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#### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Robert Sollen Collection,

**Date (inclusive):** ca. 1954-1996

**Collection number:** SBHC Mss 33

**Creator:** Sollen, Robert

**Extent:** 23 linear feet (19 boxes)

**Repository:** University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Dept. of Special Collections  
Santa Barbara, CA 93106

**Shelf location:** Del Sur stacks, Oversize, and Telescoping boxes.

**Language:** English.

#### Provenance

Donated by Robert Sollen, 1996.

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#### Biography

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The following biographical sketch is drawn from material provided by Robert Sollen and from a January 24, 1997 article in the *Santa Barbara News-Press*.

Robert Sollen was born September 29, 1921, in Menominee, Michigan. He served with the U.S. Coast Guard, 1942-1946, and received his BA in political science and journalism from the University of Wisconsin in 1948. He was a reporter and editor with several newspapers, and was a free-lance writer, before joining the *Santa Barbara News-Press* in 1963. Sollen was a copy editor and reporter with the *News-Press*, specializing in environmental writing, until his retirement in 1985.

As a reporter, Sollen covered the January 28, 1969 Santa Barbara Channel oil well blowout that spewed several million gallons of crude oil. That disaster helped to mobilize environmental activism nationwide. In 1968 he had won second place in the national Scripps-Howard conservation writing contest for a series of *News-Press* articles anticipating oil pollution problems in the Santa Barbara channel.

Sollen has been active in a number of local organizations, including Get Oil Out (GOO). He also was a Santa Barbara Planning Commissioner, 1989-1991, and has taught Environmental Journalism at UCSB since 1986.

#### **Scope and Content**

This collection was assembled over a number of years by Robert Sollen, largely as background research for his reporting duties with the *News-Press* and his ongoing interest in oil and other environmental issues.

The collection contains the following series:

**An Ocean of Oil** (binders, with manuscript drafts, chapter notes, and photographs relating to Sollen's monograph, published by Denali Press, 1998).

**Chron Files**, 1968-1986 (chronologically arranged clippings, notes, reports, and other materials generally relating to Santa Barbara and California oil issues)

**Clippings**, ca. 1968-1996 (includes many of Sollen's *News-Press* articles)

**Companies/Projects** (reports, articles, clippings, memos, and notes)

**Leasing**, 1980-1990 (includes reports studies, clippings, and articles, many by Sollen)

**Subject Files** (includes Santa Barbara County Planning Commission documents, and other reports, memos, articles, and clippings)

**Oversize** (newspaper articles, scrapbooks, and maps).

Also included with the collection are a number of monographs and government reports, which have been cataloged separately. These may be searched on Pegasus, the UCSB Library's online catalog.

#### **Related Material**

UCSB Special Collections holds a number of other collections relating to the history of the oil industry in the Santa Barbara area and the Santa Barbara Oil Spill of 1969. They include:

Easton (Robert O.) Collection (SBHC Mss 6).

Get Oil Out Collection (SBHC Mss 10).

Oil Spill Information Center Collection (SBHC Mss 11).

League of Women Voters Collection (SBHC Mss 2).

Saadi (Ruth) Collection (SBHC Mss 14).

Sharp (Richard C.) Collection (SBHC Mss 7)

Von Breton (Harriet) Collection (SBHC Mss 8).

Weingand et al, v. County et al (Channel Island Drilling) Collection (SBHC Mss 31).

In addition, the UCSB Davidson Library has a number of Environmental Impact Reports and related studies that also document the history of the area's oil industry. These are cataloged individually and may be searched on Pegasus, the UCSB Library's online catalog. Many are located in Special Collections.

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#### ***An Ocean of Oil***

Box 1

#### ***An Ocean of Oil* (binders, with manuscript drafts, chapter notes, and photographs) Chron Files**

##### **Note**

ca. 1968-1986 (chronologically arranged clippings, notes, reports, and other materials generally relating to Santa Barbara and California oil issues)

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Box 2	<b>1968-1974</b>
Box 3	<b>1975-1986</b>
	<b>Clippings</b>
	<b>Note</b>
	ca. 1968-1996 (includes many of Sollen's <i>News-Press</i> articles)
Box 4	<b>Abandonments</b>
Box 4	<b>Accidents</b>
Box 4	<b>Adair, Red</b>
Box 4	<b>Advertising</b>
Box 4	<b>Advisory Committee</b>
Box 4	<b>Air Quality</b>
Box 4	<b>Alaska</b>
Box 4	<b>Alternative Fuels</b>
Box 4	<b>Anniversaries (1969 Oil Spill)</b>
Box 4	<b>Antarctica</b>
Box 4	<b>Archives</b>
Box 4	<b>ARCO</b>
Box 4	<b>Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR)</b>
Box 4	<b>Asia (SE)</b>
Box 4	<b>Atlantic Coast</b>
Box 4	<b>Awards</b>
Box 4	<b>Babbitt</b>
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Box 4	<b>Bickmore, David (County Petroleum Engineer)</b>
Box 4	<b>Blowout (Jan. 28, 1969)</b>
Box 4	<b>Blowouts (other)</b>
Box 4	<b>Books</b>
Box 4	<b>Brazil</b>
Box 4	<b>Bureaucracy</b>
Box 4	<b>Burford, Ann Gorsuch</b>
Box 4	<b>Burman Oil</b>
Box 4	<b>California Coastal Operators Group (C/COG)</b>
Box 4	<b>California Independent Producers Association</b>
Box 4	<b>Canada</b>
Box 4	<b>Channel Islands</b>
Box 4	<b>Channel Islands Alliance</b>
Box 4	<b>Chevron</b>
Box 4	<b>Cities Service</b>
Box 4	<b>City Council</b>
Box 4	<b>Coalition against Oil Pollution</b>
Box 4	<b>Coast Guard</b>
Box 4	<b>Coastal Impact</b>
Box 4	<b>Colorado River</b>
Box 4	<b>Conferences on Santa Barbara Oil</b>
Box 4	<b>Conflict of Interest</b>
Box 4	<b>Congress</b>
Box 4	<b>CONOCO</b>
Box 4	<b>Consolidation Policies</b>
Box 4	<b>Consumption/Conservation</b>
Box 5	<b>Containment</b>
Box 5	<b>Cooger Report</b>
Box 5	<b>Council on Environmental Quality</b>
Box 5	<b>County Board of Supervisors</b>
Box 5	<b>County Control Ordinance</b>
Box 5	<b>County Government</b>
Box 5	<b>County Oil Ordinance</b>
Box 5	<b>County Petroleum Administrator</b>

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Box 5	<b>County Petroleum Engineer</b>
Box 5	<b>County Petroleum Office</b>
Box 5	<b>CREF</b>
Box 5	<b>Curran, John</b>
Box 5	<b>Cuyama</b>
Box 5	<b>CZMA (Coastal Zone Management Act)</b>
Box 5	<b>Damage Settlement Funds</b>
Box 5	<b>Damages</b>
Box 5	<b>Deepwater Port Act</b>
Box 5	<b>Deepwater Technology</b>
Box 5	<b>Demand</b>
Box 5	<b>Denial</b>
Box 5	<b>Deukmejian</b>
Box 5	<b>Development (Onshore)</b>
Box 5	<b>Development Plans</b>
Box 5	<b>Development Projects</b>
Box 5	<b>Developments - Cities Service</b>
Box 5	<b>Developments - Shell</b>
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Box 5	<b>Discharges</b>
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Box 5	<b>Dispersants, Oil</b>
Box 5	<b>Dredge</b>
Box 5	<b>Drilling</b>
Box 5	<b>Drilling Bits</b>
Box 5	<b>Drilling, Channel</b>
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Box 5	<b>Drilling, Geophysical</b>
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Box 5	<b>Drilling, Onshore</b>
Box 5	<b>Drilling, Tidelands</b>
Box 5	<b>Dumping, Illegal</b>
Box 5	<b>Earthquake Damage</b>
Box 5	<b>East Coast</b>
Box 5	<b>Economic Impact</b>
Box 5	<b>Economics of Oil</b>
Box 5	<b>Editorials</b>
Box 5	<b>Elk Hills</b>
Box 5	<b>Elwood</b>
Box 5	<b>Energy - Alternatives</b>
Box 5	<b>Energy - Conservation/Efficiency</b>
Box 5	<b>Energy - Consumption</b>
Box 5	<b>Energy Division</b>
Box 5	<b>Energy Forecasts</b>
Box 5	<b>Energy (oil)</b>
Box 5	<b>Energy Policy</b>
Box 5	<b>Enforcement</b>
Box 5	<b>Environmental Impact Reports</b>
Box 5	<b>Environmental Protection</b>
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Box 5	<b>Environmental Research</b>
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Box 5	<b>Exports</b>
Box 5	<b>Exxon</b>
Box 6	<b>Exxon</b>
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Box 6	<b>Fires</b>
Box 6	<b>Fishing</b>

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Box 6	<b>Florida</b>
Box 6	<b>Flow, Rate of</b>
Box 6	<b>Foreign Oil</b>
Box 6	<b>Gaviota Pier</b>
Box 6	<b>Geological Hazards</b>
Box 6	<b>Geological Survey, U.S.</b>
Box 6	<b>Geology</b>
Box 6	<b>Geophysical</b>
Box 6	<b>Geophysical Surveys</b>
Box 6	<b>Gesner, Bill</b>
Box 6	<b>Get Oil Out (GOO)</b>
Box 6	<b>Greenpeace</b>
Box 6	<b>Gulf of Mexico</b>
Box 6	<b>Gulf States</b>
Box 6	<b>Harbor, San Luis Obispo County</b>
Box 6	<b>Harbor, Santa Barbara</b>
Box 6	<b>Hardin, Garrett</b>
Box 6	<b>Hartley, Fred</b>
Box 6	<b>Hickel, Walter J.</b>
Box 6	<b>History</b>
Box 6	<b>Hodel, Donald</b>
Box 6	<b>Humble Oil</b>
Box 6	<b>Husky Oil Co.</b>
Box 6	<b>Imports</b>
Box 6	<b>Industry Response</b>
Box 6	<b>Information (Oil Spill Information Center)</b>
Box 6	<b>Interior Committee - Senate</b>
Box 6	<b>Interior, Department of</b>
Box 6	<b>Iraq-Kuwait Crisis</b>
Box 6	<b>Islands, Drilling</b>
Box 6	<b>Junk, Subsea</b>
Box 6	<b>Kallman, Robert</b>
Box 6	<b>Labor (Oil)</b>
Box 6	<b>Lagomarsino</b>
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Box 6	<b>Lands Commission, State</b>
Box 6	<b>Lease Sale</b>
Box 6	<b>Leases</b>
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Box 6	<b>Leases, Santa Barbara Channel</b>
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Box 6	<b>Leasing - CZMA</b>
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Box 6	<b>Leasing, Offshore</b>
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Box 7	<b>Lujan, Manuel</b>
Box 7	<b>McKelvey, Vincent</b>
Box 7	<b>Measure A</b>
Box 7	<b>MEMS (Marine Emergency Management Studies)</b>
Box 7	<b>Mergers</b>
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Box 7	<b>Military Consumption</b>
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Box 7	<b>Morton, Rogers</b>
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Box 8	<b>Pipelines</b>
Box 8	<b>Placer Claims</b>
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Box 8	<b>Platform Harmony</b>
Box 8	<b>Platform Holly</b>
Box 8	<b>Platforms</b>
Box 8	<b>Platforms, Exxon</b>
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Box 8	<b>Plat</b>
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Box 8	<b>Point Pedernales</b>
Box 8	<b>Political Campaigns</b>
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Box 8	<b>Press</b>
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Box 8	<b>Prop 20</b>
Box 8	<b>Protest</b>
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Box 8	<b>Quality</b>
Box 8	<b>Quota, Oil Import</b>
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Box 8	<b>Refineries</b>
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Box 8-9	<b>Spills, Tanker</b>
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Box 9	<b>Subsea Completions</b>



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Box 9	<b>Summaries</b>
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Box 9	<b>Supertanker Ports</b>
Box 9	<b>Supply</b>
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Box 9	<b>Tankering - Chevron</b>
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Box 9	<b>UCSB/Oil</b>
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	(reports, articles, clippings, memos, and notes)
Box 10	<b>1980s</b>
Box 10	<b>1990s</b>
Box 10	<b>ARCO (includes Coal Oil Point)</b>
Box 10-11	<b>Chevron (includes Point Arguello Field, Gaviota Processing Facility, and oil transportation)</b>
Box 12	<b>Exxon (includes Santa Ynez Oil Field, and tankering)</b>
Box 12	<b>Mobil (includes Clearview, and Mobil accidents)</b>
Box 12	<b>Molino Gas Project</b>
Box 12	<b>Pacific Pipeline Project</b>
Box 13	<b>San Miguel Project</b>
Box 13	<b>Unocal (includes Guadalupe Dunes)</b>
	<b>Leasing</b>

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Box 13	<b>Leasing, 1980-1990 (includes reports studies, clippings, and articles, many by Sollen)</b>
	<b>Subject Files</b>
	<b>Note</b>
	(includes Santa Barbara County Planning Commission documents, and other reports, memos, articles, and clippings)
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Box 14	<b>Air Quality</b>
Box 14	<b>Artificial Reefs Campaign</b>
Box 14	<b>California Offshore Oil and Gas Development</b>
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Box 14	<b>Drilling Waste</b>
Box 14	<b>Economics -- California Offshore Oil</b>
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Box 15	<b>Facilitation Process, 1992</b>
Box 15	<b>Failed Strategy</b>
Box 15	<b>Fishing Index</b>
Box 15	<b>Five-Year Leasing Plan, 1997-2002</b>
Box 15	<b>Five-Year Plans</b>
Box 15	<b>Liquified Natural Gas, 1973-1986</b>
Box 15	<b>Local Initiatives</b>
Box 15	<b>Marine Collisions -- Pac Baroness and Atlantic Wing</b>
Box 15	<b>Marine Emergency Management Study (MEMS)</b>
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Box 15	<b>OCS Technical Working Group</b>
Box 15	<b>Offshore Oil</b>
Box 15	<b>Offshore Oil Drilling at Santa Barbara</b>
Box 16	<b>Offshore Oil Fields - Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties</b>
Box 16	<b>Oil Data -- General and Misc.</b>
Box 16	<b>Oil Glossary and Conversion Tables</b>
Box 16	<b>Platform 'A': The Oil Spill That Spread Around the World (Laurence Brundall)</b>
Box 16	<b>Reagan's Environmental Team</b>
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**Newspaper Articles**

Box 17                      **Newspaper Articles (mainly full page and multi-page items, including the *Santa Barbara News Press* 1954 coverage regarding the future of offshore oil drilling, and 20th anniversary coverage of the Santa Barbara Channel 1969 Oil Spill)**

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**Scrapbooks**

Box 17                      **Smith, Dick -- 1969 Oil Spill (articles and photographs from that time)**  
Box 17                      **Sollen, Robert -- "The Big Picture: The Future of the Offshore Oil Industry in Santa Barbara County as It Was Seen in 1982, 1983, and 1984" (major articles of the period)**

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**Maps -- Flat**

Box 18                      **California Offshore Oil Maps**  
Box 18                      **Los Angeles and Orange Counties**  
Box 18                      **Oil Maps**  
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**Maps -- Rolled**

**Note**

(arranged geographically, from north to south)

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Box 19                      **Arroyo Quemado to Goleta Point**  
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