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Description:

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1. General Correspondence Files, ca. 1950-55, 4 cu.ft.

Groupings of records documenting various aspects of the Department of Interior's role in NENYIAC. One section consists of unarranged files on river basins containing critiques of study group reports, maps, resources surveys, plans for hydroelectric projects, cost/benefit analyses, hydrological reports, pollution data, and photographs. Another group contains reports, minutes of meetings, and correspondence relating to the NENYIAC project as a whole. (In this section is a signed letter from President Eisenhower to the Secretary of Interior on water resources.) Included here are comments on the NENYIAC report from the governors of New York and
the New England states, and from various members of the Cabinet. Intermixed with these files are reports and correspondence relating to Interior's role in the project, including copies of their own reports, and critiques of others. Running through the series, linking the sections, and appearing in a variety of reports, memorandums, and correspondence, is a general critique by Interior of the NENYIAC project, its organization, and its final report. The critique is centered on the belief that the Corps of Engineers had too much control over the final report and did not allow for a minority report or the presentation of alternatives. The correspondence files of Interior's New England Field Staff contain discussions of the influence on NENYIAC of private power companies who feared public utilities; the conflict between those favoring government development and those favoring private; and of whether all aspects of the survey should be equal or whether power should be foremost. Some in Interior complained that some power projects would be dangerous to fish and wildlife and would have a negative impact on recreation. Overall, the series provides a great deal of information not included in NENYIAC's final report, and illustrates the conflicts within the Committee.

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