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Morris Udall Newsletters
1961 - 1976

DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists of newsletters written by Congressman Morris Udall under the title "Congressman's Report." The newsletters were printed between 1961 and 1974 and contain information on various issues facing Congress along with Udall's views and explanations. Topics range from rising postal rates, erection of billboards and scenery, the Cold War, the national economy, and taxes and spending. Of particular notice are the newsletters dealing with issues and problems facing the nation during this turbulent period. Included in this category would be Udall's comments on the Wilderness Bill, reclamation and water use, civil rights, the Vietnam War, and the Central Arizona Project. One final folder in the collection contains press and pamphlet references to Udall being considered for President in 1976.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Morris King "Mo" Udall was an American politician who served as a U.S. Representative from Arizona from May 1961 to May 1991. He was born in St. Johns, Arizona on June 15, 1922. Despite the loss of sight in one eye he served in the Army during World War II and later attended the University of Arizona. While at the University he played basketball and after graduation he played one year with the Denver Nuggets. Returning to Tucson Udall enrolled in law school. In 1961 Morris Udall was elected to Congress to fill the vacated seat formally occupied by his brother Stewart Udall who became Secretary of Interior in the Kennedy administration. During his tenure in Congress Udall was best-noted for his championship of environmental causes. In 1979 he was diagnosed with incurable Parkinson's disease and he was forced to resign from Congress in 1991. Morris Udall died on December 12, 1998.

ACQUISITION

Unknown

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