A native of Pace, Mississippi, Courtney C. Pace was born in 1904. He attended the University of Mississippi Law School along with James O. Eastland, and the two men served together in the Mississippi House of Representatives from 1928 to 1932. Pace returned home to Cleveland, Mississippi after his term ended and opened a small legal practice. In 1941, the newly appointed U.S. Senator Eastland asked Pace to join his staff. Pace returned to Washington DC when Eastland won election in 1943, remaining on staff until both men retired in 1978.

Pace was Eastland’s closest advisor and assumed the position of Administrative Assistant (a post created by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946). As Administrative Assistant, Pace was responsible for the management of constituent services. Box 1, Folder 10 contains several drafts of an article on the role of congressional Administrative Assistants that Pace submitted unsuccessfully to the Saturday Evening Post in 1950. The manuscript offers historical insight into the early years of Eastland’s office. The first few folders also hold several pieces of correspondence between Eastland and Pace regarding the 1942 campaign. Most of the files in the three boxes of this subseries are concerned with Pace’s personal and financial correspondence.

Pace’s correspondence on congressional subjects appears throughout the Eastland Collection. Researchers particularly interested in Pace should review recordings of his oral interview in the Audio Recordings subseries. The Clippings subseries also contains several folders on Pace.

BOX 1

Folder 1-1: Correspondence 1941
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Folder 2-3: Correspondence 1964
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