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HELLER, SAM R. Papers, 1948-68

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The papers of Sam R. Heller were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by his wife Dorothy Heller in May 1971. Additional material was received from his business associate Kenneth Olsen in May 1981.

Linear feet: -1
Approximate number of pages: 250
Approximate number of items: 200

Barbara Heller, daughter of Sam R. Heller, signed an instrument of gift for the papers on February 23, 1992. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Sam R. Heller in this collection and in all other collections of papers received by the National Archives have been donated to the public. Under terms of the instrument of gift, the following classes of items are withheld from research use:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Sam R. Heller (1892-1969) was born in the Pearl community southeast of Abilene, Kansas. He attended high school at Chapman, Kansas, and served in the navy in World War I. In 1927 he became an officer of the United Trust Company of Abilene, and was a business and civic leader in Abilene for the rest of his life. He was active in the Eisenhower Foundation which helped build the Eisenhower Museum, and served as its president from 1955 to 1969. Heller was also a friend of Dwight D. Eisenhower and helped make arrangements for Eisenhower's visits to Abilene.

The papers of Sam R. Heller pertain to his friendship with Dwight D. Eisenhower and to his interest in the Eisenhower Museum. The material was received at the Eisenhower Library in two shipments. The first shipment was received from Mrs. Dorothy Heller in May 1971. This consists of electrostatic copies of Sam Heller's personal correspondence with Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower, and a number of photographs relating to the dedication of the Eisenhower Museum. The original documents were returned to Mrs. Heller after being copied by the Eisenhower Library staff.

The second shipment was received from Kenneth Olsen, Mr. Heller's business associate at the United Trust Company, in May 1981. It contains information on the construction and dedication of the Eisenhower Museum, some miscellaneous social correspondence, and printed tourist literature which Mr. Heller collected. Of particular importance is an account of Mr. Heller's visit to the White House in December 1954.

CONTAINER LIST

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Correspondence 1951-54 [fundraising for museum]

Correspondence 1955-57 [dedication of museum; Fort Larned, Kan]

Correspondence 1958-68

Photographs

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Eisenhower Museum 1948-56 (1) (2)

Miscellaneous Correspondence [Louis Marx family; Heller's visit to White House, Dec. 1954]

Tourist Literature (1) (2)

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