Collection Summary
Title: James Forman Papers
Inclusive Dates: 1848-2005
Bulk Dates: 1961-2001
ID No.: MSS85371
Creator: Forman, James, 1928-2005
Extent: 79,000 items
Extent: 255 containers plus 2 oversize
Extent: 100.2 linear feet
Extent: 1 digital file (1.09 MB)
Language: Collection material in English, French, and Spanish
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2007085371
Summary: Author, journalist, and civil rights activist. Correspondence, memoranda, diaries, subject files, speeches and writings, family papers, appointment books and calendars, and other papers relating primarily to Forman's activities as executive secretary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and president of the Unemployment and Poverty Action Committee.

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
Ali-Amin, Jamil, 1943-
Belafonte, Harry, 1927- --Correspondence.
Bellamy, Fay--Correspondence.
Braden, Anne, 1924-2006--Correspondence.
Carmichael, Stokely, 1941-1998--Correspondence.
Clinton, Bill, 1946- --Correspondence.
Donaldson, Ivanhoe--Correspondence.
Drake, St. Clair--Correspondence.
Fanon, Frantz, 1925-1961.
Forman, James, 1928-2005.
Forman, James, 1928-2005. Sammy Younge, Jr.: the first black college student to die in the black liberation movement. 1968.
Hayden, Tom--Correspondence.
Holt, Faye--Correspondence.
Holt, Len--Correspondence.
Johnson, P. Anna (Patricia Anna)
Johnson, P. Anna (Patricia Anna)--Correspondence.
McDew, Charles--Correspondence.
McSurely, Alan, 1936- --Correspondence.
Meeks, Josie--Correspondence.
Romilly, Constancia--Correspondence.
Sarachild, Kathie--Correspondence.
Sharpe, Monroe--Correspondence.
Stone, Donald P., 1935- --Correspondence.
Stone, Flora,--Correspondence.
Warren, Robert Penn, 1905-1989--Correspondence.
Zellner, Dorothy--Correspondence.
Zellner, James A.--Correspondence.

Organizations
Black Economic Development Conference.
Black Panther Party.
Black Workers Congress.
Congress of Racial Equality.
Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.
Mississippi Freedom Labor Union.
Mississippi Freedom Project.
Mississippi Freedom Schools.
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (U.S.)
Unemployment and Poverty Action Committee.

Subjects
African American newspapers.
African American periodicals.
African American press.
African Americans--Civil rights.
African Americans--Economic conditions.
African Americans--History.
African Americans--Politics and government.
African Americans--Reparations.
African Americans--Segregation.
African Americans--Social conditions.
African Americans--Suffrage--Mississippi.
African Americans--Suffrage.
Black militant organizations--United States.
Black power--United States.
Civil rights demonstrations--Washington (D.C.)
Civil rights movements--Alabama.
Civil rights movements--Georgia.
Civil rights movements--Mississippi.
Civil rights movements--United States.
Civil rights--United States.
Human rights--United States.
Labor--United States.
Racism--United States--History.
Radicalism--United States.
School integration--United States.
Segregation--United States.
Voter registration--United States.

Places
Africa--Foreign relations--United States.
Africa.
Central America--Foreign relations--United States.
China--Foreign relations--United States.
Middle East--Foreign relations--United States.
Mississippi--Race relations.
South Africa--Foreign relations--United States.
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United States--Politics and government--1945-1989
United States--Politics and government--1989-
United States--Race relations.

Titles
Black America news service.
Capitol Hill express.
Liberation news service.
Tempo and the times.

Occupations
Authors.
Civil rights leaders.
Journalists.

Acquisition Information
The papers of James Forman, author, journalist, and civil rights activist, were given to the Library of Congress by Forman's sons, Chaka Forman and James Forman, Jr., in 2007 and 2008. Additional material was given by Patricia Anna Johnson in 2008. Another installment to the papers was given in 2009 by Forman's sons.

Processing History
The papers of James Forman were arranged and described in 2009 by Connie L. Cartledge with the assistance of Tracey Barton, Maria Farmer, Sherraly McCoy, Dan Oleksiw, and Carolyn Ray. Material received in 2009 after the collection's initial arrangement was processed in 2012 by Connie L. Cartledge.

Transfers
Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Some photographs and posters have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. Videotapes, audiotapes, and other sound recordings have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division. Some periodicals have been transferred to the Serial and Government Publications Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the James Forman Papers.

Other Repositories
Other papers and material relating to James Forman are located in the Department of Special Collections and Archives, Queens College, City University of New York, Flushing, New York.
Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of James Forman in these papers and in other collections in the custody of the Library of Congress is reserved. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for further information.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of James Forman are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Digital Format

Digital files were received as part of the papers of James Forman. Reference copies were created from the original digital media. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for more information.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number or digital ID number, James Forman Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date    Event
1928, Oct. 4   Born, Chicago, Ill.
1947-1951   Served, United States Air Force
1950    Married Mary Sears (divorced 1956)
1957    B.A., Roosevelt University, Chicago, Ill.
1958    Attended African Research and Studies Program, Boston University, Boston, Mass.
1959    Married Mildred Thompson (divorced 1965)
1960    Worked with the Emergency Relief Committee of the Congress for Racial Equality, in Fayette County, Tenn.
          Wrote press releases for the Chicago Defender about his work with the Relief Committee
1961-1966   Executive secretary, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
1966-1969   Director, International Affairs Commission of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, New York, N.Y.
1968    Minister of foreign affairs, Black Panther Party
          Published Liberation Viendra d'une Chose Noir. Paris: F. Maspero
          Published Sammy Younge, Jr.: The First Black College Student to Die in the Black Liberation Movement. New York: Grove Press
1969    Gave speech about the “Black Manifesto,” Riverside Church, New York, N.Y.
1969-1970   Field director, Black Economic Development Conference
1972    Published Law and Order. New York: T. Nelson
          Published Making of Black Revolutionaries: A Personal Account. New York: Macmillan
1974    Founder and publisher, Black America News Service
1974-2004   President, Unemployment and Poverty Action Committee
1980  M.A., African American Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.
1981  Founder, Washington Times
Published Self-Determination and the African-American People. Seattle: Open Hand Publishing
1982  Ph.D., Union of Experimental Colleges and Universities with the Institute for Policy Studies, Cincinnati, Ohio
Candidate, school board position from Ward 1, District of Columbia
1984-1986  Adams-Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, District of Columbia
1987  Ran unsuccessfully for Democratic Party shadow senator, District of Columbia
1990  Recipient, Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom Award of the National Conference of Black America
Ran unsuccessfully for Democratic Party shadow senator, District of Columbia
1994  Published High Tide of Black Resistance and Other Political and Literary Writings. Seattle: Open Hand Publishing
Ran unsuccessfully for Democratic Party shadow senator, District of Columbia
2005, Jan. 10  Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of James Rufus Forman (1928-2005) span the years 1848-2005, with the bulk of the material dating from 1961 to 2001. The papers document Forman's interest in a wide variety of domestic and international issues, his activities as executive secretary and director of international affairs of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), one of the principal organizations of the civil rights movement in the 1960s, and his endeavors as president of the Unemployment and Poverty Action Committee (UPAC), a nonprofit organization concerned primarily with voter education and voter registration. UPAC was first established under the name of the Unemployment Poverty Action Council, but the last part of the name was changed to committee in the early 1980s. The papers are in English, French, and Spanish and are organized into the following series: Diaries, Correspondence, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee File, Subject File, Speeches and Writings File, Printed Matter, Miscellany, Addition, Oversize, and Digital File.

The Diaries, 1957-2004, primarily chronicle Forman's activities as an activist with SNCC and two other organizations interested in improving the economic and working conditions of African-Americans, the Black Economic Development Conference and the Black Workers Congress. In the diaries Forman writes about SNCC, its leaders, other civil rights organizations, including the Black Panther Party, and the civil rights movement. Also described are speaking engagements and meetings and the background to the research and writing of two of his books, The Making of Black Revolutionaries: A Personal Account, Forman's autobiography, and an unpublished work on Frantz Fanon. Entries for the 1990s and 2000s reflect on SNCC, the civil rights movement, and his life and current events. The diaries also contain letters sent that he retained as diary entries. Copies or duplicates of these “diary” letters are usually located in the Correspondence series and Forman's correspondence in the SNCC series.

The Correspondence series, 1956-2005, documents Forman's interests and activities in national politics, foreign relations, civil rights, labor issues, and the political affairs of the District of Columbia. Many of the files concern his work as president of UPAC and a related organization, the Unemployed Poverty Action Council, Legal Defense, Education, and Research Fund, that Forman established for the protection of civil rights and human rights activists. Some of the correspondence also pertains to his endeavors as a consultant and as a journalist and founder of the Black America News Service.

Files in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee series, 1950-2003, contain both Forman's papers and those he collected from other members of the organization. The series documents Forman's activities with the organization such as fund-raising, press coverage, obtaining legal assistance for staff in jail, representing the organization at meetings with other civil rights groups, and collecting material to document the violent and dangerous circumstances endured by staff and those participating in voter registration and direct action protests against segregation. The papers include field reports and other records relating to SNCC's efforts in Alabama, including Selma and the counties of Dallas and Lowndes, and in Georgia, particularly Albany and other parts of southwest Georgia. The most extensive files relate to Mississippi and contain field reports, statements and affidavits concerning violence, press releases, clippings, and printed matter. Topics
and organizations represented are the Mississippi Freedom Project (also known as Freedom Summer), the Mississippi Freedom Schools, the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, and the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union. Featured as well are Africa, black power, the Black Panther Party, and the March on Washington in 1963. Subject files in the series include information about H. Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael, and Sammy Younge, the first African-American student to be killed in the civil rights movement. Forman knew Younge and wrote a book about his death in Tuskegee, Alabama. Files relating to the book are in the Speeches and Writings File.

The Subject File, 1848-2005, treats Forman's interest in politics, foreign relations, and civil rights before and after his affiliation with SNCC. Files pertaining to civil rights include Forman's trip to Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1958, to report on school integration for the Chicago Defender; his work as a Congress of Racial Equality volunteer in Fayette and Haywood Counties, Tennessee, in 1960, assisting sharecroppers and their families who had been evicted for registering to vote; and his arrest in 1961 with SNCC volunteers protesting segregated facilities in Monroe, North Carolina. In addition, the series contains extensive material relating to Forman's involvement with the Black Economic Development Conference (BEDC) and the Black Workers Congress. While affiliated with the BEDC, Forman helped adopt a “Black Manifesto.” Forman presented this manifesto in May 1969, at the Riverside Church, in New York City, where he demanded 500 million dollars from white churches as reparations for the injustices and exploitation that blacks had suffered. Foreign relations topics featured are Africa and South Africa, Central America, the Middle East, and China. Also represented are numerous files relating to political campaigns and the District of Columbia, including his unsuccessful campaigns to be the first Democratic senator of the District and his tenure on the Adams-Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission for Ward One. This series also contains extensive papers documenting Forman's relationship from 1958 through 2005 with P. Anna Johnson, his friend and publisher.

The bulk of the Speeches and Writings File, 1872-2004, consists of books and book projects. Most of the files relate to The Making of Black Revolutionaries, Sammy Younge, Jr.: The First Black College Student to Die in the Black Liberation Movement, and Forman's unpublished novel “The Thin White Line.” Included as well are extensive files relating to his thesis, “An Examination of the Question of Self-Determination and Its Application to the African American People,” later published as Self-Determination and the African-American People. The series also contains newspapers and periodicals that Forman established, the Washington Times, the Capitol Hill Express, and Tempo and the Times, a newsletter about labor issues, and press releases by him. Reflections about the civil rights movement and its leaders are also evident in Forman's miscellaneous writings and notebooks.


The Miscellany series, 1928-2005, consists chiefly of address cards and notes, family papers, business cards, financial and legal records, student files, and teaching files. The teaching file includes essays by Forman's students when he worked as an elementary school teacher in Chicago from 1960 to 1961. Also in the series is material from retrospective projects relating to the civil rights movement in Mississippi and other areas of the South. The Digital File consists of one JPEG file of a color photographic image of Forman in 2000.


Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in nine series:

- Diaries, 1957-2004
- Correspondence, 1956-2005
- Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee File, 1950-2003
- Subject File, 1848-2005
• Speeches and Writings File, 1872-2004
• Printed Matter, 1934-2002
• Miscellany, 1928-2005
• Addition, 1968-2005
• Oversize, 1943-2003
• Digital File, 2000
Description of Series

Container Series

BOX 1-6 Diaries, 1957-2004
  Handwritten and typewritten diaries, including copies of outgoing correspondence, documenting Forman's personal and professional activities.
  Arranged by type of diary and therein chronologically.

BOX 6-16 Correspondence, 1956-2005
  Incoming and outgoing correspondence between Forman and friends, colleagues, government officials, acquaintances, and the public relating to Forman's personal and professional interests.
  Arranged chronologically.

BOX 16-57 Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee File, 1950-2003
  Correspondence, memoranda, reports, press releases, interviews, speeches and statements, writings, background material, financial records, poetry and songs, a scrapbook, lists, clippings, printed matter, and other material pertaining to Forman's tenure at SNCC.
  Arranged in correspondence and subject files. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by name of person or type of correspondence and therein chronologically. The subject file is arranged alphabetically by name of person, topic, or type of material.

BOX 58-125 Subject File, 1848-2005
  Correspondence, memoranda, reports, interviews, speeches and statements, writings, notes, press releases, newsletters, campaign material, political memorabilia, programs, background material, lists, clippings, printed matter, and other material.
  Arranged alphabetically by name of person, topic, or type of material.

BOX 125-180 Speeches and Writings File, 1872-2004
  Speeches and speech material, articles, essays, pamphlets, book drafts, book proposals and outlines, reviews, letters to the editor, newsletters and periodicals, press releases, short stories and plays, a thesis, notebooks, notes, bibliographies, lists, research material, clippings, and printed matter.
  Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically or alphabetically.

BOX 181-225 Printed Matter, 1934-2002
  Newspapers, periodicals, and newsletters relating to topics of interest to Forman.
  Arranged alphabetically by topic and therein chronologically or alphabetically.

BOX 225-253 Miscellany, 1928-2005
  Address books, appointment books and calendars, biographical material, family papers, financial and legal records, medical records, notes and lists, business cards, class papers, telephone logs, clippings, printed matter, and other papers.
  Arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material and therein chronologically or alphabetically.

BOX 254-255 Addition, 1968-2005
  Correspondence, diaries, press releases, notes, an interview, financial and legal records, family papers, medical records, lists, photographs, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and other material.
  Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
**Box OV 1-OV 2**

**Oversize, 1943-2003**

Oversize material consisting of a scrapbook, posters, certificates, a genealogical chart, and a diploma.

Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

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**Digital File, 2000**

A color photographic image.

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1970, Dec. 21-1971, Apr. 23 |
| **BOX 2** | 1971, Apr. 25-Dec. 27  
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1972-1974  
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| **BOX 3** | Aug.-Dec.  
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| **BOX 4** | Typescripts  
1967-1969  
(14 folders)  
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| **BOX 5** | Feb.-Dec.  
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1971-1991  
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| **BOX 6** | 1992-2004, undated  
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| **BOX 6-16** | **Correspondence, 1956-2005**  
Incoming and outgoing correspondence between Forman and friends, colleagues, government officials, acquaintances, and the public relating to Forman's personal and professional interests. Arranged chronologically. |
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## Correspondence, 1956-2005

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### Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee File, 1950-2003

Correspondence, memoranda, reports, press releases, interviews, newsletters, speeches and statements, writings, background material, financial records, poetry and songs, a scrapbook, lists, clippings, printed matter, and other material pertaining to Forman's tenure at SNCC.

Arranged in correspondence and subject files. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by name of person or type of correspondence and therein chronologically. The subject file is arranged alphabetically by name of person, topic, or type of material.

### BOX 16

**Correspondence**

Forman, James

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- 1964
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           | Romilly, Constancia ("Dinky"), 1963-1967  
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| | (2 folders)  
| | Student Voice, Inc., 1964  
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               | Address books, appointment books and calendars, biographical material, family papers, financial and legal records, medical records, notes and lists, business cards, class papers, telephone logs, clippings, printed matter, and other papers.  
               | Arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material and therein chronologically or alphabetically. |
| BOX 225   | Address file, unarranged  
          | Address books, undated  
          | (3 folders) |
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          | circa 1968-circa 2004 |
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          | (6 folders) |
| BOX 233   | (7 folders) |
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| BOX 235   | (2 folders) |
| BOX 236   | Appointment books and calendars  
          | 1976-1993  
          | (4 folders) |
| BOX 236   | 1994, 2003  
          | (11 folders) |
          | See also Oversize |
| BOX 238   | Biographical file  
          | Birth certificates and military papers, 1928, 1951  
          | Résumés and fact sheets  
          | (3 folders) |
| BOX 239   | 1990-2000, undated  
          | (2 folders) |
| BOX 240   | Book call slips and overdue notices, circa 1975-circa 1983 |
| BOX 241   | Business cards  
          | Forman, James, undated |
| BOX 242   | Miscellaneous  
          | circa 1968-circa 2004 |
| BOX 243   | circa 1968-circa 2004 |
| BOX 244   | circa 1968-circa 2004 |
| BOX 245   | circa 1968-circa 2004 |
| BOX 246   | Family papers |
Correspondence
Forman, Chaka and James (1967-) (sons), 1970-2004, undated
   (6 folders)
Forman, Mildred Thompson (wife), 1961
Romilly, Constancia (“Dinky”) (wife), 1964-2001, undated
   (10 folders)
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Rufus, Octavia (mother), 1973-1979, undated
   (4 folders)
Other papers
Forman, Mary (wife), 1958
   (2 folders)
Mitford, Jessica (mother-in-law), circa 1980, 1996, undated
Romilly, Constancia
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   General, 1974-1979, 1997, undated

Financial and legal records
Application, change of name, 1984

BOX 244
Bank statements
   Unemployed and Poverty Action Council Legal Defense, Education, and Research Fund,
      1986-2001
   Unemployment and Poverty Action Committee, 1983-2003
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Charles D. Sager, Partnership, 1982

BOX 245
Contributions
   Card file, 1968-1973

BOX 246
General, 1978-2001, undated
   (6 folders)
Friends of James Forman Campaign Committee, 1987-1992, undated
Fund-raising
   1973-1995
   (9 folders)
BOX 247
1996-2004, undated
   (3 folders)
General, 1965-2003, undated
   (2 folders)
Will, 1982-1983
Guest lists, 1992-1995, undated
Medical records of Forman

James Forman Papers
Mississippi, 1928-2005

Container  Contents

Documents released by California concerning his 1953 hospitalization, 1979-1984, 1995
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Membership and identification cards, 1960-2001
Passports and certificates of vaccination, 1964-1969, 1975
Performances and video presentations
“Freedom is a Constant Struggle, the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement: A Retrospective
Through Theater, Song and Dance”
1994
Mar.-Aug.
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BOX 249  Sept.-Nov.
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General, 1995-2002, undated
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Personal papers, organization of, undated
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Seeger, Pete, 1986
Student file
Boston University, Boston, Mass., 1957-1958, 1979-1982
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Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, 1978-1979
Class paper about Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, 1979
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1977-1978
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BOX 250  1979-1980
Diploma, 1980 See also Oversize
Financial papers, 1976-1980, undated
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BOX 251  Grade reports and transcripts, 1977-1979
Petitions, 1978
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Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities, Cincinnati, Ohio, in cooperation with
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**Addition, 1968-2005**

 Correspondence, diaries, press releases, notes, an interview, financial and legal records, family papers, medical records, lists, photographs, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and other material.  
 Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

**BOX 254**

 Correspondence, 1993-2004, undated  
 (8 folders)  
 Diaries, typescripts, 1994-2004  
 (7 folders)  
 Subject file  
 Address lists, undated  
 Awards and honors, circa 2003  
 Biographical file, 1997, undated  
 Civil rights, 1997-2001  
 Crime, organized, 2000-2002  
 Death of Forman, memorials and tributes, 2005  
 District of Columbia  
 General, 2001-2003  
 Statehood and voting representation in the United States Congress, 1993-2003  
 Family papers, 1997-2004  
 Fanon, Frantz, 1992-1997, undated  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2002  
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**BOX 255**

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    Administrative file, 2000-2002
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Miscellaneous, 1999-2004
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BOX OV 1-OV 2

Oversize, 1943-2003
Oversize material consisting of a scrapbook, posters, certificates, a genealogical chart, and a diploma.
Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

BOX OV 1
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
Subject file
    Scrapbook, 1963-1966 (Container 51)

BOX OV 2
Subject file
District of Columbia
    Political campaigns by Forman
    U. S. Senate
    1990 (Container 79)
    Ward 1
    Miscellaneous, 1995 (Container 79)
Miscellany
    Awards and honors
    1998 (Container 236)
    2001 (Container 236)
    2003 (Container 236)
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Student file
    Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.
    Diploma, 1980 (Container 250)
    Miscellaneous, 1943 (Container 251)

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Digital File, 2000
A color photographic image.
Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the item was removed.

Photographs, copies, 2000 (Container 249)

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