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**New York State Office of General Services Walsh-Corbetta
Project Manager's Subject Files 15764**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of "central files" compiled by the Walsh-Corbetta Joint Venture during its management of construction of the South Mall main platform superstructure, health department laboratories, and meeting center. The series contains files on subcontractors engaged by Walsh-Corbetta, as well as "Miscellaneous Files" documenting numerous aspects of project management.
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Title:	Walsh-Corbetta project manager's subject files
Quantity:	11 cubic feet
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Series:	15764

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Arrangement

Series is divided into two subsets: the first is arranged alphabetically by subcontractor name; the second is arranged alphabetically by subject.

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Administrative History

On December 19, 1967, the joint venture of Walsh Construction Company and Corbetta Construction Company (Walsh-Corbetta) entered into a contract with the State of New York to construct the main platform superstructure, health department laboratories, and meeting center portions of the South Mall for the sum of \$97,777,000. Following various delays not in the contractor's control, Walsh-Corbetta determined that it was impossible to complete construction within the time specified in the original contract. On January 1, 1971, pursuant to Section 10 of the Public Buildings Law, Walsh-Corbetta and the state entered into a modification of contract, providing for a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis for payment. Under this arrangement, the fixed fee

does not vary with actual cost, but may be adjusted as a result of changes in the work to be performed under the contract.

Section 10 of the Public Buildings Law also provided for equitable adjustment of contracts awarded for construction of the South Mall in cases where the Commissioner of General Services "has determined that the performance of all or any part of the work has been suspended, delayed, or interrupted for an extraordinary and unreasonable period of time by an act or omission of the state not expressly or impliedly authorized by the contract". In April of 1971, Walsh-Corbetta was awarded nearly \$52 million in compensation for additional costs incurred due to delays caused by the state.

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Scope and Content Note

This series contains the "central files" compiled by the Walsh-Corbetta Joint Venture during its management of construction of the South Mall main platform superstructure, health department laboratories, and meeting center. The series contains a set of files on subcontractors engaged by Walsh-Corbetta and a slightly larger set of "Miscellaneous Files" documenting numerous aspects of project management. The subcontractor files include correspondence regarding adherence to contract specifications and prices of materials and labor; proposals for contract change orders; payment requests and claims for reimbursement of costs for necessary work not covered by contract; arbitration documents; and claims for compensation for losses sustained due to delays caused by the state.

The "Miscellaneous Files" include legal documents relating to law suits filed by equipment/material suppliers contesting payment amounts; projected South Mall project cost budgets; weekly progress, labor, payroll, and productivity reports; contract negotiation correspondence (Walsh-Corbetta contract with the State Office of General Services); Walsh-Corbetta performance and payment bond documents; fire, health, and safety program documentation; and Walsh-Corbetta operating committee meeting minutes, agendas, and attachments. Operating committee meetings typically address project status, schedules, financing, personnel, and subcontractor claims or law suits.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

Access Terms

- Empire State Plaza (Albany, N.Y.)
- Public buildings--New York (State)
- Constructing office buildings
- New York (State)
- Office buildings--New York (State)
- South Mall (Albany, N.Y.)
- New York (State). Executive Department