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LOOMIS, PAT: Papers, 1952-90

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The papers of Mrs. Pat Loomis were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by her daughter Mrs. Mary Medendorp in March 1995.

Linear feet: -1
Approximate number of pages: 800
Approximate number of items: 400

Mrs. Medendorp signed an instrument of gift for the papers on February 3, 1995. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Pat Loomis in this collection and in all other collections of papers received by the United States have been donated to the public. Under terms of the instrument of gift, the following classes of items are withheld from research use:

1. Papers which constitute an invasion of personal privacy or a libel of a living person.
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Mrs. Pat Loomis was a receptionist at Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters in the Commodore Hotel in New York City during the 1952 presidential campaign. She also accompanied Eisenhower's campaign train around the country during September and October 1952. One of her duties was to handle relations with newspaper reporters and make arrangements for them to travel on the train.

The papers of Mrs. Loomis pertain largely to her work during the campaign. The collection includes printed schedules and lists of passengers for the campaign train, and examples of newspaper coverage of the trip. Of particular importance is a file of memos on the administration of Eisenhower's office at the Commodore Hotel. The file includes an analysis of public mail on the Nixon campaign fund controversy, a list of headquarters staff members, and a memo from James Lambie telling the staff to burn their administrative files. The Lambie memo is especially important as it probably explains why so few files from the Commodore Hotel have survived. The collection also contains a file of newspaper and magazine articles relating to Dwight D. Eisenhower which Mrs. Loomis collected in later years. Of particular importance is an article on Eisenhower's campaign train written by historian Bob Withers in 1990.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
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1	Items Transferred
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Articles (1)(2) [magazine and newspaper articles re DDE, 1952-90]

Eisenhower Campaign Sept. 2-Nov. 4, 1952 [printed DDE itinerary]

Guest Book [book signed by visitors to campaign headquarters, Commodore Hotel, Aug. 26-Dec. 29, 1952]

Memos (1)(2) [souvenirs from train; list of staff members; phone messages; Nixon campaign fund controversy; office administration; destruction of files]

Newspapers (1)(2) [press coverage of DDE campaign trips to Washington, California, Texas and Michigan]

Press Releases

Texas Visit Oct. 14-15, 1952 [printed schedules]

Train Schedules (1)-(3) [printed schedules and boarding lists]

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