On October 15, 1962, the 87th Congress House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee Chairman Wayne N. Aspinall (D-Colorado) wrote to President John F. Kennedy suggesting the need for a broader examination of public land policy and inviting submission of the President's views to the 88th Congress. The President concurred and instructed the Secretaries of the Interior (Stewart Udall) and Agriculture (Orville Freeman) to represent him. On August 14, 1963, Chairman Aspinall introduced a bill to establish the Public Land Law Review Commission and on September 19, 1964, President Johnson signed Public Law 88-606 establishing the PLLRC with 19 members. The commission was charged to make a comprehensive review of the public land laws and the rules, regulations, policies and practices of Federal, state and local governments and agencies; recommend any necessary modifications and prepare a final report. Congressman Aspinall was named Chairman, six members were appointed by the President, six by the U.S. Senate and six by the U.S. House. The Senate and House members changed from time to time, because of election defeats and resignations. Thirty-four individuals were selected by the Commission and Federal agencies to serve as an Advisory Council. The commission was authorized to hire fifty-four staff members and Milton Pearl served as the Director from 1964-1970.

Congressman Morris K. Udall served on the Commission from 1967 to 1970, when the final report was issued and the commission disbanded.

Arranged chronologically within six broad series: the correspondence of Congressman Udall related to the commission; the PLLRC operational materials including background, history, correspondence, memos, press releases, personnel, procedures and public meetings, budget, transcripts, clippings, final reports, conferences and speeches; Chairman Aspinall's papers including correspondence, reference materials, clippings, and speeches; the subject study areas of the PLLRC; Director Milton Pearl's files and copies of reports which are also arranged by the same subject study areas. The subject study area files include draft and final reports, correspondence with contractors performing the studies and reviews of the reports.
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