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Archives Collection

Inventory of the

William B. Robertson Papers 1946-2006



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Summary Information

Title: William Bernard Robertson Collection,

Creator: Robertson, William Bernard, 1933- .

Inclusive dates: 1946-2006

Extent: 14.5 cubic feet (5 records boxes, 3 archives boxes, 18 flat boxes, 19 published volumes)

Abstract:

Roanoke, Virginia educator who served in the administration of a Virginia Governor and five U.S. presidents. Robertson's papers include speeches, newspaper clippings, correspondence, photographs, publications, a scrapbook, and awards given to him by various organizations.

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Acquisition Information

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Related materials

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Preferred citation

William B. Robertson Papers, Archives Collection, Bluefield State College.

Biography

William Bernard Robertson was born in Roanoke, Virginia on January 31, 1933, the second of eight children born to Irvin and Rebecca Robertson. His father was born in 1907 in Bedford, Virginia, and worked on the railroad. His mother was born in 1912 in Danville, Virginia, and was a housewife who taught school after

her children were grown. Robertson attended local schools in Roanoke and graduated from Lucy Addison High School in 1950. He moved to West Virginia to enter Bluefield State College and graduated in 1954 with a degree in secondary education (Social Studies and English) and in 1956 with a degree in elementary education. During his junior year he met Johnnie Early; they married on November 6, 1953. They are the parents of two children: Bernice Victoria, born in 1954, and William Allen, born in 1958. In 1965 Robertson earned a master's degree in educational administration from Radford University.

After teaching for ten years in Roanoke elementary, junior high, and high schools, Robertson was appointed principal of Hurt Park Elementary School. He also served as Roanoke's Elementary Supervisor and in 1965 was named Outstanding Young Educator by the Roanoke Jaycees. In 1966, he became the first African American member of the city's Chapter, selecting "mental retardation" as his project area. As he worked with local advocacy groups and educators, Robertson became aware of the need for a residential summer camp for mentally impaired children and adults. In 1969 he organized "Apple Jelly Sunday," a phenomenally successful fundraiser that allowed the Jaycees to purchase 90 acres in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains near Bedford. Camp Virginia Jaycee was built in 1970 and held its first camping session in 1971. The Administration Building/ Dining Hall is named Robertson Hall in honor of its founder.

In April 1969, Robertson changed his party affiliation from Democratic to Republican and was nominated by the Republican Party to run for a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates. Although Robertson did not win that seat, during the campaign he worked closely with the party's candidate for Governor, Linwood Holton. In November, Holton was elected the Governor of Virginia and he appointed Robertson to serve as his Special Assistant for Minority Economic Development and Consumer Affairs. This made Robertson the first African American to serve on the executive staff of a Virginia governor. He worked to integrate state government, assisted in the development of minority businesses and employment, and made it possible for Holton to significantly improve race relations in Virginia. In recognition of his achievement in mental retardation advocacy, in July 1970, President Richard M. Nixon appointed Robertson to the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

After leaving the Governor's Office in September 1973, Robertson worked briefly at Virginia Tech before becoming the first Director of Consumer Affairs for the government of the District of Columbia in December. Two years later, President Gerald Ford appointed him the Director of the Peace Corps for Kenya and the Seychelles (1976-1979). While in Africa, Robertson organized the first Special Olympics in Kenya and founded the Simba Chapter of Jaycees. He worked with Kristina Kenyatta, head of special education and daughter of President Jomo Kenyatta, to improve educational opportunities for the mentally impaired.

In January 1979, Robertson and his family returned to their home in Reston, Virginia; he assisted in business and educational development for the African American community serving as a consultant to the Booker T. Washington Foundation. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan appointed him Assistant Director, U.S. Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment. From 1985-1988, Robertson served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. He became a shuttle diplomat, traveling to sixty-five different countries, fifty of them in Africa. At the time, many western countries imposed economic sanctions against South Africa in an effort to isolate the country for its laws on Apartheid; the Reagan administration believed in a quieter, more diplomatic approach to encourage change. Robertson facilitated discussions with the heads of African governments and traveled within the United States to explain and promote the President's position. During the eighties, Robertson founded Sister Cities programs between Kisumu, Kenya, and Roanoke, Virginia; Nyeri, Kenya and Reston, Virginia; and Eldoret, Kenya and Portsmouth, Virginia. He developed an exchange program between Camp Virginia Jaycee and schools in Kenya, South Africa and Sierra Leone, allowing African teachers and students to come to the camp for training and recreation.

From 1988-1993 he worked for Pagonis and Donnelly Group, serving as liaison between leaders of foreign governments and U.S. government and business leaders. He then formed his own consulting business, The Robertson Group. President George H.W. Bush appointed him to the Take Pride in America Committee, established by the Department of the Interior, and he was also the co-chair of the Federal Task Force on Disabilities. Robertson has received an honorary doctorate degree from Bluefield State College, Virginia Seminary and College, and other universities, and has received over 175 awards and honors for his service to others. After retiring in 1995, Robertson worked with Cheer, Inc., (the Center for Health Education and Economic Research), to donate over one million new books and teacher training materials to schools and libraries in South Africa.

After his marriage to Johnnie Early ended in divorce, Robertson married Ruth Price, his high school sweetheart, on February 2, 2000. They reside in Tampa, Florida, where he teaches American History at Sligh Middle School. In the spring of 2006, he was one of ten finalists for the Teacher of Year in Hillsborough County, Florida.

Contents summary

The William B. Robertson Collection documents his work as an educator and his government and community service. There are seven series: Correspondence, 1966-1999; Speeches, 1968-2004; Newspaper Clippings, 1946-2005; Personal files, 1954-1999; Scrapbook, 1972; Published materials, 1961-2006; Photographs, 1950-1999; and Collection of Awards and Artifacts, 1968-1993. There are seven subseries within the Awards and Artifacts Collection: Jaycees, 1967-1995, including Apple Jelly Sunday and Camp Virginia Jaycee; Mental

Retardation, 1969-1983; Community Service, 1969-2005; Governor Linwood Holton Administration, 1969-1973, including the 1969 election; Service to U.S. Presidents, 1975-1992; African Affairs, 1977-1988; Certificates and Awards, 1969-2005. The last subseries is organized topically and includes: Biographical Directories, 1969-1979; African American Organizations, 1971-1985; Government Service, 1971-1988; and Travel, 1971-1973.

Subject terms

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Wendell G. Hardway Library/Bluefield State College. Researchers desiring additional information about related topics should search the catalog using these headings.

Subjects

African Americans—Virginia
 African American teachers
 Bluefield State College—Alumni and alumnae
 Camp Virginia Jaycee (Bedford, Va.)
 Children with mental disabilities—Services for—Virginia
 Educators—Florida
 Educators—Virginia
 First ladies--Portraits
 National Conference of Christians and Jews
 Peace Corps—Kenya
 People with mental disabilities—Services for—Virginia
 Presidents—United States—Portraits
 Sister Cities
 South Africa—Foreign relations—1978-1989
 Virginia. Governor (1970-1974: Holton)

Genre:

Scrapbooks
 Photographs
 Newspapers

Contents list

Series 1 Correspondence, 1966-1999

The papers include letters of congratulation and appreciation (1966-1990). Letters written by Governor Linwood Holton in response to mail sent to him about Robertson (1970-1973) and letters to Robertson with responses from him (1970-1973) are also found.

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Folder 12-14	Robertson responses 1970-1973

Series 2 Speeches, 1968-2004

The papers are divided into two chronological groups: 1968-1975 and 1984-2004; there is a gap between 1976 and 1983 and between 1994 and 2004. The majority of speeches in the first group relate to Robertson's work as Governor Holton's Special Assistant, his work in the Jaycees on mental retardation, and as the Director of Consumer Affairs for the District of Columbia. He also spoke at high school and college commencements and to local chapters of the Business League and the NAACP. Many of the speeches in the second group pertain to his position as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. Themes include the U.S. role in Africa, Apartheid, South Africa, and the need for greater international awareness among schoolchildren in the United States. Three speeches relating to Bluefield State College are also included.

Box 2

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Folder 15	1989
Folder 16	January 20, 1991
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Series 3 Newspaper Clippings, 1946-2005

The papers document Robertson's professional and personal life. Those from 1970-1974 provide great detail about the day-to-day events in Robertson's position with Governor Holton. Subjects include minority employment, State Police recruiting, a hostage

situation at a Southwestern State Hospital, Camp Virginia Jaycee, speaking engagements, bias in history books, community economic development, race relations, consumer protection, Apple Jelly Sunday, and a riot at Virginia State Penitentiary. Later clippings give insight into Robertson's experiences in Kenya, his involvement in Sister Cities, and his work teaching middle school in Tampa, Florida.

Box 3

Folder 1	1946-1958
Folder 2	1965-1969
Folder 3	1968-1969
Folder 4	1969-1973
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Box 3n

Folder 1	1969-1971
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Also three oversized folders placed in cabinet in conference room, drawer five.

Folder 1o	1969-1973
Folder 2o	1982-1990
Folder 3o	1990-1999

Series 4 Personal files, 1954-1999

The series includes subject files and memorabilia. Of special interest are an autobiography that Robertson wrote circa 1980 and the testimony he presented regarding a riot at Virginia State Penitentiary in 1973.

Folder 39	Bluefield State College 1954-1996
Folder 40	House of Delegates Campaign, 1969
Folder 41	Flyer for NAACP Speaker, 1970.
Folder 42	“Bill Robertson Day: Sponsored by Citizens of Roanoke.” March 30, 1971.
Folder 43	Testimonial in Honor of William B. Robertson. September 1, 1973.
Folder 44	Woodrow Wilson Gaitor 1973
Folder 45	“Testimony Presented by William B. Robertson, Special Assistant to Governor Linwood Holton before Grand Jury Investigating Conditions at Virginia State Penitentiary.” Nov. 7, 1973
Folder 46	Camp Virginia Jaycee , ca. 1973-1988
Folder 47	Kenya Jaycees, ca. 1975?
Folder 48	Simba Jaycees, 1975?
Folder 49	Bomas, 1975?
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Folder 51	Autobiography 1980
Folder 52	Department of Defense, 1982-1983
Folder 53	Kenya Partnership, 1984
Folder 54	Inauguration Invitation, 1985
Folder 55	Bluefield State College commencement program, 1994
Folder 56	Robertson Group planning, 1995?
Folder 57	CHEER, 1995
Folder 58	The Governors Project: A. Linwood Holton, Jr. Governors Conference. July 16 & 17, 1999.
Folder 59	An Evening with Governors, 1999
Folder 60	Camp Virginia Jaycee, 1999
Folder 61	City of Richmond Proclamation: Camp Virginia Jaycee Day. October 14, 1999.
Folder 62	Mt. Zion Church, 2006?

- Folder 63 Teacher of the Year, Tampa, Florida. 2005-06
 Folder 64 Sister Cities, Roanoke. 2006

Series 5 Scrapbook, 1972

The scrapbook documents that December 6, 1972 event at which Robertson was honored by the Richmond Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

- Folder 65 National Conference of Christians and Jews

Series 6 Published materials, 1961-2006

The series includes periodical articles that include information by or about William B. Robertson, as well as book volumes that contain brief, biographical information about prominent individuals. Periodicals are organized chronologically and books are organized alphabetically.

- Folder 66 *Roanoke World News*. Special Index Edition. September 27-30, 1961.
 Folder 67 *VTA Bulletin*, January, 1966.
 Folder 68 *The RCEA News*, May 1971.
 Folder 69 Robertson, William. "Rediscovery of the American Dream." *Future* (February 1971).
 Folder 70 Craigie, Walter W., Jr. and William B. Robertson, "Deposits of Virginia State Funds Stimulate Housing in Appalachian Counties." *Appalachia* (July 1971).
 Folder 71 Robertson, William B. "Jaycees Go to Prison." *Therapeutic Recreation Journal* (Third Quarter, 1972).
 Folder 72 State Winners of the NEA Special Bicentennial Award. June 30, 1976.
 Folder 73 National Organization on Disability newsletter. 1982
 Folder 74 Lentzner, Joan T. "Bill Robertson: No Turning Back," *Radford* (Feb. 1984) Vol. 5, no. 1.
 Folder 75 *Outstanding Blacks in Roanoke: Past and Present*, by Ms. Hale and Class.
 Folder 76 "Match Maker Fair: A Great Success," *Contact USA*. Vol. 3, NO. 5. July/Aug. 1988.
 Folder 77 Sister Cities International, "Eisenhower International Golf Classic." 1988 and 1989.
 Folder 78 Allen, Elizabeth Jones. "Helping the Handicapped: A Partnership with Kenya," *Topic*. Issue no. 168. Circa 1988 or 1989.
 Folder 79 "William B. Robertson: Living by Example." *Jaycee Magazine* (August/September 1988)
 Folder 80 Virginia Jaycees. 1999 Annual.
 Folder 81 Bluefield State College. Annual Report, 2004-2005
 Folder 82 Jaycee Magazine. Spring, 2006.
- Box 3n
 Folder 5 *Ebony*, August 1969.
 Folder 6 Newsletters, 1966-1973

Books: 1967-1983 (For access to books, see the library catalog.)

- 1,000 Successful Blacks. Chicago: Johnson. 1973.
- Famous Blacks Give Secrets of Success. Chicago: Johnson. 1973.
- Outstanding Civic Leaders of America. Chicago: Outstanding Americans Foundation. 1968.
- Outstanding Young Men of American. Montgomery, AL: Junior Chamber of Commerce. 1967.
- Personalities of the South. Raleigh, N.C.: News. 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973.
- Two Thousand Men of Achievement. London: Kay, Sons and Daughters. 1969.
- Who's Who in America. Chicago: Marquis. 1976-77, 1988-89.
- Who's Who in the South and Southwest. Chicago: Marquis. 1973-74, 1976-77.
- Who's Who in the World. Chicago: Marquis. 1978-79, 1980-81, 1982-83.

Series 7 Photographs, 1950-1999

The series provides visual documentation of significant events in Robertson's life and can best be understood in the context of Series 3 (Newspaper Clippings). Arranged chronologically.

Box 4:

- Folder 1 High School Graduation. 1950
- Folder 2 Baseball Team. 1958.
- Folder 3 Family photos. 1960
- Folder 4 Campaign photo. Circa 1969
- Folder 5 Apple Jelly. Circa 1969
- Folder 6 Awards, ca. 1970-1973
- Folder 7 Linwood Holton. 1970-1973
- Folder 8 Anti-Shoplifting
- Folder 9 Robertson with plaque
- Folder 10 Linwood Holton. 1971
- Folder 11 Camp Virginia Jaycee Groundbreaking. 1970.
- Folder 12 Circa 1972
- Folder 13 Baltimore 1972 (with letter)
- Folder 14 Virginia State College. 1972
- Folder 15 Nixon with commission. 1973
- Folder 16 Robertson with Betty Ford. 1974
- Folder 17 Mayor's Conference 1974
- Folder 18 SBA Loans 197-
- Folder 19 President's Committee
- Folder 20 Chartered Trip 197-
- Folder 21 William B. Robertson 1978
- Folder 22 Peace Corps Training. 1977

Folder 23	Peace Corps Training. 1977
Folder 24	Nairobi 1978
Folder 25	Africa. Circa 1977-78
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Folder 27	William Robertson circa 1980
Folder 28	Congressman Cutler circa 1980
Folder 29	Larry Korb. 1983
Folder 30	Shaking hands, circa 1986
Folder 31	Receiving a certificate—in Africa? 198-
Folder 32	Weinberger at Department of Defense. 1985
Folder 33	Kenya Fulbright Alumni Association. 1986
Folder 34	Africa 1987
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Folder 36	Portrait—1988?
Folder 37	Jaycees 1988
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Folder 39	Planting a tree in Africa, late 1980s
Folder 40	Reston circa 1989
Folder 41	Reston. Kenyan student. 199-?
Folder 42	Barbara Bush at Camp Virginia Jaycee
Folder 43	Barbara Bush
Folder 44	Governor Wilder, citizens of Transkei. 1993
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Folder 46	Apple Jelly Sunday 1999
Folder 47-48	Digital copies of some of the collection, used for display purposes

Series 8 Collection of Awards and Artifacts, 1968-1993

The series consists of certificates, awards and framed photographs and clippings collected by Robertson during his service to various organizations. There are seven subseries: Subseries 1: Jaycees, 1967-1995, including Apple Jelly Sunday and Camp Virginia Jaycee. Subseries 2: Mental Retardation, 1969-1983. Subseries 3: Community Service, 1969-2005. Subseries 4: Governor Linwood Holton Administration, 1969-1973, including the 1969 election. Subseries 5: Service to U.S. Presidents, 1975-1992. Subseries 6: African Affairs, 1977-1988. Subseries 7: Certificates and Awards, 1969-2005. Subseries 7 is organized topically and includes: Biographical Directories, 1969-1979; African American Organizations, 1971-1985; Government Service, 1971-1988; and Travel, 1971-1973. Items marked OV are oversized and shelved separately.

Subseries Jaycees, 1967-1995

Box 5 1965-1968

Outstanding Young Educator. Roanoke, Virginia. 1965
 Letter from West Virginia Senator Jennings Randolph. February 5, 1968
 Luther Lee Allison Award as Outstanding State Chairman. 1967-68.
 Distinguished Service Award Text of Speech. 1967. OV?

- Box 6 1968-1969
- Virginia Jaycees Keyman Award. 1969
 Outstanding Mental Retardation Chairman in the United States. 1969.
 Spark Plug Award. Roanoke Jaycees. 1968-69.
- Box 7 1969
- Outstanding State Chairman. First Place Award. May 17, 1969.
 Life Membership in Virginia Jaycees. February 15, 1969.
- Box 8 1970-1981
- JCI Senator. Life Member of Junior Chamber International. February 9,
 1972.
 Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation. Jaycees. 1981.
 "Outstanding Pennsylvanian." Pennsylvania Junior Chamber of
 Commerce. 1970.
 Distinguished Service Award for Humanitarian Efforts and Impact.
 December 25, 1978.
- Box 9 1983-1988
- United States Jaycees Governmental Affairs Leadership Seminar.
 September 17-19, 1984.
 Certificate. United States Jaycee Women Governmental Affairs
 Leadership Seminar. September 26-28, 1983.
 United States Jaycees Foundation. Jaycees Hall of Leadership. January
 16, 1988.
- Box 10 Apple Jelly Sunday, 1968-1969
- Letters from two distinguished supporters of Apple Jelly Sunday. 1968.
 Reprinted newspaper article. "Roanoke's William B. Robertson Promotes
 Apple Jelly Sunday as Benefit for Retarded Children." February,
 1969.
 Magazine cover. New Dominion. Jaycee magazine. February 1969.
 Newspaper clipping. "Apple Jelly Sunday Man Attracting Money,
 Fame." Daily Progress (Charlottesville, Virginia). February 18,
 1969. OV
- Box 11 Camp Virginia Jaycee, 1970-1995
- Signed and numbered print. Camp Virginia Jaycee by Bob Woods. Ca.
 1970. OV

Photograph and newspaper clipping. Barbara Bush (Mrs. George H.W. Bush) at Camp Virginia Jaycee. July 6, 1988. OV
 Photograph. Barbara Bush at Camp Virginia Jaycee. July 6, 1988.
 Plaque with photograph. WBR with child. Camp Virginia Jaycee. July 1, 1995.

Subseries 2 Mental Retardation, 1969-1983

Box 12 President's Committee on Mental Retardation.[no date]
 Roanoke Area Association for Retarded Children. November 19, 1970.
 Kenya Society for Mentally Handicapped Citizens. Outstanding Service Award. December 21, 1978.
 Virginia Association for Retarded Children. May 17, 1969.
 Distinguished Service Award For Outstanding Service to Mentally Handicapped Citizens of Kenya. December 21, 1978.
 National Organization on Disability. December 17, 1982.
 Special Olympics Program of Kenya. August, 1983.
 Kenya Special Olympics Volunteer Award. December 8, 1983
 Certificate. President's Committee on Mental Retardation. July 16, 1970. OV
 Certificate. President's Committee on Mental Retardation. August 7, 1973. OV
 Certificate. Overall Advisory Council on the Needs of Handicapped Persons, October 20, 1980.. OV

Subseries 3 Community Service. 1969-2005

Box 13 Framed photograph: WBR in group of Knights. WBR in Knight uniform.
 Certificate Award. National Conference of Christians and Jews.
 December 6, 1971.
 Newspaper clipping. "Giving Back a Lifetime." Tampa Herald. April 11, 2005. OV
 "Citizen of the year, Robertson, Heart for People." Reston Times.
 January 3, 1990. OV
 DC-10 Model. McDonnell Douglas. [Separated]

Box 14 Junior Service League of Annapolis. Participation in Hospice Conference.
 January 30, 1982.
 Knight of the Month. August 1982.
 Optimist Club of Reston. In appreciation for your efforts on behalf of the Reston Community. June 14, 1988.
 F-S-B Youngest Father. 1969. Hunton YMCA
Vis Virtus Veritas. Bill Robertson in appreciation. December 1990.

Subseries 4 Governor Linwood Holton Administration, 1969-1973

Newspaper. Paid political ad. "Vote for Bill Robertson." October 1969.
OV
Newspaper clipping. "Barriers Fall." January 1970. [Created for exhibit]
OV
Newspaper clipping. "Roanoke's Robertson Honored." March 31, 1971.
OV
Eighth Legislative District Convention Resolution Commending William
B. Robertson. . May 16, 1973. OV

- Box 15 Photograph. Governor Linwood Holton's executive staff. 1972.
Governor Linwood Holton. Certificate of Recognition. March 19, 1973.
Photograph. Opening of GEMCO (Gainsboro Electrical Manufacturing
Company) Ca. 1972.
- Box 16 Plaque. Outstanding accomplishments with minority groups. To William
B. Robertson and Governor Holton. March 6, 1973
Pen & ink drawing. Portrait of WBR presented by East End Middle
School. February 18, 1972.

Subseries 5 Service to U.S. Presidents, 1975-1992

- Box 17-19 Photograph. WBR with President Ronald Reagan. 1985.
Photograph and correspondence. President Ronald Reagan, WBR, and
others on Human Rights Day. 1989. OV
Photograph. President George H.W. Bush addressing the Federal
Taskforce on Disabilities. Co-chair WBR seated with Barbara
Bush. 1992.
Photograph. Betty Ford, Mayor Walter Washington, and WBR at
"Family Food Dollar Conference." 1975. (left)
Photograph. President's Committee on Mental Retardation, WBR with
President Richard Nixon and HEW Secretary Caspar Weinberger.
1975.
Photograph. Gerald Ford, WBR, and President's Committee on Mental
Retardation. 1975.
To Take Pride in America Advisory Board members, including Linda
Evans and WBR [Circa. 1989-1993]

Subseries 6 African Affairs, 1977-1988

Certificate of Superior Achievement. Peace Corps. May 13, 1977. OV
Photograph and letter. Ambassador to Kenya, Wilbert John LeMelle.
December 20, 1978.OV
Plaque. From the family of President Jomo Kenyatta. January 6, 1979.
OV
Certificate. Appointment as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for
African Affairs. 1985. OV
Letter. Secretary of State George P. Shultz. 1988.

Subseries 7: Certificates and Awards, 1969-2005

Box 20 *Biographical Directories. 1969-1979*

Marquis Who's Who in the World Certificate. 1978/79.
 Community Leader of America. 1969.
 Who's Who in the South and Southwest. 1976/77.
 Two Thousand Men of Achievement. September 29, 1972.

Box 21 *African American Organizations, 1971-1985*

His fellow citizens. Distinguished Achievement in the Service of
 Mankind. March 30, 1971.
 Astoria Beneficial Club Citizenship Award. Richmond, VA. 1973.
 Certificate of Friend of Virginia State College. May 5, 1974.
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Outstanding Contribution to the
 Community in the Area of Public Administration by the New
 Regal Gents. May 18, 1974
 NAACP. Jubilee Day Certificate of Appreciation. January 1, 1981.
 Mid-Atlantic Region Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Outstanding Man of
 the Year. March 1972.
 Award of Merit. Lynchburg Black Bicentennial Commission. 1975.
 Plaque from National Business League. "J.C. Napier Government Man of
 the Year Award." September, 1973. OV
 Humanitarian Award to the Honorable William B. Robertson for
 outstanding contributions for the cause of humanity. Presented by
 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
 May 18, 1973

Box 22 *Government Service, 1971-1988*

Certificate of Appreciation. Secretary of Defense. Executive Resources
 Board. 1982-83.
 Certificate of Appreciation. Secretary of Defense. February 18, 1983.

Box 23

Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Sickle Cell
 Advisory Committee Membership. No date.
 United States Small Business Administration and Minority Business
 Development Agency. NEDCO Award of Excellence. 1988.
 United States Department of Transportation. National Motor Vehicle
 Safety Advisory Council. April 7, 1975.
 Department of Transportation. Certificate of Appointment. December 22,
 1971.
 Small Business Administration. Citation for outstanding contributions.
 September 7, 1973.

Box 24 ACTION USA. No Date.
Certificate of Appreciation. Government of the District of Columbia.
February 17, 1976.

Box 25 *Travel, 1971-1973*

Honorary Citizen of New Orleans. April 2, 1971.
Arkansas Traveler. April 16, 1973