

EISENHOWER, DWIGHT D.: POST-PRESIDENTIAL PAPERS, 1961-69

1964 SIGNATURE FILE

Series Description

The 1964 Signature File contains materials similar to some of the files in the 1964 Principal File, which was the main office file at Gettysburg. It consists of files which the Gettysburg staff determined were no longer needed for reference. These materials were shipped to the Eisenhower Library in Abilene and organized following the same arrangement pattern as the Principal File. Since the files in this series contained many carbon copies of letters signed by Eisenhower, it was called the "Signature File." Although the bulk of the files consist of correspondence, printed materials, cards, transcripts, and reports can also be found in this series

This series is divided into two parts, a Subject Subseries and an Alphabetical Subseries. The Subject Subseries includes files on gifts the Eisenhower's received, invitations, memberships, politics, public relations, and trips. The public relations folders contain the transcripts of interviews Eisenhower granted in which he discussed such topics as Suez, the Middle East, missile programs, and scientist John von Neumann. There are several folders on Eisenhower's trip to the Republican National Convention in July 1964 as well as frequent references to the presidential campaign, the "stop Goldwater" movement, and the future of the Republican Party.

About half of the Alphabetical Subseries consists of birthday letters and get well messages. There are also numerous references to politics, and there are materials on a bi-partisan appeal by Eisenhower and Stevenson encouraging people to vote. This subseries includes a memo of discussion between Dwight D. Eisenhower and John McCone, an analysis of the developments in the Communist world, and transcripts of Party-to-People Forums where Eisenhower and others discussed such issues as the Berlin Wall, the "missile gap," foreign alliances, and military spending.

The 1964 Signature File contains correspondence with notable individuals, including Lyndon Johnson, Winston Churchill, Sir Anthony Eden, Conrad Adenauer, George Bush, Herbert Hoover, and Senator Barry Goldwater. Although there are references to substantive issues in the interviews, memoranda and correspondence, the bulk of the correspondence in this series deals with routine matters such as gifts, invitations, birthday greetings, get well messages, and autograph requests. Nevertheless, there are occasionally interesting tidbits in the correspondence. In one letter Eisenhower remarks that he briefly worked for Abilene Manufacturing Company about 1910, making steel grain bins. Library staff was not previously aware of this fact. Another item relating to Eisenhower's early career is an issue of the 1931 Cavalry Journal which includes an article he wrote on "War Policies." A number of handwritten and decorated letters from school children to Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower indicate that they had many admirers among the younger generation.

There are no closed or classified documents in this series. Five artifacts have been transferred to the museum, and ten printed items have been transferred to the Book Collection. Sixteen

photographs and one 45 rpm record have been sent to the Audiovisual Collection, and six pages of original documents have been placed in the Preservation File in the vault.

CONTAINER LIST

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Subject Subseries

Box No. Contents

- 1 Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) A [sword; books]
- Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) B (1)(2) [Rose Parade; article re 20th anniversary of D-Day; books]
- Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) C-D (1)(2) [color slides of golf tournament from Freeman Gosden; original clipping on Lincoln assassination; pages from book on Civil War; booklet on Yorktown; books]
- Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) E to G (1)(2) [Milton Eisenhower; journal by sixth grade class; World Vision Magazine; record; books]
- Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) H (1)-(4) [Fred Haney, Los Angeles Angels, gold bat, Halo Award for 1964; books; audio tape; Nevada magazine; script and program for Kansas centennial (1961) show, "The Kansas Story"]
- Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) I [Divine Plan of the Ages from International Bible Students]
- Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) J [pamphlets and fountain pen from Pres. Johnson; books]
- Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) K [books]
- Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) L (1)(2) [dime novel re Wild Bill Hickok from Sigurd Larmon; paper re economic theory; books; medal]
- Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) M (1) [booklet of photographs in tribute to allied forces by Sainte-Marie-Du-Mont and Sainte-Mere-Eglise in France]
- 2 Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) M (2) [booklet, "U.S. Balance of Payments;" books]
- Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) N-O

Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) P [album from Forrest Pogue re dedication of George C. Marshall Research Library]

Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) Palmer Only (Foreword by DDE) (1)-(3) [DDE writes foreword for book by Norman Palmer, Five Star Golf; draft copy of book with a number of handwritten annotations by DDE]

Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) R (1)(2) [invitation and program for Alexander Hamilton Dinner in honor of DDE; books]

Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) S (1)(2) [Schick Safety Razor Co.; book, Our American Presidents by Wynn Seymour; statement by Commander-in-Chief John J. Pershing to members of the A.E.F., Nov. 12, 1918 re surrender of the Germans; Nov.-Dec. 1931 issue of Cavalry Journal with article by DDE, "War Policies;" 1920 menu for Tank Battalion; books]

Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) T-Z [books; devotional]

Gifts from DDE and MDE (GI-2) [cake; flowers; book; golf cart to Wm. Daugherty; monetary donation; wine; golf club to Republican Women's auction; autographed copy of book; evening gown worn by MDE at Ottawa, Canada, Nov. 13, 1953; pepper mill, wine, and soap to Col. Schulz]

Invitations Accepted (IN-1) A-Z [American Legion dedication of new building, 3-14-64; Boy Scout council dinner, 5-18-64; luncheon honoring Congressman Pat Martin; National Railroad Museum-invitation album is in oversize box; luncheon at New York World's Fair, 10-2-64; York County Republican Dinner, 10-5-64]

Invitations Declined (IN-2) A (1)(2)

Invitations Declined (IN-2) B [Belvidere School, Chelmsford, Mass.]

3 Invitations Declined (IN-2) C to M

Invitations Declined (IN-2) M

Invitations Declined (IN-2) P

Invitations Declined (IN-2) S [Jubilee Dinner for Francis Cardinal Spellman]

Invitations Declined (IN-2) U

Memberships (MB) (1)-(4) [Albatross Club; Bermuda Dunes Country Club; proceedings of Conference on World Affairs, Kearney State College, Nebraska; Johns Hopkins Club; Honorary Society of Kentucky Mountain Men; honorary engineer;

National Wildlife Federation; statement made to American Bar Association; statement made to American Security Council re conflict between freedom and communism; Boy Scouts; message on occasion of the 20th anniversary of D-Day; statement supporting Congressman Cliff McIntyre in run for Senate; statement in support of creation of Eisenhower College]

Messages Given by DDE (ME-1) [American Bar Asso.; American Security Council; Freedoms Foundation; 20th Anniversary of D-Day; Cliff McIntyre; liberal arts college]

Private Affairs (PA) [Kansas City bank has cancelled check dated August 27, 1910 made out to DDE for wages from Abilene Manufacturing Co.-made steel bins for storing grain]

Politics (PL) [letter from George Bush to DDE re photo with Ike and campaign for Senate; telegrams re support for Bill Scranton as candidate for president; Mark Hatfield; H. J. Porter urges DDE not to join “stop Goldwater” movement; DDE letter to William E. Robinson re future of Republican Party, basic principles, and approaches to key problems; delegate count for upcoming Republican National Convention]

Public Relations – 1 (PR-1) Name, Use of [Boy Scouts; Eisenhower College]

Public Relations (PR-2) Autographs (1) [“In case of failure” note; Frank Buxton, ABC; Congressman Bill Cahill; letter from Kathleen L. Doud-related to MDE; Columbia Pictures]

- 4 Public Relations (PR-2) Autographs (2) [Clyde Wheeler; Robert Woodruff re “stamped” autograph]

Public Relations (PR-3) Interviews—Kennett Love with DDE re Suez and Middle East Situation, Nov. 25, 1964 [transcript of interview; Suez Crisis; invasion of Egypt; Russian threat; Eisenhower Doctrine; DDE and Eden; DDE comments on book by Herman Finer, Dulles Over Suez, and refers to Finer as a “liar;” Egyptian and Israeli armies; Aswan Dam; DDE told Dulles to inform Eban that the upcoming election and the Jewish vote would have no effect on DDE’s decision; threat of economic sanctions; prior planning between Israel and France and Britain; ceasefire and withdrawal of forces]

Public Relations (PR-3) Interviews [transcript of interview of DDE by William Hines, science editor of Washington Star, 8-27-64, for biography of Dr. John von Neumann re various missile programs, nuclear testing and fallout, AEC, Oppenheimer, Pauling, Smyth, investigation of von Neumann; AP news stories by Marvin L. Arrowsmith and Walter Mears based on interview with DDE re upcoming Republican National Convention, William Scranton, Barry Goldwater, DDE’s role in selection of

presidential candidate, DDE's blueprint for the party, differences with Goldwater, Khrushchev's removal from power, China as a nuclear power; George Romney]

Speeches (SP)

Trips (TR) Republican National Convention, San Francisco, California, July 13-16, 1964-A thru F [telegram critical of DDE using federal troops in Little Rock and sending 7th Fleet to Formosa Strait; Bill Draper re population problem; Gov. Duckworth re brief stop at Clovis, New Mexico; telegram from man apologizing for throwing placard onto platform of DDE's railroad car]

Trips (TR) Republican National Convention, San Francisco, California, July 13-16, 1964 – G thru P [letter of W. B. Little, member of 101st Airborne Div. who met DDE prior to D-Day invasion; correspondence critical of Goldwater and trends in Republican Party; Senator Thruston Morton re luncheon for George Murphy; letter re need for divorce reform]

Trips (TR) Republican National Convention, San Francisco, California, July 13-16, 1964 – Q thru Z [Wm. Scranton; Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Swing; UPI inquiry re DDE contact with Goldwater; Theodore H. White re appointment on July 17]

Trips (TR) Republican National Convention, San Francisco, California, July 13-16, 1964 – Dr. Sivel [sent DDE book, Some Problems of Metropolitan Mass Transportation]

Trips (TR) Republican National Convention, San Francisco, California, July 13-16, 1964 – Speech, DDE, July 14, 1964 [text of speech; origins and basic principles of the Republican Party; differences and dissension in the party; current national problems]

Trips (TR) Republican National Convention, San Francisco, California, July 13-16, 1964 – Miscellaneous (1)(2) ["Republican Physical Fitness Manual"- cartoons of key GOP leaders; binder for Convention with delegate tally sheets]

Alphabetical Subseries

A (1)-(3) [Conrad Adenauer; Floyd Akers; DDE letter to R. Allen re "peaceful coexistence;" draft manuscript by Allen, "Peaceful Coexistence: A Communist Blueprint for Victory;" American Assembly report, "Population Dilemma;" American University-budget, minutes of meetings, reports; Robert Anderson; Army football schedule]

- 5 B (1)-(4) [Don Belding, book, Afterlife; Ray Bliss; Harold Boeschstein; Omar Bradley; Percival Brundage; Dean Burch, information on recent developments in the Communist world and Communist strategy and tactics; Courtney Burton, advertising material for Eisenhower/Stevenson Bi-Partisan Appeal for people to support the party of their choice and to vote; George Bush]

Belding, Don (only) [personal journal of Don Belding, Feb.-Dec. 1964]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) A & B [Robert Anderson; Ezra Taft Benson; Atlee Burpee]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) C [Joel Carlson; Winston Churchill; Mark Clark]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) D & E [Harry Darby; Sir Anthony Eden; Anne, Earl, and Edgar Eisenhower; Senator Ellender]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) F [Douglas Fairbanks; Leonard Finder]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) G [James Gault; Senator Goldwater; Al Gruenther; Homer Gruenther]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) H [James Hagerty; Leonard Hall; Averell Harriman; Mark Hatfield; Wm. R. Hearst, Jr.; Sam Heller; Oveta Culp Hobby; Herbert Hoover; J. Edgar Hoover]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) I & J [Lyndon Johnson]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) K

- 6 Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) L [Sigurd Larmon; Gen. Lemnitzer; Lt. Gen. Lutes]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) M [Kevin McCann; Neil McElroy; Seeley Mudd; DDE quotes a TV comedian, "I am growing no younger"]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) N thru Q [Arthur Nevins; Gen., Norstad; John Olin; Arnold Palmer; J. C. Penney]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) R thru Si [Wm. Robinson; Clarence Schoo; Bernard Shanley]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) Sk thru Sw [Ellis Slater; Dr. Snyder; Maurice Stans; Lewis Strauss; Arthur Summerfield]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) T thru V [Marshal Tedder; Col. Edythe Turner]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) W thru Z [Sinclair Weeks; DDE mentions support for Republican ticket in letter to Clifton White, Citizens for Goldwater-Miller; Ann Whitman; Walter Winchell; Bob Woodruff]

Brown, Mason A. (only) [Jury Commissioner, San Diego County]

C (1)-(3) [Al Capp; Joel Carlson; Earle Chesney- "White House Cartoonist;" Dartmouth College Commencement and Baccalaureate Bulletin for June 14, 1964; Freedom Documents Foundation; Columbia Journalism Review, Spring 1964]

D [DDE letter asking people to vote for Goldwater; Sam Vaughan, Doubleday]

E [things named after DDE; John Eisenhower]

F [Robert Fowler, Civil War Times, May 1964; Clarence Francis]

7 G [Democratic campaign brochure]

"Get-Well" Messages-October 1964 A

"Get-Well" Messages-October 1964 B

"Get-Well" Messages-October 1964 C

"Get-Well" Messages-October 1964 D

"Get-Well" Messages-October 1964 E & F [Rev. Edward L. R. Elson]

"Get Well" Messages-October 1964 F

"Get Well" Messages-October 1964 G [Barry Goldwater]

"Get Well" Messages-October 1964 H (1)(2) [J. E. Hoover]

"Get Well" Messages-October 1964 I & J [Pres. Johnson]

"Get Well" Messages-October 1964 K

"Get Well" Messages-October 1964 L

"Get Well" Messages-October 1964 M (1)(2) [Rev. MacAskill; Louis Marx; Wm. Miller; George Murphy]

"Get Well" Messages-October 1964 N & O

“Get Well” Messages-October 1964 P [R. Pitcairn]

8 “Get Well” Messages-October 1964 R [Dean Rusk]

“Get Well” Messages-October 1964 S (1)(2)

“Get Well” Messages-October 1964 T thru V

“Get Well” Messages-October 1964 W thru Z [John Hay Whitney; Bud Wilkinson]

H (1)-(3) [Joyce Hall; W. R. Hearst-report on President’s Committee for Traffic Safety; Ben Hibbs-Reader’s Digest and future writing plans; guide to Gettysburg Battlefield; schedule for Oct. 22, 1964-funeral of Herbert Hoover; Ralph Gordon Hoxie, Inauguration as chancellor of Long Island University; LBJ campaign publication]

I

J [C. D. Jackson; presidential incapacity; Lyndon Johnson]

K (1)(2) [Jack Kemper-Republican National Committee; John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; Jarold Kieffer re article by DDE in Saturday Evening Post; issue of Der Spiegel, article on Adenauer]

L [Henry Cabot Lodge-Indochina and political atmosphere; Ruby Lucier]

M (1)(2) [Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation report; 1918 newspapers re WW I armistice]

9 M (3)-(5) [John McCone, director of CIA, memo on situation in South Africa, memo of discussion (DDE and McCone) re budget, government spending, U.S. troops in Europe, and government organization, Dec. 31, 1963; Neil McElroy; letters from 4th grade students; doodle of eagle; Karl Mundt re presidential campaign]

N & O [Clifford Nelson-American Assembly; correspondence re political situation; DDE visit to Normandy cemetery; Floyd Odlum; song re George Allen]

P [People-to-People; George Price-congressional campaign]

Party-to-People Forums (Robert E. Merriam, Moderator) [proceedings or transcript of forum, 3-31-64, panel includes DDE and Gerald Ford, comments on national security, prestige of the U.S. in 1960, increased military spending, bomber gap and missile gap, treaties with Russia, 1955 summit in Geneva, Gen. DeGaulle, alliances, Berlin wall, criticism of Democratic administration; proceedings of forum, 6-15-64, panel

includes DDE, Walter Judd, and Claire Booth Luce, comments on foreign alliances, U.S. leadership, U.S. willingness to defend Europe, brinkmanship, Alliance for Progress, Korean War, Communist China, "I believe that we can defeat communism," foreign aid, Vietnam War]

R (1)-(3) [Free Europe Committee report for 1963; Edward Rickenbacker; report on rural improvement and political development]

S (1)-(4) [children's letters to MDE; program, menu, and list of people who attended the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner, Oct. 18, 1961.; Murray Snyder]

10 T

U

V

W (1)(2) [presidential message Eisenhower had sent from the Atlas Satellite]

Y & Z

Unidentifiable

11 Gifts Given to DDE or MDE (GI-1) P [oversize brochure on George C. Marshall Research Foundation]

Invitations Accepted (IN-1) A-Z [invitation album re National Railroad Museum dedication of the "DDE" locomotive from England]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) K [very large card from fraternity in Gettysburg]

Birthday Letters-1964 (Friends) M [large birthday card]

I [record, "Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln"]

W (1) [oversize programs for Congressional Medal of Honor Dinner, 10-1-64]

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