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**New York State Special Assistant to the Governor on
Problems of the Aging Correspondence Files B2302**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	Philip M. Kaiser served as Chairman of the Inter-departmental Committee on Problems of the Aging, which was established by Governor W. Averell Harriman in March 1955 to advise on problems and developments affecting the aging and to assist in the formulation of recommendations for executive and legislative action. This series consists of letters received, with a few enclosures, copies of letters sent, and memoranda relating to problems of the aging.
Creator:	New York (State). Special Assistant to the Governor on Problems of the Aging
Title:	Correspondence files
Quantity:	6.5 cubic feet
Inclusive Date:	1955-1958
Series:	B2302

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Arrangement

Chronological by year and therein alphabetical by name of correspondent or organization.

1958 file: Alphabetical by name or subject heading.

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Administrative History

Philip M. Kaiser was appointed to Special Assistant to the Governor on Problems of the Aging on January 13, 1955. Kaiser was an economist for the Federal Reserve System from 1939-1942 and from 1942-1946 he was with the Board of Economic Welfare and the Foreign Economic Administration. In 1949, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of Labor by President Harry Truman and served in that position until 1953 when he became a labor advisor to the Free Europe Committee.

Kaiser devoted his efforts to developing a coordinated program for the various state departments and agencies, as well as local and private agencies, in meeting the special needs of the aging. He served as Chairman of the Inter-departmental Committee on Problems of the Aging which was established by Governor W. Averell Harriman in March 1955, to advise on problems and developments affecting the aging and to assist in the formulation of recommendations for the needed Executive and Legislative action.

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Scope and Content Note

This series consists of letters received, with a few enclosures, copies of letters sent, and memoranda relating to problems of the aging. The 1958 file contains folders of correspondence and memoranda from organizations, state agencies, and important individuals.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Folder list is available at the repository.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Administrative Information

Custodial History

This series was a gift to Syracuse University from Governor Harriman in 1959, and was later transferred to the New York State Archives in 2006. It was accessioned in February 2011.

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Access Terms

- New York (State)--Social conditions
- Correspondence
- New York (State)
- Memorandums
- Researching
- Older people--New York (State)
- New York (State). Office of the Special Assistant
- New York (State). Governor (1955-1958 : Harriman)
- New York (State). Executive Department