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Summary Information

Compiled By: Flora Smith

Creator: Ezekiel Candler "Took" Gathings

Date: 1933-1966; Bulk, 1951-1953

Physical Description: 6.67 linear feet. The collection consists of 169 folders in 16 document boxes

Language: English

Abstract

This collection is a subgroup of the Ezekiel C. "Took" Gathings Congressional Papers. This subgroup 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.

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. No further additions to this collection are expected.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Dr. Brady Banta and Flora Smith.

Conditions Governing Access

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Biographical and Historical Notes

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.

House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials

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.

Scope and Content Note

The House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials is a subgroup within the much larger collection, Ezekiel C. "Took" Gathings Congressional Papers. Because of the size of the larger collection, this subgroup is treated as a collection.

This collection consists of materials pertaining to the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials, including 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.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in five series.

Series 1: Committee Investigation: The "Committee Investigation" series contains procedures, reference materials, research notes, evidence, investigative reports, and correspondence with state and federal government offices, publishers, and religious groups.

Series 2: Committee Hearings. The "Committee Hearings" 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.

Series 3: Committee Findings. The "Committee Findings" 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.

Series 4: Correspondence. The "Correspondence" 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.

Series 5: Committee Organization. The "Committee Organization" 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.

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

Subjects

- Advertisers
- Advertising
- Advertising, Direct-mail
- Advertising, Magazine
- Advertising, Newspaper
- Advertising and women
- Advertising--Alcohol
- Advertising--Brewing industry
- Advertising--Cigarettes
- Advertising--Self-regulation
- Advertising--Sex-oriented businesses
- Advertising--Tobacco
- Advertising--Underwear
- Arts--Censorship
- Censorship

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- Censorship in literature
- Censorship--Fiction
- Censorship--United States
- Child pornography
- Child pornography -- Law and legislation
- Child pornography -- United States
- Children and erotica
- Children and pornography
- Communism
- 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
- Communism -- United States -- History -- 20th century
- Control (Psychology) -- Religious aspects
- Correspondence
- Deceptive advertising
- Deceptive advertising--United States
- Erotica
- Erotica in literature
- Freedom of the press
- Freedom of speech
- Freedom of speech in literature
- Freedom of speech--United States
- Freedom of speech -- United States -- Juvenile literature
- Gay erotica
- Lesbian erotica
- Libraries and communism
- Libraries—Censorship
- Motion pictures--Censorship
- Nationalism and communism
- Pocket editions
- Pornography
- Pornography in literature
- Pornography in popular culture
- Pornography--Law and legislation
- Pornography--Law and legislation--United States

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- Pornography--Religious aspects
- Pornography--Religious aspects--Christianity
- Pornography--Social aspects
- Pornography--Social aspects--United States
- Prohibited books
- Radio--Censorship
- Self-control--Religious aspects
- Self-control--Religious aspects--Christianity
- Sex in mass media
- Sex -- Social aspects
- Television – Censorship
- Women and erotica
- Women--Societies and Clubs
- Youth and erotica
- Youth--Books and reading--Censorship

Names

- Manila Bay (Philippines)
- Washington (D.C.)
- 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
- Atlantic Coast Independent Association
- Avon pocket-sized books
- Bantam Books (Firm)
- Cadillac Publishing Co
- Committee of Seven
- Curtis Publishing Company
- Fawcett Publications, Inc
- Michigan. Department of Michigan State Police
- Michigan. Department of State Police. Community Services Section. Juvenile Unit
- Michigan State Police
- Mystery Writers of America
- National Civil Liberties Bureau (U.S.)
- National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Convention
- National Council of Catholic Men (U.S.)
- National PTA (U.S.)
- New Jersey. Division of State Police
- New York (State). Department of State Police
- New York (State). Division of State Police

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- New York State Police
- Pocket books romance
- Pocket Star Books
- Pocket Star books mystery
- Pocket Star Books true crime
- United States. Auditor for Post-Office Department
- United States. Bureau of Customs
- United States. Bureau of Post Office Operations
- United States. Congress. House
- United States. Congress. House. Committee on Un-American Activities
- United States. Congress. House. Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials
- 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
- Banning, Margaret Culkin, 1891-1982
- Black, Samuel
- Burton, H. Ralph
- Davis, Clifford, Jr.
- De Voto, Bernard, 1897-1955
- Dixon, Peter (Radio writer)
- Gathings, E. C.
- Heller, David
- Hoover, J. Edgar (John Edgar), 1895-1972
- Kugelmass, J. Alvin
- Miller, Henry, 1891-1980
- Monaghan, George P.
- Patri, Angelo, 1876-1965
- Pratt, Charles Thomas, 1879-1966
- Ross, R.J.
- Shapiro, Max

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Committee Investigation, 1933-1953

Box 1:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
1	Procedures and Investigative Notes	1951-1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains information on procedures used by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
2	Reference Materials: Legislative Bills, Resolutions, and Reports	1951-1952

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	Scope and Contents: This folder contains reference material in the form of prior legislative bills, resolutions, and reports.	
3	Reference Materials: Prior State Statutes and Legal Cases	1933-1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains reference material in the form of prior state statutes and legal cases that relate to pornographic materials.	
4	Reference Materials: Pornography Investigations Outside the United States	1952
	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.	
5	Reference Materials: National Organization for Decent Literature	1951-1952
	Scope and Contents This folder contains reference material obtained from the National Organization for Decent Literature.	
6	Reference Materials: Religious Publications	1951-1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains copies of religious publications used as a reference for "good" literature.	
7	Reference Materials: Comic Book Investigation	1951-1952
	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.	
8	Reference Materials: Television	1951-1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains material related to the investigation of indecency on television.	

Box 2:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
9	Research: Publications	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains publications concerning censorship used for reference.	
10	Research: Letter and Research from J. Edgar Hoover	1947-1952

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	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?"	
11	Research Notes	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains miscellaneous research notes.	
12	Research: Books	1946-1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains two small books related to censorship.	
13	Research: Detroit Michigan Police Department Banned Book List	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains lists of books that had been banned by the Detroit Michigan State Police Department.	
14	Research: Articles	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains magazine and newspaper articles reporting prior incidences of censorship and attempts at censorship.	
15	H. Ralph Burton Research Material	1952
	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.	
16	Research: Police Reports	1949-1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains copies of police reports that indicated "obscene" literature was related to crimes that were committed.	
17	Research: The Suppression of Obscene Literature	1934
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains a thesis written by Miriam Joyce Selker on censorship.	
18	Research: Judge Holleran	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence with Judge Holleran in relation to juvenile delinquency and literature.	
19	Evidence: Photographs	Circa 1949, 1950s

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	Scope and Contents: This folder contains photographs of naked women and postcards that are adult comics.	
	Conditions Governing Use: Gloves must be worn when handling content in this folder.	
20	Evidence: Novelty Items	Circa 1940s-1950s
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains a small amount of unique adult novelty items including matchbooks and a key chain.	
21	Evidence: Magazine Publications	1944-1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains magazines used as evidence of pornographic materials in publication.	

Box 3:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
22	Evidence: Mail Order Publications	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains adult mail order publications used as evidence of pornographic material.	
23	Evidence: Quotes from Pocket Books	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains lists of quotes taken from Pocket Books used as evidence of pornographic material.	
24	Evidence File: R. J. Ross	1952
	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.	
25	Evidence File: Film Exhibition Before Air Force Personnel	1950-1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains statements given by United States Air Force personnel who were shown unnamed adult films.	
26	Investigative File: Magazine Management Corporation	1952
	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.	
27	H. Ralph Burton Investigative Correspondence	1952

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	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.	
28	Investigative Reports and Notes: H. Ralph Burton	1952
	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.	
29	Investigative Report Copies to H. Ralph Burton	1952
	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.	
30	Investigative Reports: Charles Pratt	1952
	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.	
31	Charles Pratt, Investigative Notes	1952
	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.	
32	Miscellaneous Investigative Notes	1951-1953
	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.	
33	Investigation Reports to H. Ralph Burton. Re: J. Alvin Kugelmass	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains reports made by Charles Pratt on the questionable investigative practices and opinions of J. Alvin Kugelmass.	
34	Investigation Reports: Clifford Davis, Jr.	1952

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	Scope and Contents: This folder contains reports compiled by Clifford Davis, Jr. for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
35	Investigation Reports: J. Alvin Kugelmass	1952
	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.	
Box 4:		
Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
36	Copies of Reports	1952
	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.	
37	Investigative Reports: Publishers	1952
	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.	
38	Investigative Reports: Henry Miller, Tropic of Capricorn	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains evidence that Henry Miller's Tropic of Capricorn is inappropriate and considered indecent literature.	
39	Investigative Reports. U.S. Postal Service	1948-1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains reports concerning the use of the Postal Service to send unsolicited adult publications.	
40	Investigative Reports: Bernard DeVoto	1952-1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains investigation information on Bernard DeVoto including reports from the Committee on Un-American Activities.	
41	Statements Against Tie-In Sales	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains statements from merchants speaking out against tie-in sales with magazines and pocket books they find objectionable.	
42	Investigative Reports: Compiled Book Lists	1948-1953

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	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.	
43	Correspondence: State and Federal Government	1952
	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.	
44	Correspondence with Publishers	1952-1953
	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.	
45	Correspondence with State Attorney Generals	1952
	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.	

Box 5:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
46	Correspondence with Law Enforcement	1952-1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence between the investigative committee and law enforcement personnel in relation to crimes being influenced by salacious literature.	
47	Correspondence with Juvenile Research, Classification, and Training	1952-1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence relating to a specific book that was recommended for juvenile sex education classes.	
48	Witness Correspondence: James Mulholland	1949-1952
	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.	
49	Correspondence: National Council of Catholic Men	1952

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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.

50	Correspondence: The Committee of Seven	1950-1952
	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.	

Series 2: Committee Hearings, 1952

Box 5:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
51	Hearing Rules and Instructions	Circa 1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains information regarding the rules for the hearings held by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
52	Hearing Schedules and Notices	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains the schedules of the hearings and the notices to the committee members.	
53	Soliciting Witnesses	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence between E. C. Gathings or H. Ralph Burton and various potential witnesses.	
54	Subpoenas	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains subpoenas for witnesses called before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
55	Questions for Witnesses	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains questions for the witnesses before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
56	Exhibits	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains lists of exhibits, news reports, and reports from America's Magazine	

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Association that were presented to the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.

Box 6:

Item Number	Item Name
57	Exhibit: H. Ralph Burton, Personal Report
	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.
58	Exhibit: H. Ralph Burton, Personal Report Part I
	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.
59	Exhibit: H. Ralph Burton, Personal Report Part II-a
	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.
60	Exhibit: H. Ralph Burton, Personal Report Part II-b
	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.
61	Exhibit: H. Ralph Burton, Personal Report Part III
	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.

Box 7:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
62	Statement from U.S. Department of Justice	1952
	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.	
63	Statement from the American Bar Association	1952

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	Scope and Contents: This folder contains statements made by the American Bar Association before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
64	Depositions and Statements from U.S. Publishers	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains depositions and statements made by U.S. Publishers before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
65	Statement from New American Library of World Literature	1952
	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.	
66	Testimony: Margaret Culkin Banning	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains a transcript of the testimony of Margaret Culkin Banning before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
67	Statement: American Civil Liberties Union	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains the statement made by the American Civil Liberties Union before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
68	Statements from Religious Organizations	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains numerous statements made by various religious organizations before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
69	Statements from David Cook, III	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains the statement made by David Cook, III before the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
70	Notes on Testimony	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains notes made by Committee members concerning witness testimony.	

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Series 3: Committee Findings, 1952-1953

Box 7:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
71	Investigation of Literature Allegedly Containing Objectionable Material	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains the report: Investigation of Literature Allegedly containing Objectionable Material.	

Box 8:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
72	Report of the Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains three copies of the report published by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Material.	
73	Confidential Property of Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials, House of Representatives	1952
	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.	
74	E. C. Gathings' Speeches and Rough Drafts	1952-1953
	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.	
75	E. C. Gathings' Statement Before House Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains a copy of the speech given by E. C. Gathings before the House Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce.	
76	Distribution of Findings	1952
	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.	

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Box 9:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
77	Press Releases and Information	1952
	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.	
78	Hunting Hartford	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains a copy of Hunting Hartford's book <i>Has God Been Insulted Here?</i> and information related to the scrapbook Hartford compiled in honor of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
79	Requests for Reports: Notes	Circa 1952-1953
	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.	
80	Requests for Reports: Congressional	1952-1953
	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.	
81	Requests for Reports and Transcripts: State Legislature and Committees	1953
	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.	
82	Requests for Reports and Transcripts: State Courts and Law Enforcement	1953
	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.	
83	Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Attorneys	1952-1957
	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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84	Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Public Schools	1953
	Scope and Contents: This file contains correspondence from public school requesting copies of the published report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
85	Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Public Libraries	1953
	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.	
86	Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Universities and Students	1952-1955
	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.	
87	Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Publishers	1952-1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from publishers requesting copies of the published report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
88	Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Organizations	1952-1968
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from organizations requesting copies of the published report from the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
89	Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Religious Organizations	1952-1955
	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.	
90	Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Individual	1952
	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.	
91	Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Individual	1953

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	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.	
92	Requests for Reports and Transcripts: Individual	1954-1965
	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.	
93	Newspaper Clippings	1952-1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains newspaper clippings related to the hearings held by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	

Box 10:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
94	E. C. Gathings' Interview in American Bar Association Journal	1966
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains the American Bar Association Journal that contains the interview with E. C. Gathings.	
95	Continuing Interest: Wilson Schools	1952-1966
	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.	
96	Continuing Interest: Letters	1952, 1965-1966
	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.	

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Conditions Governing Access:

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

Box 10:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
97	Federal Government: Legislature and U.S. Court	1951-1952

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	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.	
98	Federal Government: Legislature	1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from Congressmen supporting the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
99	State Government	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from state officials expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
100	Support from Attorneys	1952-1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from attorneys expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
101	Support from Media	1952-1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from public schools and universities expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
102	Support from Schools and Universities	1952-1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from public schools and universities expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
103	Support from Organizations and Businesses	1951-1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from organizations and businesses expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
104	Support from Organizations and Businesses	1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from organizations and businesses expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
105	Support from Religious Organizations: The Christophers	1952-1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence expressing support for the House Select Committee on	

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Current Pornographic Materials from the religious organization The Christophers.

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Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
106	Support from Religious Organizations: Woman's Christian Temperance Unions	1952-1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from Woman's Temperance Organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
107	Support from Religious Organizations	1952 March – 1952 May
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
108	Support from Religious Organizations	1952 June – 1952 August
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
109	Support from Religious Organizations	1952 September – 1952 November
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
110	Support from Religious Organizations	1952 December
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
111	Support from Religious Organizations	1953 January
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
112	Support from Religious Organizations	1953 February
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the	

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	House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
113	Support from Religious Organizations	1953 March
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
114	Support from Religious Organizations	1953 April – 1953 November
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from religious organizations expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
115	Form Letter of Support from New Orleans Church	1952 September 15
	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.	
116	Form Letter of Support from New Orleans Church	1952 September 25
	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.	
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Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
117	Petitions	1952 July – 1952 December
	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.	
118	Petitions	1953
	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.	
119	Petitions	undated
	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.	

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120	Special Letters	1952
	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 U.S. Army Chaplain.	
121	Unusual Correspondence	1952-1953
	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.	
122	Letters Criticizing the Investigation	1952-1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals criticizing the work of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
123	Support: Postcards from Individuals	1952-1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains postcards from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
124	Individual Support	1952 February – 1952 March, undated
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
Box 13:		
Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
125	Individual Support	1952 April – 1952 May
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
126	Individual Support	1952 June
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
127	Individual Support	1952 July

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	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
128	Individual Support	1952 August
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
129	Individual Support	1952 September
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
130	Individual Support	1952 October
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
131	Individual Support	1952 November
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
132	Individual Support	1952 December 1 – 1952 December 4
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
133	Individual Support	1952 December 5 – 1952 December 10
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
134	Individual Support	1952 December 11 – 1952 December 20
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
135	Individual Support	1952 December 21 – 1952 December 28
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
136	Individual Support	1952 December 29 – 1952 December 31

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

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Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
137	Individual Support	1953 January 1 – 1953 January 15
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
138	Individual Support	1953 January 16 – 1953 January 20
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
139	Individual Support	1953 January 21 – 1953 January 31
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
140	Individual Support	1953 February 1 – 1953 February 15
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
141	Individual Support	1953 February 16 – 1953 February 28
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
142	Individual Support	1953 March
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
143	Individual Support	1953 April – 1953 May
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
144	Individual Support	1953 June – 1953 November
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	

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145	Support Letters Sent with Attachments 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.	1952 March – 1952 May, undated
146	Support Letters Sent with Attachments 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.	1952 June – 1952 August
147	Support Letters Sent with Attachments 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.	1952 September – 1952 November

Box 15:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
148	Support Letters Sent with Attachments 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.	1952 December
149	Support Letters Sent with Attachments 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.	1953
150	Alcohol and Tobacco Advertisement Protests 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.	1952 April – 1952 October
151	Alcohol and Tobacco Advertisement Protests 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.	1952 November

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152	Alcohol and Tobacco Advertisement Protests	1952 December 1 – 1952 December 15
	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.	
153	Alcohol and Tobacco Advertisement Protests	1952 December 16 – 1952 December 31
	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.	
154	Alcohol and Tobacco Advertisement Protests	1953
	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.	
155	Anonymous Letters of Support	1952, undated
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains correspondence from anonymous individuals expressing support for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
156	Form Letters	1952-1953, undated
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains form letter sent in response to letters from individuals and organizations expressing support or asking for information.	
157	Letters Sent by E. C. Gathings	1952-1953
	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.	
158	Letters Sent by Committee	1952-1953
	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.	

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Box 16:

Folder Number	Folder Name	Dates
159	Committee Resolution	1951
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains the resolution establishing the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
160	Employee Information	1952, undated
	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.	
161	Employee Agreements	1952
	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.	
162	Memorandums	1952-1953, undated
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains memorandums between employees and members of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
163	Report Transcription	1946, 1952, undated
	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.	
164	Expense Reports	1951-1953
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains lists of expenses incurred by the investigation of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
165	Payroll Expense Vouchers	1952-1953, undated
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains vouchers to request payroll for the employees of the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
166	Expense Vouchers: Committee Investigator Expenses	1952-1953, undated

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	Scope and Contents: This folder contains vouchers for reimbursement of expenses incurred by investigators for the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
167	Expense Vouchers: Hearing Witnesses	1952-1953
	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.	
168	Expense Vouchers: Office Supplies	1952
	Scope and Contents: This folder contains vouchers requesting payment for office supplies needed by the House Select Committee on Current Pornographic Materials.	
169	Notebook	undated