

SEATON, FRED A.: Papers
FAS Eyes Only Series

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The FAS Eyes Only series of the Fred Seaton papers was evidently drawn together from Seaton's Defense Department, White House, and Interior Department files by his staff at the close of the Eisenhower administration. The material (approximately 10,000 pages) was placed in two cardboard boxes labeled "FAS Eyes Only." The only unifying element of the series is the fact that the documents therein (with a few exceptions such as speech outlines and research material) were either security classified or potentially sensitive or damaging to individuals.

The series has been divided into two subseries. The first subseries, approximately one-third of the series, deals with a miscellany of topics, predominantly investigations, personnel and budget matters, and cases involving government contracts. The remaining two-thirds of the series, the McCarthy subseries centers upon the Army's response to questions raised by the Permanent Investigation Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Government Operations--the Army-McCarthy hearings. As Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative and Public Affairs Seaton worked as liaison between the Army and the White House in preparing the Army's case. Most of the papers in this subseries are working papers used in developing the case. Beginning with stenographic notes and memos kept by secretaries, memos for the record, and correspondence, Army officials evolved statements and chronologies to support their contentions in the matter of G. David Schine, Irving Peress, the Ft. Monmouth investigation, the question of loyalty-security board members appearing before congressional committees and other issues. Many of these working papers dealing with contacts between the Army and McCarthy or his staff, particularly Roy Cohn, were impounded in May of 1954, in the care of Fred Seaton, on the basis of executive privilege. Administrative memos dealing with this action are included in this subseries. Principal individuals involved from the Defense Department, besides Seaton, were Robert Stevens (Secretary of the Army), John G. Adams (Department Counselor), and H. Struve Hensel (Assistant Secretary of defense for International Security Affairs).

The folders and loose material in the first subseries were received unarranged. When necessary, folder titles were devised by a staff archivist. The folders were then arranged in alphabetical order. The McCarthy subseries was maintained in the order in which it was received. Here, too, some folder titles had to be devised.

CONTAINER LIST

Box No. Contents

MISCELLANEOUS SUBSERIES

- 1 American Pipe Line (1)-(7) [1956 request for government loan guarantee for production of oil pipe line based on essentiality of industry for national defense]
- Classified (1)-(3) [miscellaneous: civil defense, Philippine labor on Guam; West German trade with Sino-Soviet bloc; Laos: USSR capabilities; South Vietnam; Brazil; Guatemala; Middle East; Egypt; Argentina; Cambodia; non-repatriated American ex-prisoners of war; DOD proposals and budget; USSR's entry into World War II; Mexico; Gardner Cowles, Jr.; Morocco; and South Korea--1955-56]
- [Reclamation Projects/Multiple-purpose Dams]
- Clean Copies--Old Speech Outlines (1)-(3) [not sensitive]
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (1)(2) [1957-59 Investigations of Interior Department personnel]
- 2 [Investigations of Alleged Irregularities, District Intelligence Office, 1st Naval District Headquarters, Boston, Massachusetts] (1)(2) [1955-classified]
- [Investigations] [Defense Department and Interior Department, 1955-57]
- Report on Soviet Entry into the War Against Japan (1)-(4) [1955]
- Speech Material--Miscellaneous Back-Up (1)-(3) [not sensitive]
- Symington Investigation (1)-(5) [1956, Senate Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations]
- [Udall, Stewart] (1)-(4) [Udall's legislative record]
- 3 [Udall, Stewart] (5)-(7) [Udall's legislative record]
- Watch Industry (1)-(3) [Defense Department study on essentiality of the industry for national defense, 1954-55]

McCARTHY SUBSERIES

Mendenhall Case re McCarthy

Hansel-McCarthy (1)-(3) [H. Struve Hensel's reply to McCarthy's charges against him]

Peress, Irving (1)-(5) [chronology of military record]

- 4 McCarthy (1)-(9) [background material re Army-McCarthy hearings; administrative memos re impounded documents; memos re alleged communist in defense plants; Hensel matter; Senator Dirksen's motion to recess public hearings; chronology in Schine case; crank letters]

Concurrent Memoranda Included in 2 February Chronology by Mr. Adams Furnished to Lt. Col. Jean L. Wood, OSA, at 0730 Hrs., 14 May 1954 [meetings with McCarthy, Schine case]

Chronology of Efforts by McCarthy Subcommittee to Secure Special Treatment for G. David Schine [by John G. Adams]

Transcripts of Robert Stevens' Telephone Conversations re McCarthy [with Roy Cohn, David Schine, various Senators and Congressmen; October 1953-March 1954]

Transcripts --Jack Lucas (1)(2) [Robert Stevens' telephone conversations]

Telephone Transcripts--4 September 1953-15 March 1954 [duplicates preceding folder in most cases]

- 5 Transcripts--Ted Rhode [Stevens' telephone conversations]

Telephone Transcripts--Jane R. Pike [Stevens' telephone conversations]

Contacts in Person or by Phone with Mr. Roy Cohn [John G. Adams' records--Chronological list 1/6/53 to 2/18/54]

Robert Stevens' Telephone Call to James Reston, NY Times, February 20, 1954

Chron Copies of Memos sent to Secretary of the Army's Office [dated 10/30/53 to 3/17/54; Subjects: Fort Monmouth investigation, Peress case, Schine Matter]

Justice Department Position on Loyalty-Security Board Members Appearing before Congressional Committees

Justice Department--Documentation not considered pertinent by Sec. Seaton

[Loyalty-security boards]

Congressional Correspondence re G. David Schine Case [transmittal letters for Schine chronology]

[Miscellaneous materials pertaining to question of loyalty-security board members appearing before Congressional committees]

[Miscellaneous materials pertaining to Fort Monmouth investigation]

Rebuttal to McCarthy Memos

G. David Schine Case (1)-(3) [certified copies of memos]

Adams Chronology (1)(2) [several copies]

6 Adams Chronology (3)-(6) [several copies]

Work Notes and Memos re Contacts with McCarthy Committee (1)-(3) [contains Stevens' recollections]

List of Letters and Documents Furnished Lt. Col. Jean L. Wood, OSA, at 0730 Hrs., 14 May 1954

Ivar Nyman [re arrangements for testimony before McCarran Committee]

Memos re McCarthy Subcommittee Investigation [mostly classified, re information that could be furnished--all September 1953]

[Contents of special delivery envelope from S. Adams to Fred Seaton, April 5, 1959] (1)(2) [miscellaneous 1953-54 documents re; Army-McCarthy controversy]

Office Memos from Jack Lucas to Secretary of the Army (1)-(9) [January 1953-May 1953]

7 Office Memos from Jack Lucas to Secretary of the Army (10)-(31) [January 1954-May 1954]

8 Office Memos from Jack Lucas to Secretary of the Army (32)-(39) [January 1954-May 1954]

Telephone Notes--Secretary of the Army (1)-(10) [February 1953-October 1953]

- 9 Telephone Notes--Secretary of the Army (11)-(21) [November 1953-April 1954]
- 10-12 The following items from boxes 10 through 12 contain shorthand notes of meetings and conversations of either the Secretary of the Army or department counselor John G. Adams. They cannot be deciphered, therefore they cannot be processed and opened for research at this time.
- 4 Stenographic Notebooks of Jane R. Pike, Secretary to the Secretary of the Army (Books Nos. 8, 9, 11, and 13)
- Stenographic Notebooks of Jack Lucas, Office of the Secretary of the Army
- Unidentified Stenographic Notebooks [presumably belonging to Jack Lucas]
- Stenographic Notebooks of Eleanor M. Glancy, Secretary to John G. Adams, Department Counselor

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