

WJBK-TV Collection: Walter Reuther's FBI Files

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1940-1987, bulk 1942-1966

Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

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Creators: WJBK-TV Inc. and Federal Bureau of Investigation

Acquisition: The WJBK-TV Collection: Walter Reuther's FBI Files were deposited at the Reuther by William J. Gallagher of WJBK-TV Inc. on April 18, 1988.

Language: Material entirely in English.

Access: Collection is open for research.

Use: Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library *Rules for Use of Archival Materials*. **Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.**

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Related Material: Reuther Collection: UAW President's Office: Walter P. Reuther Records.

PLEASE NOTE: Folders in this collection are not necessarily arranged in any particular order. The box folder listing provides an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout the collection.

Abstract

The WJBK-TV Collection: Walter Reuther's FBI Files consists of the FBI FOIA release files and related correspondence concerning Walter P. Reuther. The files were released by the FBI under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and were then obtained by WJBK-TV Inc. under the direction of WJBK-TV Inc. reporter, William J. Gallagher, in 1987. The majority of the FBI files contain records concerning an internal security investigation of Walter Reuther and the United Auto Workers (UAW) between 1940 and 1970. Additional FBI files relate to a Security of Government Employees investigation of Walter Reuther between 1965 and 1967 when Reuther was an applicant for a position with the State Department, as well as to a background investigation of Walter Reuther, which was conducted at the request of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy between 1953 and 1964, when Reuther was under consideration to be a member of the committee in order to study the peacetime uses of atomic energy. Correspondence records relating to these FBI FOIA release files were created in 1986 and 1987, and are largely between William J. Gallagher and either Robert J. Walsh, Chief of the Freedom of Information/Privacy Office, or Emil P. Moschella, Chief of the Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts Section, Records Management Division.

Important Subjects:

Freedom of Information Act (United States)
United Auto Workers (UAW)
United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation
WJBK-TV (Television station : Detroit, Mich.)

Important Names:

Gallagher, William J.
Moschella, Emil P.
Reuther, Walter P.
Walsh, Robert J., Jr.

Arrangement

Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collection.

Box 1

- 1 Correspondence, 1986-1987
- 2 Reuther File Fibers, 1940-1987
- 3 FBI FOIA Release No. 274,050; File No. 61-9556; Section 1, 1940-1941
- 4 FBI FOIA Release No. 274,050; File No. 61-9556; Section 2, 1941-1942
- 5 FBI FOIA Release No. 274,050; File No. 61-9556; Section 3, 1942-1949
- 6 FBI FOIA Release No. 274,050; File No. 61-9556; Section 4, 1949
- 7 FBI FOIA Release No. 274,050; File No. 61-9556; Section 5, 1954-1962
- 8 FBI FOIA Release No. 274,050; File No. 61-9556; Section 6, 1963-1966
- 9 FBI FOIA Release No. 274,050; File No. 61-9556; Section 7, 1967
- 10 FBI FOIA Release No. 274,050; File No. 61-9556; Section 8, 1967-1970
- 11 FBI FOIA Release No. 274,050; File No. 77-58912; Section 4-B, 1949-1964
- 12 FBI FOIA Release No. 274,050; File No. 140-31770; Section 1, 1965-1966
- 13 FBI FOIA Release No. 274,050; File No. 140-31770; Section 2, 1965-1967