

STATE STREET INVESTMENT CORPORATION AND VON INVESTMENT CORPORATION AGREEMENT AND PLAN, 1966

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 bound volumes
COLLECTION DATES:	1966
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Vonnegut hardware store in Indianapolis started in 1852 as a partnership between two recent immigrants from Germany, Clemens Vonnegut and Clarence Vollmer. In 1908 the company was incorporated by four brothers from the next generation of Vonneguts, Clemens, Franklin, George, and Bernard. The company continued in family hands for another half-century. Franklin Vonnegut continued working at the store into his nineties. The company was reorganized in 1939, 1941, 1947, and 1954. In its later years, in addition to operating retail hardware stores in Indianapolis, it sold industrial hardware, and manufactured panic devices for doors.

In 1965 the company was sold to Schlage Lock Company of San Francisco. The following year the retail hardware business was bought by Warren Atkinson of Indianapolis, and operated under the name of Vonnegut, Inc. It underwent considerable expansion in the 1960s, with branch stores at Glendale, Speedway, and several other locations. The industrial supply part of the business was sold to its employees.

Meanwhile the original stockholders of the hardware company put their assets into a new company, Von Investment Corporation. In 1966 this company merged with the well-established State Street Investment Corporation of Boston, Massachusetts.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains two bound volumes, entitled "State Street Investment Corporation and Von Investment Corporation-- Agreement and plan of reorganization." The volumes were apparently bound by Collett and Company, which was involved in the merger. Volume 1 has the further title, "Agreement and government rulings," and Volume 2 has "Closing documents." Each volume is indexed and fitted with index tabs. While most of the material in these volumes deals with the 1966 investment company merger, Volume 2 includes the original articles of the hardware company and its later reorganizations.

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