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A University of Kansas Libraries collection has been referenced in a recent New Republic article by James Kirchick entitled "Angry White Man: The bigoted past of Ron Paul." The documents cited are part of the Wilcox Collection of Contemporary Political Movements, and are available for use in Spencer Research Library along with thousands of other political documents from 20th Century America.

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