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Descriptive Summary

Title: James J. Sullivan Collection,

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Abstract: Papers compiled by James J. Sullivan, UCSB faculty member, and primarily relating to the 1970 Isla Vista disturbances. Includes documentation collected and reports issued by bodies such as the Santa Barbara Count Grand Jury, the Santa Barbara Citizens Commission on Civil Disorders, the Faculty/Clergy Observer Program, the Police Practices Action Project [PPAP], and the President's Commission on Campus Unrest. Also includes extensive participant, observer, and law enforcement accounts of incidents, arrests, and subsequent lawsuits.

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None.

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Undetermined.

Biography

James J. Sullivan was a UCSB Assistant Professor of Economics and a member of the Faculty-Clergy Observer Program, created in response to the 1970 Isla Vista disturbances. He compiled the preliminary report on the disturbances.

The Isla Vista disturbances took place in 1970 and were characterized as occurring in three phases:

Isla Vista I: In January 1970, UCSB Professor William Allen was denied a hearing on his dismissal and there were ensuing campus demonstrations. On February 25, 1970, William Kunstler spoke at Campus Stadium in the afternoon and crowds swelled in Isla Vista. Just after midnight the Bank of America building burned.

Isla Vista II: On April 16, 1970, Jerry Rubin spoke at a campus 'free-speech' area. On April 17, crowds gathered at the Bank and UCSB student Kevin Moran was accidentally killed during police actions.

Isla Vista III: On June 3, 1970, a Santa Barbara Grand Jury indicted 17 for the February bank burning. Over the next several days, crowds protested the indictments, there was some damage to property in IV, trash fires, and bottle and rock throwing. A curfew was imposed, sweep actions by the police, and numerous arrests. By June 12 confrontations subsided and the curfew was lifted. Total arrests: 667.

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection primarily contains documentation relating to Isla Vista III and subsequent legal actions.

Series 1. Background

Scope and Content Note

Includes a chronology of events (1968-1970), along with correspondence, reports, addresses, photographs, newspaper articles, and a white paper on police conduct.

- Box 1: 1 **Allen, Bill [UCSB Professor] -- Material relating to his dismissal, 1970**
- Box 1: 2 **Arrested Faculty -- "Statement of Jailed Professors," 1970**
- Box 1: 3 **Arrestee Listings -- Bookings, June 1970**
- Box 1: 4 **Chronology of Events, 1968-1970**
- Box 1: 5 **Correspondence -- Sullivan (mainly to national newspapers and news magazines re local officials abuse of power), 1970**
- Box 1: 6 **Isla Vista information and statistics (includes housing, zoning, relations with UCSB), 1967-1971**
- Box 1: 7 **Isla Vista People's Patrol -- Report, Aug. 29, 1970**
- Box 1: 8 **Isla Vista Viewed From Behind Badge: A Deputy's Appraisal - *Santa Barbara News Press*, Aug. 2, 1970**
- Box 1: 9 **Legal Defense Office - Berkeley (procedural information and sample worksheets), 1970**
- Box 1: 10 **Local Government Response (handwritten notes, mostly re Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors), 1966-1970**
- Box 1: 11 **Lundborg, Louis B. (Chairman of the Board, Bank of America) -- "The Lessons of Isla Vista" address, June 17, 1970**
- Box 1: 12 - 14 **Newspaper articles and clippings, Apr.-June, Aug. 1970**
- Box 1: 15 **Notes on Events Leading Up to the Death of Kevin Moran, Apr. 16, 1970**
- Box 1: 16 **Panofsky, Richard Jacob (newspaper articles), Apr. 17 -- June 24, 1970**
- Box 1: 17 **Photographs (b/w proof sheet and negatives; color prints), [1970]**
- Box 1: 18 **White Paper on Police Conduct at UCSB, Mar. 5, 1970**

Series 2. Reports and Testimony about the I.V. Riots

Scope and Content Note

Includes the *Campus by the Sea* report by Robert A. Potter and James J. Sullivan, as well as material relating to the President's Commission on Campus Unrest, held by Joseph Rhodes, Jr., Aug. 6, 1970, and the Santa Barbara Citizens Commission on Civil Disorders, June-September 1970.

- Box 2: 1 ***Campus by the Sea Where the Bank Burned Down: A Report on the Disturbances at UCSB and Isla Vista 1968-1970...*, by Robert A. Potter and James J. Sullivan (2 copies), Sept. 1, 1970.**
Abstract: [President's Commission on Campus Unrest, held by Joseph Rhodes, Jr., Aug. 6, 1970.]
 - Box 2: 2 **Agenda**
 - Box 2: 3 **Hearings (transcriptions of tapes)**
 - Box 2: 4 **Incident Reports**
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| Box 2: 5 | Rhodes (correspondence and report on Hobart College), 1970, Santa Barbara Citizens Commission on Civil Disorders |
| Box 2: 6 | Excerpts from testimony, June 17 -- Aug. 3, 1970 |
| Box 2: 7 | Report, Sept. 15, 1970 |
| Box 2: 8 | UC Board of Regents -- Statement by George H. Clyde (Santa Barbara County Supervisor) re Isla Vista situation, Mar. 19, 1970 |
| Box 2: 9 | UCSB and UC Statements and Memoranda, Feb. -- June 1970 |
| Box 2: 10 | Wonders, Myron (charge of violation of University standards on student conduct, and supporting documentation), 1969-1970 |

Series 3. Faculty/Clergy Observer Program

Scope and Content Note

Includes the "Equal Justice Before the Law: A Case Study, Isla Vista 1970-1972" report, as well as other earlier reports, statements, press releases, and recommendations.

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| Box 2: 11 | Incidents, June 1970 |
| Box 2: 12 | Preliminary Report, June 15, 1970 |
| Box 2: 13 | Reports, Statements, and Press Releases, June 1970 |
| Box 2: 14 | Recommendations, July 13, 1970 |
| Box 2: 15 | Report (update), Aug. 5, 1970 |
| Box 2: 16 | Equal Justice Before the Law: A Case Study, Isla Vista 1970-1972, Jan. 12, 1972 |

Series 4. Formal (Legal) Complaints and Affidavits

Scope and Content Note

Includes the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury -- Preliminary Report, May 19, 1970 and court-related documentation relating to the United States District Court, Central District of California -- Civil No. 70-3128-JWC case.

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| Box 3: 1 | Santa Barbara County Grand Jury -- Preliminary Report, May 19, 1970, United States District Court, Central District of California -- Civil No. 70-3128-JWC |
| Box 3: 2 | Table of Complainants' Allegations, [1970] |
| Box 3: 3 | Claim filed by John M. Sink, lawyer for plaintiffs, June 6, 1970 |
| Box 3: 4 | Complaint for Injunction, from John M. Sink, Lawyer for plaintiffs, June 12, 1970 |
| Box 3: 5 | Affidavits filed by John M. Sink, lawyer for plaintiffs, ca. June 13-20, 1970 |
| Box 3: 6 | Plaintiffs' Opening Memorandum of Points and Authorities, June 22, 1970 |
| Box 3: 7 | Affidavits in Support of Motion to Dismiss to the U.S. District Court by Attorney's for Defendants (SB and LA Sheriff's departments), June 26, 1970 |

Series 5. Police Practices Action Project [PPAP]

Scope and Content Note

Mainly incident reports and related documentation.

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| Box 3: 8 | Isla Vista I -- Arrest Information, Incident Reports, Feb. 1970 |
| Box 3: 9 | Isla Vista II -- Incident Reports, Apr. 1970; Isla Vista III -Incident Reports |
| Box 3: 10 | Alphabetical list, 1970 |
| Box 3: 11 | Chronological List, June 1970 |
| Box 3: 12 - 17 | Original Set, Nos. 1-300 |
| Box 4: 1 - 7 | Original Set, Nos. 301-565 |
| Box 4: 8 | Police Officers' Names and Badge Numbers - Table of Reference to Incident Report Number, [1970] |
| Box 4: 9 - 10 | Reports, June 1970 |
| Box 4: 11 | Reports filed later, July-August 1970 |
| Box 4: 12 | PPAP Reports, Statements, and Forms, June-July 1970 |
| Box 4: 13 | State Claims (listings of claimants, correspondence, etc.), 1970 |
| Box 4: 14 | Statistical Tabulation of Events Involving Police Practices: Incident Report Reference, June 1970 |

Series 6. Audio Tapes

Scope and Content Note

Open reel tapes of press conference, radio program, and hearings.

A/V Item A4306/R7

University Methodist Church Press Conference, June 10, 1970

A/V Item A4307/R7

The View from Isla Vista, KABC-FM documentary, June 19, 1970

A/V Item A4308/R7

Citizen's Commission on Civil Disorders, Blue Ribbon Commission Hearings -- Testimony by Bruce McIver and Dr. Miles, June 26, 1970

A/V Item A4309/R7

Citizen's Commission on Civil Disorders Hearings -- John Wheatly (speaker), June 30, 1970

A/V Item A4310/R7

Rhodes [Joseph, Jr.] Meeting, President's Commission on Campus Unrest -- Testimony by Supervisor George Clyde, Greg Knell, and Ted Gillum, Aug. 6, 1970