

**Bull Elephants Records**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Bull Elephants Records

**Span Dates:** 1967-1974

**ID No.:** MSS81115

**Creator:** Bull Elephants (Organization)

**Extent:** 1,400 items

**Extent:** 4 containers

**Extent:** 1.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm91081115>

**Summary:** Correspondence, minutes, reports, bylaws, programs, membership files, notes, photographs, and other records documenting the organization's activities including talks by prominent Republican Party political figures and discussions of political and congressional matters.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Agnew, Spiro T., 1918-1996.

Alsop, Joseph, 1910-1989.

Bush, George, 1924-2018.

Ford, Gerald R., 1913-2006.

Goldwater, Barry M. (Barry Morris), 1909-1998.

Kelley, Clarence M.

Reagan, Ronald.

Simon, William E., 1927-2000.

Weinberger, Caspar W.

### Organizations

Bull Elephants (Organization)

Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )

United States. Congress--Officials and employees.

### Subjects

Political parties.

### Places

United States--Politics and government--1963-1969.

United States--Politics and government--1969-1974.

## Provenance

The records of the Bull Elephants were given to the Library of Congress by Ron Martinson in 1991.

## Processing History

The records of Bull Elephants were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2007.

## Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Ron Martinson in these records have been dedicated to the public. The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Bull Elephants is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Restrictions

Restrictions apply governing the use, photoduplication, or publication of items in this collection. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning these restrictions.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Bull Elephants Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The records of the Bull Elephants, an association of male senior staff of Republican members of Congress and male Republican staff of congressional committees, span the years 1967-1974 and chronicle the activities of an unofficial group that provided party cohesiveness in Congress. Founded in the early 1950s as an informal social gathering of Republicans, the Bull Elephants provided a casual setting for talks by prominent political figures and a forum for the discussion of political and congressional matters. The group flourished in the late 1960s and early 1970s but was moribund by the late 1980s. Several Bull Elephants went on to serve as members of Congress.

The collection includes material relating to funding problems and monthly programs featuring speakers and social activities. Significant speakers included Spiro T. Agnew, Joseph Alsop, George Bush, Gerald R. Ford, Barry M. Goldwater, Clarence M. Kelley, Ronald Reagan, William E. Simon, and Caspar W. Weinberger. The records of the Bull Elephants include correspondence, minutes, reports, bylaws, programs for speakers and social activities, membership files, photographs, notes, and miscellany. The material is grouped chronologically by congressional term and arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material therein. Items within folders are arranged chronologically or alphabetically.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically by congressional term and therein alphabetically by topic or type of material.

# Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX 1	Ninetieth Congress, 1967-1968 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Ninety-first Congress
BOX 1	Commemorative stamp sets, documents regarding, 1969
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1969-1971, undated (2 folders)
BOX 1	Dinner/dance, 1969
BOX 1	Illustrations, 1969-1971, undated
BOX 1	Minutes and reports, 1968-1970, undated
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1969-1970, undated
BOX 1	Programs
BOX 1	Announcements, 1969-1970 (2 folders)
BOX 1	General, 1967-1971, undated
BOX 2	Projects, 1968-1970, undated
BOX 2	Ninety-second Congress
BOX 2	Correspondence, 1970-1973, undated
BOX 2	Dinner/dance, 1971-1972, undated
BOX 2	Minutes and member lists, 1969-1971, undated
BOX 2	Photographs, undated
BOX 2	Programs, announcements, 1971-1972, undated
BOX 2	Ninety-third Congress
BOX 2	Correspondence, 1972-1974 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Dinner/dance, 1973-1974
BOX 2	Elections
BOX 2	General, 1972-1973
BOX 2	Special, 1973-1974 (2 folders)
BOX 3	Member lists, 1974, undated
BOX 3	Programs, 1973-1974 (2 folders)
BOX 3	Ninety-fourth Congress
BOX 3	Correspondence, 1975-1976, undated
BOX 3	Dinner/dance, 1975-1976 (2 folders)
BOX 3	Elections, 1974-1975, undated
BOX 3	Minutes, 1975
BOX 3	Programs, 1975-1976, undated
BOX 4	Ninety-fifth Congress, membership applications, 1977 (2 folders)

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BOX 4	Ninety-sixth Congress, 1979, undated
BOX 4	Ninety-seventh Congress
BOX 4	Mailing lists, 1981-1982, undated
BOX 4	Membership applications, 1980-1982, undated (2 folders)
BOX 4	Miscellany, 1981-1982, undated
BOX 4	Programs, 1979-1982, undated
BOX 4	Miscellany, 1974, undated