



## **Guide to the Philip Handler papers, 1960s-1980s**

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Philip Handler papers, 1960s-1980s

**Abstract:**

Philip Handler was a Duke University biochemist and government partner based in Durham, North Carolina. Collection comprises professional files kept by Handler as president of the National Academy of Sciences, chairman of the National Science Board, and member of the Committee on Science and Public Policy, the latter two being affiliated with the National Science Foundation. Includes many subject files on scientific topics, organizations, individuals, conferences, and institutions; correspondence; memoranda; travel records; printed materials such as articles and clippings; and various writings and speeches by Handler.

**Extent:**

51 Linear Feet (34 boxes)

**Language:**

English .

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**Preferred Citation**

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

Collection comprises a large set of professional files kept by biochemist Philip Handler as president of the National Academy of Sciences, chairman of the National Science Board, and member of the Committee on Science and Public Policy, the latter two being affiliated with the National Science Foundation. Includes many subject files on scientific topics, organizations, individuals,

conferences, and institutions; correspondence, memoranda, travel records, printed materials such as articles and clippings, and various writings and speeches by Handler.

The files are not always contiguous, but are in loose groups arranged by topic, function, or organization. The files document not only Handler's biomedical career and leadership service to major science research foundations, but also document the history of those organizations, nationally and internationally.

## **Biographical/Historical**

Philip Handler, originally of New York City, was a biochemist and government partner in science. He was affiliated for most of his career with Duke University's biochemistry department, which he chaired from 1950-1969, and the School of Medicine. As a biochemist, he published more than 200 papers on human nutrition and metabolic activity. For his pioneering contributions to the advancement of biochemistry, he received the National Medal of Science in 1981. He was very active in the National Institutes of Health and the National Academy of Science, as well as many non-governmental organizations. In 1969, he was elected president of the National Science Foundation, and continued in that role until shortly before his death in December 1981.

[Source: Wikipedia, accessed April 28, 2020]

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## **Arrangement**

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Arranged in original order as received, in loose groups of subject files, organization files, correspondence, and writings.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Statement**

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### **Acquisition Information**

The Philip Handler papers were acquired as a transfer in 1986.

### **Processing Information**

Collection was given core-level processing by library staff.

Collection guide created from inventory by Paula Jeannet, April 2020.

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Biochemistry
- Biochemists -- United States
- Life sciences -- United States
- Medical sciences
- Research -- Government policy -- United States
- Science -- Social aspects
- Science -- United States -- Societies, etc.

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## Collection Inventory

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### Philip Handler professional files, 1960s-1980s

Science subject files, speeches, correspondence files (by month/year), circa 1979-1980	Box 1
Correspondence files, 1977 January-1979 September	Box 2
NSF/NSB 4th Report, no date	Box 2
NSF files, 1970-1971	Box 3
NAS-NRC files, 1970s	Box 3
Subject files on universities, foundations, corporations, 1970s	Box 3
NSB files, 1974	Box 4
Subject files on universities, Associations, individuals, etc, 1970s	Box 4
Subject files on universities, publications, 1970s	Box 5
NSF files, 1970s	Box 5
Speeches, Handler's curriculum vitae, and travel records, 1960s	Box 6
Subject files on universities, individuals, foundations, conferences, 1960s	Box 7
Subject files on universities, individuals, foundations, conferences, 1960s	Box 8
Subject files on committees, universities, publications, 1960s	Box 9
Speeches, Subject files on individuals, institutes, 1960s	Box 10
NSF files, 1960s	Box 11

Speeches, Subject files on individuals, foundations, publications, universities, etc., 1960s	Box 12
Duke University, 1969-1970	Box 13
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NSF files, 1960s

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