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The papers of Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture during the Eisenhower Administration, were deposited in the Eisenhower Library from 1962 to 2003 by Ezra Taft Benson, Reed Benson, his son, and May Benson, his daughter-in-law.

Linear feet shelf space occupied: 22
Approximate number of pages: 32,400
Approximate number of items: 7,000

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Papers of Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture during the Eisenhower Administration, span the years 1936-1961. The collection consists of correspondence, memoranda, reports, publications, statements, outlines, notes, articles, book drafts, legislative bills and acts, agendas, press releases, and speeches relating to Benson's activities during his tenure as Secretary of Agriculture as well as his work with farm cooperatives in the 1930's and 40's and the effects of the New Deal and World War II on farm programs, food supplies, and farm prices. Although a large portion of this material is in original manuscript form, a portion of the collection consists of microfilm copies of manuscripts which were all formerly on deposit in the archives of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. At present, the original documents which appear on the microfilm are divided between this collection and the archives of the Church.

The microfilm segment of the collection was filmed by the office of The Church Historian of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Also, the Church Historian arranged and described the original manuscript material before microfilming.

The Library received the Benson material in six separate accessions which have been combined in this collection. Staff archivists divided the collection into ten series reflecting the arrangement and description devised by the Mormon Church Historian's Office. The first accession included Series I (manuscript copies of Benson's public speeches and statements as Secretary of Agriculture), and Series II (speeches and statements) and III (miscellany) on microfilm. The second accession included microfilm copies of Series V (miscellaneous files) and VI (selected documents). The third accession was comprised of the microfilm copy of Series IV (Benson-Eisenhower correspondence). The first three accessions were processed and made available to researchers in 1975.

The three latest accessions arrived in 2002 and 2003. This material contains many of the manuscript files which were originally microfilmed and form Series V and VI. We have kept the same series arrangement and folder titles as were used on the microfilm version. The Series V manuscript files in boxes 12 to 38 are duplicated on microfilm reel numbers 10 to 35, and the Series VI manuscript files in boxes 38 to 42 are duplicated on microfilm reel numbers 36 to 39. Boxes 42 to 48 contain manuscript materials covering Benson's activities from the late 1930's to the early 1950's, and these files are not included on microfilm.

The manuscript material (Series I) consists of speeches and statements. Series II is a microfilm reproduction of Series I, with a detailed subject index, as well as organization and geographic indexes. Each speech is cited at least once in the organization and geographic indexes, and may be mentioned numerous times in the subject index, depending upon the number of subjects covered by the speech.¹

Other internal finding aids in the microfilm series are the subject title index at the beginning of Series III (reel 6), an index of subseries and folder titles within each subseries of Series V (reel 10), and an index of subseries and a subject index for Series VI (reel 36).

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Prior to becoming Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson had a wide range of experience in agriculture. He personally operated a farm, served as a county agricultural agent, was a leading member of the American Institute Cooperative, and served on the National Agricultural Advisory Committee during World War II. His papers strongly reflect his religious devotion and conservative political orientation as expressed in his desire to A...free agriculture [from government controls] and preserve our nation's liberties.

The papers of Secretary Benson cover four primary activities during his tenure of office: (1) official duties as USDA Secretary, (2) personal and family, (3) church, and (4) Republican Party activity. The bulk of the material relates to Secretary Benson's official duties as Secretary of the USDA and consists primarily of correspondence with the President, USDA and other administration officials, representatives of farm organizations, members of Congress, and the general public; transcripts and reports of congressional hearings and committee meetings; and reports issued by the USDA. Most of the correspondence is of a routine nature, but a substantial amount pertains to policy development and administrative decisions. The major areas covered include policy meeting (cabinet and staff), the legislative program re agriculture, development of foreign markets, conservation, reorganization of USDA, commodity price-supports, surplus liquidation, the Soil Bank Program, Food For Peace and the Rural Development Program. Much of the material pertains to the "battle" over flexible vs. fixed price supports. Most of the material relating to Secretary Benson's official duties is located in Series IV, V, and VI (microfilm copies on reels 9-39 and manuscript copies in boxes 12 to 42).

The personal and family material (Series V: subseries A, R & S; and Series VI: subseries L) consists primarily of letters to and from Secretary Benson, his children and his wife, biographical and genealogical information, material relating to Benson's interest in scouting activities, and correspondence with friends.

Secretary Benson's duties and activities as an official of the Mormon Church are also documented by his papers (Series V: subseries A-see the microfilm version, reels 10 -20, for the most complete documentation on this subject). Included is correspondence with Church Presidents David O. McKay and J. Reuben Clark, Brigham Young University President Ernest L. Wilkinson and other church officials; reports on church activities; and reports of interviews with prospective missionaries.

Material relating to Secretary Benson's role as an active and leading member of the Republican party (primarily Series V: subseries Y) includes correspondence with the chairman of the Republican National Committee, Republican leaders and officials throughout the country, members of the administration, and the general public; and reports on political situations in various states and regions. The files include correspondence and articles from Republican politicians and journalists who viewed Benson as a political liability to the President and were critical of the Administration's farm program. Responses by Benson and the Administration to these criticisms are also documented. One item of particular interest is a letter from Benson to radio commentator Paul Harvey giving his definition of "what is a Republican." Another interesting facet which these materials document is Benson's backing of Nelson Rockefeller for President in 1960.

Scattered throughout the collection are various publications and speeches. They relate to all four of the previously-mentioned areas but primarily concern agricultural policy and management and

Benson's devotion for the free enterprise system. They consist of books, articles, sermons, reports, press releases, statements, and speeches. The speeches are contained in Series I, II, VII, VIII, and IX, while most publications are located in Series V (primarily subseries A, W, and Z), VII, and VIII.

In surveying the manuscript files in boxes 12 to 42, Library staff found that entire files which are on the microfilm copy are not included with the manuscripts. Files which pertain to personal, family, and church matters have been retained by the donor. In addition, in comparing the contents of folders, particularly alphabetical correspondence files, we find that correspondence with church leaders and family members which appear on microfilm are not present in the identical original manuscript files. In some of the manuscript folders every document is identical to what is on microfilm, but in other manuscript files there are additional materials which are not on the microfilm version.

The materials found in boxes 42 to 48, Series VII to X, represent Benson's activities from the late 1930's to the early 1950's. Series VII, Agricultural Subject File, includes materials on changing government policies, government controls and farm programs during the New Deal, and World War II food shortages and price controls. Besides correspondence, reports, booklets, and articles, there are also a number of speeches as well as speech materials.

Ezra Taft Benson was organizer and secretary of the Idaho Cooperative Council, 1933-1938, executive secretary of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, 1939-1944, and a member of the executive council and board of trustees of the American Institute of Cooperatives, 1942-1952. Series VII, Farm Cooperatives, contains speeches, articles, booklets, reports, and historical background relating to farm cooperatives. One issue that generated considerable controversy was the tax exemptions that the cooperatives enjoyed. This series documents the attacks by Fulton Lewis, Jr., a radio commentator, on the tax status of the cooperatives. Series IX contains some of Benson's speeches from 1948 to 1951, and Series X has book drafts for Farmers at the Crossroads (1956) as well as indexes and photographs. The last four series have some useful documentation on the agricultural situation during and after World War II as well as on the history of farm cooperatives. All materials in this collection are available to researchers; there are no closed or restricted items. A number of photographs and slides have been removed from the files and transferred to the audiovisual archives.

¹ As an example, his speech given at the 175th Anniversary of the N.J. Agricultural Society is referred to in each of the three indexed in the following manner:

Subject Index	Page Nos.
Agricultural Act of 1954	
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May 15, 195, before N.J. Agr. Soc.	2467-2483

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

- August 4, 1899 Born, Whitney, Idaho
- 1914-18 Student, Oneida State Academy, Preston, Idaho
- 1918-21 Student, Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah
- 1921-23 Mission in British Isles and Europe, president of the Newcastle District
- 1923-30 Farm operator
- 1926 B.S., Brigham Young University
- Sept. 10, 1926 Married Flora Smith Amussen
- 1927 M.S., Agricultural Economics, Iowa State University
- 1929-30 County agricultural agent, University of Idaho Extension Service, Preston, Idaho
- 1930-38 Extension economist and marketing specialist, University of Idaho Extension Service, in charge of economics and marketing work for State of Idaho
- 1933-37 Member, Boise Stake Presidency, Latter Day Saints Church
- 1933-38 Organizer and secretary of the Idaho Cooperative Council
- 1933-39 President, Boise Stake
- 1939-44 Executive secretary, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
- 1940-43 Member, National Farm Credit Commission
- 1940-44 President, Washington, D.C. Stake
- 1942-52 Member, executive committee, board of trustees, American Institute Cooperative; Chairman, 1952
- 1943 Ordained Apostle, Member Council of Twelve
- World War II Member, National Agricultural Advisory Committee
- 1946 Delegate, First International Conference of Farm Organizations, London, England
- 1946 President, European Mission, LDS Church

1946-50	Director, Farm Foundation
1948-66	Member, national executive board, Boy Scouts of America
1953-61	Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture
1963-65	Member, General Church Board of Education
1985-1994	President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
May 30, 1994	Died, Salt Lake City, Utah

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Box Nos. Series

- 1-4 I. SPEECHES AND STATEMENTS OF EZRA TAFT BENSON. 1953-1961. 4 containers.

Printed and Xerox reproductions of speeches and statements made by Ezra Taft Benson before various groups (primarily agricultural and Republican). A detailed subject index is located in the microfilm series of speeches (see Series II). Arranged chronologically.

- 5 II. SPEECHES AND STATEMENTS OF EZRA TAFT BENSON. 1953-1961. 5 2 reels. (Reel Nos. 1-6)

Microfilm reproductions of Series I. The pages of Ezra Taft Benson's speeches and statements are numbered consecutively. At the beginning of reel #1 are located subject, organization, and geographic indexes. The three cross-reference indexes are followed by the speeches with a chronological index preceding roughly every 300 pages (see reel list). Arranged chronologically.

- 5-6 III. MISCELLANY. 1952-1961. 2 2 reels. (Reel Nos. 6-8).

Microfilm reproductions of appointment schedules, book reviews, congressional testimony transcripts, clippings, correspondence, informational booklets and circulars (USDA), agricultural policy statements, presidential messages and speech excerpts, recommendations, regulations, and reports. A subject title index is located at the beginning of the series. Arranged chronologically by subject.

- 6 IV. EZRA TAFT BENSON - DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER CORRESPONDENCE. 1953-1961. 2 reels. (Reel No. 9)

Personal, social, and official correspondence between Secretary Benson and President Eisenhower. Also included are presidential reports, speeches, statements, and excerpts from news conferences. Arrangement is roughly chronological.

7-11 V. MISCELLANEOUS FILES. 1952-1961. 26 1/4 reels. (Reel Nos. 10-36)
(Microfilm)

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(Manuscripts)

This series is available on both microfilm and as original manuscripts. The microfilm version is a more complete file. Books, bulletins, charts, circulars, correspondence, clippings, directives, inquiries, minutes, resolutions, regulations, schedules, speeches, statements, and transcripts, relating primarily to agricultural policy and management, personal, family, church, and political matters. This series is divided into 27 subseries. An index of subseries and file folder titles is located at the beginning of reel #10. Arranged by subject within each subseries and roughly chronologically thereunder (in the case of some subseries the filming was in reverse chronological order, with the latest document filmed first).

11 VI. SELECTED DOCUMENTS FROM THE FILES OF HON. EZRA TAFT,
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE. 1952-1961. 3 1/4 reels. (Reel Nos. 36-39)
(Microfilm)

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(Manuscripts)

This series is also available on microfilm and as original manuscripts. Circulars, clippings, correspondence, photographs, publications, reports, speeches, and statements relating primarily to agricultural policy and management, and personal matters. This series is divided into 26 subseries, of which the last 12 [O-Z] are void of material. An index of "categories" (subseries), an index of correspondent names in the "Personal Contacts" subseries, and a subject index are located at the beginning of the series (reel 36). The file folders are numbered consecutively for indexing purposes. Arranged by subseries and in reverse chronological order thereunder.

42-45 VII. AGRICULTURAL SUBJECT FILE, 1937-1950
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Reports, booklets, articles, correspondence, speeches, and statements relating to agricultural developments in the 1930's and 40's, including adjustments caused by New Deal programs and World War II shortages and price controls. Arranged alphabetically by folder title and in reverse chronological order within each folder.

45-47 VIII. FARM COOPERATIVES, 1936-1952
(Manuscripts)

Speeches, articles, booklets, reports, and other publications relating to the history, growth, and progress of farm cooperatives. The folders are arranged in alphabetical order by title, and the contents of the folders are in reverse chronological order.

47-48 IX. EZRA TAFT BENSON TALKS, 1948-1951
(Manuscripts)

Speech drafts, speech texts, and notes relating to speeches and talks Benson gave from 1948 to 1951. The speeches cover such topics as farm cooperatives, values, chemurgy, and the American way of life. The speeches are organized in reverse chronological order.

48 X. BENSON MISCELLANEOUS SERIES
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Book drafts, memoranda, notes, lists, and photographs relating to Benson's tenure as Secretary of Agriculture. Folders are filed in alphabetical order by folder titles.

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- 22 Procedure in Congress-re Consideration of Bills [detailed summary of procedures in House and Senate re consideration of bills]
- II, -1.1 Senate Agriculture and Forestry, 3/25/53 [report by Benson on policies and programs of the Dept. of Agriculture to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry; hearings on nomination of Benson as Secretary of Agriculture, 1-15-53]
- II, -1.1 Senate Agriculture and Forestry, 4/9/53 [Benson reports on foreign trade in agricultural products of the U.S.; statistics on foreign trade]
- II, -1.2 Senate Appropriations-Ag. Subc., 4/13/53 [Benson statement on agricultural situation and budget estimates]
- II,-2.1 House Appropriations-Ag. Subc., 3/26/53 [statement by Benson re revised Agriculture budget]
- II, -3.1 Ways and Means, 5/6/53 [statement by Benson on renewal of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Extension Act of 1951; statistics on foreign trade]
- Senate Comm. on Government Operations, 5/18/53 [statement by Benson on Reorganization Plan No. 2]
- House Com. on Govt. Operations, 5/25/53 [statement by Benson on Reorganization Plan No. 2; solicitor's opinion re plan]

House Com. on Govt. Operations, 12/3/53 [Benson statement re government operations]

Senate Committee on Agriculture, 1/18/54 [Benson discusses farm outlook and agricultural situation]

House Committee on Agriculture, 3/10/54 [Benson supports agriculture program Eisenhower recommended to Congress]

Senate Approp. Subcomm. on Agr., 3/23/54 [Benson reports on past agricultural developments and current situation]

Senate Committee on Agriculture, 4/21/54 [Benson discusses farm problem]

House Committee on Agriculture, 5/5/54 [Benson reports on price supports, production, and supply situation for various commodities]

House Ways and Means Comm., 1/17/55 [statement by Benson in support of the renewal of the Trade Agreements Extension Act of 1955; advantages of specialization and trade; agriculture's interest in exports]

Senate Agriculture Committee, 1/19/55 [Benson discusses production trends, the farm outlook, and special problems]

House Subcommittee on Agricultural Appropriations, 2/7/55 [Benson discusses DOA operations; agriculture production, supplies, consumption, and prices; Commodity Credit Corporation]

House Committee on Agriculture, 2/17/55 [Benson comments on H.R. 12, price supports, surplus commodities, farm prices and income, Agricultural Act of 1954, wheat, dairy products]

Senate Subcommittee on Agricultural Appropriations, 4/12/55 [statement by Benson on current farm situation, program costs, surplus commodities, PL 480]

23 Senate Committee on Agriculture-Sec. Benson, 1/12/56 [Benson comments on the agricultural situation, price supports, the surplus, the proposed Soil Bank program, the Rural Development Program]

House Committee on Agriculture, 2/21/56 (1)(2) [Benson makes comments similar to what he made to the Senate Committee on 1/12/56; memo re non-governmental studies of farm policy; copy of S. 2949, Soil Bank Act; memo on the borrowing authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation; report on S. 3183, Agricultural Act of 1956; summary of S. 3183, price supports, Soil Bank, surplus disposal; Commodity Credit Corporation-commodity inventories and export sales; tentative plans to implement the Soil Bank program]

Joint Committee on Economic Report, 2/28/56 [Benson reports on the current agricultural situation and the President's farm program]

House Ways and Means Committee, 3/1/56 [Benson's statement supports H.R. 5550 authorizing the President to accept membership in the Organization for Trade Cooperation]

House Committee of Agriculture, 3/27/56 [Benson comments on President's recommendations and H.R. 12]

Senate Committee on Agriculture, 4/19/56 [Benson reports on price supports and legislative proposals]

Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations, 4/25/56 [statement by Benson on the USDA's budget for 1957]

House Subcommittee on Agricultural Appropriations, 4/30/56 [USDA's budget for 1957; current problems in agriculture; production and supply; farm prices and income; surplus commodities; PL 480; Soil Bank program; Rural Development; research and education]

Statement Before House Committee on Agriculture, 1/7/57 [Soil Bank Act; Acreage Reserve program; Conservation Reserve program]

House Committee on Agriculture, 1/29/57 [Benson reports on improvements in farm prices, net income, and domestic consumption and a reduction in surplus commodities held by the CCC; Soil Bank; drought assistance]

House Agriculture Committee Soil Bank Hearing, 1/7/57 (1)-(4) [background materials in preparation for hearing; USDA opposes Deferred Grazing Bill, H.R. 2367; comments on droughts and other natural disasters; grazing legislation, S. 608; Benson statement at hearing; question and answer notes for press conference preparation; remarks by Earl Butz on Soil Bank; "kit" on the Soil Bank program-copy of Soil Bank Act, sections on 1956 Acreage Reserve, 1957 Acreage Reserve, and 1956-57 Conservation Reserve]

House Subcommittee on Agricultural Appropriations, 4/16/57 [Benson comments on the farm economy, production and supply, disposal of surplus stocks; agricultural budget]

Senate Subcommittee on Agricultural Appropriations, 4/30/57 [statement by Benson reviewing developments in agriculture; budget for 1958; statement by True D. Morse, undersecretary, re Administration's recommendations for assistance in droughts and natural disasters]

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, 5/15/57 [Benson comments on long-range farm policy]

House Committee on Agriculture, 5/16/57 [statement by Benson on long-range farm policy]

- 24 Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, 1/17/58 [Benson reports on developments in agriculture; price support program; surplus disposal; proposed Food and Fiber Program; Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act; P.L. 480]

House Ways and Means Committee, 2/19/58 [statement by Benson in support of renewal of the Trade Agreements Extension Act of 1958, H.R. 10368; drafts of statement; notes on points to emphasize; copy of bill, H.R. 10368]

House Subcommittee on Agricultural Appropriations, 3/20/58 [Benson reviews developments in agriculture and current problems; farm income; production and supply; consumption; disposal operations; Soil Bank; Rural Development; 1959 Budget; legislative program; accomplishments]

SUBSERIES O. LEGISLATION

Legislation (1)-(3) [price supports; responsibility for current farm problems; production and supply; prices and farm income; alternatives open to Congress re farm programs; possible outline and notes for Special Message on Agriculture; memo re veto message of 4-16-56; memo for meeting with legislative leaders; recommendations of CCC Advisory Board re wheat, tobacco, and Soil Bank; draft for Special Message on Agriculture; outlay for price support increasing and unpredictable; proposal to limit price support expenditures; comments on limiting expenditures of the CCC for price support operations; sugar legislation]

Legislation-Proposed (1)-(4) [list of legislation pending in or presented to Congress; proposals on dairy situation; outline for talk, 7-24-58; status of legislation; suggestions for President's message on SJR 162; memo on proposed cotton legislation; proposal by American Farm Bureau Federation re price supports; farm cost-price squeeze; parity; balance sheet for agriculture; analysis for Farm Bureau proposals for cotton and corn; dairy situation; proposed legislation; highlights of papers on agriculture policy; effects of Conservation Reserve; list of legislation to be recommended to Congress; statement by Benson re speculation as to his possible resignation; facts on price supports; agricultural situation-School Lunch Program, REA loans, Acreage Reserve, conservation, proposed legislation; Country Life Commission; notes for meeting with Congressman Cooley; support prices; corn; cotton; wool; meat packers; dairy products; actions of National Agricultural Advisory Commission, Fall, 1957; notes for meeting with Representative Andresen; report by Benson on round-the-world trip; USDA legislative program for 85th Congress, 2nd Session; letter to Sen. Ellender re price supports, production controls, and parity; letter from Benson to Congressman Cooley re price supports; two-price plan for rice]

Legislation – S.4071 (1)(2) [the outlook for 1958; summary of S. 4071; problems with House version of bill; proposals on corn, rice, feed grains, and dairy products; analysis of Humphrey and Jordan amendments; Senate report on S. 4071; copy of

bill, S. 4071; amendments to 4071]

Legislation-Digest of Enacted Legislation, 1953-1956 [digests of agricultural legislation enacted during the 83rd and 84th Congresses]

Legislation-Digest of Enacted Legislation, 1957-1960 (1)(2) [digests of agricultural legislation enacted by the 85th and 86th Congresses]

25 SUBSERIES P. MEETINGS

Meetings [Conference on Spiritual Foundations, sponsored by the Foundation for Religious Action in the Social and Civil Order; notes of meeting of National Republican Farm Council, 1-10-53]

 SUBSERIES Q. ORGANIZATION

Organization [memo re report on Field Services Review; summary of growth of the USDA and scope of secretarial authority, 1933-1952; 1953 USDA budget; abridged list of federal laws applicable to agriculture, 1796 to 1950; origin, structure, and functions of the USDA, 1862-1952]

Beltsville Center [memo re Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, the National Agricultural Research Center]

Transition [transition activities in the Department of Agriculture, 1961; meetings between Benson and Orville Freeman, Kennedy's designated Secretary of Agriculture]

 SUBSERIES R. PERSONAL-SECRETARY

Personal [thank you letter from Polish official; National Farmers Union's Washington Newsletter, 9-14-56]

What's Your Name? [local TV show by Brigham Young University re Ezra Taft Benson and his family background, includes transcript of program, pictures, and genealogical chart]

Easter Message Letters (1)(2) [correspondence re Benson's Easter Sunrise sermon at Hollywood Bowl, California, 3-29-59; lists of people who were sent copies of sermon]

 SUBSERIES S. PERSONAL CONTACTS

Personal Contacts, 1953-1957 (1)-(4) [1957 newspaper articles predicting that Benson would be the next Cabinet officer to resign; correspondence with D. W. Brooks, Cotton Producers Association, and Edward A. Rumely; booklet on Committee for Constitutional Government; Benson's efforts to re-establish free

enterprise in agriculture; inflation, gold, and commodity prices; distribution of Benson's book, Farmers at the Crossroads; copy of letter from Brooks to President Eisenhower reporting on trip to Middle East and the views of the Arabs toward Israel; meeting with Henry A. Wallace; 1956 farm bill and President's veto; Taft Memorial Foundation, Benson a trustee; audio recordings on plastic discs of Foundation trustees meeting, 1-8-55; events leading to increased rail rates; wheat surplus and PL 480; report on Congressmen Halleck, Avery, and Chase re agricultural bill; spiritual resources of the U.S.; Tom Dewey offers list of possible appointees for Assistant Secretary of Agriculture]

Personal Contacts, 1958-1959 (1)(2) [1958 farm bill a victory for Benson and Administration; Edward A. Rumely comments on role of price of gold on farm income in his correspondence; balanced budget; Drew Pearson column criticizing Benson and quoting conversation with Rumely; Farm Bureau statement re price supports for dairy products; paper on recessions]

Strohm, John [tour of Red China; World Food Conference; Strohm urges educational program to sell Administration farm program]

McConnell, James A. [wheat legislation; Assistant Secretary; selection of chairman of Missouri A.S.C. Committee]

McMillen, Robert [numerous memos from McMillen to Benson re USDA issues and business; memo suggesting topics which may come up at press conference, July 1954; memo re photo opportunity for Benson; memo from Benson re dust storms and need to go on TV to explain the farm program; memo re meeting of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts; memo re political speeches-not to be prepared by USDA personnel]

- 26 Hoopes, L.N. [Farm Bureau convention; heavy schedule of speeches for Benson; price supports on milk; speech by Benson in San Francisco, Feb. 1956; critique of Benson's speech; Max Rabb; security at USDA; need for price and wage controls if U.S. is part of shooting defense of Formosa]

SUBSERIES T. PERSONNEL

Personnel (1)(2) [Don Paarlberg; Kenneth L. Scott, Director of Agricultural Credit Services; Wendell Eames; Pollock; Hal Belknap; Oakley Hunter; memo to USDA Policy Staff re need to coordinate trips away from Washington; hearings on nomination of Don Paarlberg to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; postmaster appointment; memo on availability of scientific personnel]

Personnel-Staff Biographical Background (1)(2) [1958 farm facts; biographical information on True D. Morse, Under Secretary of Agriculture and President of Commodity Credit Corporation, Marvin L. McLain, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Don Paarlberg, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Kenneth L. Scott, Director of Agricultural Credit Service, Martin Sorkin, Assistant to the Secretary,

Bert M. Tollefson, USDA Program Liaison Officer, Walter C. Berger, administrator of Commodity Stabilization Service, C. L. Miller, assistant administrator of CSS, Howard J. Doggett, director of the CSS Soil Bank Division, Kermit H. Hansen, administrator of Farmers Home Administration; memos and charts on administrative grouping of USDA agencies; additional press releases and biographical facts concerning USDA appointees, including Richard D. Aplin, Karl D. Loos, D. K. Broadhead, J. Earl Coke, John H. Davis, Robert L. Farrington, Romeo E. Short, Whitney Gilliland, C. M. Ferguson, Howard H. Gordon, Ross Rizley, D. Arthur Haycock; memo on farm background of Secretary's staff members; Benson attended International Conference of Agricultural Producers in London, 1946, and conference of Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN in Copenhagen, 1946]

Immediate Office of the Secretary [memo of recommendations concerning the Office of the Secretary, including duties, activities, and organization]

Schedule C-Appointments [list of presidential and Schedule C positions at USDA; appointments of Republicans; appointments made under 303 Program; list of top USDA staff positions; top staff positions at Departments of Commerce, Interior, and HEW]

SUBSERIES U. POLICY MEETINGS-CABINET, STAFF

Policy Staff-USDA-Agenda, Staff Conferences (1)-(3) [agenda for policy staff meetings, January 1953-October 1957; agenda list subjects to be discussed at each meeting; memo re convention of Asso. of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities; memos re State Extension Directors serving on Emergency Livestock Loan Committees; memos on clearance of drafts of testimony by USDA official and review of legislative policy recommendations; list of assignments to staff members, April 1953]

Policy Meetings-Staff Agenda-MFS (1)-(4) [agenda for meetings of the Policy Staff from Oct. 1957 to Sept. 1960; notes on some meetings; operating loans, 1960 FY; USDA centennial; turkey legislation; plan of operations for 1958-60; status of administration's legislative proposals; memo re wheat research and replacement crops; agenda for meeting of National Agricultural Advisory Commission; budgetary changes; memos re survey of archival material in USDA Library and recommendations for improvement of the Library; summary of meeting, 4-18-58; H.R. 10097, bill to provide three-year terms for agricultural stabilization and conservation committeemen; cost of programs to stabilize farm prices and income; constructive uses of surpluses; dairy stabilization program; memo re food distribution through voluntary agencies; strategy for 1958 legislative program; memo re participation of Cabinet members in 1956 campaign]

- 27 Policy Meetings-Cabinet (1)(2) [Benson statement on Cabinet Paper, CP-60-105; outline of tax problems of farmer cooperatives; memo for Cabinet, 6-17-57; Benson remarks at Cabinet, 12-14-56; recent events in agriculture; geography of farm problems; notes for use at Cabinet meetings, 4-29-55 and 10-19-54 ; map of erosion

areas]

Staff Meeting Minutes, Jan. 1953-March 1954 (1)(2) [minutes report subjects discussed and identifies staff members participating in the reports or discussion]

SUBSERIES V. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public Relations (1)(2) [JFK; farm programs; Soil Bank; Benson gives Paul Harvey his definition of "What is a Republican"; Benson comments on book by McCune, Who's Behind Our Farm Policy?; proposed Citizens Committee on Agriculture; Benson writes Oveta Culp Hobby re Drew Pearson; excerpt from NBC Alex Dreier Show with comments on Benson farm program and 1954 elections; Benson re threat of government spending and controls on freedom; plan to present farm issues to public through the media; memos re research by USDA at wholesale and retail levels, surplus foods, disposal of surplus foods, and relationship between Benson and Commodity Chiefs]

Farewell Letters [letters from USDA officials and employees who are resigning or retiring, 1953-1960; Earl Butz; Wesley A. D'Ewart; James A. McConnell; L. N. Hoopes; Ross Rizley]

Saddle and Sirloin Club [Benson elected to Agricultural Hall of Fame maintained by the Club at the Chicago Union Stock Yards]

Look Magazine Article (1)(2) [article, "Fraud, Graft and Folly in the Farm Program," criticizes farm programs and Benson's failure to clean up the mess; USDA press release restates charges and gives "the facts" as a rebuttal on each issue-subjects include soil bank, drought aid, grain storage, grain traders, cotton traders, use of dried milk for feed, cheese sale, political influence, lunch distribution, farm loans; statement by Benson re charges in article; itinerary for Benson trip to Minnesota and Ohio, Sept. 1957; Farmers Home Administration responds to statements in article; draft response to article; information on farm programs re wheat storage, cotton traders, durum wheat, land under government lease, distribution of surplus commodities; grain forwarding agents; sale of nonfat dry milk for animal feed]

Miscellaneous Public Relations [movie script for filmed Cabinet report to the nation; Benson's portion is on pp. 14-18]

SUBSERIES W. PUBLICATIONS

Publications (1)-(5) [manpower report used at Cabinet Meeting, 2-26-60; articles on India; Foreign Policy and the Free Society; material on animal disease laboratory and foot-and-mouth disease; report, public opinion index, "How the Eisenhower Administration Rates with the Voters," 1955, trends in voter support of administration, how voters react to administration's performance on problems of the day, prosperity of U.S.; brochures on Robert Taft; booklets, "Agricultural America"]

- 28 Republican Headquarters, Publications (1)(2) [speech by Benson on farm progress, 9-7-56; 1956 pamphlet informing that they can help pass the new farm program; speech by Benson, 12-1-55; G.O.P. Fact Sheet re Eisenhower-Benson farm program; brochure of facts for farmers; speech by Eisenhower, 9-10-53; RNC compilation of 1952 Republican platform pledges and campaign statements of DDE, May 1953, references to agriculture, pp. 7-10]
- Agricultural Accomplishments [USDA paper describes the agricultural accomplishments for 1953 and 1954]
- Low Income Farmers-Report on [USDA report on problems of low income farmers, 1955; message from President re development of agriculture's human resources]
- American Institute of Cooperation (1)(2) [pamphlets and booklets by the Institute on farm cooperatives, farm leaders, goals of Institute, cooperative policy and management, taxation of cooperatives; minutes of Board of Trustees of the Institute, 1-11-45 (Benson was a member of the Board of Trustees at that time)]
- Communism [speech by Senator Styles Bridges, "Communist Invasion of Agriculture," 9-7-50; legislative study of communism in operation in USSR, 1946; report on S. 825, bill to establish a Research Board for National Security, 1945]
- Cooperative Digest [magazine of farm business, 9-15-52 issue]
- Cooperatives [directory of farm cooperatives in Utah, 1950]
- Farm Foundation [booklets describing background, history, origins, membership, goals, and activities of the Foundation, 1945-1950]
- Farm Lands [proposal to buy farm land and set up a farmers cooperative, 1945; warning re high land prices]
- Farmers Union [centennial periodical with history of Farmers Union Central Exchange and the cooperative movement, January 1945]
- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI "Uniform Crime Reports," No. 1, 1952]
- Forestry Digest [October 1949 issue published by American Forestry Products Industries]
- G.L.F. Cooperative Exchange [July 1950 issue of newsletter; article on death of H. E. Babcock, founder of the exchange]
- Insurance (1)(2) [articles and booklet on cooperative life insurance; report by State of Utah, Insurance Division, Dec. 1948]
- 29 International Conference of Agricultural Producers (1)-(3) [newsletters, pamphlets,

handbooks, minutes of proceedings of meetings, and annual reports, 1946-1952; list of international “agricultural contacts”]

Kiplinger Letter [1946-1947 letters re economy, politics, and agriculture]

Miscellaneous Agricultural Articles (1)-(5) [article and statistics on farm economics, 1919-1952; farm associations directory for California; proceedings of 2nd annual Institute of Animal Agriculture; report on work of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the U.N.; issue of Utah Farmer; agricultural policy and program recommendations of the National Grange; Canadian Federation of Agriculture; articles on farm cooperatives; post-war agriculture; United Farmers Movement in Ontario]

National Council of Farmer Cooperatives [1952 yearbook]

Non-LDS Publications (1)(2) [Catholic brochures promoting Utah as a “foreign mission;” 1947 article by Alistair Cooke on the Mormons; article on Utah and the Mormon conquest]

Statistical Summary [4-18-50, USDA]

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Bulletin [3-10-49, farm employment]

U.S.A.C. Publication [Utah State Agricultural College newsletter, Sept. 1952, half of Utah chickens marketed through cooperatives]

Utah-Idaho Sugar Company Report [annual report, Feb. 1951]

Washington Farm Reporter [newsletters for January 1947 and 1948 re farm economics, programs, and issues]

Washington Religious Review [newsletters, July 1950; articles on Vatican envoy, 7th-Day Adventists, religious foundations, Korean War, and visit by Rev. Billy Graham to Pres. Truman]

Washington Situation [1952 paper re a bill to revamp the Farm Credit Administration]

30 SUBSERIES X. RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Colorful Events

Summary of Administrative Achievements (1)-(3) [1961 USDA report summarizing achievements, 1953-61; administrative departmental memorandum; paperwork management-reports and forms; USDA Centennial symbol]

SUBSERIES Y. REPUBLICAN PARTY MATERIAL

Republican Party [Senator Goldwater re Republican principles, programs, and objectives; Nixon and Rockefeller, candidates; Republican platform; Benson backs Rockefeller; Conservation Reserve; North Dakota Election; script for TV film; Stassen suggests Eisenhower-Herter ticket, 1956]

Political-Republican Agricultural Platform (1)(2) [analysis of Kennedy's farm program; Utah favors Nixon; drafts of plank on agriculture; Sen. Charles Percy, chairman of Platform Committee; 1956 proposed agricultural plank for Platform; agricultural accomplishments of Eisenhower Administration; price support level for 1954 Crop feed grains]

Republican (National Committee-Other General Information), 1953-1955 (1)-(3) [RNC-nation-wide poll results; Benson lists omissions in report on agricultural progress; correspondence with Leonard Hall; list of Republicans placed at USDA, 1953-55; President's Program in Action; campaign workshops to prepare for 1956 campaign; Hall suggests people for Assistant Secretary of Agriculture position; speech by Benson to Women's Division, RNC, 4-8-54; recommendations for a new farm program, 1954; problem of "hang-over" in USDA from last Administration; flexible price supports; Benson speech, 4-24-54; grain storage program; memo re Kefauver supporter considered for USDA position]

Republican (National Committee-General Information), 1956-1958 (1)-(3) [correspondence with Meade Alcorn, chairman, RNC; summary of program for low income farmers; National Farmers Union; statistics on election results in farm districts, 1948, 1952, 1954, and 1956 elections; statements re efforts to defeat Soil Bank Program in 1957; proposal re acreage-poundage tobacco quotas; list of people to consider to replace Dr. Earl Butz, Assistant Secretary; list of presidential appointees in USDA; correspondence with Leonard Hall; corn sales policy; Benson's efforts in 1956 campaign; Benson to Hall re need for a prominent African-American on the platform of the Republican National Convention; correspondence re cattle prices, soil bank, and drought; RNC memo re need for immediate assistance to agriculture]

Republican (National Committee-Other General Information), 1959 [fund-raising dinners; Meade Alcorn; Lincoln Day activities]

Republican National Committee, 1960 [Thruston B. Morton; statement of Republican principles and objectives; Kennedy's farm program; Benson's speaking engagements for 1960; fact letter re price supports and controls]

- 31 Congressional-Political Nature (1)-(3) [correspondence, 1955-1960; William Cramer reports on survey of Florida voters; Melvin Laird-statement on congressional spending; transcript of interview of Benson by Senator Arthur Watkins re status of American agriculture; results of opinion poll of Ohio district; pending legislation; Congressman Miller believes farm program and Benson will cost Republicans votes, 1958; policy for commercial agriculture; Barry Goldwater opposes efforts to oust

Benson; Senator Stuart Symington opposes nomination of Don Paarlberg for Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; speech by George Humphrey re prosperity and tight money; attitude of cattlemen toward administration; farm issues in Utah; Senator Dirksen's statement re whether Benson should be retained as Secretary of Agriculture; note suggesting Democrats to blame for farm problems]

Republican Farm Council Chairmen [list of names and resolutions adopted, 1952; "Operation Tallcorn"]

Arizona [correspondence re speaking opportunities in Arizona and efforts to elect a conservative congressman; Senator Barry Goldwater]

Arkansas

California (1)-(3) [Republican statement of principles; correspondence from 1954 to 1959 re invitations to speak, farm problems, and farm policies; Republican State Central Committee resolution re agriculture; letter advocates Crossley and Hickel for governors of Hawaii and Alaska; Reed Benson, working for National Republican Congressional Committee; 1956 campaign; Benson uses plane offered by Jacqueline Cochran Odlum; Imperial Valley Benson Banquet, 1956]

Colorado

Connecticut [Yale Political Union]

District of Columbia (1)(2) [correspondence from 1953-1960 re invitations to speak, political campaigns and events; Republican Women's Conference; Young Republican Leadership Training School, June 1956; Bertha Adkins]

Florida [correspondence re invitations to speak at various occasions]

Georgia [Benson Fund Raising Dinner; sugar quotas]

Idaho [County committee supports Benson's opposition to a "price freeze bill;" campaign letter compares Mormon Church standings and activities of two congressional candidates; newspaper columns comment on efforts by LDS leaders to use Mormon Church organization to back certain candidates; correspondence re invitations to speak]

32 Illinois (1)(2) [correspondence re invitations to speak at various events; Republican Forum in Chicago, 6-2-58; convention of National Federation of Republican Women, 9-7-56]

Indiana [corn picking contest; correspondence re various speaking invitations; GOP farm bulletin, 1958]

Iowa [correspondence re speaking invitations and politics; paper declaring hog prices

drop when Democrats control Congress; National Field Days and National Plowing Contest; report on Benson trip to Iowa, June 1954]

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana [New Orleans trip; Soil Bank Program-Acreage Reserve and Conservation Reserve]

Maryland

Massachusetts [letter from Harvard Students for Nixon; letters and newsletter from Harvard Eisenhower Club; convention of National Federation of Republican Women, 9-25-58]

Michigan [correspondence re invitations to speak]

Minnesota (1)-(3) [analysis of special election for congressman in Minnesota First District, Feb. 1958; correspondence re invitations to speak; Humphrey to Benson re proposed television between them on agricultural policy; wheat price supports; comments from people who heard Benson speak, Feb. 1956; Lincoln Day Dinner]

Mississippi [letter defending Benson's actions and goals]

Missouri [Missouri trip, 1956; correspondence re speaking invitations]

Montana

Nebraska [Republican fund-raising dinner, 10-8-58]

Nevada

New Jersey [Senator Case-Republican Party principles; fund-raising dinner]

New Mexico

New York (1)(2) [National Committee for a Representative Congress; Young Republican newsletter; using DDT to control gypsy moth; Citizens for Eisenhower Conference, 1956; Washington Caravan, 1956; newsletter of National Republican Club, 1955; Women's National Republican Club]

33 North and South Carolina [correspondence re invitations to speak]

North and South Dakota [notes on North Dakota election, 1960; Roy Houck for Governor Committee; eggs thrown at Benson in South Dakota; political situation in Dakotas]

Ohio [Republican Regional Conference, 1957; farm problems in Ohio; fund-raising dinner]

Oklahoma [agricultural plank for Republican platform, 1960]

Oregon [articles on Benson speech, 10-2-58; memo on barter program and zirconium; Potato Festival; articles on Benson speech in Portland, 2-2-56]

Pennsylvania [notes on Governor George M. Leader; correspondence re various invitations to speak; Congressman Saylor re speaking engagement; 1956 conventions]

Tennessee

SUBSERIES Z. SPEECHES, STATEMENTS

Speech-Cathedral of Pines, Rindge, N.H. [two poems used by Benson]

Spotlight-Battle Line [newsletter on marketing U.S. agricultural exports; RNC newsletter re record of Congress, 1958]

Policy Statements, 2/53 and 3/54 (1)-(4) [1952 Republican platform; Inaugural Address; State of the Union Message; messages on agriculture; "Chance for Peace" Speech; excerpts from Eisenhower's campaign speeches with comments on agriculture, price supports, conservation, and co-ops; statement on agricultural policy, 3/54; summary of Agricultural Act of 1954; statement by Benson; recommendations for new farm program; President's speech at Lincoln Day Supper; USDA press releases re corn markets, cotton production, dairy situation, flexible price supports, price controls, agricultural trade and technical assistance, turkey marketing, two-price plan for wheat; farm income and prices; farm balance sheet; farm output; farm exports; farm methods; USDA programs; research; conservation; cooperatives; price support commodities; 1954 crop production]

Press Conference-Final Statement by Secretary Ezra Taft Benson [1-17-61]

Highlights of Talk Before Washington, D.C. Rotary Club, December 14, 1960

Statements, 1953-1954 (1)-(3) [notes for speech to high school students; radio address, 10-30-54; speeches at dairy show and poultry dinner; notes or outline for political speech; agricultural accomplishments; farm program; Memorial Day speech; notes for speech to National Cannery Asso.; notes for Kate Smith Show, 5-19-54; foreign agricultural trade missions; article on soil conservation; remarks, 5-4-54; speech on agricultural programs, 10-12-54; notes re USDA accomplishments, objectives, and problems; radio broadcast re farm programs and price supports; statement in paper on future of agriculture; article by Benson, "Technical Services for Soil and Water Conservation;" statement to Republican Women's Conference, 4-8-54; transcript for recording re dairy industry; message to Midwest Feed Manufacturers Asso., 2-19-54; message to National Agricultural Workers Union;

excerpts of remarks to U.S. Chamber of Commerce conference, 1-28-54; article, "An All-American Farm Policy;" article, "Sounder Farm Programs;" television statement by Benson, 1-11-54, re agricultural programs]

- 34 Statements, 1953-1954 (4)-(7) [radio address on agricultural program, 1-11-54; speech for use in Iowa; points to discuss re soil and water conservation; message to Tobacco Advisory Committee, 11-13-53; transcript of press conference, 11-2-53; message to Grange, Oct. 1953; plan to reorganize USDA; article, "Let us Keep America Strong-and Free;" memo on inter-governmental barter; article on cotton; draft article for Life on direct price supports on cattle; statement on political and spiritual climate in Washington; PMA State committees; National Vegetable Week; statements on importance of agriculture and 4-H; outline of remarks to Business Advisory Council, 6-24-53; wildlife; handicapped; remarks for luncheon at Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Maryland, 5-26-53, and booklet on tour of Center with President; cotton policy; farm youth; excerpts from remarks to conference of Republican Women, 4-24-53; basic objectives of farm policy; outline of speech to Women's Press Club, 4-16-53; outline of speech to Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce; article on cotton, 3-31-53; statement to Cattle Growers, 3-31-53; Armed Forces Day; memo re reorganization of Research, Extension, and Land-Use Group; speech to Advertising Council, 3-24-53; notes and outline for speech to Press Club, 3-24-53; remarks to National 4-H breakfast, 3-9-53; proposed organizational changes in USDA; outline and statement and proposed answers for press conference, 1-21-53; message to National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; price controls]

Short, Informal Statements and Notes, 1955 (1)-(3) [notes for speech on farm policy to Republican National Committee, 12-1-55; talk to Agricultural Outlook Conference, 11-28-55; notes for speech to Cleveland Farmers Club, 11-23-55; notes for remarks to U.S.-Canadian Wheat Conference, 10-20-55; remarks to Conference on use of antibiotics in agriculture, 10-18-55; notes on hog situation; proposed statement for newsreel interview with Gen. Christenberry, American-Korean Foundation, 10-25-55; statements in France and Britain; remarks to Russian delegation, 8-22-55; farm safety; notes for remarks to 4-H Club Camp, 6-20-55; questions and answers for dinner speech, 5-23-55; speech outline for Republican Women's Conference, 5-10-55; talk on national problems, 4-15-55; talks in Trinidad and Virgin Islands; remarks to Boy Scout Breakfast and conservation award, 2-8-55; outline for remarks to ASC Committee men: flexible vs. rigid price supports; two price plan for wheat, remarks on teamwork; conservation re atomic energy in agriculture]

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agricultural attaches of foreign governments, 3-26-57; outline for speech to Hawaiian Legislature, 3-22-57; outline and notes for speech, "What an Administrator Expects of a Personnel Director," 3-8-57; remarks to Alpha Zeta, 2-21-57; statement on signing PL 480 agreement with Brazil, 12-31-56; legislative leaders, 12-12-56; Goshen, Indiana, Republican barbecue, 9-13-56; Union Mills, Indiana, 9-13-56; briefing notes and welcome for meeting with Japanese Wheat Delegation, 9-7-56; statement re PL 480 agreement with India; questions and answers re agricultural programs, recorded at Kalamazoo, 8-28-56; ASC meeting, 7-6-56; outline and notes for speech at National 4-H Club Camp; remarks re federal meat inspections, 6-6-56; statement re PL 480 agreement with Austria, 2-7-56; notes for remarks to CSS Commodity Office Directors, 1-23-56]

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Informal Statements and Notes, 1959-1960 (1)-(4) [statements at end of term, January 1961; Benson calls Rockefeller the strongest GOP candidate, July 1960; Benson statement criticizing Democratic platform agricultural program; recommendations of National Agricultural Advisory Commission and Benson's notes for press conference re NAAC, 6-7-60; statement re PL 480 agreement with Israel; article on farming by year 2000, 11-25-59; PL 480 agreement with India; statement at press conference in Delhi, India, 9-18-59; remarks at Agricultural Research Center, 9-16-59; statement for New Farm Radio program, 8-11-59; wheat program; statement to Food and Agriculture Organization re "Food for Peace", 6-17-59; notes for speech re electric co-ops, 6-16-59; remarks at opening of National 4-H Center, 6-16-59; wheat legislation; greetings for President Sukarno, 6-1-59; Egg Conference, 5-18-59; comments on congressional report critical of farm programs; statement to Farm News Editors, 5-4-59; statement to Senate Agriculture Committee, 2-16-59; statement on wheat and analysis of Albert Bill; remarks at opening of Science Fair exhibits, 4-23-59; REA; Republican Committee on Program and Progress; dairy price supports; remarks at Fairleigh Dickinson University, 2-20-59; speech by Meade Alcorn, RNC chairman, 1-22-59; remarks at Visual Workshop, 1-26-59; Benson comments on budget and agriculture programs, 1-23-59; notes for Ohio Farmers Breakfast]

Articles & Statements-Secretary Benson, 1953 (1)(2) [index to articles and statements; general statements and introductions; soil conservation; cotton policy; dairy programs; interview of Benson in Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry, 8-5-53; statement re new political and spiritual climate in Washington, 8-27-53; Successful Farming interview with Benson, 10-13-53; adult education; livestock

situation; nation's farm problem]

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- 36 Articles & Statements-Secretary Benson, 1955 (1)-(4) [index to articles and statements; farm programs and price supports; "The Role of the Land-Grant College in Agriculture;" "Drought and Dust Storms on the Southern Great Plains;" interview for Farm and Ranch; answers to questions from Yakima Morning Herald, 3-22-55; agricultural research; cotton; REA; "What is Ahead for Agriculture," 5-12-55; "The Challenge of Rural Teaching," June 1955; answers to questions re wheat for Rocky Mountain News, 6-23-55; accomplishments in agriculture; agricultural surpluses; cotton; answers to farmers' questions, Aug. 1955; article on duties of Mormons to respect governments and laws, 8-15-55; "Research Builds Markets;" "How Rural Life Develops Character;" agricultural fairs; Scripps-Howard interview, 10-25-55; dairy surplus; trade flow; "Farm Exports and the U.S. Foreign Trade Policy;" scouting; statement on agriculture in Nation's Business, 11-28-55; food service industry; statement on ethics for National Council of Churches]

Articles & Statements-Secretary Benson, 1956 (1)-(4) [index to articles and statements; off-the-record remarks to Cattleman's Asso., 1-10-56; agricultural progress, 1953-1956; speech given in Missouri, 10-10-56; Christmas Message; statement to Time Magazine, 11-29-55; problems facing agriculture; outlook for 1957; radio interview, 12-27-56; PL 480 agreement with Brazil; accomplishments of Eisenhower Administration, also dangers and objectives; draft for Eisenhower birthday speech]

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Statements and Articles by ETB, 1958 (1)-(3) [index to articles and statements; greetings, introductions, general statements re the agricultural situation; tree planting

and conservation; answers to questions from Capper's Farmer; transcript of recorded interview for Episcopal Church radio program, 1-31-58; article on agriculture in Israel; statement for CBS TV recording re farm programs, 2-21-58; dairy industry; soil stewardship; statement for "Christianity Today" re ethical goals for agricultural policy, 7-10-58; tobacco; cotton; memo re National Day of Prayer; questions and answers re agriculture for High School papers, 9-26-58; biography of Benson for encyclopedia, includes list of articles by Benson, 11-20-58; statement re favorite Bible passage]

- 37 Statements-Secretary Benson, 1959 (1)-(4) [index to articles, statements, and messages; greetings and general statements on agricultural situation; farm labor; inflation; "What the Department of Agriculture Does for You;" "Past Failures Demand Realistic Farm Program Changes," 3-10-59; comments on President's economic report; message re Israel; statement at Cabinet Meeting re World Agriculture Fair, New Delhi, India, 7-17-59;"The Revolution in Farming;" cotton; "American Cotton Pricing Policies;" answers to questions for Successful Farming, Oct. 1959; article for Cooperative Digest re third agricultural revolution, 11-12-59; agriculture in Russia, Yugoslavia, and Poland]

Statements, etc.-Secretary Benson, 1960 (1)(2) [index to articles, statements, and messages; "Agricultural Outlook in 1960;" answers to questions from Western Farm Equipment with comments on Soviet farm machinery, 1-7-60; summary of statement, "Chemicals and Foods," 1-16-60; statement for USIA election packet; livestock health; statement on PL 480 agreement with Poland; comments on distortions and misinformation by political candidates; statement at news conference, 4-27-60; statement on PL 480 agreement with India; comments on agricultural plans of Democratic Farm Policy Advisory Committee, 5-11-60; interview by Christian Science Monitor re farm programs and political campaign, 6-6-60; article for Catholic Rural Life; cotton; answers to questions from Greek newspapers, 10-14-60; statement favorable to Governor Rockefeller]

"What They Do for You" (Cabinet Members) [Parade article, 4-12-59]

Some Significant Press Releases & Statements, 1953 [agricultural policy; foreign agricultural trade and technical assistance; research and education; plan to reorganize USDA]

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Some Significant Press Releases & Statements, 1955 [trip to Caribbean-Latin America; soil conservation; Benson critical of "political propaganda" in House Committee report; drought problems; conference on use of antibiotics in agriculture; milk programs; new farm program highlights]

Some Significant Press Releases & Statements, 1956 [Organization for Trade

Cooperation; PL 480 agreement with India; response to criticism by Adlai Stevenson; price supports; PL 480 agreement with Spain; PL 480 agreement with Brazil]

Some Significant Press Releases & Statements, 1957 [price supports; rural development; foreign trip itinerary; Benson's response to speculation as to whether he is a political asset or liability; Conservation Reserve; food donation programs; dairy price supports]

Some Significant Press Releases & Statements, 1958 [summary of USDA activities in 1957; response to untrue statements re various farm programs; farm income and prices; Rural Life Sunday; soil and water programs; 4-H Club Conference; farm legislation; PL 480; price supports; cotton; potatoes; Humane Slaughter Advisory Committee; wheat; comments on election results]

Some Significant Press Releases & Statements, 1959 (1)(2) [farm dilemma; Rural Life Sunday; Food for Peace Conference; Rural Development; wheat legislation; foreign trip plans; Benson's remarks on visit by Khrushchev to Agricultural Research Center, 9-16-59; itinerary and report for European trip; "Essential Aspects of a Sound Farm Program;" PL 480 agreement with India; cranberry sales campaign; Benson-gall bladder operation]

- 38 Some Significant Press Releases & Statements, 1960(1)(2) [PL 480 agreement with Israel; dairy support prices; statement on "Chemicals and Foods;" PL 480 agreement with Poland; remarks by Benson re peanut grading; Symington Subcommittee investigating CSS official; agricultural exports; Benson responds to misleading and distorted statements re agriculture by political candidates; background statements on food availability and food stamp plan; clarifying statement re what surplus foods are sold or donated to foreign countries; indemnity program to cranberry growers; PL 480 agreement with India; remarks re REA; criticism of agriculture plans of the Democratic Farm Policy Advisory Committee, 5-11-60; report on current agricultural situation, incl. past accomplishments and problems; statement supporting candidacy of Governor Rockefeller; Benson reports on market development trip to Europe and Middle East, 8-18-60; Benson comments on report by Senate Subcommittee on operations of the Commodity Credit Corporation; price supports; Mexican Farm Labor Program; PL 480 Agreement with Syria; Rural Development Program; statement re defeat of Nixon; report on trip to South America; Pacific trade trip; 4-H]

Some Significant Press Releases & Statements, 1961 [statement at final press conference, 1-17-61; agricultural exports in 1960]

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White House, 1959 (1)(2) [import quotas; cotton; Committee on Price Stability for Economic Growth; balance of payments problems as related to agricultural programs; Commodity Credit Corporation barter program; Food for Peace; hog prices; Committee on Government Activities Affecting Prices and Costs]

White House, 1958 [disaster programs, 1954-1958; humane slaughter of animals; Eisenhower's message re Senate Joint Resolution 162; Welsh Commission]

White House, 1956-1957 [dairy price supports; legislative recommendations; corn and hog prices; REA; water rights study committee; Organization for Trade Cooperation; Great Plains wind erosion]

White House, 1955 (1)(2) [distribution of commodities to family units; wheat referendum; effects of frost in Southern States; cost-price squeeze; Social Security for farm workers; emergency assistance in drought areas; farm prices, ownership, and income]

White House, 1953-1954 [conservation; order of succession to Secretary]

SUBSERIES D. Cabinet

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Cabinet, 1959 (1)-(4) [commodities; Conservation Reserve; article on federal budget by Maurice Stans; statement on public debt management by Sec. of Treas. Anderson; legislation; interest rates]

- 39 Cabinet, 1957-1958 (1)(2) [taxation of farmer cooperatives; Packers and Stockyards Act; Agricultural Act of 1958-commodities; flour and corn meal; barter program; legislative recommendations of the President; comments on Benson's proposed trip to Japan in Canadian Parliament]

Cabinet, 1955-1956 [Farm Credit system; School Milk Program; Agricultural Act of 1956; bulletin, "Facts Important to Farmers and You"]

Cabinet, 1953-1954 (1)(2) [price supports; the Agricultural Act of 1954; memo re measures taken to turn economic activities over to private enterprise; government organization; water and soil conservation; legislative program]

SUBSERIES E. SENATE

Senate, 1960 [criticism of agricultural policies; Cuban sugar quota; cranberry situation]

Senate, 1959 (1)(2) [cotton; grain inspection; Conservation Reserve; remarks by Benson at devotional service of American Asso. of School Administrators Annual Convention, 2-14-60; REA; surplus commodities; grading lamb; inspecting poultry; National Forest program; tariffs; assistance for apple industry]

Senate, 1958 [Stabilization and Conservation program; Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954; PL 480; humane slaughter of livestock; cotton; commodities; farm income and exports; Benson statement on farm income and prices]

Senate, 1957 (1)(2) [barter policy; Benson statement on farm policy, 5-15-57; price supports and production controls; Benson statement on agricultural developments and problems; humane slaughter of livestock; farm bill; statement by Benson re favorable developments in agriculture]

Senate, 1956 [watershed program; school milk program; barter program; meat grading system; cotton program; livestock industry; quantity and cost of surplus commodities donated for domestic use; farm bill]

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40 Senate, 1954 [Agricultural Act of 1954; laws authorizing lending activities]

Senate, 1953 (1)(2) [cattle situation; speech by Senator Bennett, "The Story Behind the Attacks on Secretary Benson," 10-27-53; agricultural policy; organization of USDA]

SUBSERIES F. REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives, 1960 [sugar quotas; National School Lunch Program; Fair Labor Standards Act; hogs; tobacco]

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Representatives, 1958 [school lunch program; legislation; price supports; surplus commodities; food stamp plans]

Representatives, 1957 [import quotas and tariffs; Acreage Reserve; statement by Benson to House Committee on Agriculture, 5-16-57, re farm policy; wheat]

Representatives, 1955-1956 [Soil Bank Program; legislation; School Milk Program; soil conservation; wheat program]

Representatives, 1953-1954 [sale of surplus farm products; disaster loans; emergency assistance; barter program; cattle prices; livestock industry; soil conservation; farm program study; dairy price supports]

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41 Associations-Companies, 1960 [agricultural exports; National Restaurant Association]

Associations-Companies, 1959 [National Wool Act; price supports and surplus commodities; memo re political climate in Congress on agricultural issues; American Meat Institute]

Associations-Companies, 1957-1958 [agricultural attaches; Humane Slaughter Bill; National Review critical of Benson]

Associations-Companies, 1955-1956 [farm legislation]

Associations-Companies, 1954 [farm legislation; General Mills executive re wheat crop; cotton program]

Associations-Companies, 1953 [cotton acreage allotments; beef cattle; attitudes of farmers and farm leaders; reorganization of USDA; National Cotton Council]

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Farm Organizations, 1960 [National Council of Farmer Cooperatives protests HEW action re cranberry crop; farmer cooperatives; National Grange; Farm Bureau; Agricultural Hall of Fame]

Farm Organizations, 1959 [taxation of farmer cooperatives; cattle scabies; cotton program; PL 480; wheat program; National Grange; Farm Bureau; wool; poultry industry; price support and adjustment programs]

Farm Organizations, 1958 [correspondence with Farm Bureau, National Grange, and National Council of Farm Cooperatives re poultry, meat packing, FAO, and PL 480]

Farm Organizations, 1956-1957 [correspondence with Farm Bureau, National Grange, and Wisconsin Council of Agriculture Cooperative re surplus commodities, excise taxes, Great Plains Program, dairy products, and wheat]

Farm Organizations, 1954-1955 [correspondence with National Grange and Farm Bureau re meetings and farm program]

Farm Organizations, 1953 [correspondence with National Grange, Farm Bureau, National Farmers Union, and the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives re farm policy, cattle prices and loans, cattleman's caravan, and USDA reorganization]

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Personal Contacts, 1960-1961 [accomplishments during Benson's tenure; Benson comments on anger, understanding, and love; Benson comments on Psalms]

Personal Contacts, 1960 [Benson speech in Delaware, 3-31-60; Food for Peace program; PL 480 and surplus commodities; South American trip; horticultural exposition]

Personal Contacts, 1959 [rural electric cooperatives; Food for Peace; REA; Republican Committee on Program and Progress-task forces; Meade Alcorn, Chairman of RNC; deficiency payment programs; agricultural exports]

Personal Contacts, 1957-1958 [use of national forests for recreation, grazing, and wilderness areas; Harry Bullis-Minneapolis Farm Forum; Pillsbury Mills; Farm Credit Administration; J. Edgar Hoover; Mexican cattle purchase deal]

42 Personal Contacts, 1956 [Bernard Baruch; Benson comments on states' rights; Milton Eisenhower]

Personal Contacts, 1955 (1)(2) [Bernard Baruch comments on farm problem; Milton Eisenhower; draft of Administration's farm objectives, policies and programs;

population decline on farms; USIS press release on Benson and USDA; Herbert Hoover]

Personal Contacts, 1954

Personal Contacts, 1953 [State Dept. report to President on U.S.-Latin American relations; Milton Eisenhower-report on mission to Latin America; Herbert Hoover; Victor Emanuel; USDA reorganization]

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National Agricultural Advisory Commission [correspondence with members of the Commission; list of members; statement by President re the Commission; statement by Commission to the President; President signs Executive Order no. 10472 creating the Commission]

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Farm Program [gypsy moth eradication program; USDA appropriations; statement by Ross Rizley to House Committee on H.R. 7775, 3-4-54; press release from White House and executive order re Agricultural Trade and Development and Assistance Act of 1954; PL 480-sales of agricultural commodities for foreign currencies]

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American Farmer [speech to Farm Bureau by David E. Lilienthal, AEC Chairman, "Atomic Energy and the American Farmer," 12-16-47]

Animal Agriculture [speech by Dr. Karl D. Butler, President, American Institute of Cooperation to Conference on Conservation, Nutrition, and Health, "Builder of Soil and Men," 6-27-48]

Chemurgy [booklet, "Chemurgy and Cooperatives;" report, "Farm Chemurgy"]

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Conservation [article, "Our Changing Land Policy:" remarks, "Is Utah Sahara Bound;" article, "Soil, Sowers and the Church;" booklet, "Poverty or Conservation Your National Problem;" Forest Service report on eliminating sagebrush and planting grass in the Western Range; 1944 memo on Benmore reseeding project in Utah]

Consumption [1940 report by Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, USDA, "The Challenge of Under-Consumption"]

Cooperative Agriculture [1945 letter and remarks re tax status of farm cooperatives; resolution by United Nations Conference on Food and Agriculture, 6-3-43, re

cooperative movements]

Decentralization [1945 press release on the Lyme Foundation and the Hewes Plan for social, economic, and political decentralization]

Economic Position of Farmers [office rules for 1872; brief memo re changes in farmers' economic position]

Economic Principles [1947 economic report of the President; first annual report to the President by Council of Economic Advisers, Dec. 1946; report on under-consumption]

Education-Agricultural [booklet, "Educational Objectives in Vocational Agriculture," 1940]

Extension Service [USDA Report, "Extension Programs, Policies, and Goals," 1948]

Farm Mechanization [one-page summary of report]

Farm Organization [1952 booklet, "American Farmer Top Man on the Economic Totem Pole;" pamphlet on farm and national cooperative organizations; 1945 speech by National Grange leader]

Farm Relief

Farm Surpluses [1949 seminar paper, "Farm Surpluses: Causes and Correctives"]

- 43 Food (1)-(4) [1948 paper re meat prices and supplies and proposal to ration meat; 1947 report on the Marshall Plan and agriculture; report on food shortages, 1945; 1944 report, "Food and Farming-A Postwar Program for New York;" 1943 booklet, "Are We Winning the Battle of Food;" 1943 statement by Benson re subsidies on foodstuffs; 1943 letter by Benson listing food items in which ceiling prices are below support prices, also statistics on butter production and farm wages; 1943 speech on feed situation; annotated outline for speech to Salt Lake Kiwanis Club, 9-30-43, "The National Food Situation;" subsidies by War Food Administration; the "war diet," 1943; report on livestock on farms and crop production, 1932-1943; 1943 reports on U.S. food situation; 1943 paper, "Subsidies and Food;" articles on food shortages and famine in Europe and Russia; notes for and against subsidies; food allocations for civilians, military, and allies, 1943-44; pamphlet, "Food and Feed for a World at War;" report, "Our Food Problem," re price ceilings, inflation, black markets, and subsidies; 1942 report on inflation by National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; 1922 speech on history of price fixing, "Food Control During Forty-Six Centuries"]

General-Agricultural [jokes and anecdotes]

Government [printed materials re democracy and government organization]

Government Control [anti-New Deal, anti-government control statement by a Kansas farmer, c 1938 or 1939; 1946 booklet, "Controlled vs. Uncontrolled Economy;" rent control; problems on the Home Front; memo re White House conference re food production, 1943; printed materials and statements re government controls during World War II and the New Deal]

Heritage-American [booklet, "The American Way of Life: A 1940 Definition;" 1944 speech by Benson, "America, A Choice Land"]

International Organization-Agri. [folder empty]

Land [land-grant colleges; Latter Day Saints and the land; family farms; man's relation to land]

Monopolies [1939 chart on income levels of Americans]

Natural Resources [1958 booklet, "Forest and Flame in the Bible," Bible verses relating to protecting forests]

Policy-Agricultural (1)(2) [booklets, bulletins, speeches, and statements re agriculture in the 1940's]

Population-Agricultural [1944 report on population shifts]

Post-War (1)-(3) [reports, publications, and statements on post-war agriculture, 1944-1945]

44 Post-War (4) [speech and booklet on post-war economy]

Price-Fixing [statements and outlines on wartime price controls]

Prices-Agricultural [1943 memo on agricultural prices; printed booklets on postwar prices and inflation]

Public Domain [article, "The Great Western Land Grab"]

Public Relations [speeches and correspondence re need to educate people about agriculture, 1940's]

Range Problems (1)(2) [statements, articles, papers, and reports on range conditions and reseeding in the inter-mountain region; Benson statement re subsidies and inflation control in relation to food production, 6-9-43]

Rural Life [statements, booklets, and articles re rural life, rural problems, and rural education, early 1940's]

Rural Youth [outline for 1956 speech to 4-H Club Camp; booklets on Future Farmers

of America and youth in rural community]

Statistics [statistics on farm prices and farmer co-op memberships, 1945; international trade; 1944 bibliography of agricultural reports and publications]

Subsidies-Agricultural [correspondence, articles, and booklet re to food subsidies and inflation, 1943]

Talk Outlines-Agricultural (1)-(5) [Benson speech, "Cooperative Goals," 8-22-49; speech outline and notes, "What's Ahead for Agriculture and Farm Coops," 12-7-48; outline for talk, "The Place of Organization in Agriculture," 12-14-45; outlines for talks on farm problems and opportunities, 11-16-45, 1-25-45, and 11-29-44; outlines for talks on farm cooperatives, 1940, 1943, 1944; talk outlines and notes on note cards re agriculture, rural life, problems in America, Latter Day Saints conference, farm cooperatives, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, prices, marketing, and government policy, 1938-1947]

45 Talk Outlines-Agriculture (6) [outlines and notes on note cards re farm cooperatives and agriculture, undated]

Talk Material-General (Agricultural) (1)(2) [National Council of Farmer Cooperatives information bulletins re family farms and farm cooperatives; notes, newsletter, booklets, speech texts, and articles re farm cooperatives, the Grange League Federation, and objectives and problems of cooperatives, 1940's]

Tariffs [article and booklet re tariff protection for farm products, 1945-1946]

U. S. Department of Agriculture [empty folder]

Urban vs. Rural [speech by Raymond W. Miller, President of American Institute of Cooperation, "Both Ends of the Track," 11-29-45]

Utah Agriculture (1)(2) [manuscripts, article, and speech re history of agriculture in Utah, marketing, production, 1942-1947]

Welfare-General [empty folder]

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Agriculture and Cooperatives [empty folder]

American Institute of Cooperation [speech by Benson, "The Challenge of Cooperatives Today," 8-30-51; talk outlines and article re the Institute, 1945-1947]

Articles-Cooperative (1)-(3) [differences between cooperatives and ordinary businesses; articles, speeches, reports, and booklets re cooperatives, government, struggle between Communism and democracy, price controls, agriculture, postwar

objectives of cooperatives, and wartime tests for co-ops, 1943-1951; speech by Benson, "Principles of Cooperation;" articles by Benson, "Co-ops Meet Their Wartime Tests," and "Farm Groups Work Closely with Congress"]

Babcock Series [series of articles commenting on cooperatives, 1940's]

Blue Book (1)-(3) [official yearbooks of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, 1942-1946; as executive secretary of the Council, Benson wrote articles for the volumes for 1942, 1943, and 1944]

46 Blue Book (4) [yearbooks of National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, 1939-1941; 1940 and 1941 volumes have reports by Benson]

Booklets-Cooperative (1)-(4) [articles, brochures, and booklets re farm cooperatives, inflation, subsidies, failures of farmers' cooperatives, farm cooperatives and farm women, consumer cooperatives, cooperative life insurance, and activities of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, 1942-1947]

Church and Cooperatives [1942 article re rural poverty]

Consumer Cooperatives [booklets and pamphlets re consumer cooperatives, 1936-1937, 1941]

Cooperative Digest [the National Magazine of Agricultural Cooperation, issues for August 1940, April 1942, and January 1945]

Directors-Cooperative [director's pledge]

Economic Objectives of Cooperatives [empty folder]

Education-Cooperative [report on farm cooperative education program in Southern California, 1940's]

Family Farm and Cooperatives [1946 speech by Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture]

Farm Credit [statements re agricultural credit, 1941, 1943]

Farmer Cooperatives [statement by John D. Miller, president of National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, 1945]

Government and Cooperatives [article, speech, note, and statement, 1941-1947]

History of Cooperatives [speech and booklet, 1939 and 1952]

Investigation of Cooperatives [report on congressional investigation of consumer cooperative at Greenbelt, Maryland, business complaints about tax exemptions of

cooperatives, attacks on co-ops by Fulton Lewis, Jr., radio commentator, 1947]

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