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Collection Summary

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Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch

Edward Sanders was born in 1922 in New York City and moved with his family to Los Angeles at age 8. He obtained an undergraduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and after returning from service in World War II as a Captain in the U.S. Army, received his law degree from the University of Southern California in 1950. In 1951, Sanders joined the law firm of Irell & Manella where he remained until 1978. In 1980, he was one of the founders of the firm Sanders, Barnett, Goldman, Simons & Mosk. Sanders' practice includes business and corporate matters with an emphasis on the settlement of disputes through mediation and arbitration.

Sanders has a long and distinguished record of civic and political involvement. He served as Senior Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State on Middle East Affairs during the Carter Administration from 1978 to 1980. He was involved in the Camp David agenda in September 1978, and then accompanied President Carter to Egypt and Israel in March 1979, participating as one of the senior White House staffers to help wrap up unresolved issues before the signing of the Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty. During his time at the White House, Sanders also served as a liaison between the Carter Administration and the American Jewish community.

Edward Sanders' prominent record of civic and communal service includes membership on the U.S. Holocaust Commission (1980-1987), Chair of the UCLA Chancellor's Community Advisory Commission (1991-1993), Chairmen of the Los Angeles Urban League (1981-1983), Presiding Officer of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (1988-1989), President of the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles (1973-1974), Chairmen of the United Jewish Fund (1970-1971), and President of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (1975-1976).

His political involvement with the Democratic Party includes being a California delegate to the Democratic National Convention (1968 and 1972), Deputy National Campaign Director of the Carter-Mondale campaign (1976), Honorary Chairman of Tom Bradley's re-election campaign (1977), and Co-chair of the National Jewish Leadership Council for Dukakis-Bentsen (1988).

He was married to Rose Eisen Sanders. They have two children: Susan Sanders Witkow of Westport, Connecticut, and Michael Sanders of Los Angeles.

Edward Sanders passed away on 7 December 2009 at the age of 87.

Scope and Content

Consists of correspondence, reports, nearprint, newsclippings, memos, and working papers that reflect Sanders' service as Senior Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State on Middle East Affairs during the Carter Administration, his extensive political work with the Democratic Party as well as his organizational work with the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles and the President's Commission on the Holocaust.

Arrangement

Organized into five (5) series: A. Subject-Issue Files; B. White House Correspondence; C. Political Activities; D. Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles; E. President's Commission on the Holocaust.

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Corporate Names Democratic Party / Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty (1979 March 26) / Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles / President's Commission on the Holocaust

Media Minutes

Series A. Subject-Issue Files, 1978-1981

Extent 3.6 linear feet (9 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Includes memos, correspondence, clippings, press releases, notes and working papers associated with Sanders' service in the Carter Administration as both a Senior Advisor on Middle East Affairs and as a liaison with the American Jewish community. Of special note in this series are files associated with the Camp David Accords (1978) and President Carter's Middle Eastern trip to finalize the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty (1979). Other significant subjects covered in the files include Black-Jewish relations, human rights, Soviet Jewry, settlements in the Israeli occupied territories, Israeli-Saudi relations, and Carter and the American Jewish community.

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Series B. White House Correspondence, 1978-1980

Extent 1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Consists of memos and correspondence written to and from Sanders during his tenure in the White House. The files give insight into the range of Sanders' daily activities and involvements. Correspondents include U. S. Congressmen and Senators, members of the American Jewish community, as well as various political, legal, and personal associates.

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Series C. Political Activities, 1968-1994

Extent 2.8 linear feet (7 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Documents Sanders' involvement with Democratic Party politics both locally and nationally. Included is correspondence, nearprint, reports, clippings, press releases, notes, and political literature. Materials cover the presidential races of Robert Kennedy, George McGovern, Jimmy Carter, Michael Dukakis, and Bill Clinton as well as the Los Angeles mayoral races of Tom Bradley and Dick Riordan. There is additional material covering political activities during the Carter Administration that give insight into President Carter's relationship with the Jewish community.

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Extent 0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Scope and Content Note Documents Sanders' role in the activities of the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles. Records include minutes, reports, correspondence, clippings, and nearprint. Of particular interest are materials documenting a controversy that erupted when the Standard Oil Company of California issued a statement during the 1973 energy crisis calling for the U.S. government to support the aspirations of the Arab people in efforts towards peace in the Middle East. The Jewish community led by the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles responded with a strong campaign ultimately resulting in Standard Oil's retraction of the statement.

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Series E. President's Commission on the Holocaust, 1978-1981

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

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