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BERG, AARON W.: Papers, 1947-72

The papers of Aaron W. Berg, Executive Chairman, National Committee Columbia University Alumni for Eisenhower and Committee for the Eisenhower Program, were deposited in the Eisenhower Library by Mr. Berg in December 1971. Additional papers were received from Mr. Berg's estate in January 1980.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1.0
Approximate number of pages: 2,000
Approximate number of pages: 1,000

An instrument of gift for these papers was signed by Mr. Berg in January 1972. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Mr. Berg in these papers and in other collections of papers at the Eisenhower Library passed to the people of the United States upon Mr. Berg's death in 1979.

Under terms of the instrument of gift the following classes of documents are withheld from research use:

1. Papers relating to family and private business affairs.
2. Papers relating to the family and private business affairs of persons who have had correspondence with Mr. Berg.
3. Papers relating to investigations of individuals or to appointments or personnel matters.
4. Papers containing statements made by or to Mr. Berg in confidence unless the reason for the confidentiality no longer exists.
5. All other papers which contain information or statements that might be used to injure, harass, or damage any living person.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Aaron Berg, lawyer and graduate of Columbia University in New York City, was active in university alumni affairs. In 1952 he and other alumni organized the National Committee Columbia University Alumni for Eisenhower. Their stated purpose was to tell the positive story of Eisenhower's role at Columbia and to solicit financial and voting support for General Eisenhower. After the election, the committee continued to function in order to help revitalize and expand the Republican party. Periodically, it compiled a grass-roots report which evaluated Eisenhower's program and performance as president.

In 1956, the committee was reformed as the Committee for the Eisenhower Program. The new organization was dedicated to Eisenhower's re-election or, if the president decided not to run, to the election of someone who would carry out Eisenhower's programs. The hostility and resistance which the committee encountered from the Republican party led to the committee's dissolution in the summer of 1957.

The papers of Aaron Berg were received at the Eisenhower Library in two major shipments. The first shipment arrived in 1971 and consisted of Mr. Berg's files as Executive Chairman of the National Committee Columbia University Alumni for Eisenhower and the Committee for the Eisenhower Program. Most of the documents consisted of replies, from Columbia University alumni and others, to letters sent out by Mr. Berg and members of his two committees seeking support, contributions, and suggestions for the 1952 and 1956 campaigns and for Eisenhower's programs. In addition, there is material relating the committees. The shipment also contained a few items concerning the work of the Committee for the Defense of the Constitution by Preserving the Treaty Power, which opposed the Bricker Amendment.

The second shipment was received from Mr. Berg's estate in 1980, and consisted of his personal correspondence with Dwight D. Eisenhower and members of Eisenhower's staff. Most of the letters relate to Mr. Berg's activities in Republican politics and his efforts to raise support among Columbia University alumni for Eisenhower's programs. Eisenhower's side of the correspondence is located in the Pre-Presidential Papers, the Name Series of the Ann Whitman File, the White House Central Files, and the Post-Presidential Papers.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

July 4, 1903	Born in New York City
1924	B.A., Columbia College
1927	L.L.B, Columbia University
1927-29	Associated with law firm of Wise and Seligsberg
1928	Admitted to practice before the New York Supreme Court
1929-37	Associated with law firm of Feiner and Skutch
1937-?	Member of law firm of Glickstein and Berg
1950s-1970s	Member of the law firm of Aaron Berg
1979	Died
Other Affiliations:	Columbia University Alumni National Committee Columbia University Alumni for Eisenhower Committee for the Eisenhower Program Committee for the Defense of the Constitution

CONTAINER LIST

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