

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

PERSONAL PAPERS OF ROBERT S. MAESTRI

ACCESSION # 1986.103.5.1-10

RECORD GROUP 69

1905 - 1982

Robert Sidney Maestri [1899-1974] served as mayor of New Orleans for ten years, 1936 - 1946, and the majority of the documents housed in this collection date from those years. Most numerous are the hundreds of congratulatory letters, telegrams and gift cards received by Maestri after he became mayor in August, 1936. Included are annotated copies of several Maestri campaign speeches and numerous certificates of appreciation and achievement awarded to Maestri and some other correspondence, relating particularly to Maestri's bid for the mayoralty in 1942. The collection documents, through letters written to Maestri, Maestri's numerous charitable activities, and his reputation as one willing to assist persons "down on their luck."

Those studying Huey P. Long, Earl K. Long, John H. Overton, Allen J. Ellender, and other politicians of the Long Era, as well as machine politics during the 1930's, will find this collection of interest. Included in the collection is a scrapbook of collected newspaper and magazine articles mostly re Huey P. Long, pro and con. deLesseps S. Morrison, who succeeded Maestri as mayor of the Crescent City, wrote several letters to Maestri (mostly inviting him to serve on committees and to appear at public functions) which are included in this record group.

The collection contains a transcript of a 1939 public meeting held to study public recreational facilities and programs in New Orleans, a printed copy of a brief in a lawsuit filed by Maestri against the Times Picayune newspaper, as well documents concerning a suit filed by a federal postal employee after he was terminated for his alleged involvement in a postal scam. There are several documents relating to Italian-Americans in New Orleans, Catholicism, the Industrial Canal, building Mercy Hospital, and the Magnolia Park racetrack.

Of a personal nature, the manuscript collection contains Maestri's marriage certificate, some references to his wife Hilda Bertoniore and their daughter Roberta, a newspaper clipping accounting the celebration of Maestri's 81st birthday in 1970, two photographic copies of Maestri's first paycheck as mayor of the city, and several copies of an elaborate Christmas card c. 1937.

Of additional interest are autographed menu/dinner programs held at Roosevelt hotel honoring Douglas Corrigan, an early aviator who flew solo from New York to Ireland, a radio broadcast script detailing a behind-the-scenes report of a day spent with Maestri before his 1936 inauguration, two large scrapbooks documenting Louisiana Department of Conservation activities 1929-1935 (Maestri served as the state's Commissioner of Conservation 1929-1936), and one scrapbook kept while Maestri was mayor, January - April, 1938.

The collection is useful in that many of the letters were written on letterhead stationery and thus document such diverse concerns as the Supreme Court of Louisiana, the Monroe Hotel, Monroe, Louisiana, the L & L Stereotype & Map Shop, Touro Synagogue, the Louisiana Civil Service League, Tuberculosis Association of Greater New Orleans, local banking facilities, and the Cosmo Shoe Repair Service ("we sterilize every shoe we repair") and Laundry (includes prices).

A useful discussion of Maestri's mayoral years can be found in Edward F. Haas's article, "New Orleans on the Half Shell, The Maestri Era, 1936,-1946." Louisiana History, Vol. XIII, #3, (Summer 1972), pp.283-310.

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BOX I 1986.103.5.1.1-40

Folder 1 Correspondence, Aug 11-16, 1936

--pencil sketch of RSM, titled, "Let Her Go! Colonel" by Willie E. Nichols with note: "Colonel Bob: How's this with an ordinary pencil. Show it to Joe Skelly ." [Shows RSM swinging a baseball bat]. ALS. Aug 11, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.1.1]

--letter to RSM from Zachary A. Starte requesting a "position as the inspector of some kind." ALS. New Orleans, Aug 11, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.1.2]

--congratulatory telegram to RSM from "Lilian." Aug 16, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.1.3]

--congratulatory letter to RSM from Maurice Joseph DeKemel. ALS. Aug 16, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.1.4]

Folder 2 Congratulatory telegrams, Aug 17, 1936

--congratulatory telegrams after RSM declared mayor. Most addressed to Roosevelt Hotel.

From:

Patrick & Rosalie Araguel, New Orleans
[1986.103.5.1.2.1]

Joseph Catanese, New Orleans
[1986.103.5.1.2.2]

Mrs. Beatrice Cohn, New Orleans
[1986.103.5.1.2.3]

Mrs. Jean Ferran & Family, New York
[1986.103.5.1.2.4]

Teresa Gaiennie, New Orleans
[1986.103.5.1.2.5]

Mr. & Mrs. George Meynier, New Orleans
[1986.103.5.1.2.6]

Dr. & Mrs. Alphonse B. Meynier, New Orleans
[1986.103.5.1.2.7]

John S. Oelkers, New Orleans
[1986.103.5.1.2.8]

Leslie B. Ponder, Hammond, La.
[1986.103.5.1.2.9]
Mrs. A. Reine & Family, New Orleans
[1986.103.5.1.2.10]
Mr. & Mrs. R.N. Sims, New Orleans
[1986.103.5.1.2.11]
Joseph Tusa, New Orleans
[1986.103.5.1.2.12]
Mrs. Boze Martin & son, Mrs. W. Salvant, New Orleans
[1986.103.5.1.2.13]
Joe Fisse and Mike Morrissey, Jackson, Mississippi
[1986.103.5.1.2.14]

Folder 3 Correspondence, Aug 17-24, 1936

--congratulatory card to RSM from Rosalie Araguel. ALS. August 17, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.3.1]

--congratulatory telegram to RSM from Wilson Ewing, "have just read your novel address...you mentioned Martin Bernham [sic] my ideal." Pass Chrisian, Aug 17, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.3.2]

--congratulatory letter to RSM, in Italian, from Vincenro Viso. TLS. New Orleans, Aug 17, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.3.3]

--congratulatory telegram from H. Weil Baking Co. New Orleans, Aug 18, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.3.4]

--congratulatory letter to RSM from Mother Tranquilla, Sacred Heart Orphanage. Includes veiled request for donation of \$1,900 to complete "the pavilion," mentions donation made by RSM to Mother Cabrini Day Nursery for repairs, and requests RSM to honor the orphanage with a visit, to see how work is progressing on the pavillion. ALS. New Orleans, August 20, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.3.5]

--congratulatory letter to RSM from Lewis L. Morgan, legal department of the Louisiana highway commission. TLS. Baton Rouge, Aug 21, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.3.6]

--congratulatory letter to RSM from John D. Ewing, Shreveport Times publisher. Ewing noted, "In thinking over the stife and turmoil of the past ten years (regardless of our Political and Personal views; it came to all of us) I thought of an editorial I had written and Published in the Times about your Administration of the Conservation Department...[my father was pleased] over what he called my fairness and broadmindedness; inasmuch as we were both avowed opponents of the late Senator Long and you were holding office under his administration." Ewing sent RSM a copy of the editorial under separate cover [not included in the collection]. ALS. Shreveport, Aug 22, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.3.7]

--attached to this letter is a carbon copy of RSM's reply to Ewing, thanking Ewing for his good wishes. RSM wrote he was "counting on the Ewing boys to help out in no small measure," had not yet received a copy of the editorial, but nonetheless "distinctly" recalled the article and agreed with "the old man, you were one on the other side that could be broad and fair!" New Orleans, Aug 26, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.3.7a]

--congratulatory postcard to RSM from John L. Oster. Los Angeles, Aug 24, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.3.8]

Folder 4 Carbon copies of typed thank-you letters from RSM

--to Mauberrt's Printing House for a case of liquor. Mauberrt's business card attached. Aug 24, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.4.1]

--to A.C. Anderson for flowers sent on inauguration day. Anderson's enclosure card attached. Aug 24, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.4.2a-b]

--to Neville Levy for an electric clock. Levy's personal card attached. Aug 24, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.4.3a-b]

--to Arthur G. Newmyer, publisher of the Washington Times, for an ash tray. RSM noted he could "now enjoy my favorite Optimo's in the cool of my new office." Newmyer's business card attached. Aug 24, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.4.4a-b]

--to Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament, for congratulatory card. Aug 28, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.4.5]

--to August Nolan for congratulatory letter. Aug 29, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.4.6]

--to Harvey G. Fields, chairman, 5th district congressional Democratic Committee, Farmerville, La. Aug 29, 1936. Fields' letter, dated Aug 27, 1936, attached. [1986.103.5.1.4.7a-b]

--to Hon. John W. McFord, Commissioner, Dept. of Accounts and Finance, Shreveport, La. for congratulatory letter. Aug 29, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.4.8a]

--McFord's letter attached. McFord noted he was mayor of Shreveport "before, during and after the World War [I]," and that Shreveport "weathered" the depression "very well," but that due to reduced assessments, now finds itself "hard-pressed" for funds, a condition McFord felt RSM found in New Orleans. McFord observed the state legislature made it possible for RSM to "do the things that should be

done in New Orleans," and that henceforth "progress and stabilized advancement" would be RSM's policy. TLS. Aug 27, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.4.8b]

Folder 5 Correspondence, Aug 24 - 29, 1936

--carbon copy of letter sent by RSM to Hon. John H. Overton advising him that William P. Dillon, chairman of the [Police] Jury Commissioners for Orleans parish endorsed Thomas D. Dimitry's application for a "position in the service of the government in Washington, D.C." RSM added he never met Dimitry, but was glad to add his endorsement to Dillon's. Aug 24, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.5.1a]

--attached to the copy is a scrap of paper in RSM's hand, "will recom[m]end anyone Dillon rec[ommends]. Personally dont know the man." n.d. [1986.103.5.1.5.1b]

--attached letter to RSM from Overton, U.S. Senator, Alexandria, La. Overton noted Dimitry requested Overton's assistance in obtaining a position with the federal government as an associate attorney or investigator and was recommended by George Piazza, Assistant General Counsel, Board of Levee Commissioners and Dillon. Overton asked RSM if he had "any information concerning this gentleman" and asked RSM, "what do you think of my recommending him for assignment" in Washington. ALS. Alexandria, July 28, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.5.1c]

--letter to RSM from James A. Farley, chairman of the Democratic National Campaign Committee, responding to RSM's letter, and noting he hoped to see RSM soon. New York, Aug 29, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.5.2]

Folder 6 Carbon copies of correspondence answered by RSM

--to J.A. Bandi, vice president, National Bank of Commerce, re street condition at 2800 block of Napoleon street. Sep 2, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.6.1a]

--attached to the copy is Bandi's letter to RSM. B a n d i enclosed a memorandum [not part of the collection] "about a matter that is urgently in need" of RSM's attention. In the upper left-hand corner, in RSM's handwriting, "ack[nowledge] complaint re settlement of roadway on Napoleon Ave. Ack[nowledge] & send to Mr. [Hampton] Reynolds." TLS. Aug 31, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.6.1b]

--to Tony Polozzolo, childhood friend of RSM, thanking him for his congratulatory letter. Sep 2, 1936.
[1986.103.5.1.6.2a]

--attached is Polozzolo's letter to RSM. "When I heard the news I almost cried with joy [,] I dont think I have ever experienced a greater thrill in my whole life." Polozzolo noted he hoped to bring his 10 year-old son to New Orleans to shake RSM's hand. TLS. New York, Aug 29, 1936.
[1986.103.5.1.6.2b]

--to Rear Admiral W.T. Cluverius thanking him for his congratulatory letter. Sep 2, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.6.3a]

--attached is Cluverius' letter on letterhead stationery marked, "United States Fleet Base Force, U.S.S. Argonne, Flagship. TLS. San Pedro, California, Aug 28, 1936.
[1986.103.5.1.6.3b]

--to Anna Anderson, Corresponding Secretary, Ladies Aid Society, Home for the Aged, Magazine & Eleonore Streets thanking her for their conrgatulatory letter. Sep 2, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.6.4a]

--attached is Anderson's letter. ALS. New Orleans, Aug 29, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.6.4b]

--copy of "Special Delivery" letter sent to Mayer Israel thanking him for his card, letter holder and paper cutter. RSM noted he was just advised Mayer did not receive RSM's original acknowledgement letter. Sep 2, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.6.5]

--to Captain A. C. Weston thanking him for his congratulatory letter. Sep 2, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.6.6a]

--attached is Weston's letter. TLS. Logtown, Mississippi Aug 28, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.6.6b]

--to Earl Morris, Agent, Department of Conservation, thanking him for his congratulatory letter. Sep 2, 1936.
[1986.103.5.1.6.7a]

--attached is Morris' letter; Morris noted it was his "pleasure" to give RSM his "earnest, loyal and conscientious service" as a member of RSM's department. TLS. New Orleans, Aug 25, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.6.7b]

--to A. G. Newmyer, Washington Times publisher, thanking him for his congratulatory letter. Sep 2, 1936.
[1986.103.5.1.6.8a]

--attached is Newmyer's letter, written in response to RSM's letter of Aug 24 [copy not included in collection]. Newmyer noted if RSM ever needed "quick action in the Nation's capitol, he [had] but to press the buzzer." TLS. Aug 27, 1936. [1986.103.5.1.6.8b]

--to Harry W. Brown, purchasing agent for White Kitchens, thanking him for his congratulatory letter. Sep 2, 1936.
[1986.103.5.1.6.9a]

--attached is Brown's letter. TLS. Aug 29, 1936.
[1986.103.5.1.6.9b]

Folder 7

Certificate of marriage: Robert Sidney Maestri and Hilda M. Bertoniere, Archbishop Rummel officiating. Angela Maestri, Hampton Reynolds, Geo. W. Vandervoort, witnesses. August 23, 1938.
[1986.103.5.1.7.1]

Folder 8 Marriage congratulatory letters to HBM & RSM

--from Archibald T. Higgins, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana. On letterhead stationery. TLS. New Orleans, Aug 25, 1938. [1986.103.5.1.8.1]

--from E. Howard McCaleb, Jr. Associate Judge, Orleans Parish Court of appeal. On letterhead stationery. ALS. Aug 29, 1938.
[1986.103.5.1.8.2]

Folder 9 Invitations

--to dinner honoring Argentine Consul General, Lorenzo A. Servente, hosted by Mississippi Shipping Co., aboard S.S. "Deltargentine," Nov 20, 1940. [1986.103.5.1.9.1]

--letter from Archbishop Rummel, inviting HBM & RSM to functions commemorating 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of New Orleans in 1793. Letter gives details of activities, including an address by RSM during the Civic program. TLS. New Orleans, Apr 20, 1943. [1986.103.5.1.9.2]

Folder 10 Enclosure cards [15] for flowers sent to HBM after RSM's January, 1942 mayoral election. Some are business cards.

From:

Geo. P. [Blaise?]
[1986.103.5.1.10.1]
Mr. & Mrs. C. Campi, Glisalberti apartments
[1986.103.5.1.10.2]
E.A. Farley
[1986.103.5.1.10.3]
Henry & Joe Gumbel
[1986.103.5.1.10.4]
Walter F. Jahncke
[1986.103.5.1.10.5]
Mr. & Mrs. Hy Knaak, Lily Knaak
[1986.103.5.1.10.6]
Dr. James T. Nix
[1986.103.5.1.10.7]
Dr. Walter Otis
[1986.103.5.1.10.8]
Mary Cecile & Elise Papworth
[1986.103.5.1.10.9]
James A. Noe, [Louisiana governor, 1936] with notation, "I am so sure of it [RSM's election as mayor] that I am sending my congratulations ahead of time." ALS.
Monroe, La. [1986.103.5.1.10.10]
Pascal Radosta
[1986.103.5.1.10.11]
Parkway Commission of N.O., Felix Seeger and employees
[1986.103.5.1.10.12]
The Weiss Brothers [Johnny [?] & Bernard]
[1986.103.5.1.10.13]
Womens Old Reg[ular] Dem[ocratic] Association, Mrs. Edna Pilsbury, chairman. [1986.103.5.1.10.14]
Charles Conrad & Joe Maes
[1986.103.5.1.10.15]

Folder 11 Congratulatory letters sent to HBM and RSM when Roberta Maestri was born

--to HBM from F. Edward Hebert, member, U.S. Congress. Hebert noted, "there is something special about a little girl that a boy just can't supply. You have a definite worry, however, and that is that your little daughter will become papa's daughter instead of mother's child. I speak from experience," and extended his best regards to Roberta's pediatrician, Dr. Duffy, a life long friend of Hebert's who also served as pediatrician to Hebert's daughter, Dawn. On letterhead stationery. TLS. Washington, Feb 2, 1942.
[1986.103.5.1.11.1]

--from Hampton Reynolds. Includes poem re children: "God sends children for another purpose than merely to keep up the race/To enlarge our hearts..." TLS. New Orleans, Feb 2, 1942. [1986.103.5.1.11.2]

--from "C.F," suggesting the name, Roberta, for the baby. "It would be the nearest name to our mayor-as we all now realize and know[,] the people's choice." [signed] One of Your 100% Voter's. ALS. n.p., c. 1942. [1986.103.5.1.11.3]

--to HBM from Blanche [Long], wife of Earl K. Long, then ex governor of Louisiana, responding to a telegram sent by the Maestris. Long wrote, "I know you and Mr. Maestri are two happy people now that the campaign is over and your daughter has arrived...sometimes when things are going bad for us and our true friends, I wonder if God chose that way to make us appreciate the good things in life when they are finally realized." Long was probably referring to the fact that her husband recently lost his bid for the governorship amid disclosures of corruption within the Long organization, known as the Louisiana Scandals. ALS. Winnfield, c. 1942. [1986.103.5.1.11.4]

Folder 12 Collected material re Bridget W. Healey/Winifred B. Healy

--certificate of voter registration issued to Winifred B. Healy. Verso: holographic notations, Jan 27, 1942 - Feb 24, 1948, noting each time Healy voted. May 5, 1941. [1986.103.5.1.12.1]

--notice of extension of voter registration issued to Winifred B. Healy. Verso: 2 signatures, Aug 8, 1948 and Oct 5, 1948, noting the times Healy voted. Mar 19, [1948]. [1986.103.5.1.12.2]

--certified copy, birth certificate, issued to Bridget Winefred [sic] Healy, daughter of Jeremiah Healy and Bridget Harrigan, born Oct 22, 1879. June 24, 1948. [1986.103.5.1.12.3]

--envelope, N.O. bureau of vital statistics. Postmarked, New Orleans, June 24, 1948. [1986.103.5.1.12.4]

Folder 13

--transcript, "Report of Meeting: Public Playgrounds," June 12, 1939. Includes summary of public recreational facilities/programs in New Orleans sponsored by the city and the school board; WPA involvement in building facilities and providing 250 "recreational leaders," vandalism, fees charged, facilities sponsored by the Catholic Church. Much of the discussion centered around the lack of, and need for, supervision at area playgrounds. Although RSM sent a representative, and a mayoral message, RSM did not

personally attend the meeting. 66 pp. [1986.103.5.1.13.1.1-66]

--attached to above is a cover letter, addressed to "Colonel," from Ferd. E. Zimmer, shorthand reporter. Zimmer noted, "In going through some of my old records...I came accross the enclosed transcript. It might be interesting reading in the coming campaign." TLS. New Orleans, Dec 17, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.13.1.2]

Folder 14 Correspondence received by RSM and HBM dated November [1]2, December 6-8, 1949. Some addressed % Roosevelt Hotel, others to American Bank Building.

--letter from Mrs. Ida Bordelon requesting help because she and her son cannot work. ALS. New Orleans, Nov [1?]2, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.14.1]

--letter from Rev. A.T. Screen, Diocesan Director of CYO requesting RSM to sponsor an advertisement in a souvenir program issued by the Catholic Youth Organization. TLS. New Orleans, Dec 6, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.14.2]

--letter from Paul E. Seidler, chief probation officer, U.S. District Court, congratulating RSM on his decision to run for mayor [against incumbent deLesseps "Chep" Morrison.] TLS. New Orleans, Nov [December?] 8, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.14.3]

--letter from M.G. Bordelon, realtor, offering his support to RSM's candidacy. TLS. New Orleans, Dec 8, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.14.4]

--telegram from Joe T. Cawthorne, "happy" about RSM's announcent to run again. Mansfield, La. Dec 8, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.14.5]

--letter from Jeffrey P. Calligan, Fire Lieutenant, offering his assistance in RSM's candidacy. Calligan outlined his political activity for the last several years and thanked RSM for his assistance in getting Calligan a position in the fire department after Civil Service went into effect. Calligan noted he supported Jimmie Noe, but that he was "sorry" that he had to do that "because I was in the roofing gang...I paid my obligations although I sacrificed a lot." In a postscript Calligan wrote, "I am not afraid of Morrison hurting me because I intend going on the pension soon anyway." On fire department letterhead stationery. ALS. New Orleans, Dec 8, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.14.6]

--letter from Isaac D. Chapman offering his services as publicity director for RSM's campaign. Includes brief summary of Chapman's experience, including the fact that Chapman handled publicity for Jimmie Davis when he ran for governor of Louisiana and wrote and edited Davis speeches. TLS. New Orleans, Dec 8, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.14.7]

--congratulatory telegram from Al Denton. New Orleans, Dec 8, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.14.8]

--card from J.L. Ewing, Ex-Publisher of the New Orleans States newspaper, offering his best wishes and support to RSM in his candidacy. ALS. On Boston Club stationery. New Orleans, Dec 8, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.14.9a]

attached are:

--envelope, Boston Club
[1986.103.5.1.14.9b]

--Ewing's personal card
[1986.103.5.1.14.9c]

--letter from Stanley Holiday, program manager, WDSU television, and program chairman of Young Men's Business Club, inviting RSM to speak as a mayoralty candidate at a YMBC luncheon. On WDSU letterhead stationery. New Orleans, Dec 8, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.14.10]

--congratulatory telegram from Father Jennings. "If you don't win[,] I want to know why." New Orleans, Dec 8, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.14.11]

--letter from Capt. Thomas H. King, wishing RSM good luck. ALS. New Orleans, Dec 8, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.14.12]

--congratulatory letter from Louise Puissegur. TLS. New Orleans, December 8, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.14.13]

--letter from Lou Van Sicklen suggesting RSM (1) create a "Woman's Division," with a desk for leaders of the LDA and Old Regular factions so RSM's campaign could "keep both groups of women friendly and build them up in the eyes of their women workers and the independent women voters;" (2) provide rally speakers with prepared speeches to be given to the speakers "to work over in their own language," but which they were to follow "in general." Van Sicklen noted he was capable of handling "women's publicity" and had "good contacts that might be of value in getting the Negro vote, as [he] organized the Negro OPA." TLS. New Orleans, Dec 8, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.14.14]

Folder 15 Correspondence received by RSM and HBM
dated December 9, 1949.

--letter from Louis H. Bernard wishing RSM good luck in the election. Bernard, apparantly known to RSM as the Marriage Kid, noted he told his friends to use the slogan, "Papa! is coming home again, vote for RSM one of [the] best mayors or city ever had. A friend of Rich and Poor." ALS. New Orleans.
[1986.103.5.1.15.1]

--letter of congratulations from Charles H. Frantz, Party Blind Disabled Vet[eran] and Voter of the 13 Ward. TL. New Orleans.
[1986.103.5.1.15.2]

--letter from Julius Goldman, Director, Community Chest, re donation. On letter head stationery. TLS. New Orleans.
[1986.103.5.1.15.3a]

--remittance envelope attached
[1986.103.5.1.15.3b]

--letter from Wallace W. Goodey, Jr., general chairman, Orleans Parish Veterans Civic Association for Good Government, inviting RSM to attend their meeting in order to present his "entire ticket." Other candidates were invited, at staggered times. At a later date, members were to select the candidate the organization would support in the primary election. TLS. New Orleans.
[1986.103.5.1.15.4]

--letter from A.V. Hendrix supporting RSM's decision to run; characterized RSM's opponents as "cheap and lying." On Monroe Hotel stationery. ALS. Monroe. [1986.103.5.1.15.5a]

--envelope attached
[1986.103.5.1.15.5b]

--letter to HBM from Kate Poelstia offering her services as a volunteer or paid stenographer. Poelstria characterized herself as a "good worker" who worked in Earl Long's gubernatorial campaign and who "surely want[ed] the ex-mayor to beat the present mayor. ALS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.15.6]

--telegram from Katherine R. Mioton Preston Prieto, wishing RSM a successful campaign. Mandeville. [1986.103.5.1.15.7]

--letter from Lawrence S. Ruth, L & L Stereotype & Mat Shop, congratulating RSM on his candidacy and requesting RSM to use the shop for his advertising needs. TLS. New Orleans.
[1986.103.5.1.15.8]

--letter from David R. Schwartz, program chairman of Men's Club of Touro Synagogue inviting RSM to participate in a campaign debate with Morrison and [Charles C.] Zatarain. Outlines debate guidelines. TLS. On Touro Synagogue letterhead stationery. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.15.9]

--letter from Albert A. Villegas, International Export Co., offering his assistance, as well as that of Ralph W. Fabacher, in behalf of RSM's candidacy. On letterhead stationery. TLS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.15.10a]

--attached is a carbon copy of RSM's thank-you reply. Dec 10, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.15.10b]

Folder 16 Correspondence received by RSM and HBM
dated December 10-11, 1949.

--letter from Charles. P. Holderith, State Representative, who was "pleased" RSM was in the mayorality race. ALS. New Orleans, Dec 10, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.16.1]

--letter from Leona M. Duplessis, poetess: "Here is my pass time, writeing [sic] about all high hated [hatted?] man." Duplessis asked RSM to help her get a two room residence, since her present residence was being sold and included a poem about RSM's candidacy, "Bob Again." Dec 11, 1949. ALS. New Orleans.
[1986.103.5.1.16.2a]

--attached to the letter is her hand-stamped business card.
[1986.103.5.1.16.3b]

Folder 17 Birthday cards and telegrams, to RSM, December, 1949

--happy 60th birthday telegrams, December 9-11, 1949, from:

Shorty Emmab Stanton
[1986.103.5.1.17.1]
J.C. Jackson
[1986.103.5.1.17.2]
Claude & Peggy Duke
[1986.103.5.1.17.3]
Robert Hayne Tarrant
[1986.103.5.1.17.4]
P. Salvaggio
[1986.103.5.1.17.5]

--birthday cards, c. Dec 1949 from:

The Cliff Probsts
[1986.103.5.1.17.6]
Edna Pilsbury
[1986.103.5.1.17.7]
Remy
[1986.103.5.1.17.8]

Folder 18 Correspondence to RSM dated December 12, 1949.

--letter from Ralph W. Fabacher, International Export Co., offering congratulations and assistance. On letterhead stationery. TLS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.18.1]

--letter from Wallace W. Goodey, Jr., chairman, Orleans Parish Veterans association, notifying RSM that the scheduled meeting of Dec 15 was postponed. TLS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.18.2]

--letter from J.J. Laiche, Jr. requesting assistance in finding a job. Laiche noted his daughter was handicapped and he wished to purchase a "radio combination" for her for Christmas. Laiche advised RSM that he always supported RSM, and would now as well. Additionally, his family could deliver 22 votes to RSM. At the top of the letter is a pencilled note in RSM's handwriting, "Job Wanted. 22 Votes." ALS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.18.3]

--letter from John D. Nix, attorney, in support of RSM's candidacy because, "the only way the people of our country can hope for a return of Constitutional Government and Jeffersonian Democracy, as opposed to Statism, Socialism and all other isms, is to elect to public office exponents of free enterprise and individualism." Nix believed RSM's election would place New Orleans "in the front as a stop-gap to the growing danger OF A WELFARE STATE." TLS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.18.4]

--letter from E.S. Northup, F.F. Hansell & Bro., business supply house, soliciting campaign business. TLS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.18.5a]

--attached are:

--Northrup's business card
[1986.103.5.1.18.5b]

--list of suggested supplies. Does not include prices.
[1986.103.5.1.18.5c]

--letter from Peter Spano requesting the receipt of a Christmas basket, "if you are going to give [them] out...so I can have a happy Christmas." Spano noted he was "a hundred percent" for RSM "always was and always will be." ALS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.18.6]

--mimeographed letter from L.R. Shelton, pastor, supervisor and manager, Lt. Coley memorial Library and Youth Center, First Baptist Church, Algiers, requesting a donation. TLS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.18.7a]

--remittance envelope a attached.
[1986.103.5.1.18.7b]

--telegram from E.A. Stewart offering his support. Having just read RSM's eleven point program, Stewart noted, "you stand for fair treatment for all the people[:] the improvement promised to Negro citizens and your stand on police brutality[,] your entire program is what our city needs." New Orleans, Dec 12, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.18.8]

--letter from Virgie Wolverton requesting a Christmas donation for her three children. ALS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.18.9]

--letter from "A Friend" regarding deLesseps Morrison's proposal to spend \$116 million without additional taxes. The writer wondered "how any sane person could vote for a man having made that statement is a mystery to me. He is either a liar or a fool." TLS. n.p. [1986.103.5.1.18.10]

Folder 19 Correspondence received by RSM dated December 13, 1949.

--letter from Richard Briley III, soliciting funds to publish a "favorable" history of Huey Long authored by Briley. Briley made reference to the fiscal success of Hartnett Kane's The Kingfish at "\$2.00 or better" each. Briley believed a fraction of RSM's donation of \$40,000 to Long "on one occasion," would "start the presses" rolling, and produce a "big cash return" for RSM. Pasted to the letter is an unidentified newspaper photograph of Briley next to a column titled, "The Pundit's Ledger," by Richard Briley III. TLS. n.p. [1986.103.5.1.19.1]

--letter from G. Dillon informing RSM the minutes of the Mar 25, 1948, commission council note all the "non-conforming" [to building codes?] businesses in Districts A and B. Dillon believed if these businesses were forced to close by June, 1951, the city would loose tax dollars. He noted, "75% of the residences are non-conforming [and] will have to be torn down. The sidewalks in the 16th Ward are surely dangerous," and suggested RSM "let Capt. Besso get busy on this." ALS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.19.2]

--letter from Emma Leomine, requesting "a little something for Christmas...What ever you give me I will be glad." ALS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.19.3]

--letter from Milton C. Prudhomme advising RSM of his activities, especially with Independent voters, supporting RSM's candidacy. TLS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.19.4]

--letter from Lou Wylie Van Sicklen noting he had "some office correspondence" which indicated the Marconi Railroad Underpass cost \$37,000.00 more than originally estimated. Van Sicklen noted there was "no indication" RSM's opponents did anything to "protect the taxpayers in the deal," eventhough 85 % of the cost was borne by them, and he hesitated "to put into writing any of the background material on this." Van Sicklen asked if this material would be of any use to RSM and asked RSM, "when do you want...me to explain how I happen to have" this information. TLS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.19.5]

Folder 20 Correspondence received by RSM dated December 14, 1949

--letter from Rev. A.B. Harris, (Col) Old Regular, advising RSM he was supporting RSM and doing all he could for RSM. Harris noted he once worked at RSM's store, and concluded, "If I can serve you any way or any time, just command me!" ALS. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.20.1]

--letter from Carra C. Hathorn suggesting RSM purchase the [Gould?] house because he was "a very rich man...identified with the welfare of New Orleans." Hathorn believed there was a "crying need in New Orleans for an apt. and boarding house for elderly people that wouldn't be exactly charity." She outlined the basic organization of the proposed facility, including a suggestion that, in exchange for services, two Tulane University seniors and a night nurse would receive free accommodations. Hathorn believed RSM's donation of land for the house, would be a "wonderful monument to your daughter." ALS. Houma. [1986.103.5.1.20.2a]

--envelope for above letter.
[1986.103.5.1.20.2b]

--letter from A.W. Hendrix thanking RSM for his reply to Henrix's earlier letter [see above.] Hendrix noted he was a "venomous" opponent to the New Deal and "uncle harry's Fair Deal," and wished he had chance to tell the latter "that Roosevelt's goons had Huey Long murdered!" ALS. On Monroe Hotel stationery. Monroe, La. [1986.103.5.1.20.3]

--congratulatory letter from C.L. Marcantel, mayor of Elton, Louisiana, who noted it pleased "us country boys" that RSM entered the race for mayor. TLS. Elton. [1986.103.5.1.20.4]

--congratulatory telegram from Mr. & Mrs. Albert J. Miller. New Orleans. [1986.103.5.1.20.5]

Folder 21 Correspondence received by RSM dated December 15-18, 1949.

--letter from L.P. Lawrenson soliciting a contract to "do all outdoor campaign advertising, such as Billposting, Card and banner Tacking, and the distribution of media in general." Lawrenson assured RSM he would work "solely on behalf of your ticket." ALS. New Orleans, Dec 15, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.21.1]

--mimeographed letter from Clem I. Bernard, the Young Men's Business Club of New Orleans, providing RSM with "pertinent facts "relative to the St. Claude Ave. - Industrial Canal Tunnel" and soliciting RSM's views on the subject. The letter outlined statistics re the number of times traffic was interrupted by the opening of the bridge for canal traffic [26], construction costs, and means of financing construction. TLS. New Orleans, Dec 16, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.21.2a]

--attached are:

--mimeographed questionnaire (blank)
[1986.103.5.1.21.2b]

--stamped, self-addressed envelope.
[1986.103.5.1.21.2c]

--letter from Stanley Holiday, program chairman of YMBC, notifying RSM of the day and time candidates [or their representatives] were to draw lots to determine their date to address the organization. TLS. New Orleans. Dec 16, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.21.3]

--letter from Joseph Chalona, President, Louisiana Civil Service League, requesting RSM to complete a questionnaire noting whether or not he supported the restoration of State Civil Service [enacted 1940, repealed 1948]. Includes brief history of the organization and municipal and state civil service laws, lists all officers of the organization and the members of the Board of Governors. Verso: members of the state advisory committee and the area they represented. New Orleans, Dec 17, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.21.4a]

--attached to the letter are:

--questionnaire (blank)
[1986.103.5.1.21.4b]

--envelope stamped "Registered."
[1986.103.5.1.21.4c]

--letter from A.L. Tobelman, 1st Ward resident, an unemployed person having difficulty finding a job. Tobelman lamented, "maybe if you were mayor I could come and see you and get \$15 to pay half my rent." Verso: rejection letter from Safticraft Co., dated Dec 13, 1949. Pencilled note at bottom by Tobelman, "See I am always trying for [a] job." ALS. New Orleans, Dec 15, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.21.5a]

--attached are:

--newspaper want ad, "traffic manager with 15 years' experience...Can save my pay. Who wants a good man." [1986.103.5.1.21.5b]

--1/2 sheet torn paper, giving brief resume of Tobelman's work experience. Verso: top half of financial statement, Coliseum Place Baptist Church, November, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.21.5c]

Folder 22 Correspondence received by RSM dated December 18-21, 1949.

--from Sidney L. Ferry expressing disappointment that RSM's 11-point platform did not include the Industrial Canal, "a problem tha[t] has plagued our community for almost three decades." Ferry supported the implementation of a 1928 law authorizing the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans to "organize and build industrial districts in connection with the operation of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal." Ferry concluded his letter by asking RSM what he would do "to correct the impediment, or fully exploit and develop the possibilities of the industrial canal?" TLS. New Orleans, Dec 19, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.22.1a]

--attached is a negative photostat of a sketch of the Industrial Canal area, by Lee Kane, labelled, "There's no law against imagination." n.d. [1986.103.5.1.22.1b]

-- from Norbert & Edythe Foret, supporting RSM's decision to run for mayor. ALS. New Orleans, Dec 18, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.22.2]

--letter from Ella Hickman, Personal Services Collection Agency, hoping RSM would win once again. Hickman reminded RSM that Robert Hickman, legislative representative for labor, was her brother. She informed RSM that Robert Hickman planned to "come down" to do what he could to help RSM win the election, and recalled that Hickman "was able to throw over fifty-three thousand votes to Earl Long in his last campaign." TLS. On letterhead stationery. New Orleans, Dec 21, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.22.3]

--telegram from Lou Van Sicklen, "you told me I could work for you[.] Please let me know where and to whom I should apply." New Orleans, Dec 19, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.22.4]

--letter of condolence from Lou W. Van Sicklen, when RSM withdrew from the campaign. Van Sicklen noted there was nothing else RSM could do "in view of the type of campaign you would have had to put on." He referred to Earl Long's recent campaign in which he "sold himself to the independent voters by a series of highly intelligent letters." Much of the letter is devoted to a discussion of the activities of "Mr. Hellis" who tried to "usurp the elective office of mayor." Van Sicklen observed that Hellis would be "the first person to scream about Communism too if it ever looked like the party would make any headway in New Orleans." "Off the record," he described supportive action taken by several women at a recent meeting of the 5th Ward Women's Social and Civic Club. Van Sicklen concluded by observing, "your announcement still has done a lot of good by showing where the Old Regular leadership really lies." TLS. New Orleans, Dec 20, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.22.5]

Folder 23

--messages [3] to RSM, on Roosevelt Hotel message pad, that Armand Scully, Mr. Van Sicklin, Gus Williams, called. n.d. [1986.103.5.1.23.1-3]

~ Folder 24 Miscellany, correspondence, c. 1949

--letter from Charles H. Frantz. Frantz sent RSM a poem entitled, "Don't Quit," with the salutation, "My Policy." TLS. New Orleans, c. December, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.24.1]

--Christmas card from Mr. & Mrs. John James Fitzpatrick. [1986.103.5.1.24.2]

--mimeographed letter from the Magnolia School Board of Governors soliciting donation. [1986.103.5.1.24.3a]

--stamped, self-addressed remittance envelope attached. [1986.103.5.1.24.3b]

--Christmas card from Lane Mitchell, Dec 25, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.24.4]

Folder 25 Other correspondence to RSM, 1935-51

--letter from RSM, Commissioner, Department of Conservation, to Horance Meaux, [River?] Ridge, La. terminating Meaux as a hunting license collector. Pencilled notes below: "Bob, send this

applicant to Martin [illegible] please." [signature illegible.]
Second note, "Bob, please keep this man." (signed) Huey P. Long.
TLS. New Orleans, Sep 3, 1935. [1986.103.5.1.25.1]

--telegram from Allen J. Ellender, U.S. Senator, advising RSM that Franklin Delano Roosevelt approved the FWA project 16-238, for New Orleans water facilities. Total estimated cost was \$29,600.
Washington, Dec 19, 1935. [1986.103.5.1.25.2]

--from E.L. Eustis re drafting a bill concerning "title examination and...passage of acts of sale of real estate" for consideration by the state legislature. TLS. New Orleans, April 3, 1936.
[1986.103.5.1.25.3]

--from Crawford H. Ellis, authorizing RSM to "use as you wish," an enclosed Louisiana Jockey Club stockholders annual meeting proxy belonging to Henry A. Testard. TLS. New Orleans, Jan 25, 1937.
[1986.103.5.1.25.4a]

--attached to the letter are:

--printed proxy dated Jan 21, 1937, signed by Testard.
[1986.103.5.1.25.4b]

--fragment of torn paper noting, "Miss Hilda: This has
not been acknowledged." (signed) HEW.
[1986.103.5.1.25.4c]

--telegram from Allen J. Ellender requesting RSM to send "immediately" the statements and supporting details sent to RSM from Washington as well as a letter RSM sent to Ellender. Ellender noted, "I want to look these documents over before I talk to the Secretary." Washington, Dec 12, 1937.
[1986.103.5.1.25.5]

--letter from Roasty Toasty congratulating RSM on his reelection, lambasting the Times Picayune, and suggesting RSM get together with "a couple [of] ritch [sic] people like yourself and make a company and a newspaper against [the] Times Picayune and sell them 3 cents daily and 5 cents sundays." ALS. New Orleans. c. January, 1942. [1986.103.5.1.25.6]

--letter from Mayor deLesseps S. Morrison requesting a meeting with RSM in order to solicit RSM's assistance in "putting over the proposed Public Improvement Program." Since RSM was "one of our largest taxpayers" Morrison believed RSM was "vitally interested in the future of our city." TLS. On letterhead stationery. New Orleans, April 3, 1947. [1986.103.5.1.25.7]

--letter from C. Ellis Henican, Building Fund Chairman, Mercy Hospital Building Fund, inviting RSM to become a member of their Sponsors Committee and soliciting his endorsement of the project to

build a "new modern 219 bed hospital with [the] latest equipment, nurses home and convent." TLS. Letterhead stationery lists names of sponsors, committee members, etc. New Orleans, Mar 31, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.25.8a]

--attached to this letter are:

--letter from Henican soliciting RSM's assistance in getting State Senator Dudley J. LeBlanc to make a donation to the cause. TLS. April 26, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.25.8b]

--carbon copy of letter sent to LeBlanc from Henican in which Henican enclosed a copy of a letter addressed to Mrs. Dionne from Archbishop Rummel. Henican hoped the copy would help LeBlanc "prevail upon the parents to permit their daughters to visit Louisiana." At the bottom of the copy Henican typed a personal note to RSM thanking him for "following up on this." Henican hoped they would be successful in getting a "substantial" contribution. TLS. New Orleans, May 5, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.25.8c]

--letter from Henry D. Lacarde, Jr., expressing condolences after the death of RSM's mother. TLS. On letterhead stationery. Jun 18, 1952. [1986.103.5.1.25.9]

--letter marked "Personal" from Frank B. Ellis, who had just returned from his trip throughout the state because RSM "wanted the development of country strength." Ellis noted he came back to the city and heard "persistent rumors to the effect that you have reached some 'parlor to kitchen'...decision. Our friendship has been based on personal trust, and I cannot and will not believe these rumors until you tell me that they are true." Ellis advised he wrote the letter in long-hand in order that this [letter] will be purely personal" between the two men. ALS. New Orleans, Sep 11, [no year.] [1986.103.5.1.25.10]

Folder 26 1951 Correspondence, in folder marked, "M"

--letter to RSM from deLesseps S. Morrison, mayor, requesting RSM serve as a committee member on the Citizen's Committee, sponsors of a 1947 bond issue, reactivated for the purpose of urging taxpayer support of a proposed bond issue to finance a city-wide public improvements program. TLS. New Orleans, Mar 24, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.1a]

--attached to the letter is a mimeographed copy outlining the proposal, to be on an April 24, 1951, ballot. 4pp. [1986.103.5.1.26.1b]

--carbon copy of letter sent by RSM to James H. Morrison, member U.S. house of Representatives, requesting Morrison's assistance in reinstating Ernest J. Jacobs, Jr., discharged from his position as a substitute mail clerk because of a violation of the postal laws. RSM noted Jacobs was innocently duped by another postal employee against whom Jacobs later testified. Mar 7, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.2a]

--attached to this letter are:

--Morrison's reply to RSM in which Morrison agreed to help get Jacob's reinstated. TLS. Washington, Mar 16, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.2b]

--attached copy of letter sent by Morrison to the U.S. Postmaster General, Jesse M. Donaldson. Washington, Mar 16, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.2c]

--letter to RSM from James H. Morrison, member, U.S. Congress, advising RSM that Donaldson denied Jacobs reinstatement. TLS. Washington, Mar 28, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.3a]

--attached letter from V.C. Burke, acting postmaster general, to Morrison, denying Jacobs reinstatement and outlining the specific nature of the charges levied against Jacobs: a plan to win a football contest sponsored by local newspapers. TLS. Washington, Mar 23, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.3b]

--carbon copy of letter sent by RSM to James H. Morrison, member, U. S. Congress, requesting Morrison's assistance once again on behalf of Jacobs. Jacobs appealed his case under the Veterans Preference Act [of 1944]. His case was heard by W. Wallace McDougall, appeal examiner, 10th U.S. Civil Service region, Civil Service Commission. RSM asked Morrison to "drop [McDougall] a line in behalf of this Jacobs fellow." April 26, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.4]

--letter to RSM from Morrison acknowledging receipt of above letter. TLS. Washington, Apr 30, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.5a]

--attached carbon copy of Morrisson's letter to McDougal. April 30, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.5b]

--carbon copy of letter sent by RSM to Morrison requesting assistance in speeding up the appeal process in the Ernest Jacobs matter. June 22, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.6a]

--attached to the copy are:

--letter to RSM from Morrison advising that Jacobs

would be reinstated. TLS. Washington, May 7, 1951.
[1986.103.5.1.26.6b]

--letter to Morrison from McDougal notifying Morrison he recommended Jacobs be reinstated. TLS. New Orleans, May 3, 1951.
[1986.103.5.1.26.6c]

--blank envelope with pencilled notes in RSM's hand re Earl J. Terrell, Jacob's father-in-law.
[1986.103.5.1.26.6d]

--letter to RSM from Morrison informing RSM he wrote a letter to the Board of Appeals and Review, Civil Service Commission, in behalf of Jacobs. TLS. Washington, Jun 26, 1951.
[1986.103.5.1.26.7a]

--copy of Morrison's letter to the Appeals Board attached. June 26, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.7b]

--letter to Morrison from William C. Hull, Executive Assistant, U.S. Civil Service Commission, advising Morrison that Morrison will be advised when a decision was rendered on Jacobs' appeal. TLS. Washington, June 29, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.8a]

--attached memo [to RSM?] from Morrison, referring above letter to his attention. n.p, n.d. [1986.103.5.1.26.8b]

--letter to RSM from Morrison advising RSM the Civil Service Commission recommended Jacobs' reinstatement. TLS. Washington, July 23, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.9a]

--attached to the letter are:

--letter to Morrison from from William C. Hull advising Morrison of Jacobs' reinstatement. TLS. Washington, July 20, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.9b]

--copy letter from Charles R. Anderson, chairman of the Civil Service Commission Board of Appeals and Review, to Joseph J. Lawler, Assistant Postmaster General, Bureau of Post Office Operations, affirming the decision of the Tenth Region, reistating Jacobs. TLS. Washington, July 20, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.9c]

--receipt sent to RSM by George Danziger's office (signed) Doris Chaplain, for \$36.00 for the account of M. Bradley. Appended to the receipt, "This money was sent to Mr. Maestri's office through error, was for Walter F. Maestri." TLS. New Orleans, Oct 25, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.26.10a]

--envelope for above.
[1986.103.5.1.26.10b]

Folder 27 Correspondence, in folders marked, "Year 1955 'M'"
Correspondence"

--carbon copy of letter sent by RSM to Marshall Field & Co., Chicago, Ill. returning shirts and requesting a different size. Aug 3, 1954. [1986.103.5.1.27.1]

--carbon copy of letter sent to deLesseps Morrison by RSM declining Morrison's invitation to become a member of the Citizen's Committee because he expected to be out of town much of the time until the date of the election. Sep 7, 1954.
[1986.103.5.1.27.2a]

--attached to the letter are:

--letter from Morrison to RSM inviting his membership on the committee, established to promote the passage of a bond issue for public improvements. TLS. Aug 31, 1954.
[1986.103.5.1.27.2b]

--attached outline of proposals.
[1986.103.5.1.27.2c]

--carbon copy of letter from RSM's secretary to Mrs. L.A. Mereaux returning tickets to unspecified event because RSM is out of town. Pencilled note, "U.S. Daughters of Confederacy." Sep 30, 1954.
[1986.103.5.1.27.3]

--carbon copy of letter to Marshall Field & Co. from HBM requesting an itemized statement. Oct 11, 1954. [1986.103.5.1.27.4]

Folder 28 Correspondence in folder marked, "Year 1955 'M'"
Correspondence

--carbon copy of letter to Reverend Mother Mary M. Francis from RSM declining request for donation to building program. RSM noted he was "really handicapped, what with taxes, donations, and other charities." Jan 25, 1955. [1986.103.5.1.28.1a]

--attached letter to RSM from Francis requesting donation. TLS. On letterhead stationery. Jan 22, 1955.
[1986.103.5..1.28.1b]

--letter to RSM from Wallace Mac Cory, Executive Vice President, Magnolia Park Racetrack [harness racing], advising RSM the box he had during the last season was still available. TLS. Mar 4, 1955.
[1986.103.5.1.28.2a]

--attached, parking decal, box holder, Magnolia Park. 1955.
[1986.103.5.1.28.2b]

--letter to RSM from Paul Maloney, Jr., President, Citizen's Homestead Assoc., thanking RSM for the floral gift he sent in honor of the opening of CHA's new quarters. TLS. Apr 13, 1955.
[1986.103.5.1.28.3]

--letter to RSM from Harold J. Moore, Judge, First Municipal Court, inviting RSM to a "little re-union of some of my old friends," on the occasion of Moore's tenth anniversary as a judge. Moore was first appointed by RSM, later reappointed by deLesseps Morrison. TLS. New Orleans, May 4, 1955.
[1986.103.5.1.28.4]

--letter to RSM from Charles J. Becker, Director of Admissions, Magnolia Park racetrack, thanking RSM for renewing his box reservations [on the finish line in the second row.] TLS. Oct 21, 1955. [1986.103.5.1.28.5a]

--attached are:

--carbon copy of letter sent by RSM to Becker enclosing \$125 fee for season box at Magnolia Park. Sep 20, 1955.
[1986.103.5.1.28.5b]

--letter to RSM from Becker requesting renewal of RSM box seat accommodations for the fall season. TLS. Sep 17, 1955. [1986.103.5.1.28.5c]

Folder 29 Correspondence in folder marked "Correspondence
Year 1950 'T'"

--carbon copy of letter from RSM to James Tassin requesting payment of delinquent rent debt. Apr 18, 1950.
[1986.103.5.1.29.1]

--carbon copy of letter from RSM to James Tassin requesting payment of delinquent rent debt. Jun 22, 1950.
[1986.103.5.1.29.2]

--letter to RSM from John F. Tims, Vice President & General Manager, Times Picayune, thanking RSM for his donation of \$100 to the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Postscript: "How about getting together with Poche for a return engagement of gin-rummy?" TLS. Nov 20, 1950. [1986.103.5.1.29.3]

Folder 30 Correspondence in folder marked "Correspondence Year 1951 'T', Year 1952 - None"

--carbon copies of 6 letters sent to James Tassin requesting payment of delinquent rent. Jan 5, Feb 25, Mar 28, April 16, May 21, June 18, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.30.1-6]

--letter to Mike Thompson from "H G F" advising HGF decided to vote for [Dudley] LeBlanc, but would not take any active part [in the campaign] "if I do at all." HGF noted he delivered a fifteen minute address in behalf of LeBlanc in Lafayette (following a five minute address by Jack Dempsey.) If RSM was "favorable" toward Leblanc, Thompson was asked to give a copy of HGF's instructions [not part of collection] to RSM. HGF admonished, "Do not let this statement get into other hands but you can leave it with Mr. Maestri even if he is not in the same boat...LeBlanc intimates he is his friend [and?] he would never use anything a friend let him see." In a postscript HGF advised he was sending a dollar bill to be used to send him a paper "now and then," because HGF received newspapers from Monroe, Shreveport, Alexandria and Little Rock. In a different hand, possibly RSM's, is the note, "I will be home after 6:30 p.m. By 6387. Call Mike Thompson." TLS. Farmerville, Sep 22, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.30.7]

--mimeographed letter promoting the purchase of Christmas Seals, Tuberculosis Association of New Orleans. Pencilled note indicates RSM made a donation of \$10.00. TLS. Christmas, 1951. [1986.103.5.1.30.8]

Folder 31 Correspondence in a folder marked "Year 1953 'T'"
correspondence

--carbon copies (2) of letter sent to Cecelia F. Tircuit by Louis B. Porterie, attorney, notifying Tircuit he was delaying the drawing up of a lawsuit against Leonce Gumble, the driver of the car in which Tircuit's son, George Tircuit, Jr., was killed, until he received a copy of the police report. [Gumble's vehicle ran into the rear left side of a Yellow Cab.] TLS. New Orleans, Mar 9, 1953. [1986.103.5.1.31.1a-b]

--carbon copies (2) of letter sent to Oliver Schulingcamp, Asst. District Attorney, from Porterie, requesting a copy of the police report of the accident. TLS. New Orleans, Mar 9, 1953. [1986.103.5.1.31.2a-b]

--carbon copy of letter sent to Cecelia Tircuit by Porterie advising her he read the police report. Porterie reported that Gumble and Tircuit were accompanied by a woman named Iris Fornerette, and asked Tircuit if she knew this person who might be able to provide information about the accident. Porterie reminded Tircuit that Gumble "has nothing that you could collect...it looks

very much like Gumble was at fault in the accident. On the other hand, we do not want to overlook any evidence which might tend to show that the Yellow Cab driver contributed in anyway to the accident." New Orleans, Apr 8, 1953. [1986.103.5.1.31.3]

Folder 32 Correspondence from folder marked, "Year 1954 'T'"
Correspondence

--letter to RSM from deLesseps Morrison inviting RSM to the dedication of the new Union Passenger Terminal and to be a headtable guest at the civic dinner that evening [May 1, 1954.] Includes description of dignitaries expected to attend. Since the purpose of the dinner was to honor members of the New Orleans Railroad Terminal Board, Morrison wanted RSM to attend because RSM initiated the program and appointed the members of the board. TLS. New Orleans, Apr 10, 1954. [1986.103.5.1.32.1a]

--attached carbon copy of RSM's reply declining Morrison's invitation. Apr 19, 1954. [1986.103.5.1.32.1b]

--letter to RSM from W.F. Riggs, Jr., chairman of the banquet committee, New Orleans Area Chamber of Commerce, inviting him to be a headtable guest at the banquet honoring the New Orleans Railroad Terminal Board to be held May 1, 1954. TLS. Apr 20, 1954. [1986.103.5.1.32.2a]

--carbon copy of RSM's reply declining Riggs' invitation. Apr 21, 1954. [1986.103.5.1.32.2b]

--letter to RSM from Stanley S. Morris, chairman of Tulane University Development Program, enclosing material to answer questions regarding the success of Tulane's fund raising efforts. TLS. Nov 17, 1954. [1986.103.5.1.32.3a]

--enclosed are:

--bound pamphlet, "Tulane University Report of the President 1953-53. [1986.103.5.1.32.3b]

--memo from Rufus C. Harris, President, Tulane University re support from business firms. TLS. Nov, 1955. [1986.103.5.1.32.3c]

--testimonial letter from Julius Szodomka, Dixie Machine Welding & Metal Works. On letterhead stationery. Dec 2, 1955. [1986.103.5.1.32.3d]

--testimonial letter from Charles C. Crawford, A.M. Lockett & Co. Dec 2, 1954. [1986.103.5.1.32.3e]

--mimeographed letter to RSM from Christmas Seals, Tuberculosis Association, requesting donation. Pencilled note in margin indicates a \$5.00 donation. Nov 16, 1954. [1986.103.5.1.32.4]

Folder 33 Correspondence in folder marked, "Year 1955 'T'"
Correspondence

--letter to RSM from Stanley S. Morris, Chairman, Associates Committee, Tulane University Development Program, requesting assistance and counsel to solve the critical financial problems facing the university. TLS. Sep 22, 1954. [1986.103.5.1.33.1a]

--attached engraved card acknowledging a gift to the Tulane Educational Advancement Program. Received, Nov 15, 1954.
[1986.103.5.1.33.1b]

--letter to RSM from Joseph Merrick Jones inviting RSM to attend a luncheon to acquaint the guests with Tulane University's "progress and problems." TLS. New Orleans, Oct 2, 1954.
[1986.103.5.1.33.2a]

--attached to the letter are:

--letter to RSM from Clifford Favrot, chairman of the University Development Council, urging RSM to attend above luncheon. TLS. New Orleans, Oct 2, 1954.
[1986.103.5.1.33.2b]

--carbon copy of RSM's letter to Favrot declining invitation. Oct 5, 1954. [1986.103.5.1.33.2c]

--engraved card acknowledging [RSM'S?] gift to the Tulane Educational Advancement Program. c. 1954.
[1986.103.5.1.33.2d]

Folder 34 Correspondence in folder marked, "Year 1956
Correspondence 'T'"

--letter to RSM from E.M. Rowley, chairman of Big Donors, Christmas Seals, Tuberculosis Association of Greater New Orleans, requesting donation. TLS. Nov 10, 1955. [1986.103.5.1.34.1a]

--attached are:

--\$25.00 bond
[1986.103.5.1.34.1b]

--stamped-self addressed remittance post card
[1986.103.5.1.34.1c]

--letter to RSM from L.J. Lautenschlager, member of the Tulane Board of administrators, requesting donation to Tulane university. TLS. New Orleans, Dec 19, 1956. [1986.103.5.1.34.2a]

--attached carbon copy of RSM's reply declining Lautenschlager's request. Dec 21, 1956. [1986.103.5.1.34.2b]

Folder 35 Other correspondence to/from RSM 1956-c.1960

--from A. Frank Fairley, New Orleans Postmaster, glad to see RSM's name "so prominently mentioned" [announcement of RSM's appointment as chairman of the Louisiana Tax Commission]. Farley hoped he was "reading between the lines correctly." TLS. New Orleans, May 17, 1956. [1986.103.5.1.35.1a]

--carbon copy of RSM's reply attached. May 18, 1956. [1986.103.5.1.35.1b]

--from Arthur J. O'Keefe, Jr. noting "we need you out in front" and urging RSM to take the appointment so the "people can congratulate themselves." TLS. New Orleans, May 17, 1956. [1986.103.5.1.35.2a]

--carbon copy of RSM's reply attached. May 18, 1956. [1986.103.5.1.35.2b]

--congratulatory letter on RSM's appointment from Fred W. Salmen. New Orleans. TLS. May 17, 1956. [1986.103.5.1.35.3a]

--carbon copy of RSM's reply attached. May 18, 1956. [1986.103.5.1.35.3b]

--congratulatory letter from Victor Schiro, New Orleans Councilman. TLS. New Orleans, May 17, 1956. [1986.103.5.1.35.4a]

--carbon copy of RSM's reply attached. May 21, 1956. [1986.103.5.1.35.4b]

--mimeographed letter from deLesseps Morrison, Mayor, inviting RSM to be member of the honorary Citizen's Committee for the Parade of Progress celebration to be held in New Orleans May 3-6, 1957. Letterhead stationery gives names of committee members and honorary chairmen. TLS. New Orleans, c. April 20, 1957. [1986.103.5.1.35.5a]

--attached are:

--invitation/program to dedication of New City Hall, Parade of Progress Banquet and Other Events. Includes

schedule of events. [1986.103.5.1.35.5b]

--carbon copy of RSM's reply to Harry Latter, Chairman, Citizen's Committee for the Parade of Progress, declining membership on the committee, but enclosing donation of \$20.00, the price of 2 banquet tickets. April 25, 1957. [1986.103.5.1.35.5c]

--letter from Morrisson inviting RSM to attend the dedication of the New City Hall in the Civic Center. TLS. April 26, 1957. [1986.103.5.1.35.5d]

--carbon copy of RSM's reply declining Morrison's invitation because he will be out of town. Apr 30, 1957. [1986.103.5.1.35.5e]

--letter from Morrison, regretting RSM's absence from the ceremonies. Morrison wondered if HBM and Roberta could attend. TLS. May 1, 1957. [1986.103.5.1.35.5f]

--letter from Earl K. Long, governor, thanking RSM for the "assistance" RSM sent recently. Long noted the assistance "will be put to good use" and would be "of double value to me now that it would be in the latter stages of the campaign." Verso: holographic note, "I took \$15.00 out of your draw[er] for school yearbook and 7.50 for flowers for graduation[;] over 22.00 in all. I couldn't find any 1 dollar bills so I took a 5. (signed) Your thieving daughter, Hilda. On letterhead stationery. TLS. Baton Rouge, Aug 4, 1959. [1986.103.5.1.35.6]

--telegram from deLesseps S. Morrison, mayor, and Victor H. Schiro, city council president, inviting RSM to a luncheon at which "a topic of vital civic importance" would be discussed. New Orleans. n.d. [1986.103.5.1.35.7]

Folder 36 Condolence correspondence sent after Hilda B. Maesrti's death

--telegram from Earl K. Long. Alexandria, Jul 14, 1960. [1986.103.5.1.36.1]

--telegram from Fred J. Cassibry. New Orleans, Jul 14, 1960. [1986.103.5.1.36.2]

--letter from Archbishop Rummel. TLS. New Orleans, Jul 15, 1960. [1986.103.5.1.36.3a]

--envelope for above
[1986.103.5.1.36.3b]

--letter from Henry B. Curtis, New Orleans councilman. ALS. New Orleans, Jul 18, 1960. [1986.103.5.1.36.4a]

--envelope for above
[1986.103.5.1.36.4b]

--letter from Max N. Tobías. TLS. New Orleans, Jul 20, 1960. [1986.103.5.1.36.5]

--letter from Augusto Miceli. TLS. New Orleans, Aug 1, 1960. [1986.103.5.1.36.6]

--letter to Roberta Maestri from Homer J. Dupuy. Waynesville, N.C. c. July, 1960. [1986.103.5.1.36.7a]

--envelope for above.
[1986.103.5.1.36.7b]

Folder 37

--printed copy, original brief on behalf of mover, Robert S. Maestri, in the lawsuit, State of Louisiana v. Robert S. Maestri, et al. In re Rule for Contempt on the Times Picayune Publishing Co., Inc. et als. E. Howard McCaleb, Edward Rightor, Warren O. Coleman, attorneys for RSM. "The suit against Mayor Maestri is brought on the ground thst he owned stock in a private enterprise engaged in oil operations in no way connected with the State when he was Conservation Commissioner...the suit is brought on the theory that the State could inflict penalty on Mr. Maestri for a technical violation of the law. But the newspaper seeks to make the public believe that Mr. Maestri illegally acquired State money and property, and thus gave the case the appearance of one involving a great wrong whereby the state has been deprived of its money or property, when the facts alleged show that Mr. Maestri's dealings were in a purley private business venture, commenced at a time when there was not even any oil conservation law in existence." [p. 24] c. 1941. [1986.103.5.1.37.1]

Folder 38 Miscellaneous documents

--(honorary) membership card issued to RSM by Sixth Ward Louisiana Democratic Association. 1935. [1986.103.5.1.38.1]

--peom entitled, "Our Maestro" by David Rosenthal, dedication: To our great "Maestro: Mayor Robert S. Maestri with congratulations and best wishes for your continued success...(signed) Women's Old Regular Democratic Association. Aug 11, 1938. [1986.103.5.1.38.2]

--fragment from book, pp. 99-102, Louisiana Today, biographical sketch of RSM. Includes engraved portrait of RSM. c. 1938.
[1986.103.5.1.38.3]

--mimeographed Civilian Travel Order #2524, U.S. Armed Forces listing those persons directed to board the USAT Jeff Davis, to deliver the vessel for decommissioning. The name John H. Williams, carpenter, is circled. May 15, 1945.
[1986.103.5.1.38.4]

--RSM's notarized affidavit withdrawing his name as mayoral candidate. Dec 27, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.38.5]

--letter from Wade O. Martin, Secretary of State, acknowledging receipt of RSM's affidavit withdrawing as mayoral candidate. TLS. Baton Rouge, Dec 27, 1949. [1986.103.5.1.38.6]

--Roberta Maestri's 1950-1951 third grade report card from Academy of Sacred Heart. [1986.103.5.1.38.7]

--program for dedication of historical marker at La Pharmacie de Louis Dufilho. Oct 10, 1963. [1986.103.5.1.38.8]

--program for "Pharmacy Expo-67" at La Pharmacie Francaise de Louis Dufilho, Jr. Oct 2-7, 1967. [1986.103.5.1.38.9]

--small business card, image of Earl K. Long, inscribed, "Would like to be a friend to everybody, yours forever, Earl K. Long." c. 1955. [1986.103.5.1.38.10a]

--envelope for above
[1986.103.5.1.38.10b]

--blank engraved note card, Mrs. Hilda Roberta Maestri. n.d.
[1986.103.5.1.38.11]

--pencilled note on blank invoice of May Hosiery Mills, Burlington, North Carolina, "Tonite or tomorrow - Mr. J. A. Russell, Natchitoches, La. phone 2667. Pardau 1986.103.5. N.O. Mgr." n.d.
[1986.103.5.1.38.12]

Folder 39 RSM speeches

--Special Message of the Mayor, Dec 30, 1936. [End of the Year message to members of the Commission Council]. 9 pp.
[1986.103.5.1.39.1a-i]

--campaign address delivered to members of the Old Regular Democratic Association. Annotated. Jan 2, 1946. 7 pp.
[1986.103.5.1.39.2.1.1a-g]

--carbon copy of above address, very slightly modified.
[1986.103.5.1.39.2.1.2.a-g]

--campaign address delivered to members of the Old Regular Democratic association. Annotated. Jan 9, 1946. 8 pp.
[1986.103.5.1.39.3.a-h]

Folder 40 RSM speeches

--campaign address delivered to unspecified Ward organization. Annotated. 7 pp. Jan 10, 1946. [1986.103.5.1.40.1a-g]

--campaign address delivered to the first rally of the Old Regular Organization held in mid-city New Orleans. The speech was broadcast over the radio. 10 pp. c. 1945.
[1986.103.5.1.40.2a-j]

--2 pages numbered 7-9, perhaps appended to an existing speech, re recent newspaper articles citing results of a recent "governmental" survey of city and state payrolls to determine the extent of alleged pre-election payroll padding. c. 1946.
[1986.103.5.1.40.3a-b]

--RSM's farewell statement delivered to a special Commission Council meeting, May 3, 1946. 2 pp. [1986.103.5.1.40.4a-b]

BOX II Formerly framed objects, miscellany 1986.103.5.2.1-37

Folder 1

--appointment of RSM as Louisiana delegate to 17th annual session of the American Game Conference in New York. (signed) Huey P. Long, governor. Nov 24, 1930. [1986.103.5.2.1]

Folder 2

--negative photostat [3] of Huey Long's recommended reading list for those studying for the bar. [original in LSM collection] c. 1930. [1986.103.5.2.2a-c]

Folder 3

--issue of The Punch, publication of New Orleans Athletic Club. Features RSM on cover. Apr 1936. [1986.103.5.2.3]

Folder 4

--RSM'S mayoral business card (5) c. 1936. [1986.103.5.2.4a-e]

Folder 5

--ledger of receipts, Tesimonial Banquet, Postmaster General Farley, held at Roosevelt Hotel, March 25, 1937, William P. Dillon, treasurer. Includes names of all those purchasing dinner @ \$5.00 each. Mar 16 - Mar 23, 1937. [1986.103.5.2.5.1]

--invoice from Roosevelt Hotel for banquet. Apr 6, 1937.
[1986.103.5.2.5.2]

--sheet of yellow legal paper used for calculations. c. 1937.
[1986.103.5.2.5.3]

Folder 6

--ledger book, receipts of donation to Loyola Football Drive. Includes names of all who purchased tickets, number of tickets purchased, total amount collected. Oct 20 - Nov 2, 1937. Last half of ledger: receipts for baseball game ticket purchases. Includes name and number of tickets purchased. April 12, 1938 - April 14, 1939. [1986.103.5.2.6.1]

Folder 7

--letter to RSM from John Legier, President American Bank and Trust Co., expressing the sentiments [of appreciation] of the Directors. TLS. Nov 30, 1937. [1986.103.5.2.7.1]

Folder 8

--certificate [mounted] of honorary life membership awarded to RSM by Louisiana Public Welfare Association. Dec 14, 1937.
[1986.103.5.2.8.1]

Folder 9

--negative and positive photostatatic copies removed from framed collage which included photographs of Richard W. Leche, Governor, seated at RSM's desk. The caption read, "Governor Richard W. Leche called to see Mayor Maestri on February 25, 1938...finding the Mayor absent on a personal inspection [of city construction projects, the governor] officiated in his stead."
[Photographs stored in LSM photographic collection]
[1986.103.5.2.9.1a]

--letter to E.J. Brinkmann re condition of Pauline street.
(signed) R.S. Maestri, per RWL.) TLS. New Orleans, Feb 25, 1938. [1986.103.5.2.9.1b]

Folder 10 mounted artifacts, removed from a framed collage titled, "A City Solves Its Problems from Bankruptcy to a Cash Basis in Nineteen Months Payment of Last of City's Bank Loans... Made by Mayor Maestri on March 4, 1938."

Located at the bottom of the collage, "How Debts Have Been Paid."

Photograph, with caption, "Due on Demand," located in LSM photographic collection.

--letter [mounted] to RSM from J. D. O'Keefe, president of Whitney National Bank, congratulating RSM for his efforts. TLS. New Orleans, Mar 4, 1938. [1986.103.5.2.10.1a]

--letter [mounted] to RSM from John Legier, president of American Bank and Trust Co., acknowledging receipt of \$508,008.37 check, full payment of the city's demand notes held by American Bank. TLS. New Orleans, Mar 4, 1938. [1986.103.5.2.10.1b]

--letter to RSM from Clay W. Beckner, executive vice president of National Bank of Commerce. TLS. Mar 4, 1938. [1986.103.5.2.10.1c]

--letter to RSM from R.S. Hecht, chairman of the board, Hibernia National Bank. TLS. New Orleans, Mar 4, 1938. [1986.103.5.2.10.1d]

--printed chart: "How Debts Have Been Paid." Delineates city's schedule of debt reduction since Aug 17, 1936. c.1938. [1986.103.5.2.10.1e]

--photostatic copy, Tax Anticipation Note, marked, "Due on demand," dated Dec 23, 1936. n.d. [1986.103.5.2.10.1f]

Folder 11

--certificate of appreciation to RSM from board of Directors, American Bank and Trust Co. (signed) John Egier, president. Signature badly faded. Printed. Dec 1, 1937. [1986.103.5.2.11.1]

Folder 12

--certificate of merit to RSM from American Legion Post 228, for improvements in Carrollton section requested by the organization. (signed) John M. Flynn, commander; Bill White, chairman of civic affairs committee. Printed. 1937. [1986.103.5.2.12.1]

Folder 13

--printed, bound copy, First Annual Report of RSM's first year in

office. 1937. [1986.103.5.2.13.1]

Folder 14

--6 copies, RSM's elaborate Christmas card. c. 1937.
[1986.103.5.2.14a-f]

Folder 15

--certificate of attendance issued to RSM by Louisiana State Conference of Mayors. Jun 30, 1938. [1986.103.5.2.15.1]

Folder 16

--Menu/Program [3] dinner held at Roosevelt Hotel honoring Douglas Corrigan [early aviator who flew solo from New York to Ireland]. All autographed by Corrigan, dedicated to RSM, HBM, and Charles [Burns?]. Aug 27, 1938. [1986.103.5.2.16.1-3]

Folder 17 "Spiritual Bouquets" and Religious memorabilia

--hand-painted petition of prayers offered [for RSM?] by St. Mattias School children. c. 1938. [1986.103.5.2.17.1]

--hand-painted petition of prayers offered [for RSM?] by Redemptorist-St. Alphonsus School. c. 1939.
[1986.103.5.2.17.2]

--hand-painted, holographic certificate of appreciation [spiritual poem] to RSM from Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament, Annunciation High School. c. 1940. [1986.103.5.2.17.3]

Folder 18

--reproduction photograph [from book?], RSM holding key to city, standing next to championship bovine. c.1938.
[1986.103.5.2.18.1]

Folder 19

--postal telegraph. Very badly faded at time of calendaring.
[1986.103.5.2.19.1]

Full text follows:

New York, N Y 8, 4 30 p [date completely faded away]

Robert S Maestri, Acting Charman, Louisiana Victory Fund Drive
American Bank Building Left Notice

Colonel James Thompson has just turned over to us check for remainder of Louisiana contibution to Roosevelt banner campaign

fund stop this is to thank you personally for the magnificent work that you have done in raising and handling this fund and for the great record that through your personal efforts you have made for Louisiana's contribution to our national campaign

Frank C Walter treasurer Democratic National Campaign Committee
c. 1938

Folder 20

--certificate of appreciation awarded to RSM by New Orleans Board of Trade. Jan 4, 1939. [1986.103.5.2.20.1]

Folder 21

--printed broadside U.S. House of Representatives Resolution of Sorrow upon the Death of His Holiness Pope Pius XI. Feb 13, 1939. [1986.103.5.2.21.1]

Folder 22A

--holographic petition of appreciation submitted to RSM, signed by teachers, pupils, patrons of Edward Hynes Pre-Vocational School, 3649 Laurel Street, for street and playground improvements. 9 pp. of holographic signatures attached. New Orleans, Mar 14, 1939. [1986.103.5.2.22.1a]

Folder 22b

--wooden mount, black pages, for above petition.
[1986.103.5.2.22.1b]

Folder 23

--certificate awarded to RSM by the Junior Game Warden patrol of America for RSM's contribution to the organization. Shreveport, May 1, 1939. [1986.103.5.2.23.1]

Folder 24

--certificate of membership issued to RSM as member, Louisiana State Conference of Mayors. Jun 30, 1939.
[1986.103.5.2.24.1]

Folder 25

--letter from the Salvation Army, thanking RSM for "re-conditioning" their home and workshop. TLS. New Orleans, April 1, 1940. [signatures (22) badly faded at time of calendaring]
[1986.103.5.2.25.1]

Folder 26

--membership card issued to Mrs. E. Rousell by Sacred Heart Union.
Verso: religious image of Christ. Apr 1940. [1986.103.5.2.26.1]

Folder 27

--advertising broadside, Cosmo Shoe repair service, "We sterilize every shoe we repair and the sterilizing is free," and Cosmo annex, laundry, includes laundering prices. c. 1940.
[1986.103.5.2.27.1]

Folder 28

--game card for unidentified cover-the-square [bingo-type] game.
Verso: pencilled autograph, [W?] Healy. c. 1940.
[1986.103.5.2.28.1]

Folder 29

--acrostic poem using RSM's name, concludes, "Robert Maestri you're a wonder/We don't want any other Mayor." c.1940.
[1986.103.5.2.29.1]

Folder 30

--certificate issued to RSM for his "wholehearted, patriotic devotion to the cause of Army Emergency Relief" in connection with Irving Berlin's "This is the Army," movie produced by Warner Brothers. c. 1941. [1986.103.5.2.30.1]

Folder 31

--certificate of award to RSM in recognition of RSM's part in winning the Army-Navy E Award for Higgins Industries [in recognition of outstanding effort in the production of materiel vital to the successful conduct of the war.] Printed. New Orleans, La. Sep 13, 1942. [1986.103.5.2.31.1]

Folder 32

--booklet, "How much will your estate shrink?" Advertising hand-out for Paul Bordlee, insurance agent. Sept 1944.
[1986.103.5.2.32.1]

Folder 33

--certificate of appreciation issued to RSM by executive committee of Summer Pop Concerts, Inc., for giving the community its first series of outdoor summer concerts. Signed by all members of the committee. Sept, 1944. [1986.103.5.2.33.1]

Folder 34

--postcard to Roberta Maestri from Uncle Leon, postmarked, Roberta, Ga. Jun 20, 1946. [1986.103.5.2.34.1]

--postcard to HBM from Eva and Leon, vacation greetings. Hot Springs, Ark. Oct 10, 1946. [1986.103.5.2.34.2]

--empty envelope addressed to HBM from unidentified correspondent. Dallas, Oct 17, 1946. [1986.103.5.2.34.3]

Folder 35

--certificate of appointment awarded to Louis Bennett Porterie as Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Louisiana Tax Commission. (signed) Bolivar E. Kemp, Jr., Attorney General of Louisiana. Baton Rouge, Aug 2, 1948. [1986.103.5.2.35.1]

Folder 36

--collected newspaper clippings [1904-1949] [1986.103.5.2.36.1]

Folder 37

--note pad of Claude Duke, pencilled mathematical calculations, some dated. Nov 20 - Dec 12, 1958. [1986.103.5.2.37.1]

BOX III 1986.103.5.3.1-6

Collected congratulatory telegrams, personal cards, letters, gift cards, sent to RSM at City Hall in August, 1936. All items were mounted in a large scrap book. At time of archival arrangement, all items were removed from the highly acidic pages. Most were no longer attached as the glue was deteriorated. Since there was no discernable order to the arrangement of the items, other than by type [i.e. all telegrams were together, all letters, etc.] the artifacts are arranged alphabetically, by type and, in the case of the telegrams, by location of origin.

Telegrams

Sent from New Orleans, dated Aug 16-18, 1936. Most have street address of sender pencilled below sender's name.

Louis Alberti
[1986.103.5.3.1.1]

Frank Albano
 [1986.103.5.3.1.2]
 A. Leonard Allen, Congressman Designate, 8th Cong Dist.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.3]
 Mrs. Osea K. Allen
 [1986.103.5.3.1.4]
 Evangel N. Anagnosti
 [1986.103.5.3.1.5]
 M/M W.A. Anderson
 [1986.103.5.3.1.6]
 Mrs. J.V. Ash, chairlady, 1st Ward La Democratic Assoc.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.7]
 Mrs. Walter J. Barry
 [1986.103.5.3.1.8]
 N. Bellamore
 [1986.103.5.3.1.9]
 N.E. Bertel
 [1986.103.5.3.1.10]
 Mrs. A.J. Beyer, captain 14th precinct 12th Ward
 [1986.103.5.3.1.11]
 Mrs. E. Beyl, police matron
 [1986.103.5.3.1.12]
 A.B. Blakemore
 1986.103.5.3.1.13]
 John W. Blank, Lt. 5th Ward, 7th pct. Includes names of 22 others
 [1986.103.5.3.1.14]
 Midge Boesch
 [1986.103.5.3.1.15]
 Joseph M. Bowab, and Syrian Colony
 [1986.103.5.3.1.16]
 Phil [Brainard]
 [1986.103.5.3.1.17]
 Capt. J.G. Brisolara
 [1986.103.5.3.1.18]
 Mrs. Ambrose Brennan and 10th Ward Ladies, Choctaw Organization
 [1986.103.5.3.1.19]
 Frank J. Brennan
 [1986.103.5.3.1.20]
 A. Morgan Brian
 [1986.103.5.3.1.21]
 John J. Burns, Jr., The Great A & P Tea Co.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.22]
 Candilora and Pecoraro
 [1986.103.5.3.1.23]
 Carlo F. Cangelosi
 [1986.103.5.3.1.24]
 A. Capozza, Jr.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.25]
 Senator Nicholas G. Carbajal
 [1986.103.5.3.1.26]
 S.P. Cassagne
 [1986.103.5.3.1.27]

Pete Casse
 [1986.103.5.3.1.28]
 L. Censi, Royal Counsul of Italy
 [1986.103.5.3.1.29]
 Charles Dennergy, Inc.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.30]
 Geo. A. Chehardy
 [1986.103.5.3.1.31]
 A.C. Christina
 [1986.103.5.3.1.32]
 Cobb & Whitehead, G.S. Cobb
 [1986.103.5.3.1.33]
 Lloyd J. Cobb
 [1986.103.5.3.1.34]
 Al Coman, Mgr. Cafe Carondelet and Poydras Street
 [1986.103.5.3.1.35]
 James E. Courtin [2]
 [1986.103.5.3.1.36-37]
 H.S. Cox
 [1986.103.5.3.1.38]
 C.A. Degan
 [1986.103.5.3.1.39]
 Louis Delabretonne, Independent Jackson Democrat, Vice President,
 8th Ward [1986.103.5.3.1.40]
 Charles I. Denechaud
 [1986.103.5.3.1.41]
 Tony Denopolis
 1986.103.5.3.1.42]
 Circolo Elena Di Savoia
 [1986.103.5.3.1.43]
 Alexis C. Dumestre
 [1986.103.5.3.1.44]
 W.S. Daly
 [1986.103.5.3.1.45]
 Wm. Dane, adjutant
 [1986.103.5.3.1.46]
 C. D'Antoni
 [1986.103.5.3.1.47]
 Dr. and Mrs. Joseph S. D'Antoni
 [1986.103.5.3.1.48]
 Holliday J. Daquin
 [1986.103.5.3.1.49]
 Dr. and Mrs. Charles M. Davidson
 [1986.103.5.3.1.50]
 Davis Ettinger
 [1986.103.5.3.1.51]
 Morris J. Elgutter
 [1986.103.5.3.1.52]
 J.L. Ewing and family
 [1986.103.5.3.1.53]
 Bernice Fassman
 [1986.103.5.3.1.54]

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Fellman
 [1986.103.5.3.1.55]
 Mrs. M. Figaro, chairlady, La. Democratic Assoc., 11th Ward
 [1986.103.5.3.1.56]
 Martin P. Finnegan
 [1986.103.5.3.1.57]
 Jules G. Fisher
 [1986.103.5.3.1.58]
 Harry W. Fletcher
 [1986.103.5.3.1.59]
 Mrs. Wm. Ford, Police matron, Club Plantation
 [1986.103.5.3.1.60]
 Charles W. Frank, president, New Orleans Board of Trade
 [1986.103.5.3.1.61]
 L.A. Frey and sons
 [1986.103.5.3.1.62]
 M/M Joseph Gentile
 [1986.103.5.3.1.63]
 Mrs. Idabelle Giefers
 [1986.103.5.3.1.64]
 Larry Gilbert
 [1986.103.5.3.1.65]
 Dr. and Mrs. W.J. Gilbert
 [1986.103.5.3.1.66]
 Mrs. Albert B. Granzin, Sr.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.67]
 Mrs. Albert B. Granzin, Sr., chairman, 11th Ward Women's Choctaw
 [1986.103.5.3.1.68]
 R. Guercio
 [1986.103.5.3.1.69]
 M. Grisoli
 [1986.103.5.3.1.70]
 Bess Grundmann, director of Grundmann Attractions
 [1986.103.5.3.1.71]
 George Grundmann
 [1986.103.5.3.1.72]
 Allen S. Hackett
 [1986.103.5.3.1.73]
 Mamie E. Hannon
 [1986.103.5.3.1.74]
 Phil Harris
 [1986.103.5.3.1.75]
 A.P. Harvey
 [1986.103.5.3.1.76]
 Mrs. James Hartnett, Leader, Ladies Div., La. Democrat, 15th Ward
 [1986.103.5.3.1.77]
 M/M Oliver L. Hingle and Addie Hingle
 [1986.103.5.3.1.78]
 Harry L. Howard, New Orleans agency mgr., Burroughs Adding
 [1986.103.5.3.1.79]
 Hurwitz Mintz Furniture Co.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.80]

Hymal Family
 [1986.103.5.3.1.81]
 Julius Hyman
 [1986.103.5.3.1.82]
 Lon Irwin
 [1986.103.5.3.1.83]
 J.C. Jackson, supt., Western Union
 [1986.103.5.3.1.84]
 Leo R. Jalenak
 [1986.103.5.3.1.85]
 Anna F. Kennedy, genl. president, St. Margaret's Daughters
 [1986.103.5.3.1.86]
 Jos. J. Kennedy, Controller of Customs
 [1986.103.5.3.1.87]
 Klotz Craker Factory, Ltd., W.C. Fletcher, mgr.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.88]
 John T. Knopp
 [1986.103.5.3.1.89]
 Louis Knop, Jr.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.90]
 Albertine Kraemer and Family
 [1986.103.5.3.1.91]
 H.A. Kreh
 [1986.103.5.3.1.92]
 S. Kronengold
 [1986.103.5.3.1.93]
 (Rev) L.A. Labelle
 [1986.103.5.3.1.94]
 Ralph Lally
 [1986.103.5.3.1.95]
 Gertrude and Wallace Lear
 [1986.103.5.3.1.96]
 P.J. Leaman, president, Leaman & Co.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.97]
 M/M Robert E. Lee
 [1986.103.5.3.1.98]
 M/M August Levert
 [1986.103.5.3.1.99]
 J. Marion Legendre
 [1986.103.5.3.1.100]
 Stanley M. Lemaire
 [1986.103.5.3.1.101]
 Philip Liuzza, Harry Dean, Anthony Ciaccio
 [1986.103.5.3.1.102]
 Anthony A. Levata
 [1986.103.5.3.1.103]
 Joe Levy
 [1986.103.5.3.1.104]
 Mrs. Huey P. Long and Family
 [1986.103.5.3.1.105]

Longshoreman's Protective Union Benevolent Assn. Local 231,
 I L A, Jos. B. Spencer, pres.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.106]
 Louisiana Democratic Women's Division, 3rd Ward
 [1986.103.5.3.1.107]
 Louisiana Sugar and Rice Exchange, Officers and Directors,
 Armand J. Scully, president
 [1986.103.5.3.1.108]
 Joseph Luca and Felix P. Vaccaro
 [1986.103.5.3.1.109]
 Mrs. R.U. Loria and Family of Gretna
 [1986.103.5.3.1.110]
 Louque Place Improvement Assoc., H.C. Salles, president,
 O.P. Villarubia, secretary
 [1986.103.5.3.1.111]
 Oliver J. Mader and Family
 [1986.103.5.3.1.112]
 Robert R. Maestri
 [1986.103.5.3.1.113]
 Mama Martha and Edna
 [1986.103.5.3.1.114]
 M/M Dominick Mangaracina
 [1986.103.5.3.1.115]
 Maritza [Maritza noted, "it was a grand speech"]
 [1986.103.5.3.1.116]
 Your Friend, Dr. J. T. Marinez
 [1986.103.5.3.1.117]
 Arthur Marullo
 [1986.103.5.3.1.118]
 C.B. Merrick
 [1986.103.5.3.1.119]
 Joe Messina
 [1986.103.5.3.1.120]
 Augusto P. Miceli
 [1986.103.5.3.1.121]
 Mrs. Angelina Michelli, captain, 6th Ward, 2nd pct., Women's
 Division, La. Democratic Organization
 [1986.103.5.3.1.122]
 M/M Al Miller
 [1986.103.5.3.1.123]
 Henry J. Miller
 [1986.103.5.3.1.124]
 Mintz & Goldblum
 [1986.103.5.3.1.125]
 T.P. McCormack
 [1986.103.5.3.1.126]
 Charles McGovern
 [1986.103.5.3.1.127]
 John McKay
 [1986.103.5.3.1.128]
 Wm. J. McNamara
 [1986.103.5.3.1.129]

Jas. McQuithy, Wm. Garvin
 [1986.103.5.3.1.130]
 Mother Tranquilla [Missionary Sisters of Sacred Heart]
 [1986.103.5.3.1.131]
 Motor Vehicle Bureau
 [1986.103.5.3.1.132]
 M/M H.G. Neyrey, Sr.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.133]
 Judge Nix and Attachees of the Juvenile Court
 [1986.103.5.3.1.134]
 New Orleans Post 114, Harry R. Cabral, commander
 [1986.103.5.3.1.135]
 New Orleans Public Library
 [1986.103.5.3.1.136]
 New Orleans Public School Teachers Assoc., New Orleans Classroom
 Teachers Federation, High School Teachers Assoc.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.137]
 Carmen Nuccio
 [1986.103.5.3.1.138]
 Bill O'Hara and wife
 [1986.103.5.3.1.139]
 A.J. O'Keefe Sr. and Jr.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.140]
 Frank Scardulla, venerable William Maconi, Lodge #1548, Ordine
 Figli D'Italia
 [1986.103.5.3.1.141]
 John H. Overton
 [1986.103.5.3.1.142]
 Zeb P. Owings
 [1986.103.5.3.1.143]
 W.H. Parham
 [1986.103.5.3.1.144]
 J.C. Peregoy, The Great A & P Tea Co.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.145]
 G. Pipitone, president, Musicians Union
 [1986.103.5.3.1.146]
 Gus Pitard
 [1986.103.5.3.1.147]
 Geo. P. Platt, Judge, and Patrick A. McClosky, Clerk, Second City
 Court
 [1986.103.5.3.1.148]
 M/M Emmanuel Porretto
 [1986.103.5.3.1.149]
 Mr. and Mrs. Judge Jules J. Prats
 [1986.103.5.3.1.150]
 J.H. Ricau, secretary of New Orleans Board of Trade
 [1986.103.5.3.1.151]
 Peter A. Rohrs
 [1986.103.5.3.1.152]
 Roosevelt Democratic Association, Wm. C. Richards, state
 president, Milton J. Montifue, state organizer
 [1986.103.5.3.1.153]

Roosevelt Democratic Assoc., Lorem Zocure, state president,
 Earl Roberts, state chairman
 [1986.103.5.3.1.154]
 R. Rougelot & Sons, Inc.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.155]
 Sam Bonart, Inc.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.156]
 Jno. B. Sanford
 [1986.103.5.3.1.157]
 John Albion Saxon [long message concluded, "using the toast of
 the late actor Joseph Jefferson[,] may you live long
 and prosper sincerely."
 [1986.103.5.3.1.158]
 School Board Maintenance Employees Assoc., Henry Schaumberg, Jr.,
 president
 [1986.103.5.3.1.159]
 L.E. (Many) Schlesinger
 [1986.103.5.3.1.160]
 Carl G. Schmidt, 13th Ward, 15th pct.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.161]
 Alfred H. Seaward
 [1986.103.5.3.1.162]
 Shell Petroleum Co., J.C. Munro
 [1986.103.5.3.1.163]
 Harry Siener
 [1986.103.5.3.1.164]
 Allen Simon
 [1986.103.5.3.1.165]
 Jos. P. Simone
 [1986.103.5.3.1.166]
 Sal P. Simone
 [1986.103.5.3.1.167]
 Mrs. Joseph Sinai
 [1986.103.5.3.1.168]
 Mrs. Joseph P. Skelly and children
 [1986.103.5.3.1.169]
 Captain Theodore J. Smith, New Orleans Fire Dept.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.170]
 Sophie
 [1986.103.5.3.1.171]
 Dr. George Philip Sougeron
 [1986.103.5.3.1.172]
 AL and Ed Soule
 [1986.103.5.3.1.173]
 Standard Fruit and Steamship Co.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.174]
 Stauffer Eschleman & Co., Ltd.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.175]
 Steve's Place Poor Boy Restaurant
 [1986.103.5.3.1.176]
 Straymond and Ferran family
 [1986.103.5.3.1.177]

E.J. Strehle, Mayor of Gretna
 [1986.103.5.3.1.178]
 Alvin T. Stumpf, state representative from Jefferson Parish
 [1986.103.5.3.1.179]
 E.J. Tallieu, Clerk, House of Representatives
 [1986.103.5.3.1.180]
 Dr. And Mrs. George Taquinie
 [1986.103.5.3.1.181]
 N.A. Thibodeaux, 11th Ward, 2nd pct.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.182]
 M/M Nolan J. Thibodeaux, 10th Ward
 [1986.103.5.3.1.183]
 J.A. Thomas
 [1986.103.5.3.1.184]
 H.A. Thomason, M.D.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.185]
 Tony Latinos Sons
 [1986.103.5.3.1.186]
 Tortorich Bros.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.187]
 Mrs. E.E. Tosso and Family
 [1986.103.5.3.1.188]
 Jac L. Trinchard
 [1986.103.5.3.1.189]
 E. Turci and Family
 [1986.103.5.3.1.190]
 Joseph Vaccaro, Sr.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.191]
 Mrs. S. J. Varney
 [1986.103.5.3.1.192]
 Bob Virgets
 [1986.103.5.3.1.193]
 Wm. E. Weber
 [1986.103.5.3.1.194]
 Waletr G. Wedig [2]
 [1986.103.5.3.1.195-96]
 Alex Weil, Porter Cloth Co.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.197]
 Mrs. Armand Werling
 [1986.103.5.3.1.198]
 Mrs. Armand Werling and the Ladies of the Old Regular
 Organization, 2nd Ward
 [1986.103.5.3.1.199]
 Geo. E. Williams
 [1986.103.5.3.1.200]
 Emile Weil
 [1986.103.5.3.1.201]
 Charles J. Woods
 [1986.103.5.3.1.202]
 Adele Yancovich
 [1986.103.5.3.1.203]

Young Men's Business Club of New Orleans, Board of Directors
[1986.103.5.3.1.204]
S.F. Zander, Vice President, Sam Bonart, Inc.
[1986.103.5.3.1.205]
M/M rene Zilbermann
[1986.103.5.3.1.206]
Rev. John Zografos
[1986.103.5.3.1.207]
Zoning and Adjustment Dept., South Carrollton and Upper St.
Charles Ave. Residential Property Ownwrs Assn.,
Tinette, Lichtenstein, chairman
[1986.103.5.3.1.208]

From other parts of Louisiana:

Walter W. Allen, Assessor, Winn Parish. Winnfield.
[1986.103.5.3.1.209]
Chas. Anzalone, in behalf of Italians of Tangipahoa parish.
Independence.
[1986.103.5.3.1.210]
John Barcelone. Baton Rouge.
[1986.103.5.3.1.211]
F.L. Bailey, representative. [This is not a congratulatory
telegram; Bailey was being driven to catch a train.
His driver was given a traffic ticket; Bailey asked
RSM to have the ticket "waived" as he "was the guilty
party."] Washington, 9:10 a.m.
[1986.103.5.3.1.212]
F.L. Bailey, representative. Congratulatory telegram.
Washington. 9:41 a.m.
[1986.103.5.3.1.213]
Dr. C.J. Barker, Thibodeaux Coronor, Lafourche parish.
Thibodeaux.
[1986.103.5.3.1.214]
L.B. Baynard, state auditor. Baton Rouge.
[1986.103.5.3.1.215]
B.E. Bickham. [Bickham noted, "the people are with you on slot
machine gambling."] Hammond.
[1986.103.5.3.1.216]
E.P. Planchard, Jos. Nicolosi, C.Ory Dupont, O.S. Templet,
C.Iris. Dupont. Plaquemine.
[1986.103.5.3.1.217]
Louise Blance and Ed Ducasse. Covington.
[1986.103.5.3.1.218]
J.A. Buisson. Covington.
[1986.103.5.3.1.219]
E.R. Cassidy, Bogalusa mayor. Bogalusa.
[1986.103.5.3.1.220]
E.A. Conway. Baton Rouge.
[1986.103.5.3.1.221]

W.A. Cooper. Baton Rouge.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.222]
 Paul N. Cyr. Jeanerette.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.223]
 E.A. delahoussaye. Franklin.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.224]
 W.J. Everette. Baton Rouge.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.225]
 W.C. Feazel. Monroe.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.226]
 Alex Ferrer. Covington.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.227]
 Raymond H. Fleming, Ajt. of La. Camp Beauregard.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.228]
 I.W. Gajan, chairman, Long/Leche/Maestri Administration forces,
 and the Share Our Wealth organization, Iberia parish.
 New Iberia.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.229]
 Lesley P. Gardiner, Baton Rouge.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.230]
 R.L. Gay. Zwolle.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.231]
 Mrs. Fred J. Grace, Sr. Myrtle Grace. Baton Rouge.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.232]
 Jno. K. Griffith. Slidell.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.233]
 L.F. Guerre. Camp Beauregard.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.234]
 T.H. Harris. Baton Rouge.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.235]
 Ralph Hebert. Baton Rouge.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.236]
 Doris Lindsey Holland, Senator; Leonard C. Spinks,
 Representative. Hammond.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.237]
 Malcolm E. Lafargue. Shreveport.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.238]
 J.B. Lewis, mayor [St. Landry parish]; George Stagg, Howard
 Strother, D.E. Young. Eunice.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.239]
 E.L. Loeb. Opelousas
 [1986.103.5.3.1.240]
 J.P. Luizza. Abita Springs.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.241]
 F.P. Marsolan, mayor. Covington.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.242]
 Ernest Miltenberger, Jr., mayor. Abita Springs.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.243]
 Felix H. Mouton. Lafayette.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.244]
 Ferdinand Mouton. Lafayette.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.245]

Alex Mutti and Family. Abita Springs.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.246]
 J.M. Nugent, chairman, La. Highway Commission. Baton Rouge.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.247]
 Harvey Peltier. Thibodeaux.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.248]
 Sam Pomer. [Pomer wrote, "may the spirit of the immortal Huey
 P. Long ever be your guiding light to make the city of
 New Orleans a better and prosperous city."] Schriever.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.249]
 Amous L. Ponder. Amite.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.250]
 A.L. Ponder, Jr. Amite.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.251]
 Warren Raggio. Baton Rouge.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.252]
 J. Maxime Roy, Mayor, City of Lafayette. Lafayette.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.253]
 St. Landry parish friends. ["we are all sorry to lose you as our
 Commissioner {of conservation}.] Sunset.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.254]
 G.V. Saucier, sheriff. Marksville.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.255]
 Judge Chas. Schulze. Monroe.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.256]
 Charles E. Schwing. Plaquemine.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.257]
 J.M. Segura. Crowley.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.258]
 Judge James D. Simon. St. Martinville.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.259]
 James Monroe Smith [president of Louisisana State University.]
 Baton Rouge, La.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.260]
 Leonard C. Spinks. Hammond.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.261]
 Henry Starns. Holden.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.262]
 Edward R. Stoker. Baton Rouge, La.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.263]
 Peter and Frank Tr[e?]chiano. St. Francisville.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.264]
 I.T. Tritico. Lake Charles.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.265]
 George Wallace. Baton Rouge.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.266]
 Robert A. Walsh. Amite.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.267]
 J.R. Wendt. Baton Rouge.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.268]
 [...chtermann], dept. commander, American Legion. [torn]
 [1986.103.5.3.1.269]

From other than Louisiana (mostly locals on vacation/business trips):

Jake Atz. Galveston.

[1986.103.5.3.1.270]

Thomas Frith Bienvenue. New York.

[1986.103.5.3.1.271]

M/M Emile Bienvenu[e?]. New York.

[1986.103.5.3.1.272]

Biloxi Chamber of Commerce. Chester Delacruz, president; Anthony V. Ragusin, secretary. Biloxi.

[1986.103.5.3.1.273]

Zeke Bonura. Chicago.

[1986.103.5.3.1.274]

G.r. Bossetto. Galveston.

[1986.103.5.3.1.275]

Louis Braun, mayor; F.A. Tucei, commissioner of finance; John A. Swanzy, commissioner of public works. Biloxi.

[1986.103.5.3.1.276]

Mike Cahn. Eagle River, Wisconsin.

[1986.103.5.3.1.277]

Carey Calhoun. Ann Arbor.

[1986.103.5.3.1.278]

Turk Carter. Tallahassee.

[1986.103.5.3.1.279]

Captain Eugene Casey. Biloxi.

[1986.103.5.3.1.280]

Jerry Compton. Comer, Ga.

[1986.103.5.3.1.281]

R.E. Edgar Demontluzin. Ft. Walton.

[1986.103.5.3.1.282]

Felix J. Dreyfous. Charlevoix, Michigan.

[1986.103.5.3.1.283]

Jameas A Farley. New York.

[1986.103.5.3.1.284]

Joseph N. Ferguson, II. New York.

[1986.103.5.3.1.285]

Mae Freie. Colorado Springs.

[1986.103.5.3.1.286]

William J. Guste. Toronto.

[1986.103.5.3.1.287]

Sidney L. Harold. Houston.

[1986.103.5.3.1.288]

Ralph Hitz. [Hitz sent "kindest regards to you and Seymour."]
New York.

[1986.103.5.3.1.289]

Italian Americans of Texas. C.S. Papa, Chairman. Dallas.

[1986.103.5.3.1.290]

Mary Keenen. Chicago.

[1986.103.5.3.1.291]

Mrs. Marquette Lawrence [and] Emily Claudia. Calistoga, Calif.

[1986.103.5.3.1.292]

Guy and Carmen [Lombardo]. New York.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.293]
 Harold B. Marks. Hot Springs, Ark.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.294]
 Howard McCaleb, Jr. Highlands, North Carolina.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.295]
 Richard McCarthy. Boston.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.296]
 A.G. Newmyer. West Point, New York.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.297]
 August Nolde. New York.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.298]
 Jack Panno. Chicago.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.299]
 Constantine Pelias. St. Paul, Minn.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.300]
 A. Pelleteri. Chicago.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.301]
 Lincoln Plaut. [Plaut noted, "many of your friends here have
 asked me to message you their congratulations...A.B.
 Letellier, Frank Letellier, Chas. Bacharach..."]
 Washington Park Race Track, Illinois.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.302]
 Cookie Porretto. Saratoga Springs, New York.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.303]
 Dr. E.F. Salerno. Hot Springs, Ark.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.304]
 Judge Wm. V. Seever. Park Ridge, Ill.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.305]
 Abe Seligman. Cleveland.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.306]
 M/M Abe L. Shushan. Eagle River, Wisconsin.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.307]
 Tony Spatafora. Galveston.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.308]
 T. Partlow Stephens, Jr., mayor of town of Coushatta [La.].
 Birmingham.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.309]
 Max N. Tobias. New York.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.310]
 George C. Vournas. St. Paul, Minn.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.311]
 Remo Zuecca, editor, Popolo Italiano. Philadelphia.
 [1986.103.5.3.1.312]

Large Gift Cards mostly floral arrangements

Andrew Jackson Chapter, #133 Order of Ahepa, New Orleans,
 Gus Papas, secretary
 [1986.103.5.3.2.1]

Jay Barnes
 [1986.103.5.3.2.2]
 L. H. Bernhardt
 [1986.103.5.3.2.3]
 Choctaw Club of Louisiana
 [1986.103.5.3.2.4]
 Tom Cheney, mgr., Goodyear Service
 [1986.103.5.3.2.5]
 City Electrician and employees
 [1986.103.5.3.2.6]
 Cloverland Dairy Products Co., Inc.
 [1986.103.5.3.2.7]
 Dr. C. Grenes Cole
 [1986.103.5.3.2.8]
 Convention and Visitors Bureau, New Orleans Association of
 Commerce
 [1986.103.5.3.2.9]
 Jos. A. Craven
 [1986.103.5.3.2.10]
 W.S. Daley
 [1986.103.5.3.2.11]
 Henry Coe Densmore, 6th Ward Regular Democratic Assoc.
 [1986.103.5.3.2.12]
 Discalced Carmelites
 [1986.103.5.3.2.13]
 Eleventh Ward Democratic Assoc., A.V. Scheurich, leader
 [1986.103.5.3.2.14]
 Employees, Municipal Auditorium
 [1986.103.5.3.2.15]
 Jos. Ferguson and Family
 [1986.103.5.3.2.16]
 Senator and Mrs. Jules G. Fisher
 [1986.103.5.3.2.17]
 Fifteenth Ward Regular Democratic Organization, M.F. Behrman,
 president
 [1986.103.5.3.2.18]
 Fifth Precinct Police Station Officers and Members
 [1986.103.5.3.2.19]
 Dick Foster
 [1986.103.5.3.2.20]
 Frank and Phil
 [1986.103.5.3.2.21]
 David Freeman
 [1986.103.5.3.2.22]
 Greek Community, G. Gabriel, president
 [1986.103.5.3.2.23]
 Maurice G. Hartson
 [1986.103.5.3.2.24]
 Wm. Helis
 [1986.103.5.3.2.25]
 International Club
 [1986.103.5.3.2.26]

Item-Tribune

[1986.103.5.3.27]
Conrad Kolb
[1986.103.5.3.2.28]
Louis A. Lang
[1986.103.5.3.2.29]
Robert Legier
[1986.103.5.3.2.30]
Liberty Homestead Association
[1986.103.5.3.2.31]
O.J. Litoff and Henry Mills
[1986.103.5.3.2.32]
Louisiana Democratic Assoc. of 4th Ward, Clem Lehrt, president
[1986.103.5.3.2.33]
Louisiana Democratic Club, 14th ward, W.P. Dillon, president
[1986.103.5.3.2.34]
Louisiana State Board of Health
[1986.103.5.3.2.35]
Louisiana Tax Commission of New Orleans
[1986.103.5.3.2.36]
L.J. Luke
[1986.103.5.3.37]
Frank Manale and nephew
[1986.103.5.3.2.38]
Marks Isaacs Co.
[1986.103.5.3.2.39]
Dr. L.A. Meraux and St. Bernard Friends
[1986.103.5.3.2.40]
Municipal Auditorium Commissioners
[1986.103.5.3.2.41]
E.S. Myers
[1986.103.5.3.2.42]
New Orleans Athletic Club
[1986.103.5.3.2.43]
New Orleans Homestead Clearing House Assoc.
[1986.103.5.3.2.44]
New Orleans Insurance Exchange, representing Fire and Casualty
Lines
[1986.103.5.3.2.45]
New Orleans Women's Italian American Assoc., Mrs. J.B. Carrerot,
president
[1986.103.5.3.2.46]
Ninth Ward Louisiana Democratic Association, Women's Division,
Mrs. J.B. Carrerot, president
[1986.103.5.3.2.47]
O.K. Storage and Transfer Co.
[1986.103.5.3.2.48]
Charales H. O'Neill
[1986.103.5.3.2.49]
Julius Pace and The Boys
[1986.103.5.3.2.50]

John J. Palmisano
 [1986.103.5.3.2.51]
 A.B. Paterson
 [1986.103.5.3.2.52]
 Tony Pelleteri
 [1986.103.5.3.2.53]
 Forrest Pendleton
 [1986.103.5.3.2.54]
 Gus Peque, 13th Ward
 [1986.103.5.3.2.55]
 M/M Wm. G. Rankin
 [1986.103.5.3.2.56]
 Frank J. Reyes
 [1986.103.5.3.2.57]
 Walter T. Ryan
 [1986.103.5.3.2.58]
 Max Scheinnk, member of New Orleans Parkway Commission
 [1986.103.5.3.2.59]
 Second Ward
 [1986.103.5.3.2.60]
 C.A. Spori, Jr.
 [1986.103.5.3.2.61]
 Strouse and Lampton
 [1986.103.5.3.2.62]
 Standard Fruit and Steamship Co.
 [1986.103.5.3.2.63]
 Alice Lee and Bill Tharpe
 [1986.103.5.3.2.64]
 Jack Tims
 [1986.103.5.3.2.65]
 Todd-Johnson Dry Docks, Inc.
 [1986.103.5.3.2.66]
 Tuberculosis and Public Health Assoc. of Louisiana
 [1986.103.5.3.2.67]
 Albert Tujague, Etienne L. Loubat, Walter A. Loubat
 [1986.103.5.3.2.68]
 Twelfth Ward Old Regular
 [1986.103.5.3.2.69]
 Union Italian Society
 [1986.103.5.3.2.70]
 Upper Pontalba Building Commission
 [1986.103.5.3.2.71]
 Frank A. vonder Haar
 [1986.103.5.3.2.72]
 Frank A. vonder Haar and W.H. Parham, secretary
 [1986.103.5.3.2.73]
 Hugh M. Wilkinson, James Wilkinson, A Miles Coe, Harry Nowalsky,
 Fred W. Oser, John D. Lambert, George M. Leppert
 [1986.103.5.3.2.74]
 Yellow Cab Co.
 [1986.103.5.3.2.75]

Small Gift Cards {florist's business cards, personal cards}

A.Stef Lumber Co.

[1986.103.5.3.3.1]

Bert Alder, Emile Alder, George Alder, Henry F. Alder

[1986.103.5.3.3.2]

Alcee Fortier High School band

[1986.103.5.3.3.3]

A.C. Anderson

[1986.103.5.3.3.4]

Representative and Mrs. Chas. Anderson

[1986.103.5.3.3.5]

W.S. Behrman

[1986.103.5.3.3.6]

Col. and Mrs. Emile Bienvenue, 17th Ward leaders, Women's
Division, Louisiana Democratic Assoc.

[1986.103.5.3.3.7]

Herbert A. Benson

[1986.103.5.3.3.8]

Beverage Department

[1986.103.5.3.3.9]

A.C. Bernard

[1986.103.5.3.3.10]

Arnold Bernstein, mayor of City of Monroe

[1986.103.5.3.3.11]

Max Blanchard

[1986.103.5.3.3.12]

Board of Fire Commissioners, City of New Orleans

[1986.103.5.3.3.13]

Representative Rene A. Borey and Family

[1986.103.5.3.3.14]

M/M Rene J. Borne

[1986.103.5.3.3.15]

Lionel Bower

[1986.103.5.3.3.16]

Joe W. Brown

[1986.103.5.3.3.17]

J.H. Bruns

[1986.103.5.3.3.18]

Edmund G. Burke

[1986.103.5.3.3.19]

Children of the Martin Behrman Memorial

[1986.103.5.3.3.20]

Commission Council, City of New Orleans

[1986.103.5.3.3.21]

Childrens Carnival Pageant Krewe of N O R

[1986.103.5.3.3.22]

City Park Commission

[1986.103.5.3.3.23]

Choctaw Ladies, 15th Ward

[1986.103.5.3.3.24]

Charles Conrad
 [1986.103.5.3.3.25]
 Cooperative Sr. Ry. Employees Assoc., N O P S I, Hy O. Lamb,
 president
 [1986.103.5.3.3.26]
 Coroner's Office
 [1986.103.5.3.3.27]
 Ed and Fannie Courtin
 [1986.103.5.3.3.28]
 Criminal Sheriff Dept.
 [1986.103.5.3.3.29]
 M/M Jos. B. David
 [1986.103.5.3.3.30]
 Diampnd Paper Co., H.C. Chisolm, president
 [1986.103.5.3.3.31]
 Gus Dietrich
 [1986.103.5.3.3.32]
 Directors and Employees, dept. of Conservation
 [3.3.33]
 District Attorney's Office
 [1986.103.5.3.3.34]
 Charles J. Donner
 [1986.103.5.3.3.35]
 Durel and Busch, florist
 [1986.103.5.3.3.36]
 Electrical Inspection Dept.
 [1986.103.5.3.3.37]
 M/M Sam Eddy
 [1986.103.5.3.3.38]
 Eighth Ward Independent Jackson Democratic Club
 [1986.103.5.3.3.39]
 Eighth Ward Louisiana Democratic Organization, Frank Peilloux,
 leader
 [1986.103.5.3.3.40]
 W.E. Eldridge
 [1986.103.5.3.3.41]
 Mrs. Albert B. Granzin, Sr., 11th ward
 [1986.103.5.3.3.42]
 Crawford H. Ellis
 [1986.103.5.3.3.43]
 E.A. Farley
 [1986.103.5.3.3.44]
 Carl A. Fisher
 [1986.103.5.3.3.45]
 Foster Flower Shop
 [1986.103.5.3.3.46]
 Fourth Precinct Police Station
 [1986.103.5.3.3.47]
 Genres, Whitmore and Louis H. Yarret
 [1986.103.5.3.3.48]
 Mose Goldblatt
 [1986.103.5.3.3.499]

S. Gumbel & Co., Ltd., Henry, Joe and Lester
 [1986.103.5.3.3.50]
 Chas. G. and Anna B. Harns
 [1986.103.5.3.3.51]
 Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Hause
 [1986.103.5.3.3.52]
 J.C. Henriques and J.C. Henriques, Jr.
 [1986.103.5.3.3.53]
 W.P. Hickey
 [1986.103.5.3.3.54]
 R.H. Hogseth
 [1986.103.5.3.3.55]
 Hung. Jung, Harry Jung, [Sarm?] Wo
 [1986.103.5.3.3.56]
 Jung Hotel
 [1986.103.5.3.3.57]
 Lakeview Improvement Assoc., Mrs. Edward Stump, president
 [1986.103.5.3.3.58]
 Governor and Mrs. Richard W. Leche
 [1986.103.5.3.3.59]
 Woodie J. Legier
 [1986.103.5.3.3.60]
 M/M Lou Lemler
 [1986.103.5.3.3.61]
 Louis Le Sage, Johnny Weiss
 [1986.103.5.3.3.62]
 Ninth Ward Louisiana Democratic Assoc. and Congressman J.O.
 Fernandez
 [1986.103.5.3.3.63]
 Louisiana State Museum
 [1986.103.5.3.3.64]
 Max Barnett Furniture Co., Inc.
 [1986.103.5.3.3.65]
 Gus Mayer, Otto Gottscho
 [1986.103.5.3.3.66]
 M/M Lawrence A. Merrigan
 [1986.103.5.3.3.67]
 E. L. Mertzweiler
 [1986.103.5.3.3.68]
 Metairie Ridge Nursery Florist
 [1986.103.5.3.3.69]
 Joe Meyers, John Whitty, Floyd Hodge
 [1986.103.5.3.3.70]
 Mintz and Goldblum
 [1986.103.5.3.3.71]
 J.C. Moiton and Boys
 [1986.103.5.3.3.72]
 Larry Maloney
 [1986.103.5.3.3.73]
 M/M A.F. Morris
 [1986.103.5.3.3.74]

Bessie Mound
 [1986.103.5.3.3.75]
 Dr. J. Sauter Muller
 [1986.103.5.3.3.76]
 Pat H. McGrath
 [1986.103.5.3.3.77]
 New Court House Commission
 [1986.103.5.3.3.78]
 New Orleans Cotton Exchange
 [1986.103.5.3.3.79]
 Officers and Members N O F D
 [1986.103.5.3.3.80]
 New Orleans Private Patrol, Sam Gurvich, president
 [1986.103.5.3.3.81]
 New Orleans Safety Council
 [1986.103.5.3.3.82]
 Newsham Florist
 [1986.103.5.3.3.83]
 Ninth Ward Regular Democratic Club
 [1986.103.5.3.3.84]
 O'Dwyer Bros.
 [1986.103.5.3.3.85]
 Old Regular Choctaw, 5th Ward, L.E. Schlesinger, president
 [1986.103.5.3.3.86]
 "1009"
 [1986.103.5.3.3.87]
 On. Leing Merchandise Assoc.
 [1986.103.5.3.3.88]
 John J. O'Neill, clerks Civil District Court
 [1986.103.5.3.3.89]
 M/M H.J. Otnott
 [1986.103.5.3.3.90]
 Pan American Life Insurance Co.
 [1986.103.5.3.3.91]
 Nina Patorno
 [1986.103.5.3.3.92]
 M/M Jules T. Peytral, Jr.
 [1986.103.5.3.3.93]
 M/M Al Pilsbury
 [1986.103.5.3.3.94]
 Police Board, City of New Orleans
 [1986.103.5.3.3.95]
 Albert Miles Pratt
 [1986.103.5.3.3.96]
 Freddie Rickerfor
 [1986.103.5.3.3.97]
 M/M H.S. Riecke
 [1986.103.5.3.3.98]
 Edward M. Robbert, city attorney
 [1986.103.5.3.3.99]
 Fred. W. Robbert
 [1986.103.5.3.3.100]

H.J. Robbert
 [1986.103.5.3.3.101]
 St. Bernard Parish School Board, Mrs. L. Meraux, president
 [1986.103.5.3.3.102]
 St. Regis Restaurant
 [1986.103.5.3.3.103]
 M/M Phil A. Schiro
 [1986.103.5.3.3.104]
 Seventeenth Ward Choctaw Woman's Organization, Mrs. George M. De
 Luca, chairman
 [1986.103.5.3.3.105]
 Seventeenth Ward women's Division, Louisiana Democratic
 Organization, Mrs. M. Yates, president
 [1986.103.5.3.3.106]
 Members of the Sewerage and Water Board
 [1986.103.5.3.3.107]
 C.W. Sherman
 [1986.103.5.3.3.108]
 Theodore Simmons
 [1986.103.5.3.3.109]
 Sixth Ward Woman Old Regular Organization
 [1986.103.5.3.3.110]
 A. F. Spatafora
 [1986.103.5.3.3.111]
 Superintendant of City Stables
 [1986.103.5.3.3.112]
 John B. Surgi and Friends, 16th Ward
 [1986.103.5.3.3.113]
 Mrs. J.B. Surgi and friends, 16th Ward
 [1986.103.5.3.3.114]
 John M. Taylor
 [1986.103.5.3.3.115]
 Tenth Precinct Police Station
 [1986.103.5.3.3.116]
 Capt. Edward A. Theard
 [1986.103.5.3.3.117]
 Third Ward Louisianas Democratic Organization, Chas. A. Byrne, Si
 Palanque
 [1986.103.5.3.3.118]
 Rodney Toups, mgr., Lowe's State Theater
 [1986.103.5.3.3.119]
 Tulane Hardwood Lumber Co.
 [1986.103.5.3.3.120]
 U.J. Virgin
 [1986.103.5.3.3.121]
 Mel Washburn
 [1986.103.5.3.3.122]
 M/M Seymour Weiss
 [1986.103.5.3.3.123]
 Walter G. Wedig
 [1986.103.5.3.3.124]

Miss Brent Wickliffe [Wickliffe noted, "We could not get 'Lily Ponds' for today so we got 'Pond Lillies'"]
[1986.103.5.3.3.125]

Greeting cards

Miss Viola M. Bird

[1986.103.5.3.4.1]

M/M R. Boudreaux

[1986.103.5.3.4.2]

Mrs. Delores Domingo

[1986.103.5.3.4.3]

[F.F. Hansell & Bro.?)

[1986.103.5.3.4.4]

Gulf Coast Oil Co., A. Paciera, president

[1986.103.5.3.4.5]

T.P. McCormack

[1986.103.5.3.4.6]

Mrs. Jennie McEwen, captain, Louisiana Democratic Club, T.
Landry, captain

[1986.103.5.3.4.7]

Members of the Public Belt Railroad Commission [hand-printed.
Includes names of all commission members]

[1986.103.5.3.4.8]

Letters [archivists note: these letters were randomly glued together, then pasted into the scrapbook. Unless the individual letters were already separated, the letters were not unglued; therefore many remain attached to each other in this random fashion, although the following list is arranged alphabetically for the reader's convenience.] All are from New Orleans, unless noted otherwise. They are dated Aug 12 - 26, 1936.

H.C. Abel. "It seems only a short time ago since Colonel Ewing desired to find some place that was quiet and out of the way, so that he could discuss some important matters with his other associates, which included you, Long, Sullivan...and one other." TLS. Mandeville.
[1986.103.5.3.5.1]

A. Leonard Allen, Congressman-designate, 8th Congressional district. Allen, brother of recently-deceased Governor O.K. Allen, thanked RSM for sending flowers to his brother's grave. TLS. Winnefield.
[1986.103.5.3.5.2]

Florence Allen, widow of O.K. Allen, thanking RSM for sending baskets of flowers to her husband's grave. ALS. Winnefield. [1986.103.5.3.5.3]

Frank Augustin, Chief Engineer, Hibernia Bank Building. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.4]

L.S. Augustin, Principal, Augustin Business College. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.5]

B.W. Bailey, New York Life Insurance Co. TLS. Winnefield. [1986.103.5.3.5.6]

Nettie Bates. ALS. Bogalusa. [1986.103.5.3.5.7]

Bryan Bell, President, Bryan Bell Insurance Co. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.8]

Joseph A. Bernard, Asst. Director of Permits. On Touro Infirmary stationary. ALS. [1986.103.5.3.5.9a]

--Bernard's business card attached
[1986.103.5.3.5.9b]

W. S. Bender. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.10]

C.A. Bertel, President, Cotton Trade Warehouses, Inc. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.11]

Lal C. Blanchard, Commissioner of Public Safety. TLS. Shreveport. [1986.103.5.3.5.12]

Ruben H. Brown, mgr., Bemis Bro. Bag Co. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.13]

H.F. Brunot, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana. On letterhead stationary. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.14]

J. Porter Burgess. TLS. Monroe. [1986.103.5.3.5.15]

Charles A. [Byron?]. On Arlington Hotel stationery. TLS. Hot Springs. [1986.103.5.3.5.16]

Sam S. Caldwell, Mayor, Shreveport. TLS. Shreveport. [1986.103.5.3.5.17]

C.H. Clinton, Secretery, Tensas parish police jury. Clinton made reference to the Hot Springs meeting. TLS. St. Joseph. [1986.103.5.3.5.18]

Convent of the Good Shepherd, by Sr. M. of St. Bernard, Supt. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.19]

Co-Operative Club of New Orleans. Cover letter transmitting resolution passed by the organization ratifying RSM's campaign to beautify New Orleans. (signed) S.L. Drumm, Secretary. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.20a]

--resolution attached
[1986.103.5.3.5.20b]

C.P. Couch, Louisiana and Arkansas Railway Lines. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.21]

W.H. Cowley. TLS. Mexico City. [1986.103.5.3.5.22]

John W. Craddock, a "states rights, sound money, Cleveland Democrat." TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.23]

H.R. Dabezies, Vice President, National Bank of Commerce. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.24]

Mrs. Carmelo D'Antoni, President, Cabrini Guild. ALS. [1986.103.5.3.5.25]

Albert Dazet. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.26]

Mrs. Dolores Reinhart Domingo, remebering a rocking chair bought at the Maestri family furniture store 16 years earlier. ALS. [1986.103.5.3.5.27]

M/M Ferd Demoruelle and family. ALS. Pass Christian. [1986.103.5.3.5.28]

Mrs. Oscar Dowling. ALS. [1986.103.5.3.5.29]

Ethel G. Duffy, on Tivoli Hotel stationery. ALS. Biloxi. [1986.103.5.3.5.30]

Mrs. Ionie du Montier, Capt., 9th Precinct, 3rd Ward. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.31]

Gilbert L. Dupre. ALS. Opelousas. [1986.103.5.3.5.32]

M/M S.R. Eddy. On Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans stationery. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.33]

Thos. Arthur Edwards. ALS. Lake Charles. [1986.103.5.3.5.33]

Robert Ewing, Jr. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.34]

Mrs. Georgie Burke Fabre, August A. Schmitz, Mrs. August A. Schmitz, Lois Burke. ALS. [1986.103.5.3.5.35]

J.B. Ferchaud, mgr., Burroughs Adding Machine Co. TLS. Shreveport. [1986.103.5.3.5.36]

Robert Fergusson, President, Rust-Oleum Corp. TLS. Chicago. [1986.103.5.3.5.37]

A. Ferrer. "Biloxi's Leading Chiropractor." TLS. Biloxi. [1986.103.5.3.5.38]

John T. Fitzpatrick, U.S. Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corp. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.39]

J.E. Fitzwilson, executive General Agent, Southern Railway System. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.40]

Mrs. George S. Frierson. ALS. [1986.103.5.3.5.41]

L. Herman Gaudet, President, Board of Supervisors of Election, Jefferson parish. TLS. Gretna. [1986.103.5.3.5.42]

Felix Wilfred Gaudin. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.43]

Lucie Generelly. ALS. [1986.103.5.3.5.44]

Carl Gleeser, thanking RSM for his conservation efforts. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.45]

Walter Goldman. ALS. [1986.103.5.3.5.46]

Mrs. A.B. Granzin, chairman, 11th Ward Civic Improvement Assoc.,
 endorsing RSM beautification program. ALS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.47]

M/M Nick Guarisco, suggesting street repairs in front of the Old
 Soldier's Home. ALS. [1986.103.5.3.5.48]

Louis, Gabe, and Henry Hausemann, letter transmitting a "little
 desk lighter" for RSM. On letterhead stationery. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.49]

R.S. Hecht. Hibernia National Bank. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.50]

George Heebe, Assessor, Jefferson Parish. TLS. Gretna.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.51]

T.R. Hughes, SHERiff, Caddo parish. TLS. Shreveport.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.52]

John E. Jackson. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.53]

M.H. Jamieson. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.54]

Joe Keating, Keating Brokerage Co. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.55]

Lakeview Improvement Assoc., Mrs. Edward Stumpf, pres. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.56]

Rabbi Emile W. Leipziger, President, Dept. of Public Welfare.
 TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.57]

Major John Lanier LeNeve. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.58]

J.C. LeSage, City Marshal, Finger Print Expert. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.59]

A.M. Lisso, Vice President, Jacobs Candy Co. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.60]

Gus A. Llambias. ALS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.61]

Louisiana Sunshine Society. Mrs. Charles L. Levy, president.
 ALS. n.p. [1986.103.5.3.5.62]

Paul Maloney, Jr. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.63]

B.C. McClellan. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.64]

Porter S. McCormick. ALS. Fairhope, Ala.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.65]

John F. Mc Grath. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.66]

Agnes B. McShane, thanking RSM " for the gracious act of placing
 so many of your lovely floral offerings" on her husband
 Andrew's grave. On black-bordered mourning stationery.
 ALS. [1986.103.5.3.5.67]

Harold A. Moise. ALS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.68]

[F.V.?] Mouton. ALS. Lafayette.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.69]

Robert L. Mouton. ALS. Lafayette.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.70]

A.W. Mysing. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.71]
 New Orleans Business and Professional Women's Club, Isabelle
 Danzinger Miller, acting president. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.72]
 New Orleans Council of Parents and Teachers, Mrs. Louise Simon
 Davis, president. Davis noted the organization
 supported RSM's position against slot machines. ALS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.73]
 New Orleans Junio Police Band. Signed by adult leaders, lists
 names of all members. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.74]
 William T. Nolan. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.75]
 Robert E. O'Connor. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.76]
 William C. Orchard. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.77]
 Edward A. Parsons. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.78]
 Frank H. Perilloux, Leader, 8th Ward, Louisiana Democratic Assoc.
 TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.79]
 Edward Pilsbury, president, National Association of Credit Men.
 TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.80]
 Gaston L. Porterie, Attorney General of Louisiana. TLS.
 Baton Rouge. [1986.103.5.3.5.81]
 Quota Club of New Orleans, Wilhelmine Aragon, president. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.82]
 L.A. Rachal. ALS. Shreveport. [1986.103.5.3.5.83]
 David B. Ravain. ALS. [1986.103.5.3.5.84]
 Florence J. Ridgeno. Ridgeno included comments re poll tax,
 Maestri family furniture store. ALS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.85]
 St. Joseph Academy, Mother Anne-Xavier, supt. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.86]
 Robert Louis Sanders, president, Southern Broadcasting Corp.
 TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.87]
 San Jacinto Social and Pleasure Club, John Casimir, president;
 Jos.R. Harris, secretary-treasurer. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.88]
 Otto Schwartz, Schwartz Building Supply Co. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.89]
 Jeff B. Snyder. TLS. Tallulah. [1986.103.5.3.5.90]
 C. A. Stair, Vice President, Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph
 Co. TLS. Atlanta. [1986.103.5.3.5.91]
 J. Steckler, President, Steckler Seed Co. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.92]
 Mrs. Camile Stewart. TLS. Covington. [1986.103.5.3.5.93]
 Mrs. Lucie Triest-Hill. ALS. [1986.103.5.3.5.94]
 Joseph Wagner, President, Peter F. Pescud, Inc., Insurance. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.95]
 T. Semmes Walmsley, Ex-Mayor of New Orleans. TLS.
 [1986.103.5.3.5.96]

J.R. Wendt, Louisiana Highway Commission, cover letter to accompany attached photograph [not part of collection] of flowers placed on grave of former governor O.K. Allen's grave in Winnefield. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.97]
Charles E. Wermuth & Co. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.98]
Emile Wessel. Wessel noted that as New Orleans was getting a new mayor, he "will commence work with the city as a scavenger. Also on this day [Aug 17] I will be 26 years of age. I hope to some-day better my-self, just as the City will ameliorate, after this day of momentousness." ALS. [1986.103.5.3.5.99]
George P. Westerfield (childhood schoolmate of RSM) confined to a hospital bed at Charity Hospital. ALS. [1986.103.5.3.5.100]
C.E. Whitmore, Secretary-Treasurer, Conservative Homestead Assoc. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.101]
E.E. Woodcock, suggested needed street/civic improvements, "The old Union Station must put on the brakes on any capitalists coming here with intention of investing their money." TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.102]
Young Men's Christian Assoc., George E. Schneider, president. TLS. [1986.103.5.3.5.103]

Other items removed from scrapbook:

--script of radio broadcast, Pontiac Program Over Columbia Broadcasting System, through KMOX, "News Thru a Woman's Eyes," by Miss Cravens on Aug 17, 1936. Details Cravens' observations of "the real stories behind the headlines down in Louisiana," and a behind-the-scenes report of a day spent in the company of RSM before his inauguration. Includes RTSM biographical information, some references to Huey P. Long, ex-mayor Walmsley, condition of New Orleans, RSM's planned improvements. Attached to script is a typed card, addressed to RSM, transmitting the copy from Wilson S. Callender, publicity secretary, New Orleans Assoc. of Commerce. 5 pp. Aug 27, 1936. [1986.103.5.3.6.1a-b]

--photograph [2] of a check, in the amount of \$416.67, payable to RSM, dated Aug 28, 1936. [RSM's first payckeck as mayor?]
[1986.103.5.3.7.1-2]

BOX IV (oversized) 1986.103.5.4.1.1-58

Scrapbook, Apr 4, 1932 - Jun 17, 1933, n.d.

--collected newspaper clippings, magazine articles, mostly re Huey P. Long, pro and con. Includes information re LSU, Old State Capitol, Governor's mansion, editorial cartoons, Franklin D. Roosevelt, push card of Edwin S. Broussard [Sep 13, 1932], Hattie Carraway, broadside announcing speeches of HPL and Carraway [Aug 1 - 6, 1932], reprints of HPL congressional speeches, HPL campaign broadsides. 58 pp. Publications represented:

--Louisiana newspapers
--Chicago American
--Time magazine
--Colliers magazine
--Saturday Evening Post
--American Magazine
--Literary Digest
--The Forum

BOX V (oversized) 1986.103.5.5.1-26

all items formerly framed, most are mounted

Folder 1

--appointment of RSM as Colonel, Governor's Staff, Aide-de-Camp, in active militia, or state national guard. (signed) Huey p. Long. Baton Rouge, Aug 8, 1928. [1986.103.5.5.1]

Folder 2

--appointment of RSM as state Commissioner of Conservation. (signed) Huey P. Long. Baton Rouge, Jul 10, 1930. [1986.103.5.5.2]

Folder 3

--appointment of Hilda M. Bertoniere as notary public, parish of Orleans. (signed) Huey P. Long. Baton Rouge, Jul 10, 1930. [1986.103.5.5.3]

Folder 4

--appointment of RSM as Colonel, Aide-de-Camp, governor's staff. (signed) O.K. Allen. Baton Rouge, May 16, 1932. [1986.103.5.5.4]

Folder 5

--appointment of RSM, member, Unemployment Relief Committee, state of Louisiana. (signed) O.K. Allen. Baton Rouge, Aug 1, 1932. [1986.103.5.5.5]

Folder 6

--appointment of RSM, Commissioner of Conservation. (signed) O.K. Allen. Baton Rouge, Nov 2, 1932. [1986.103.5.5.6]

Folder 7

--appointment of RSM as Colonel, Aide-de-Camp, governor's staff. Not signed by governor [James Noe left office May 12, 1936, and was succeeded by Richard Leche]. Baton Rouge, May 12, 1936. [1986.103.5.5.7]

Folder 8

--issue of Morning Tribune newspaper. Describes why, after Walmsely's reignation two weeks earlier, New Orleans had three mayors within an hour on July 15, 1936: A. Miles Pratt was named in Walmsely's stead, Pratt resigned on this date in favor of Jess Cave who served until RSM took office a month later. Features RSM on cover. Badly deteriorated. July 15, 1936. [1986.103.5.5.8]

Folder 9

--issue of Morning Tribune, Aug 3, 1936. Badly deteriorated. [1986.103.5.5.9]

Folder 10

--issue of Morning Tribune, Aug 11, 1936. Badly deteriorated. [1986.103.5.5.10]

Folder 11

--certificate declaring RSM mayor of New Orleans. Autographed, "Best Wishes 'Bob'," (signed) Dick. (signed) R.W. Leche. Baton Rouge, Aug 11, 1936. [1986.103.5.5.11]

Folder 12

--issue of New York Press (re horse racing), features RSM, New Orleans racetrack. Dec 3, 1936. [1986.103.5.5.12]

Folder 13

--appointment of RSM as member, Louisiana Flood Control and Water Conservation Commission. (signed) R.W. Leche. Baton Rouge, Dec 16, 1936. [1986.103.5.5.13]

Folder 14

--holographic poem, "To His Honor, Mayor Robert Maestri," from Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament Annunciation High School. c. 1936. [1986.103.5.5.14]

Folder 15

--testimonial presented to RSM by merchants of St. Claude Ave. in appreciation of street improvements made on St. Claude Ave. Includes 33 signatures. New Orleans, April 26, 1938. [1986.103.5.5.15]

Folder 16

--testimonial of appreciation presented to RSM by Gumble Home Auxiliary. Includes signatures of 12 members and superintendant, Mrs. Julia B. Earl. Water color illustration. New Orleans, c. 1938. [1986.103.5.5.16]

Folder 17

--certificate of "greetings and good will" to RSM from Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, Free and Accepted Masons, for RSM's cooperation in the organization's support of the Masonic Home for Children. (signed) [?] Higgins, Grand Master, D. Peter Laquens, Jr., Grand Secretary. n.p. c. 1938. [1986.103.5.5.17]

Folder 18

--certificate of life membership in the Order of the Flag awarded to RSM by the United States Flag Association. n.p. Apr 4, 1939. [1986.103.5.5.18]

Folder 19

--certificate awarding Honorary Mayor title to RSM from Father Flanagan's Boy's Home. Boy's Town, Neb. May 8, 1939. [1986.103.5.5.19]

Folder 20

--invitation to attend Memphis Cotton Carnival Assoc. Memphis, May 9, 1939. [1986.103.5.5.20]

Folder 21

--poster commemorating airplane flight inaugurating regular service on Mid Continent Airlines between Minneapolis and New Orleans through Sioux City, Iowa, sent to mayor and citizens of New Orleans by mayor of Sioux City Iowa. Includes photograph of Sioux City. (signed) Forrest M. Olson, Mayor. Sioux City, Aug 10, 1945. [1986.103.5.5.21]

Folder 22

--certificate of appreciation issued to RSM as Honorary chairman, American Bureau for Medical Aid to China, Inc. in the city of New Orleans for RSM's active support and cooperation. n.p. Sep 16, 1940. [1986.103.5.5.22]

Folder 23

--issue of Sunday News. New York, Sep 20, 1942. [1986.103.5.5.23]

Folder 24

--certificate of appointment issued to RSM as member of Civilian Committee of the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board. New Orleans, Apr 16, 1943. [1986.103.5.5.24]

Folder 25

--certificate of appointment issued to Hilda Bertoniore Maestri as member, Board of Administrators, Charity Hospital of Louisiana at New Orleans. (signed) Earl K. Long, governor. Baton Rouge, Jun 23, 1948. [1986.103.5.5.25]

Folder 26

--certificate of appointment issued to Hilda Bertoniore Maestri as member, Board of Administrators, Charity Hospital of Louisiana at New Orleans. (signed) Earl K. Long, governor. Baton Rouge, Nov 26, 1951. [1986.103.5.5.26]

BOX VI (oversized) formerly framed objects 1986.103.5.6.1-10

Folder 1

--diploma from Soule Commercial College awarded to RSM. New Orleans, Jan 24, 1908. [1986.103.5.6.1]

Folder 2

--resolution of Young Men's Business Club of New Orleans, in honor of the completion of RSM's first year in office, supporting RSM as the "civic-patriot chief executive" of New Orleans. [signatures of W. M. Gause, president, R.O. Vorbusch, secretary, nearly faded]. New Orleans, Aug 11, 1937. [1986.103.5.6.2]

Folder 3

--embossed commemorative page, The Progress, Maestri edition, commemorating RSM's first year in office. Aug 13, 1937. [1986.103.5.6.3]

Folder 4

--holographic proclamation: resolution of the New Courthouse Commission acknowledging RSM's contribution of money, workmen and materials [it is unclear if this was in the form of public funds allocated by RSM as Mayor, or as a donation of his personal funds] to the repair and "embellishment" of the Civil Courts Building, corner Royal and Conti. (signed) E. [L?]issenheimer, Sol Weiss, Geo. Montgomery, John B. Surgi, [W?] V. Seeber, J.J. Cullinane. New Orleans, Jan 5, 1938. [1986.103.5.6.4]

Folder 5

--hand-colored proclamation announcing RSM's election to honorary life membership in the Southern Yacht Club. n.p. Jan 10, 1939. [1986.103.5.6.5]

Folder 6

--poster/personalized invitation to RSM to attend Golden Gate International Exposition on San Francisco Bay. San Francisco, Feb 18-19, 1939. [1986.103.5.6.6]

Folder 7

--certificate of appreciation issued to RSM for his assistance in the restoration of the Maginnis Mansion as a chapter house for the American Red Cross. New Orleans, May 14, 1939. [1986.103.5.6.7]

Folder 8

--beautiful hand-painted certificate issued to RSM by Unione Italiana certifying RSM's election as Honorary President of the organization. (signed) Anthony V. Moreci, president, Frank Cabili, secretary. n.p. Nov 23, 1939. [1986.103.5.6.8]

Folder 9

--proclamation of appreciation to RSM for his service on the Unemployment Relief Committee of the State of Louisiana. n.p. c. 1945. [1986.103.5.6.9]

Folder 10 collected newspaper clippings, miscellany

--front page of The Tribune newspaper featuring image of RSM pitching first ball during the championship game of the New Orleans Pelicans baseball team. New Orleans, Apr 17, 1937. [1986.103.5.6.10.1]

--RSM's political campaign newspaper published during his re-election bid in 1942. Includes reprints of many newspaper articles re RSM. c. 1942. [in poor condition] [1986.103.5.6.10.2]

--clipping from Times Picayune re RSM's 81st birthday party. Dec 12, 1970. [1986.103.5.6.10.3]

--page from Dixie magazine, "Picture from the Past," featuring RSM throwing out first ball during Pelican's 1937 season. Jul 25, 1982. [1986.103.5.6.10.4]

BOX VII (oversized) large scrap book 1986.103.5.7.1

Department of Conservation scrapbook: clippings documenting conservatyion activities of RSM and others. April 1, 1929 - July 26, 1931. No index. [1986.103.5.7.1]

BOX VIII (oversized) large scrap book 1986.103.5.8.1

Wildlife and Fur scrap book. Newspaper clipping documenting hunting, fishing, trapping, etc. activities. Aug 2, 1931 - Jun 29, 1935. Indexed. [1986.103.5.8.1]

BOX IX (oversized) large scrap book 1986.103.5.9.1

Collected clippings documenting RSM's mayoral activities. Jan 1, 1938 - Apr 30, 1938. Indexed. [1986.103.5.9.1]

BOX X (oversized) large scrap book 1986.103.5.10.1

collected clippings documenting RSM's mayoral activities May 1, 1938 - Aug 31, 1938. Indexed. [1986.103.5.10.1]

OVER SIZED FLAT FOLDER 1986.103.5.11.1-2

--holographic resolution by RSM and Commission Council of New Orleans commemorating contributions, achievements of Dr. Russell Stone, deceased. (signed) RSM and members of the commission. New Orleans, June 18, 1937. [1986.103.5.11.1.1]

--commemorative printing, on satin, of salute to RSM by Il Messaggero. Includes list of 164 "Friends and Admirers," probably sponsors of the commemorative piece. New Orleans, Nov 26, 1938. [1986.103.5.11.1.2]

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