials and requesting advertising for alcohol and tobacco to be censored.

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Alcohol and Tobacco Advertisement Protests, November 1952

Box 15; Folder 151 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials and requesting advertising for alcohol and tobacco to be censored.

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Alcohol and Tobacco Advertisement Protests, December 1-15, 1952

Box 15; Folder 152 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials and requesting advertising for alcohol and tobacco to be censored.

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Alcohol and Tobacco Advertisement Protests, December 16-31, 1952

Box 15; Folder 153 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials and requesting advertising for alcohol and tobacco to be censored.

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Alcohol and Tobacco Advertisement Protests, 1953

Box 15; Folder 154 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials and requesting advertising for alcohol and tobacco to be censored.

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Form Letters

Box 15; Folder 155 (Mixed Materials)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains form letter sent in response to letters from individuals and organizations expressing support or asking for information.

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Letters Sent by E.C. Gathings, 1952 - 1953

Box 15; Folder 156 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains copies of letters sent by E.C. Gathings to individuals and organization in relation to the investigation being undertaken by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Letters Sent by Committee, 1952 - 1953

Box 15; Folder 157 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains copies of letters sent by members of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials to individuals and organization in relation to their investigation.

Committee Organization, 1951 - 1953

### **Scope and Contents**

This series is the smallest series in this collection. It contains documents related to the organization of the Committee including the Committee Resolution, employee information, expense reports, and expense vouchers.

### **Conditions Governing Use**

This folder contains personal information that needs to be redacted before access is allowed.

**Physical Description:** .4 Linear Feet (This sub-series is comprised of 10 folders contained within one document box.)

Committee Resolution, 1951

Box 16; Folder 158 (Text)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains the resolution establishing the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Employee Information

Box 16; Folder 159 (Text)

### **Conditions Governing Use**

This folder contains personal information that needs to be redacted before access is allowed.

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains information on employees working with the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Employee Agreements

Box 16; Folder 160 (Text)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains copies of contracts signed with employees of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials stating duties and compensation.

Memorandums

Box 16; Folder 161 (Text)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains memorandums between employees and members of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Report Transcription

Box 16; Folder 162 (Text)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains correspondence between the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials and Ward and Paul Shorthand Reporters, the company selected to transcribe documents and recordings of the hearings.

Expense Reports

Box 16; Folder 163 (Text)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains lists of expenses incurred by the investigation of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.



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Payroll Expense Vouchers

Box 16; Folder 164 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains vouchers to request payroll for the employees of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Expense Vouchers: Committee Investigator Expenses

Box 16; Folder 165 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains vouchers for reimbursement of expenses incurred by investigators for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Expense Vouchers: Hearing Witnesses

Box 16; Folder 166 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains vouchers requesting reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by witnesses for the hearing held by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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Expense Vouchers: Office Supplies

Box 16; Folder 167 (Text)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains vouchers requesting payment for office supplies needed by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

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