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## **Objects: La Salle Stenotype Machine**

### **Before the Internet**

Joe Strickland remembers the reference notebooks he and his colleagues created before the internet.  
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Also, doing committee work, one day you're listening to Armed Services and things about the military, and all the acronyms, and all the weapons systems and things. Then the very next day, you're in Natural Resources, and they're talking about some salamander in a pond somewhere. So now you're trying to figure out what they're talking about. Then you go to Appropriations, and it's NIH doctors talking about research. So every single subject matter is totally different. And you remember I mentioned that because we didn't have access—there was no internet to search things on—we saved everything. So if I had a word list, I saved it and put it in a notebook, and I put it under Appropriations. And we have—I still have those notebooks, by the way. I don't know why. It's kind of like saving your high school yearbook. I don't know why, but I spent so much blood and sweat and tears building them, I don't want to get rid of them. But you saved everything. I came in in March of '93, and President Clinton was inaugurated in January of 1993. And so all of the Cabinet members, you know, we had these sheets with all their names and everything. And I pasted it on my bulletin board thinking now I know who the Clinton Cabinet members are, not realizing that the Cabinet members come and Cabinet members go, so you're constantly scratching people out and changing things, anyway.