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Scope and Contents

Speeches, public statements, clippings, campaign advertisements, government documents, scrapbooks, oral history interviews, M.A. thesis and seminar paper, concerning the public career of J. P. Coleman, Mississippi governor (1956-1960) and judge of U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Included is a copy of letter from Sam Ervin. The collection consists of gifts and copies of items from the following collections: Allen Eugene Cox, Wilson Minor, John C. Stennis, Kenneth Toler, and Mississippiana Vertical file.
**Significant Events in J. P. Coleman's Career**

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