



Baylor Collections of Political Materials



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BULLOCK ARCHIVE

November 15 to over 2,000 lobbyist, State Senators/Representatives, and Bullock friends. Information about the campaign was also made available to the press. Stories were run in the Austin and Waco papers. Carolene English reported: "We got one donation already. I got this from Pat, who worked for BB and is still paying medical bills for her cancer treatment. Her donation, in her situation, must mean H Ross Perot will be sending a \$100,000."

Another lady sent in a donation with the note, *"Although this isn't in my usual area for giving, I'm sending my small check in tribute to the best fundraising letter I've ever received from any group --- strictly in character! Kudos --- Judy Godínez" of New Braunfels, TX*

The Bullock Committee will begin personal visits to corporations, foundations, and personal friends as the campaign continues.

Elevator Report. The elevator was declared *fixed* on November 5, two weeks after Benna's accident. She had been walking up and down the stairs on a bum knee for two weeks. Unfortunately, the elevator again malfunctioned on Nov. 7. Sherry Cook was asked to fill out a work request on Nov. 10. The next day, Nov. 11, the elevator again malfunctioned but the elevator man came by and made some adjustments so no work request was done by us. During the week of Nov. 17 to 21, the elevator stopped working four times. The elevator man came by and fixed it the first time this happened. Three work requests were turned in for the other three times (Request Nos. 22320, 22344, 22358).



Poage Inventory. On November 4, 6, and 7, Ben visited with Dr. Scott Poage, Bob Poage's nephew. Ben was allowed

to inventory the books that are still in Poage's study in his house here in Waco. Many of these books have inscriptions or are signed by the authors. Many are gift books from LBJ and other political figures. Scott Poage took Ben on a tour of the house which has not been lived in since Poage died in 1988. Silver fish and mildew abound. Ben was allowed to bring the architect's rendering of the original design for the Poage Library back to the BCPM. The drawing was just gathering dust in the garage. Also in the garage and now safely in the BCPM were two boxes of slides taken by Poage on his many travels. These slides have now been put into special sleeves and inventoried. Dr. Poage gave no indication as to when/if he

might allow the books to be moved. Ben did advise him to do something about the mildew and silverfish.

Hightower Materials. Judge Hightower continues to bring materials to us. In November, he brought two boxes of books related to politics. Kenneth Lahners has processed these and they have been sent to cataloging. Kenneth also worked through a box of Texas license plates. BCPM is keeping only a sampling of these which date from 1951 to 1996.



O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree. On Nov. 20, BCPM put up our first annual Red, White, and Bear Christmas Tree in the exhibit area atrium. One of our international students said that it was the first Christmas tree she had ever helped with. We combined this event with a special thanks to the three students who completed the refolding of the Bullock 1997 correspondence in

record time.

Dowdy Visit. John and Sarah Dowdy paid a lengthy visit to BCPM on Nov. 17. After showing them all the new stuff in our collections, they watched two of the Dowdy 16mm films that have been converted to video. They were able to do this in the new exhibit office area. The Dowdy's are working closely with Michelle Jackson on her master's thesis project. BCPM also received another \$1,500 from the Dowdy Foundation in November.

JFK Exhibit: To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the staff of the BCPM has mounted an exhibit of materials in our collections. On display are videos, books, photographs and original newspapers and magazines from the papers of former U.S. Congressmen Bob Poage and Jack Hightower. Visitors can watch videos, research the event on a CD, or view web pages on the assassination.

John Hogan. The final installment of the Papers of John Hogan was received in November. This brings the total to 25 boxes.

November Stats. Janet Pence cataloged 99 new titles and 126 new volumes. Original cataloging on 3 titles. To date 300 titles are in Hightower Papers and 541 titles are in Bullock Papers.



Graduate Assistant. We are still praying for additional funding for *Tiffany Tsang*. We only have enough stipend funds to pay her \$280 a month in the Spring.