Biographical Note

During the mid-1970s, Kenneth L. Carpenter served as Administrative Assistant in the Arizona State University Office of Research Grants and Contracts under Director Harold Honeycutt (who was also Associate Dean of the Graduate College). Carpenter had arrived at ASU circa 1972, possessing extensive experience in grants and contracts administration acquired from previous positions with the U.S. Air Force and the University of Texas at El Paso. He was promoted to Assistant Director of Research Grants and Contracts in 1978 at about the time the operation was placed under the jurisdiction of the newly created office for Vice President for Research. Mr. Carpenter retired from Arizona State University in 1984.

Scope and Content Note

The Kenneth Carpenter Collection consists of various papers accumulated by Mr. Carpenter from 1974 through 1975. Documentation compiled during this period concerns involvement of scientists and others at ASU in efforts by state and local government agencies, educational institutions and private interests to lobby the federal government for placement of the new National Solar Energy Research Institute (NSERI) in Arizona. The institute had been established by the
federal Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA). The collection is divided into two series.

Series 1, National Solar Energy Research Institute Files, focuses on cooperative efforts of various agencies, along with ASU, to demonstrate the advantages of placing NSERI in Arizona. Included within ten folders are committee rosters, meeting agendas and minutes, plans of action, state and federal legislation, reports, news clippings, budgets, ERDA data and miscellaneous papers.

Series 2, Solar Energy at ASU, addresses faculty interest in the subject. There are five folders containing faculty vitae, committees' documents, correspondence, reports and miscellany.

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