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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of C.D. (Charles Douglas) Jackson were generated, with a very few exceptions, during his tenure as Special Assistant to the President, February 16, 1953 to March 31, 1954. His area responsibility was loosely defined as international affairs, cold war planning, and psychological warfare. His main function was the coordination of activities aimed at interpreting world situations to the best advantage of the United States and her allies and exploiting incidents which reflected negatively on the Soviet Union, Communist China and other enemies in the Cold War. Jackson's background in psychological warfare during World War II (see finding aid to the C.D. Jackson Papers) prepared him for the task.

As Special Assistant to the President, Jackson worked closely with the Psychological Strategy Board and the Operations Coordinating Board, and served as an official member of the latter. The PSB was authorized by President Truman in June 1951 to coordinate activities which had previously been handled separately by the State Department and the Defense Department. The Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Under Secretary of State, and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency comprised the Board. The PSB's efforts were not notably successful. Shortly after his inauguration President Eisenhower appointed a Committee on International Information Activities to study the matter. The group was referred to as the Jackson Committee after its chairman, William Jackson, although C.D. Jackson was also a member. The Committee recommended that the PSB be abolished and replaced by the OCB, which was accomplished in September 1953. In addition to the representatives from State, Defense and CIA who had served on the PSB, the OCB membership included the Director of the Foreign Operations Administration and the President's Special Assistant for Psychological Warfare. The Special Assistant for National Security Affairs and the Director of the United States Information Agency also were authorized to attend meetings.

The first series of the records of C.D. Jackson consists of PSB and OCB documents. Included are minutes and summaries of meetings, memoranda, and numbered documents which were circulated to members. Most of these documents were prepared by PSB and OCB staff members.

Jackson also had correspondence with other individuals interested in cold war planning, both in and out of government. The Alphabetical/Subject Series of the Jackson records reflects this aspect of his job as well as his role as advisor to the President in such areas as writing major speeches and statements related to the Cold War and in preparing for heads of state conferences.

Both correspondence and subject folders are interfiled in this series. In addition to the numerous letters, cables, memoranda, reports, intelligence summaries and newspaper clippings can be found in this series. Correspondents include high level government officials such as Sherman Adams, Allen Dulles, Robert Cutler, Gordon Gray, Gabriel Hauge, James Hagerty, Henry Cabot Lodge, Walter Bedell Smith, Lewis Strauss, George Kennan, and Nelson Rockefeller. Material from PSB and OCB staff members and correspondence between Jackson and experts and

consultants outside the federal government, such as Walter Rostow of MIT, is filed here, as well as correspondence from representatives of the following groups: Radio Free Europe, Voice of America, U.S. Information Agency, International Information Administration, Committee for Free Asia, Inc., Free World Congress, and World Veterans Federation. Although general public mail was received by PSB and OCB, administrative records in the third series indicate that most such correspondence was destroyed.

The Administrative Series, mentioned above, consists primarily of correspondence logs which indicate the handling of items coming into Jackson's office and classified document receipts and disposal records.

The major topics documented throughout the records of C.D. Jackson are: Korea (armistice, POW's refusing repatriation); Germany (1953 uprisings, food relief); USSR (Stalin's death); satellite Europe (exploitation of unrest); and Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand). Background information on the Bermuda, Berlin and Geneva Conferences is included. Material and drafts relating to the President's statement after Stalin's death, his Chance for Peace speech (April 16, 1953), and his Atoms for Peace speech (December 8, 1953) are also present. Important documents on other topics such as atomic energy, the use of balloons and radio broadcast in propaganda activities, revision of the UN charter and the UN's use as a forum for U.S. ideas, reorganization of international information activities, the forced labor issue, and the Volunteer Freedom Corps proposal can also be found.

The Alphabetical/Subject Series constitutes approximately three-fourths of the collection, with the other two series making up only about one-eighth each. [Arrangement within the first two series is alphabetical by folder title, chronological within the folders. The last series is arranged alphabetically with the exception of the card index of document receipts which is chronological and which is unprocessed and unavailable for research.] At the time of processing it is estimated that approximately forty percent of this collection is security classified, much of it at the Top Secret level.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

March 16, 1902 Born, New York City

1924 A.B., Princeton University

1924-31 President, C.D. Jackson & Co. [marble and stone import business]

1931 Appointment Assistant to President of Time Inc.

1940 President of Council for Democracy

1942-43 Special Assistant to U.S. Ambassador to Turkey [Steinhardt]

1943-44 Deputy Chief, P.W.B., AFHQ

1944-45 Deputy Chief, PWD, SHAEF

1945 Managing Director, Time-Life International

1949 Publisher, Fortune Magazine

1951-52 President, Free Europe Committee

1952 Speechwriter for Dwight D. Eisenhower

1953 Served on Presidents' Committee on International Information Activities (Jackson Committee)

Feb. 16, 1953-
March 31, 1954 Special Assistant to President for International Affairs

1954 U.S. Delegate to Ninth General Assembly, United Nations

1958 Speechwriter and consultant to President Eisenhower

1960 Became publisher of Life Magazine

Sept. 18, 1964 Died, New York City

CONTAINER LIST

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SERIES I: PSB-OCB SERIES. 1953-54

- 1 PSB--American Infantry in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia D-46 [Soviet participation in Korean War]
- PSB--Doctrinal Warfare PSB D-33 [Annex "B", June 29, 1953]
- PSB--Exploitation of Unrest in Satellite Europe [PSB D-45]
- PSB--Korean Contingency Plan
- [PSB--Miscellaneous Memos]
- PSB--Program for Support PSB D-39
- PSB--Stalin's Death-Soviet Lures & Pressures Since; 3/5-25/53, 3/26/53
- PSB Plans for Psychological Exploitation of Stalin's Death
- PSB--Tauey Paper [Use of American Influences in Support of U.S. Objectives in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, June 15, 1953]
- PSB--U.S. Program vis-a-vis the North African Controversies [empty folder]
- [PSB--U.S. Psychological Strategy Based on Thailand D-23]
- OCB--Formosa PSB D-44
- OCB--Implementation Jackson Committee Report
- OCB Minutes (Operations Coordinating Bd. Mar. 1954)
- OCB--Miscellaneous Memos (1)-(4)
- OCB--[Miscellaneous Memoranda] (1)-(3)
- OCB--Organization, Functions, Budget etc.
- OCB Plan to Exploit BW (Bacteriological Warfare) Hoax, Mistreatment, Atrocities, etc.

OCB--Special Staff [Conference notes]

OCB--Technical Panel--International Broadcasting

SERIES II: ALPHABETICAL/SUBJECT SERIES. 1953-54

A [motion pictures and propaganda; International Information Agency]

Albania

Applicants [offers to work on CDJ's staff]

Atomic Energy [Soviet testing, Oppenheimer article]

2 B [Committee for Free Asia, Inc.; Charles Bohlen/USSR; Bad Dais Indochina;
General Koenig of France]

Balloons [Use in Eastern Europe for propaganda and relief]

Banana [partial draft of speech]

Berlin Conference

Bermuda Conference Briefing Book [June, July 1953] (1)-(6)

Bermuda [Conference]

“Brainwashing”

Brownell, Herbert [Rosenberg case]

C [China; James B. Conant on Berlin]

Clippings

Cutler, Robert

D

de Auer, Paul [Hungary, European Movement]

Dean, Gordon [administrative matters]

- 3 Donkin, Mckay AEC [public relations]
- Dulles, Allen
- Dulles, John Foster
- E [Milton Eisenhower and postal rates to Latin America; defense mobilization; organization and functions of NSC]
- F [Senator Flanders and Korea; Cold War; Voice of America; Free World Congress]
- France and E.D.C,
- G [Philippine elections; Homer and Alfred Gruenther]
- Geneva Conference
- George Washington University Psychological Warfare Research; Part I, Essential Background Information
- Germany [June, 1953 uprisings; food relief for East Germany]
- Gray, Gordon [1953]
- Guatemala
- H [Gabriel Hauge on economy and defense burden; Olympics]
- Hagerty, James [forced labor in USSR; opera singer Eleanor Steber; mutual security]
- “Harvard” [revision of UN Charter in 1955]
- Hughes, John C.
- Humphrey, George [loan to Brazil]
- I [empty folder]
- I.I.A. [International Information Administration] [personnel matters]
- I.I.A.--Budget 1954 (1)-(3)
- 4 J [Japan; Walter Judd on communists]

- Johnson, Dr. Robert [McCarthy “book burning” issue; I.I.A.]
- K [Helen P. Kirkpatrick at State]
- Kennan, George [USSR and Eastern Europe, copies of 1948 documents re Germany]
- Korea (1)-(3) [radio broadcasts to Korea; Korean War settlement; prisoners of war refusing repatriation]
- L [Philippines; Latin America; Psychological warfare training; PSB]
- Langelan, George [French impressions of U.S.]
- Lewis, John L. [proposed trip to France]
- Lodge, Amb. Henry Cabot [psychological strategy for U.S. United Nations delegation; communism and human rights]
- Luxembourg Meeting--Mission Chiefs 9/53 [Luxembourg meeting Sept. 18-19, 1953; Vienna meeting Sept. 22-24, 1953--summary minutes]
- M [unreturned merchant vessels lend-leased to USSR]
- Mallon, H.N. [Dallas Council on World Affairs; right-wing propaganda in Texas]
- Middle East [particularly Jerusalem]
- Morgan, George [PSB]
- 5 Movies [use in propaganda; movie industry cooperation]
- N [RIAS radio station in Berlin; Nixon]
- Nagorski-Wierzbianski [Foreign News Services Inc. interviews with escapees from behind the Iron Curtain re effectiveness of U.S. broadcasts; International Federation of Free Journalists]
- O [Oatis case; atomic energy; Robert Oppenheimer]
- Operation smoke screen [Soviet reaction to Four Power Meeting proposal, 1953]
- P [Korean POW's; CDJ's candid letters to Joseph Phillips at State Dept. on various issues; Finland]

Politz Survey [American attitudes toward U.S. intervention in Indo-China and toward Korean situation, Summer 1953]

Prisoner Exchange [Korean and American POWs; Schnur case]

Q [empty folder]

R [Paul Hoffman; Rosenbergs; Technical Cooperation Administration]

Radio Free Asia

RFE [Radio Free Europe]

Rockefeller, Nelson [reorganization of international information activities]

6 Rostow, Walter W. (1) [China, Korea]

Rostow, Walter W. (2) [CENIS group at MIT; foreign policy topics]

Rostow, Walter W. (3) [Bermuda Conference]

Rostow, Walter W. (4) [USSR]

S [Unitel Relay Network Plan; USSR “peace maneuvers”; Stassen and FOA; shipment of antibiotics to Communist countries; Bolivia; Arthur Summerfield speech on foreign policy]

Smith, Gen. Walter Bedell [Ukraine]

Strauss, Lewis

Streibert, T.C. [U.S. Information Agency]

T [forced labor; balloons; Trujillo]

Task Force [Cold War objectives]

Thailand--PSB D-23 [personal matters]

U [UNESCO]

U.S. Information Agency [housing; VOA]

V

- Volkov, Memos re [USSR internal affairs]
- Volunteer Freedom Corps, Corres. re [NSC 143, NSC ad hoc committee headed by Lt. Gen. Willis D. Crittenger]
- W [USSR/China relations; atomic energy; economist Dr. David McCord Wright]
- 7 Washburn, Abbot [Jackson Committee administrative matters; Hubert Humphrey; psychological warfare ideas]
- Wilson, (Electric) Chas. E. [empty folder]
- World Veterans Federation (WVF)
- Y [empty folder]
- Z [empty folder]

SERIES III: ADMINISTRATIVE SERIES

- Log-Correspondence [March-October 1953]
- [Project Notes] (1) (2)
- [Registers re removal or destruction of classified documents; other administrative matters]
- 8 [Index card file] [Record of OCB (PSB) documents receipts for classified material sent from C.D. Jackson's office; miscellaneous receipts] [unprocessed]

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