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INTRODUCTION

The Ronald H. Walker Papers were given to Clemson University in August, 1985 and transferred to the library in 1986. Walker succeeded George B. Hartzog, Jr. as Director of the National Park Service. This collection reflects Walker's visits to regional and field offices and individual parks in an effort to learn the system and to get to know his staff.

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection. Berniece Holt prepared a register in 1987.

BIOGRAPHY

Ronald H. Walker was born July 25, 1937. He was reared and educated in the Middle and Near East while his father was employed by the United States government and the Ford Foundation. He received his B. A. degree from the University of Arizona, Tucson, in 1960. He and his wife, Ann Lucille Collins, have three daughters. From 1961 to 1964 Walker served in the United States Army and attained Captain's rank. He trained in Armor, Airborne and Special Warfare School. Following his military service he was employed by Allstate Insurance Company and Hudson Company until he became Staff Assistant and later Special Assistant to President Nixon, 1969-1973. In 1973 he was appointed Director of the National Park Service in the Department of Interior. In September 1974, effective January 1, 1975, he resigned and became a consultant to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In 1975, he served as Associate Director and Tournament Director of Lamar Hunt's World Championship Tennis. From 1977-1979 he headed his own consulting company which specialized in all areas of management including political campaign, events, public relations, advertising, marketing and promotion. In 1979 he joined Korn/Ferry International, an executive search firm, as the managing partner in the hospitality/leisure industry. Beginning in 1979 he served as a special consultant to presidential personnel. During 1984 he managed the Republican National Convention and in 1985 served as Chairman of the Committee for the fiftieth American Presidential Inaugural.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Walker Papers have been put into alphabetical order using the original folder titles. Dates have been added to these titles. Chronological correspondence files include memoranda as well as correspondence.

Director Walker spent much of his first year traveling and visiting regional and field offices and individual parks. He solicited ideas and reports from advisory boards and service employees. One special report, "The NPS - a Prospectus for the Next Ten Years" by assistants Stanley W. Hulett, J. Leonard Norwood, Raymond L. Freeman, Joseph C. Rumberg and Ernest A. Connally, in February 1973, helped him set his goals and objectives. His concept of the National Park Service was that of a "company with the American people the greatest stockholders." During his two years as Director, he spoke to Committees on budgets and legislation. Correspondence, memoranda, schedules, personnel matters, telephone logs, and newsletters are major parts of this collection. Marsha C. Griswold, personal secretary, and Doug Blaser, assistant to the Director, handled major assignments in the Director's Office. In his second annual report of December 31, 1974 Walker summarizes the state of the parks and major events of 1974. He resigned September 9, 1974 effective January 1, 1975.

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SEPARATION LIST

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