

JOHN FOSTER DULLES PAPERS
GERARD C. SMITH SERIES

The Gerard C. Smith Series of the John Foster Dulles Papers consists of 1,600 pages of memoranda and notes, including Gerard Smith's notebooks. This series spans the period from November 1957 to January 1961 and documents Smith's service as Assistant Secretary of State, Director of Policy Planning Staff, Department of State. These memoranda and notes record National Security Council discussions and other meetings and reflect Smith's thinking on the United States strategic posture vis-a-vis the Soviet Union. Consequently, basic national security policy, nuclear strategy, thinking on limited war, arms control negotiations, Berlin Crisis, and various issues involving NATO and individual Western European countries are frequent topics of Smith's memoranda and notes. Numerous references in this series can be found to such European leaders as British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, French President Charles DeGaulle, German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. In addition to questions of broad national security policy and issues involving Europe and the Soviet Union, considerable information can also be found in these files on the Taiwan Straits Crisis of 1958, Lebanon and the Middle East, the Panama Canal, and occasionally other countries and regions. While this series contains many typed memoranda, much of the material consists of Smith's handwritten notes. Many of these notes are cryptic and their legibility varies significantly. Users may sometimes be tantalized and frustrated by the numerous outlines and brief references lacking details.

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- 1 Material From Gerard C. Smith's Files 1957 (1)-(3) [NATO Heads of Government meeting; Bulganin letter and US-USSR relations; controls of atomic energy; EURATOM; US, UK, Middle East and linkage of security pacts; Israel; Soviet rule, East Germany and choice given 27,000 communist soldiers at end of Korean War between communism and Free World; Defense budgetary matters; NATO and arms control; nuclear weapons; France and nuclear weapons; Soviet earth satellite; NSC meetings]
- Material From Gerard C. Smith's Files 1958 (1)-(7) [NATO meeting, Dec. 1958 covering nuclear matters, Berlin, misc.; limited war; France and DeGaulle; nuclear testing; China, Chiang Kai-shek and Offshore Islands Crisis; Algeria; US landing in Lebanon and impact on Middle East; US policy after Lebanon; military planning and Formosa Straits crisis; NSC as device for Presidential control of policy process; Killian Surprise Attack Panel; US strategic concept; Limited War Study and nuclear weapons; DeGaulle's wants; communism and Eastern Europe; United Kingdom and military matters; psychological aspects of nuclear weapons; USSR propaganda; avoidance of accidental war; NATO Ministerial meeting, Copenhagen; recession and US economy; China and war threat; NSC meeting of May 1, 1958 and discussion of Basic National Security Policy paper; UK and China; Khrushchev note on arms control; Far East Chiefs of Mission meeting re Philippines, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Laos, Communist China, Australia, Thailand, Cambodia, New Zealand, Burma, Singapore, Okinawa, and Taiwan; Soviet Ministers of Armed Forces; Soviet Foreign Ministers from Nov. 1917 to Feb. 1958; security pacts and interdependence; GCS attendance at meetings in Secretary of State's office; Bulganin's notes; Gaither Report; NSC meeting of 1/6/58; SEATO; European economic integration; US, USSR and Christianity; spiritual aspects of civilization; NATO and weapons; arms control; differences between US and USSR and reflection on arms control proposals; US-USSR, massive retaliation and banning nuclear weapons]
- Material From Gerard C. Smith's Files 1959 (1)-(3) [NATO 10 year plan; NSC discussion of US vs USSR efforts in mutual security area; NSC discussion of military programs; European defense and East-West talks; balance of payments pinch; Berlin and US-USSR relations; Comparative Evaluation Group briefing; Khrushchev visit to US; France and Algeria; missile command; Planning Board discussion of internal policy procedure; Berlin and Net Evaluation Study; arms control; limited war; basic national security policy and massive retaliation; Iraq and Middle East; Berlin planning; threat of counter-blockade over Berlin; NATO and nuclear matters; HEW health proposals; missiles; areas of concern re USSR; Germany; talk with Mikoyan]

- 2 Material From Gerard C. Smith's Files 1960-61 (1)-(3) [outer space policy; Cuba; Congo; Laos; UN & Congo; France & Algeria; Air and Civil Defense Seminar; AICBMs; military programs; Laos; balance of payments; Department of Defense and State comments on draft of DDE speech for delivery at 15th UNGA, including comments on arms control, outer space, nuclear weapons, Africa, and the RB-47 crew; Cuba; multilateral force; Latin American program; NATO and European defense; continental defense and arms control; deterrence; Robert Bowie and discussion of NATO planning; USSR, Poland and the Congo; Berlin; anticipated Soviet moves; Dean Acheson; de Gaulle, Adenauer and Macmillan; espionage and US aerial reconnaissance; Europe and ballistic missiles; Skybolt, Polaris and the UK; the Panama Canal problem and US-Panamanian relations; SAC; GCS briefing notes re missile gap]

[Notebook] I Berlin 2/4/59 - 6/18/59

[Notebook] II Berlin 7/6/59 -8/5/59

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[Notebook] FM Geneva File 7/11 - 8/6/59

[Notebook] General 10/1/58 - 1/10/59 [US strategic posture vis-a-vis the USSR; UNGA and aggression; nuclear testing; Lebanon; US & opposition to aggression; Formosa, Chiang Kai-shek and China; outline of tasks of American diplomacy; Project charity - spiritual and religious concepts and idea of brotherhood of man; men of spirit (US) vs men of materialism (communists); NATO and nuclear weapons; nuclear weapons and danger of war; Africa; Soviet economic offensive; arms control; Berlin; scattered references to De Gaulle and to Adenauer; France; mutual security; concept of limited initial resistance and military assistance; Berlin situation in 1948 compared with 1958]

[Notebook] General #2 1/12/59 - 9/59 [Berlin; massive retaliation; Germany; UK and Berlin; Reuther-Lodge meeting re anti-colonialism & Africa; scattered references to C-130; Japan; Cyprus; Counter blockade; Iraq; Tibet; Morocco; Fidel Castro; Harold Macmillan; Charles DeGaulle; arms control; Nikita Khrushchev; De Gaulle and nuclear weapons; nuclear vs conventional weapons; Khrushchev visit to US]

- 3 [Notebook] General #3 9/17/59 - 1/7/60 [Laos; speculation on developments during next 25 years (1960-1985); spreading the message of the American revolution; arms race; US-USSR relations; Berlin; US strategic posture; concern over danger of war; summit; list of State Policy Planning jobs; inspection satellites; approaches to obtaining improved conventional military

forces; US reliance on nuclear weapons; NATO; Panama Canal; German reunification; anti-Semitism in USSR]

[Notebook] NSC 1957-1958 [defense matters; merchant marine; intelligence; shelter program; nuclear weapons; Israel & Middle East; immigration to Israel; missiles; Cyprus; USSR; Baghdad Pact; Antarctica; NSC 5810 - Basic National Security Policy; outer space policy; Latin America]

[Notebook] NSC 1958-59 [missiles; ARPA and military space program; Hungary and Nagy's execution; Lebanon; DeGaulle and Algeria; Eisenhower comments on nationalism; USSR; Indonesia; Venezuela; nuclear testing; Latin America; Middle East; Laos and Cambodia; Iran; Quemoy & Matsu; civil defense; nuclear power; Egypt and Israel; missiles; basic national security policy; Iraq and UAR]

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