The papers of the Governmental Affairs Office of the Air Line Pilots Association were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in January, 1975, and were opened for research in May, 1992.

Governmental Affairs is an office within the President's Department of ALPA. In its primary function, this office is the liaison between the union and Capitol Hill. It develops and maintains close working relationships with the Congress of the United States and its committees. The director advises various legislative bodies of ALPA policy objectives and interests, in addition to informing union membership and ALPA departments of events and transactions in the congressional arena. Although federal legislation constitutes most of Governmental Affairs concerns, state and local legislative actions are of interest to ALPA as well. A secondary function of the department is to provide tourist aid to union members and their families when visiting Washington, D.C., including obtaining House and Senate gallery passes and special White House tour passes.

This collection largely reflects the activities of Judge James F. Gartland, from his appointment as director on 5 May 1971, through 1972. Gartland was a native of New Haven, Connecticut, and attended Catholic University in Washington, D.C., where he graduated cum laude in 1937. In 1941, he received his law degree from Hartford (Conn.) College of Law. Gartland subsequently served as both a municipal court prosecutor and judge in East Haven, Conn. Prior to his appointment to the Governmental Affairs office, Gartland acted as administrative assistant for Senator Thomas Dodd (D-Conn.) for twelve years and later worked briefly on the staff of Senator Harold Hughes (D-Iowa).
Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- Air Carrier Safety
- Airport Security
- Fare Regulation
- Hijacking
- Pilot's Benefits
- Pilot's Rights

Among the important correspondents are:

- W.W. Anderson
- Howard Cannon
- Gary Green
- Lee Hines
- Ted Linnert
- J.J. O'Donnell
- Claude Pepper
- Lawrence Robinson
- John H. Schaffer
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Abstract
The Governmental Affairs Office is presently called the Government Affairs Department and is within the President’s Department of ALPA. The primary function of the department is to lobby policy makers in the United States and Canada on behalf of the pilots. The department manages ALPA’s Political Action Campaign (ALPA-PAC), and supports the ALPA-PAC Steering Committee, as well as the MEC and LEC Legislative/Political Action Committees, and the International Affairs Committee.

This collection consists of six exhibit packets concerning safety issues. The packets include articles, forecasts, assessments, procedures, correspondence, court documents, reports, etc., from the 1930s through the early 1980s. Nearly all documents are photocopies. Individual packets are undated, but appear to be from the early 1980s. Exhibit indexes not available for all packets.

Important Subjects:
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Boeing Airplanes
Employees—Workload

Important Names:
Bond, Langhorne
O’Connell, J. J.
Pryde, Gerry
Sayen, Clarence
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