

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LIBRARY
ABILENE, KANSAS

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Oral History Program Files, 1962-1991

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The oral history administrative records were retired from use between 1972 and 1990 and transferred to the manuscript collection in 2016. Documents in this collection were created as government records, part of Record Group 64 Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, and are in the public domain.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

In 1960 the Columbia University Oral Research Office approached President Eisenhower seeking to put in charge of oral history interviews of key members of the Eisenhower Administration. By October 1962 Columbia had not been able to secure funding for the project so the Director of the Eisenhower Library made plans to start an in-house oral history program. Beginning in 1963 the staff began interviewing Abilene, Kansas residents who either knew the Eisenhower family or were part of the Eisenhower Foundation. They began plans to assist Columbia in moving forward with their part of the oral history program. Library staff drafted a list of potential interview subjects from the Eisenhower administration and devised a strategy for fundraising.

Columbia began their first interviews for the project in 1966 after securing a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Columbia sent copies of transcripts and tapes from their Eisenhower Project interviews to Abilene, the first batch arriving in 1967. Additional grant funding to continue the project came from an NEH and from contracts with the National Archives and Records Administration.

With the Columbia University project winding down in the 1970s, the scope of the Eisenhower Library program was expanded. The library hired two oral historians, Mac Burg and Tom Soapes, and expanded the program budget to include interview trips across the country and as well as to Europe and to British Columbia, Canada. A workflow for support staff was devised that allowed more oversight for the program and the ability to check on the processing progress for individual interviews.

Documents in this collection are arranged into the following series: Administrative Files, Interview Trip Files, Interview Processing Files, Columbia University Oral History Research Office, Supporting Documents, and Index Card Files. Documents are arranged alphabetically within each each series. Acronyms NLE and DDEL that appear in these files, both refer to the Eisenhower Library.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: Administrative Files

Boxes 1-2

This series consists of records relating to the beginning and implementation of the Eisenhower Library oral history program. Documents in the series include planning documents, lists of potential interviewees, status reports, correspondence, memoranda, and background materials used for researching topics and compiling lists of interviewees.

Series II: Interview Trip Files

Box 2-3

This series consists of planning materials for oral history interview trips. Documents in the files include background information on interviewees, plans for hotels and transportation, itineraries, and other related documents

Series III: Interview Processing Files

Boxes 3

This series includes information on how the library staff produced use copies of tapes, transcribed the interviews, obtained Gift of Personal Statement (GPS) forms or deeds of gift, and made the interviews ready for use by researchers. Also included are quarterly and monthly reports on the activities of the oral history staff from 1972 through 1990.

Series IV: Columbia University Oral History Research Office

Box 3-4

In 1967 the Eisenhower Library began receiving oral history transcripts and tapes from the Columbia University Oral History Research Office. In 1969 Archivist of the U.S. James Rhoads signed a formal contract to support the Eisenhower Project at Columbia and formalize the exchange of materials. This contract was renewed in 1971. In 1982 many of the Columbia transcripts were microfilmed by Microfilming Corporation of America. This series consists of correspondence, memoranda, lists, and other related documents.

Series V: Supporting Manuscripts

Box 4

This series contains correspondence and other supporting materials received from individuals who were interviewed by the oral history staff or the Columbia University Oral History Research Office. Documents include correspondence, background documents, interviews not conducted by the Eisenhower Library.

Series VI: Index Card Files

Boxes 5-8

This series consists of a card index created in 1972 which was used to identify persons as potential oral history subjects. The cards are divided into three groups: a geographic index, a name index and an index to subjects, relationships or positions held by the individual. The geographic index is arranged by state or Canadian province. Countries are filed alphabetically with the states. For instance, cards for Argentina would be filed between those for Alabama and Arkansas.

Some cards have annotations regarding sources of more information about the person named on that card, primarily *Who's Who in America*. Some cards list the *White House Staff Book*, a biographical publication of members of Eisenhower's staff that is available in our research room and on the Library web page. The subject and geographic card sometimes refer back to the name cards, calling them address cards. References to 'Carol's address file' relate to a temporary file kept by the administrative staff that no longer exists. The oral history solicitation file is an internal Library file mentioned occasionally but not available for researcher use.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder Title</u>
1	Series I: Administrative Files
	Abilene, Kansas; Kansas City, and Colorado Interview Prospects
	Accession of Interviews (1)-(2) [see also the Columbia University Series]
	Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley [1967-1983; Earl Warren oral history project]
	Citizens for Eisenhower, Names of State Chairmen
	Compiling a Prospect File for the NLE Oral History Project
	Correspondence and Memoranda, 1963-1967
	Correspondence and Memoranda, 1968-1974
	Correspondence and Memoranda, 1975-1979
	Eisenhower for President Movement [includes DDE biographical timeline]
	Eisenhower Foundation - Notes
	Eisenhower White House Staff Reunion Mailing List
	Equipment
	Five-Year Plans
	Oral History Administration (1)-(3)
	Oral History Association
	Oral History in the Presidential Libraries [by William W. Moss, March 1971, John F. Kennedy Library]
	Oral History Procedures [includes background information from Truman Library]
	Oral History Register
2	Platforms of the Political Parties in Kansas, 1946

Prospective Interviewees (1)-(3)

Salina Bicentennial Oral History Interview Project: Mary Jarvis

Soapes, Thomas F., Correspondence and Records of Phone Conversations

Status Reports, 1978

Systems Analysis Questionnaire, 1974

West Point Class of 1915 [1972 class newsletter]

Series II: Interview Trip Files

City Maps for Trips (1) [maps and guides for Washington, DC]

City Maps for Trips (2) [maps and guides for Ann Arbor, Michigan; San Antonio, Texas; Seattle and Tacoma, Washington; Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia; ferry maps and schedules for the Puget Sound area]

David Horrocks: New York Project

Material to be Taken on Oral History Trips [museum and library brochures and photographs]

Oral History Travel [memoranda, lists, itineraries, 1971-1977]

Washington, D.C. Area Prospective Interviewees

Trip: Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, April 17-25, 1972 (North Carolina Cancelled)

Trip: Southern Pines, North Carolina; Washington, D.C.; Gettysburg Trip, July 14-23, 1972

Trip: Washington, DC and Gettysburg Trip, August 14-19, 1972

Trip: Texas: Dallas, Austin, Houston, Brownsville, November 1972

Trip: Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, December 1972 [trip actually took place in January 1973]

Trip: U.S.S.R, France, England, and Scotland, July 5-August 7, 1973 (1)-(2)

Trip: Washington, DC and Gettysburg, October 14-20, 1973

Trip: Pullman, Washington, Pacific Northwest Trip, April 9-29, 1974

Trip: Washington, DC, August 11-21, 1974

Trip: Washington, DC, November 11-24, 1974

Trip: New York City, May 11-20, 1975

Trip: Salt Lake City, May 20-21, 1975

Trip: Boise, Seattle, Portland, August 18-26, 1975 (Palo Alto Cancelled)

Trip: Asheville and Southern Pines, North Carolina October 23-28, 1975

Trip: Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, December 16-21, 1975

Trip: Detroit, Ann Arbor, and South Bend, March 30-April 2, 1976

Trip: Louisville, Kentucky; Athens, Georgia; and Florida, May 23-30, 1976

Trip: Phoenix, Tuscon, El Paso and San Antonio, May 24-28, 1976 (Cancelled)

Trip: New York City, June 20-24, 1976

Trip: Phoenix, Los Angeles, and Seattle, July 18-29, 1976

3 Trip: Washington, DC and New York City, August 15-27, 1976

Trip: Hartford, Connecticut; Cambridge, Massachusetts; Newark, New Jersey, November 7-17, 1976

Trip: New York City and Washington, DC, February 22-March 5, 1977

Trip: Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, April 25-May 5, 1977

Trip: Chicago, Washington, DC, and Louisville Trip, October 3-7, 1977

Series III: Interview Processing Files

Editing Priorities

Eisenhower Oral History Projects - Status Boards

Guide to Editing Oral History Transcripts

Monthly and Quarterly Reports (1)-(2)

Oral History Checklist, Interviews and their Progress Up to 1981 (1)-(4)

Oral History Processing Procedures

Tapes – Duplication and Use Restrictions

Training Tape

4 **Series IV: Columbia University Oral History Research Office** (see also Oral History Administration folders in Box 1)

Columbia University Oral History Research Office, undated memoranda

Columbia University Oral History Research Office, 1962-1964

Columbia University Oral History Research Office, 1965-1966

Columbia University Oral History Research Office, 1967-1968

Columbia University Oral History Research Office, 1969-1970

Columbia University Oral History Research Office, 1971-1972

Columbia University Oral History Research Office, 1973

Columbia University Oral History Research Office, 1974-1975

Columbia University Oral History Research Office, 1976-1977

Columbia University Oral History Research Office, 1978-1979

Columbia University Oral History Research Office, 1980-1984

Microfilm Project

Series V: Supporting Manuscripts

Supporting Manuscripts, Disposition

Anderson, Dillon [photocopies of correspondence from President Eisenhower Anderson, June through August 1957, see the Anderson, Dillon [Feb. 1954 March 1958] file in Dwight D. Eisenhower: Papers as President, Administration Series]

Danaher, John A. [photocopy of letter from Robert Taft to Danaher dated September 6, 1952; "Memorandum re John A. Danaher's Participation in the 1952 Presidential Campaign"]

Devers, Jacob L. [biographical information, account of a crash landing in Ireland in December 1942]

Dillon, C. Douglas [correspondence between Dillon and Larry Haapanen re: the U-2 incident]

Farrar, Walter [information on 31st anniversary of D-Day program in Portsmouth]

Ingraham, Judge Joe [press release and written account of the 1952 Republican Primary in Texas; speech on the location of the Manned Space Center in Houston]

Judd, Walter H. [photocopies of press release, 1/7/52, of statement made by Judd on the announcement of Eisenhower's willingness to run for office; speech by Judd entitled "Why Eisenhower," delivered on 4/4/52; transcripts of "Washington Report of the Air" radio interviews of Eisenhower by Judd for 9/28/64 and 9/29/64]

Strauss, Lewis [photocopies of remarks made on 1/25/74 by Arleigh Burke at the Memorial Service for Rear Admiral Lewis L. Strauss; letter, 11/14/72, from Strauss to John T. Mason with anecdote re: Niels Bohr]

Todd, Webster B. [[photocopies of correspondence from Eisenhower to Todd from 1952 through 1963]

Series VI: Index Card Files

- 5 Oral History Program, Geographic Index
- 6 Oral History Program, Name Index
- 7 Index: Subjects, Relationships, or Positions, A-L
- 8 Index: Subjects, Relationships, or Positions, M-Z