SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers of Fred Seaton contain three subseries of material related to Seaton’s affiliation with the Republican Party. Approximately one-third of the series, the 1960 Campaign Subseries, is manuscript material; the remainder is primarily printed newsletter-type documents.

The 1960 Campaign Subseries (approximately 2,000 pages) is made up of material related to the 1960 Republican National Convention (delegate lists, accommodations, etc.) as well as a small amount of correspondence regarding the agriculture issue during the campaign and a few speech drafts. In addition, there are 50-100 pages of memoranda either to or from Richard Nixon dealing with 1960 campaign strategy. Seaton served as an advisor to Nixon on agriculture and resources policy and traveled over 80,000 miles in Nixon’s behalf during the campaign.

The “Senate Republican Memos” Subseries consists of copies of the newsletter by that name issued by the Staff of the Senate Republican Policy Committee. They date from June 1956 through October 1958. The stories reported in this newsletter are generally of a partisan political nature. The copies, amounting to approximately 3,500 pages, are arranged chronologically.

The subseries called “Miscellaneous Bound Material--Republican Party” includes Republican National Committee reports on such topics as voting statistics, legislation and GOP finances. The date span is from 1956 to 1960. Also included are copies of the RNC newsletters “Battle Line” and “Chairman’s Fact Memos” from the period 1958 to 1960. A binder of 1960 campaign RNC research material and one of “Fact Papers” issued by the Executive Branch Liaison Office of the White House from 1956 to 1958 are also part of this one thousand-page subseries.
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