

**Guide to the**

Genesis was a student group formed in 1970 that billed itself as an organization "to provide a forum for students for community and campus projects of liberal orientation." Holmes was the faculty advisor. It aimed to show films discussing the presence of ROTC on campus, to aid voter registration, and to support more student involvement in the administration of the university.

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**Scope and Contents:**

This collection contains materials amassed during the course of an administrative and legal battle between Larry E. Holmes and the university over tenure. Includes a chronology of events, documents related to the FBI and its concern with Holmes' activities, correspondence, memoranda, briefs, interrogatories, affidavits, newspaper clippings, reports, and depositions. The collection also includes a CD of an interview conducted in August 1973 with Holmes by Mike Sloan of the local radio station WABB and Don Henry of the Alabama Education

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## **Content List:**

### **Box 1**

A. Holmes' USA Application, 1968

B. 1. Black Student Union protest / sit-in of November 10, 1970. Black Student Union meeting with President Whiddon, November 13, 1970; 2. Board of Trustees, information on March 9, 1973, meeting and revised minutes of January 19, 1973, meeting.

C. Correspondence with Alabama Education Association, response from Holmes to university grievances, and chronology of events.

D. 1. Correspondence with business consultant George De Hueck; 2. History department faculty member affidavits.

FZ. 1. Flagpole incident; 2. Committee on Foreign Study / Study Abroad.

G. 1. Genesis; 2

XYZ. Memorandum Brief of the Plaintiff in Civil Action No. 7533-73-P.

AA. Bail bond receipt, May 3, 1969.

BB. "Thporth" articles from the *Rearguard*. Special: Security intelligence.

CC. Correspondence, 1993-1999.

DD. Correspondence, 2000-2003.

EE. Grant applications and awards.

FF. History department checks.

GG. Miscellaneous material [newspaper clippings, programs, etc., related to Holmes' teaching career].

HH. "Part of History: The Oral Record and Moscow's Model School No. 25, 1931-1937," *Slavic Review* 56:2 (Summer 1997).

## **Box 2**

A. Deposition of Dr. Frederick Palmer Whiddon.

B. 1. Chronology of events; 2. Freedom of Information Act request and results

C. 1. *Dothan Eagle* article "Dr. Whiddon Sees Progress in the 70s"; 2. Typescript of an ad placed in the *Mobile Press Register* that precipitated a speech by Mylan Engel; 3. Typescript of a Channel 10 interview with Mylan Engel; 4. USA Student Government resolution on academic freedom; 5. Typescript of a 1967 Whiddon speech to the Student Government Association; 6. Letter from Bill Shirley, August 5, 1973.

D. Memorandum to the Committee of Nine and Memorandum Brief of the Plaintiff and Defendant.

E. Pivotal documents, including: 1. USA academic contract, 1971