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Summary

Main Entry: Southern Baptist Convention. Committee of Fifteen Records

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Abstract: The Committee of Fifteen was appointed by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1970 to review Convention agency assignments made in the 1959 report of the Committee to Study the Total Southern Baptist Program. The files document the process the committee used to gather and evaluate information on agencies and programs.

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Historical Sketch

In 1970, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention authorized a Committee of Ten (later changed to fifteen) to review SBC agency assignments made in the 1959 report of the Committee to Study the Total Southern Baptist Program. The Committee of Fifteen met 21 times between 1970 and 1973 and presented its findings and recommendations to the Convention and in a printed report. Most of the recommendations were presented as "areas of concern" and referred to the agencies for their consideration. See the Report of the Committee of Fifteen and the 1974 SBC Annual, pp. 90 – 91, for these recommendations (issues including overlapping program assignments of agencies, and concerns for efficiency and developing strategies).

Committee members were: E. W. Price, Jr. (NC), chairman; Richard L. T. Beale, III (VA); Doyle E. Carlton, Jr. (FL); Owen Cooper (MS); Noble Hurley (TX); J. Lamar Jackson (AL); Norvell G. Jones (HO); John G. McCall (MS); James L. Monroe (FL); H. Franklin Paschall (TN); Guy Rutland, III (GA); Stewart B. Simms (SC); J. Robert Smith (GA); Rheubin L. South (AR); and T. Cooper Walton (MS).

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of six (6) linear feet of materials and is arranged alphabetically by folder title. The collection contains files of the Committee of Fifteen that document the process members used to gather and evaluate information on agencies and programs. It also contains correspondence between committee members and SBC agency personnel, including Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, and information on committee meetings. The collection includes Baptist Press and other news stories and editorials on the Committee of Fifteen, questionnaires and responses from agencies and institutions, and drafts of the Committee's final report. The collection includes 37 cassette tape recordings of meetings of the Committee of Fifteen,

held between February 11, 1971 and September 20, 1972. The Committee of Fifteen records constitute a series within the Executive Committee Records.

Arrangement

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- 5 tapes of meeting July 8 – 9, 1971 (last part of tape #5 begins September 20, 1971 meeting)
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