

EISENHOWER, DWIGHT D.: POST-PRESIDENTIAL PAPERS, 1961-69

1965 SIGNATURE FILE

SERIES DESCRIPTION

The 1965 Signature File contains materials roughly comparable to some of the documentation in the 1965 Principal File. It consists of files which the Gettysburg staff determined were no longer required for future reference. These materials were shipped to Abilene, Kansas and organized using the same arrangement pattern as the Principal File. These files contain many carbon copies of letters signed by Eisenhower; hence, the series title, "Signature File."

This series is divided into two parts or subseries. The first is a subject subseries, containing such categories as gifts, invitations, autograph requests, interviews, medals and awards, memberships, politics, speeches, and trips. Gifts, invitations, and autograph requests are the three largest categories in this seven-box subseries. Within each category the correspondence is arranged alphabetically.

Eisenhower's staff wrote hundreds of letters acknowledging gifts of books, photographs, and prints, and politely declined most of the numerous invitations to various events and meetings. Hundreds of autograph requests are filed under the PR-2, Public Relations category. Some of these requests were complied with and many others were turned down.

This subseries also contains files on three domestic trips to Texas, Iowa, and Wisconsin, and interviews of Eisenhower by Walter Cronkite and Ross Wollen, a West Point cadet. In the interview with Wollen, Eisenhower discussed such matters as principles of war, leadership, the atomic bomb, the White House staff system, President Kennedy, role of the National Security Council, the Bay of Pigs incident, and presidential disability.

The second subseries is the sixteen-box alphabetical file. It is organized alphabetically by the names of individuals and organizations writing to Eisenhower. This subseries does include some comments by Eisenhower on Indochina, anti-war demonstrators, the moral strength of America, and the duties of a citizen; however, it contains primarily routine correspondence and has only a few references to substantive issues. There are about three boxes of birthday correspondence, including cards and letters from well-wishers and staff letters acknowledging their receipt. Wedding anniversary correspondence takes up an additional two boxes. This subseries includes numerous letters relating to the 50th reunion of the West Point Class of 1915 and a transcript of a CBS television show, "Town Meeting of the World," which presents the contrasting views of J. Edgar Hoover, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and some foreign college students. Although this subseries includes correspondence between Eisenhower and numerous notable figures, such as Konrad Adenauer, Herbert Brownell, Arleigh Burke, Walter Cronkite, Charles de Gaulle, Anthony Eden, Bob Feller, James Hagerty, and Arnold Palmer, most of this correspondence relates to gifts, invitations, and birthdays, rather than serious issues.

This series documents the type and volume of routine correspondence handled by Eisenhower's small staff in the post-presidential period. Although the 1965 Signature File contains some references to substantive issues, its primary focus is the routine correspondence dealing with gifts, invitations, and autograph requests. There are some interesting articles, clippings, and materials which were sent to Eisenhower. Homemade birthday cards and get well letters from school children show the level of interest and affection many Americans continued to have for the ex-president.

There are no closed or classified documents in this series. Forty-one artifacts have been transferred to the Museum, and twenty items, including books and periodicals, have been transferred to the Book Collection. Fifty-three photographs, four negatives, one audiotape, and four 45rpm records have been transferred to the Audiovisual Collection.

CONTAINER LIST

Subject Subseries

| <u>Box No.</u> | <u>Contents</u> |
|----------------|---|
| 1 | GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, A (1) (2) [books, cuff links, photos] GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, B [books] GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, C (1)(2) [books; key cases] GF-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, D (1)(2) [manuscript from Dr. Guy Duer, an “old neighbor” from Kansas] GF-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, E-F [birthday greeting book] GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, G [books; golf graph] GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, Gold Bowl [book with list of contributors, photo of bowl, and letter of acknowledgement] GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, H (1)(2) GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, Howard, Minnie A. |
| 2 | GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, I-K [Churchill crown; books] GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, L-M [fishing lure; books] GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, N-O GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, P [books; photos; Arnold Palmer shirts; booklets re Cadets of America; booklet on putting; cachet covers commemorating Eisenhower’s 75 th birthday, 20 th anniversary of VE Day, and 50 th anniversary of West Point class of 1915] GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, R [books] GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, S [books; painting; photos; Eisenhower re reversal of his first and middle names and who he was named after; booklet on Operation Bonaparte, WWII, French resistance assists downed Allied pilots] |

- GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, T (1)(2) [booklet on Guanajuato, Mexico; honorary citizenship certificate; sister city program; desk calendar]
- GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, U-V
- GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, W-Z [Dr. Paul Dudley White; sheet music for “Don’t Leave the Old Home Mamie”]
- GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, Wood, Barnet [golf clubs and tournaments]
- GI-1 Gifts Received by DDE and MDE, Unidentified
- GI-2 Gifts From DDE and MDE (1)(2) [plant; pen and pencil set; money; golf ball; books; radios; autographed picture; key chain; letters from Bob Hope and Arnold Palmer; guns; cigars (James Rowley, Secret Service); meat; necktie; jewelry]
- 3 IN-1 Invitations Accepted [California Federation of Republican Women, 4-12-65; Grinnell College, 5-13-65; National Industrial Conference Board, 5-20-65]
- IN-1 Invitations Accepted (re Cronkite interview of DDE on Churchill, 1-25-65) [article on Churchill from London paper; clippings and correspondence re funeral and tribute by Eisenhower; invitation to the state funeral; reading copy of Eisenhower’s tribute; text of interview of Eisenhower by Walter Cronkite for broadcast on CBS television]
- IN-2 Invitations Declined, A (1)-(3) [Americanism Educational League]
- IN-2 Invitations Declined, B
- IN-2 Invitations Declined, C
- IN-2 Invitations Declined, D
- IN-2 Invitations Declined, E
- IN-2 Invitations Declined, G-H
- IN-2 Invitations Declined, I-K
- IN-2 Invitations Declined (Inauguration of Lyndon B. Johnson, 2-20-65)
- 4 IN-2 Invitations Declined, L-N
- IN-2 Invitations Declined, P (1)(2) [golf tournament; Planned Parenthood]

- IN-2 Invitations Declined, R [Rotary Club-National Family Week]
- IN-2 Invitations Declined, S
- IN-2 Invitations Declined, T
- IN-2 Invitations Declined, U-W
- IN-2 Invitations Declined, Y
- IN-2 Invitations Declined by Card or Telephone (1)-(8) [the contents of these folders are in random order; they are not organized either alphabetically or chronologically]
- 5 IN-2 Invitations Declined by Card or Telephone (9)(10) [random order; launching of Polaris submarine]
- MA Medals and Awards [letter to chancellor of Austria; issue of the Ohio Alumnus, October 5, 1965 with speech by Eisenhower and award of honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree; Veterans of Foreign Wars—Father and Son Award; WISDOM magazine, award of honor for 1965]
- MB Memberships [PGA honorary membership]
- ME-1 and ME-2 Messages [draft message re Amistad Dam and Mexico-U.S. relations]
- PL Politics (1)(2) [Republican Party; Walter N. Thayer—Eisenhower/Stevenson Bipartisan Appeal re campaign financing]
- PU Publications
- PR-1 Public Relations, Name, Use of [hospital award dinner; charity fundraiser]
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, A
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, B (1)(2) [Arleigh Burke]
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, C (1)(2) [Karl Mundt; Bobby Cutler]
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, D [Harry Darby; Allen Dulles]
- 6 PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, E

- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, F [Bob Feller]
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, G [James Gault; Homer Gruenther]
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, H-I (1)(2) [Bryce Harlow; Gabriel Hauge; Sonja Henie]
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, J [copy of golf score card for February 4, 1965 for foursome including Eisenhower, Howard Jobe, Freeman Gosden, and Pollard Simon; helicopter crew that flew Eisenhower, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia]
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, K (1)(2) [James R. Killian, Jr.; George B. Kistiakowsky; Bob Dole]
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, L
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, M (1)(2) [Gerald Morgan]
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, N-O
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, P-Q (1)(2) [Virgil Pinkley]
- 7 PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, R [Maxwell Rabb; Clarence Randall; Milton Eisenhower; James Hagerty]
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, S (1)-(3) [Howard M. Snyder; Murray Snyder; John Strand-photos of interior of Columbine aircraft]
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, T-V [Walter Cronkite; Messiah College]
- PR-2 Public Relations-2, Autographs, W-Z (1)(2) [Anne Wheaton; Bob Woodruff; Howard Young]
- PR-3 Public Relations-3, Interview (DDE with Ross Wollen), 11-27-64 [West Point cadet interviews Eisenhower for articles in the Pointer; transcript of interview; principles of war; personal leadership; conflicts among WWII generals; concept of civilian army; ballistic missiles; knowledge of atomic bomb during war; importance of nation's economy; Gen. MacArthur; Thomas Jefferson; White House staff system; President John F. Kennedy and Camp David; role of National Security Council; Bay of Pigs; presidential disability]
- PR-3 Public Relations-3, Interview (A-Z)
- SP Speech, DDE Remarks re Austria, 10-13-65 [text of tape Eisenhower made upon receiving a citation for a Golden Medal from Austria]

SP Speech, English-Speaking Union, 10-31-65

SP Speeches, by DDE [text of remarks made on dedication of the American Credo Monument on 5-31-65; remarks at luncheon of Republican National Committee, Washington, D.C., 6-28-65]

TR Trips, Denison, Texas, 9-1-65 [newspaper clippings]

TR Trips, Grinnell, Iowa, 5-14-65

TR Trips, Wisconsin, Aug. 1965 [thank you letters for courtesies and gifts during visit to Minocqua; reference to Republican fund raising and skeet shooting]

Alphabetical Subseries

Adams, Kenneth S. (Bartlesville, Okla.)

Adenauer, Konrad, Former Chancellor of Fed. Republic of Germany [letter from Adenauer to Eisenhower]

A [history of Adair Realty and Loan Co. in Atlanta, Georgia]

8 AD

AM [Dillon Anderson; music for "Ike's Waltz," plus other music by F. Geary Anderson; Harry Anholt, cartoon re Lyndon B. Johnson]

AP

BA (1)(2) [annual report for Eisenhower Exchange Fellowships; editorial on demonstrations at Berkeley]

BE (1)(2) [Stephen Benedict; clipping re Reed Benson, a John Birch Society official, claim Eisenhower was part of Communist conspiracy; clipping re death of Thomas Padgett, chief of White House mail; Don Belding-Freedoms Foundation]

BI [Latin slogan on Eisenhower's desk; Ray Bliss]

BO [Robert Bolton re musical numbers used in 1952 campaign; Boy Scouts]

Birthday Book-Denison, Texas (DDE 75th Birthday Greetings) (1)(2) [signed by hundreds of residents of and visitors to Denison]

Birthday Letters (from Gen. Eisenhower) (Thank you for "First Party")

- Birthday (DDE) 10-14-65—Newspaper Items (Includes Bryce Harlow story) [newspaper clippings of articles, columns, and editorials re Eisenhower at age 75]
- Birthday (MDE) 11-14-65 (List of MDE Friends to Whom DDE Sent Mamie Carnations)
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. E. 1965) (Mutual-Ack. by Telegram 10-12-65) (1)-(4)
- 9 Birthday Correspondence (Gen. E. 1965) (Mutual-Ack. by Telegram, 10-12-65) (5)
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. E. 1965) (Mutual-Ack. by Telegram, 10-13-65) (1)-(3) [card with golf theme]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) A [Eisenhower comments on anti-war demonstrators; Robert Anderson; Walter Annenberg]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) B (1)(2) [Henry Bellmon, Gov. of Oklahoma; Ray Bliss, Republican National Committee; Mark Bortman, Civic Committee, People to People, town affiliation program; Herbert Brownell; Macmillan; Charles de Gaulle]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) C (1)-(3) [Madame Chiang Kai-Shek; World Wars Tank Corps Assoc.; Robert Cutler article on service with Eisenhower]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) D (1)(2)
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) E (1)(2) [Anthony Eden; Rev. Elson; Chancellor Erhard]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) F (1)(2) [A. Fanfani, Pres. of United National General Assembly; Harvey Firestone; Arthur Flemming; King Frederik of Denmark]
- 10 Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) G (1)(2) [Sam Goldwyn; Charles Goren; Homer Gruenther re Mamie Eisenhower winning some money]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) H (1)-(3) [Oveta Culp Hobby; J. Edgar Hoover; Bob Hope; Hubert Humphrey]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) I

- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) J [Lyndon B. Johnson]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) K
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) L (1)(2) [Fred Lazarus; Lt. Gen. John Leonard; Henry Cabot Lodge; Gov. John Love, Colorado; Gen. Lutes]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) M (1)-(3) [Rev. MacAskill; J. Willard Marriott; Jean Monnet]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) N
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) O [John Olin]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) P [Arnold Palmer; Charles Percy]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) Q
- 11 Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) R (1)(2) [Eddie Rickenbacker; George Romney]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) S (1)-(5) [Ray Scherer; Gerhard Schroeder, German Minister of Foreign Affairs; handmade cards by Grade 1 students; Congressman Garner Shriver; gift of Smucker's jellies; card with "hole-in-one;" Harold Stassen; Lewis Strauss-Angus cattle]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) T [extract of remarks by Robert Taft, Jr. on need for political reform]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) V [handmade greetings from 4th grade students]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) W (1)(2) [Vernon Walters; Bob Wilson, chairman of Republican Congressional Committee, newsletter with article on "Ike Dinners;" Walter Winchell]
- Birthday Correspondence (Gen. Eisenhower-1965) Y [Senator Ralph W. Yarborough]
- BL
- Bowen, Mason A. [newspaper clippings on Eisenhower]
- BRA

- 12 BRO [six copies of Bits and Pieces, a magazine of western history]
- Brock, George S., Jr. [list of plans and changes at Gettysburg Farm]
- BU (1)-(3) [memorial publication re Harold H. Burton, Supreme Court justice from 1945 to 1958]
- CA [Senator Frank Carlson]
- Calendar (MDE), 1965 [tentative list of appointments for October to December 1965; monthly engagement calendar for Mamie Eisenhower with annotations re dinners, luncheons, cocktails, and travels]
- CE
- CH [three issues of Westport Historical Quarterly]
- Churchill, Winston [memorial booklet; newspaper clippings]
- CL [one issue of Mark Twain Journal; sheet music re Eisenhower]
- CO (1)-(3) [book on presidents by 7th graders; CBS; New Years greeting from President Cortines of Mexico]
- CR [Bobby Cutler]
- D
- DE (1) [yearbook for the 92nd Field Hospital, October 1, 1961 to August 1, 1962]
- 13 DE (2) [American guides to American Exposition in Moscow; Thomas E. Dewey]
- de Gaulle, Charles, Pres. of France [1965 Birthday Greeting]
- de Gaulle, Charles, General (Gen. de Gaulle's Holograph of Thank You Note to DDE for Birthday Message)
- DI
- DL [youth hostel information]
- DO (1)(2)
- DU

- Doubleday and Company, Inc. (1)(2) [corres. re Waging Peace; articles from French newspaper serializing Waging Peace]
- Doud Family Lineage
- E (1)-(6) [handmade get well cards from 1st, 2nd, and 5th graders; Earl Eisenhower; John S.D. Eisenhower with golf spoof; Louise Eisenhower—cartoon re Eisenhower, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Gerald Ford]
- Eisenhower College, Seneca Falls, NY [Eisenhower's remarks at groundbreaking ceremony, 9-21-65; newspaper clippings re groundbreaking]
- 14 EN [Civil War diary; 1890s photo of family group]
- F [newspaper clipping re John Birch Society]
- FI [Leonard Firestone; Arthur Flemming]
- FOR [annual report for Tuskegee Institute; Fred Foy-report on Business Council for International Understanding]
- FR [Freedoms Foundation]
- G [James Gault; Gettysburg College]
- GI [T. Keith Glennan]
- GO [golf]
- GR [1928 letter by Viscount Grey of Falloden]
- H (1)-(4) [Joyce Hall; Frederick Brown Harris, Chaplain of Senate, etymology of the word, Easter]
- Hall of Fame (N. Y. Univ.)
- Harlow, Bryce [statistics re number of state chairmen in the Republican Party since 1952; letter by Congressman Frelinghuysen re U.S. policy on paying for peace-keeping operations of the United Nations; party conventions]
- HAS (1) [handmade birthday cards from school children]
- 15 HAS (2) [handmade birthday cards]

- HAT [get-well letters from students]
- HE
- HI [Ben Hibbs; Bob Hope Desert Classic; Mildred Hilson]
- HO (1)-(3) [birthday, Christmas, and get-well cards from school children; newspaper clipping on Eisenhower's visit to Ohio University at Athens, Ohio]
- HU (1)(2)
- I
- J (1)-(5) [letters to Eisenhower from high school students-comments on Eisenhower's "Open Letter to America's Students;" Aberdeen-Angus cattle; Johns Hopkins University financial report]
- 16 J (6)
- K (1)(2) [Pete Kalmbach]
- LA (1)-(4) [Abilene Flour Mills calendar; press release on Vietnam policies; West Point annual report; speech by Gov. Fannin, "Money and Morals;" Sigurd Larmon, golf, bridge; sheet music, songs re Mamie and Ike; article on four first ladies]
- LE
- LI [Eisenhower Chapel in Denver; report on Southeast Asia by Foreign Minister of Thailand]
- LO [Carl Loeb, III]
- Luebke, Heinrich, Pres. of Federal Republic of Germany (1965 Birthday Greetings to Gen. Eisenhower)
- MA (1)-(3) [Rev. MacAskill]
- McC (1)(2) [possible CBS television series on the "Eisenhower Years;" birthday greetings from school children]
- 17 McC (3)

- McD [Eisenhower comments on moral strength of the Republic and duties of a citizen]
- ME
- MO [Monmouth Park Jockey Club; Seeley G. Mudd]
- N [National Geographic article on Churchill; National Student Committee for the Defense of Vietnam; Commission on National Goals; Aksel Nielsen]
- Newspaper Clippings (1)-(3) [publication of Waging Peace; political conventions; Vietnam; Eisenhower visits Grinnell College]
- O (1)(2)
- P (1)(2) [international convocation on peace; booklet of Dag Hammarskjold memorial lectures re peace; Lelia Picking]
- 18 P (3)
- People-to-People
- Presbyterian Cathedral [Portsmouth Cathedral to commemorate D-Day]
- Q
- RA (1)-(4) [Maxwell Rabb; Elliot Richardson; Free Europe Committee report; article on religion behind the Iron Curtain]
- Reader's Digest
- RI
- RO (1)-(3) [Clifford Roberts—Augusta, golf; William Robinson expresses appreciation for Eisenhower's achievements and Eisenhower thanks him for loyalty and friendship; religious sheet music; inspirational booklets]
- SA (1)(2) [program for April in Paris Ball; Mamie Eisenhower stays at Washington Hilton, Mt. Vernon Suite]
- Schwalm, Janet R. (Dwight D. Eisenhower School, Levittown, Pa.)(1)(2) [birthday greetings from students]
- SCH

- SH [letter from WWII bomber pilot]
- 19 SI
- SK (1)-(3) [Ellis Slater; Maurice Stans; Arthur Hays Sulzberger]
- T (1)(2)
- “Town Meeting of the World” (CBS-TV Presentation, 10-26-65, DDE Participating)
(1)-(4) [J. Edgar Hoover comments on Communists speaking on college campuses;
many letters from the public re the rudeness and radicalism of the foreign students on
the show]
- U
- V (1)(2) [pamphlet on Winston Churchill; articles by Eisenhower re U.S. in
Indochina]
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, A
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, B (1)(2)
- 20 Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, C
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, D
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, E
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, F
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, G
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, H (1)(2)
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, I-J
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, K (1)(2)
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, L
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, M (1)-(3)
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, N-P

- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, R
- 21 Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, S (1)-(3)
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, T (1)(2)
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, U-V
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, W (1)(2)
- Wedding Anniversary Letters, July 1965, Z
- West Point Reunion, Class of 1915 (50th Reunion) (1)-(4) [class roster; Eisenhower's letters to class members and widows of members; Assembly, (published by West Point Alumni Foundation), Summer 1965 re Eisenhower visit and class of 1915]
- W (1)-(3) [cartoon album from the National Cartoonists Society, sent to Eisenhower by Mort Walker; Kenneth Wells; booklet on Winant Volunteers; District of Columbia crime commission]
- 22 W (4) [1965 Pennsylvania Legislative Directory; Andrew Wyeth]
- Y [Charles Yates]
- Z
- 23 OVERSIZE ITEMS-HALF-SUIT BOX
- Ewald Lohe, American Script (1)(2) [album re George Washington in script]
- Lucullus Circle, August Escoffier Fdn. [menu and program]
- Posters and Prints ["From a Point in Space and Time; On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men", Ken Wilson Advertising, 17x22 in.; print, 20x24, of Ski Country scene by Hal Shelton, with note from Palmer Hoyt; print, 16x20, of painting of John F. Kennedy in western setting by James Skipworth; drawing, 11.5x18, of canal and bridge in "Venezia" by Angelo Pucci]

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