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FINUCANE, CHARLES C.: Papers, 1955-1958

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The papers of Charles C. Finucane, Assistant Secretary and Under Secretary of the Army, 1954-1958, were deposited in the Eisenhower Library in June 1965 by Charles C. Finucane. He executed an instrument of gift for these papers at that time.

Linear feet shelf space occupied: 7 feet
Approximate number of pages: 15,000
Approximate number of items: 9,000

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By agreement with the donor the following classes of documents will be withheld from research use:

1. Papers relating to his family and private business affairs.
2. Papers relating to the family and private business affairs of other persons who had correspondence with Charles C. Finucane.
3. Papers relating to investigations of individuals or to appointments and personnel matters.
4. Papers containing statements made by or to Mr. Finucane in confidence unless in the judgement of the Director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library the reason for the confidentiality no longer exists.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Papers of Charles C. Finucane cover the period of his service as Assistant Secretary of the Army for Finance, 1954-1955, and Under Secretary of the Army, 1955-1958. The collection does not include any papers originated during Mr. Finucane's tenure as Assistant Secretary of Defense, 1958-61.*Overall there are very few items, other than speeches and trip files, that relate to Mr. Finucane's official role in the Department of Defense.

The papers are divided into four series: a general correspondence file arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent; an alphabetical subject file; a chronological trip file; and a chronological speech file.

PROVENANCE. The documents within the folders were originally stapled into cases and arranged either alphabetically or chronologically. Most of the staples have since been removed, making the order within the folders sometimes hard to discern. It is believed that the original folder titles were maintained. Documents which have been removed in compliance with the donor's letter of gift have been noted on withdrawal sheets in each folder. The bulk of the closed material relates to private business matters.

The first series, arranged alphabetically within folders, contains correspondence, primarily of an unofficial nature, with family, friends and associates. Topics included are family matters, business affairs (cattle ranches, hotel interests, financial investments), social affairs, political interests (mainly in Washington state), and military matters (primarily appeals by friends or acquaintances for help in matters falling within the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, i.e. getting transfers for military personnel, getting invitations to the Joint Civilian Orientation Conferences held by the Department of Defense, settling disputes over Defense Department contracts, and gaining admission to the military academies). There are also many letters of congratulations and their acknowledgments.

The second series deals with many of the same subjects as covered in the first series, but the documents are filed according to subject matter rather than correspondent. In addition to the subjects mentioned in the first series description, the second series includes material concerning Mr. Finucane's numerous club affiliations.

Series three covers all official trips--arrangements, agendas, expenses, and personnel involved. In many cases background information on military posts visited and on individuals to contact at these posts included.

*Mr. Finucane informed the Eisenhower Library that his records for this period were retained by the Department of Defense.

The final series is a record of all speeches and public appearances made by Mr. Finucane during the 1954-1958 period. Copies of each speech, as well as correspondence pertaining to arrangements for the occasion, are included in this series.

There are also several items placed at the end of the collection which were not an integral part of the speech series. Included are letters of congratulations upon Finucane's appointment as Assistant Secretary of Defense and items concerning requests for contributions to various charities. Material relating to the fund-raising campaign in Washington state for the Eisenhower Presidential Library is also included.

Photographs and a motion picture film were turned over to the Audio-Visual Collection. Unrelated printed materials were turned over to the Book Collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

- Sept. 6, 1905 Born, Spokane, Washington, son of Francis J. and Mary Gertrude Sweeny Finucane
- 1924 Graduate, Taft School, Watertown, Conn.
- 1928 B.S., Industrial Engineering, Sheffield School, Yale University
- 1928 Married Marion Madeleine Burke
- 1928-1930 Employed in wholesale hardware business
- 1930-49 Vice-President, Sweeny Investment Co. President, 1949-
- 1932-48 Officer (ensign to commander), United States Naval Reserve
- 1936-38 Vice-President, Sunshine Consolidated Mining Co.
- 1939 Majority floor leader, Washington State Legislature
- 1946- Partner, Finucane and Galland, managers of commercial buildings, Spokane, Washington
- 1946- Director, Spokane and Eastern Division, Seattle First National Bank
- 1946- Director, James Smyth Plumbing and Heating Co., Spokane
- 1947-53 Owner, Davenport Hotel, Spokane
- 1954-55 Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management
- 1955-58 Under Secretary of the Army
- 1958-61 Assistant Secretary of Defense

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Series</u>
1-4	General Correspondence, 1954-58. 4 containers. Alphabetical arrangement.
5-6	Subject File, 1954-58. 3 containers. Alphabetical arrangement.
8-12	Trip File, 1954-58. 5 containers. Correspondence, itineraries, memoranda, etc. Chronological arrangement.
13-18	Speech File, 1954-58. 6 containers. Speech drafts, clippings, press releases, and some correspondence. Chronological arrangement.

CONTAINER LIST

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SERIES I, General Correspondence

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 Midkiff, Frank E.

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 O'Connell, Mr. T. Edward

 Oles, Floyd

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Smith, Edgar W.

Smithers Family, (R.B.) (C.F.)

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SERIES II: Subject Files

5 Westchester Apt. 752-B (Sec. and Mrs. Finucane)

Army Finance Assn.

Association of U.S. Army

Automobile (CCF's car)

Biographical Sketches and Official Photo-portrait

Civilian Aides to Sec/Army

Clubs:

Army and Navy

Burning Tree Club

"487" Club, Seattle

The John Carroll Society

1925 F Street Club

Chevy Chase Club, Maryland

Racquet and Tennis Club, N.Y.

Soldier's Home Golf and Tennis Club

Hayden Lake Golf Club, Idaho

Homer Cummings Golf Tourn. Membership Com.

Metropolitan Club

Delta Phi Epsilon Fraternity

Rancheros Vistadores

Reserve Officers Association

Congratulations - Ass't Sec. of Army

6 Congratulations - Under Sec. of Army

Curlew, Washington Farm

Finucane, Charles C., Personnel matters

Joint Civilian Orientation Conference

Letters to CCF upon leaving Dept./Army 4/30/58

Lochaven Farms, Hayden Lake, Idaho

Montreal, Bank of

Passports

Petty Cash Record

Republican National Committee

Review and Reception Honoring Sec. Finucane 4/21/58

Sweeny Investment Company Finucane and Galland - 1954

7 Sweeny Investment Co.-Finucane and Galland - 1955

Sweeny Investment Co.-Finucane and Galland - 1956

Sweeny Investment Co.-Finucane and Galland - 1957

Sweeny Investment Co.-Finucane and Galland - 1958

Who's Who

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SERIES III: Trip File

8 Tacoma, Seattle, Bremerton, Washington, Los Angeles - 1-16 Oct. 1954

Lorton, VA - 28 Oct. 1954 (to inspect NIKE and AAA Gun Sites)

Forts Ritchie and Meade - 9 Nov. 1954

Aberdeen Proving Ground - 17-19 Nov. 1954

Atlanta, GA - Ft. Benning, GA - 5-9 January 1955

St. Louis, Indianapolis, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, - 16-18 Jan. 1955

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Ft. Bragg, NC - March 18, 1955

Nevada Operation Teapot - April 2-3, 1955

Lorton, VA - re NIKE - April 15, 1955

White Sulpher Springs, WV, - April 15-17, 1955

Ft. Bragg, NC - April 22-23, 1955

West Point, NY (Conference of Civilian Aides to Sec/Army) - May 22-24, 1955

Indianapolis, IN - 29-30, May, 1955

- Mississippi River Visit - Greenville, Vicksburg, Mississippi, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 2-5, 1955
- West Point for Graduation Parade and Exercises - 6-7 June, 1955
- ODM Exercises - 15-17 June 1955
- Ft. Eustis, VA - Cancelled
- West Point Football Games - 1955
- 9 Quantico, VA - Secretaries' Conference - 14-17 July, 1955
- Army Installations - Camps Polk and Rucker, Fts. Bliss and Hood - August 1955
- Redstone Arsenal - Long Range Proving Ground, Camp Rucker - 10-12 Aug. 1955
- [Note: Contents of a large envelope, including 59 photographs and 1 album, removed and sent to Audio-Visual Collection.]
- Detroit, Michigan - Conference with Sec. of Defense Wilson - Sept. 14, 1955
- National Aircraft Show, Philadelphia - Sept. 3-5, 1955
- Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama, Patrick Air Force Base, FL, Sept. 20-21, 1955
- National Security Industrial Assn., New York City - 28 Sept. 1955
- Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, OSD - Oct. 6-15, 1955
- Ft. Bliss, Texas, Camp Carson, CO - 1-4 Nov. 1955
- 10 Ft. Benning, GA (Regretted) Nov. 20, 1955
- West Coast - 8-13 Jan. 1956
- Ft. Bragg, Army Scientific Panel - 25-26 Jan. 1956
- West Coast - 8-13 Jan. 1956 (Phase 2)
- Panama Canal Zone - 2 Feb. 1956
- Winston-Salem, NC and Burlington, NC - 27 March 1956

- Ft. Bliss, Texas - Civilian Aides Conference - April 4-6, 1956
- New York City, Ft. Hamilton and Wadsworth - Apr. 18, 1956
- Mid-Pacific (Cancelled) 26 April-May 1956
- Pacific and Hawaii - 2-12 June 1956
- 11 Army War College National Strategy Seminar - Carlisle Bks., PA 6-8 June 1956
(Regretted 8 May 1956)
- Bridgeport, Washington - Dedication of Chief Joseph Dam - Tuesday, 12 June 1956
(Cancelled)
- Secretaries Conference - Quantico, VA June 21-24, 1956
- San Francisco and Del Monte, CA, Aug. 20, 1956 - Aug. 24-27, 1956 San Francisco -
Republican National Convention - Del Monte - Del Monte Lodge (Cancelled)
- National Security Industrial Assn. Dinner - New York City - 27 September 1956
- Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD - American Ordnance Assn. Mtg. - Thursday, 4
October 1956
- Ft. Leavenworth, KS, Monday 8 Oct. 1956 - Ft. Riley, Kansas - Monday 15 Oct.
1956 and Tuesday, 16 Oct. 1956
- New York Dinner - American Ordnance Assn. 12-5-56 Ft. Monmouth, NJ - SC
Center 12/6/56 Moorestown, NJ RCA Plant 12/6/56 (Cancelled)
- Camp Kilmer, NJ - Project Operation Mercy - 2 Jan. 1957
- Overseas European and Far East - 3 May thru June 5, 1957
- Carlisle Barracks, PA - Annual National Strategy Seminar - 11-14 June 1957
(Regretted 6-6-57)
- Secretaries' Conference - Quantico, 13-16 June 1957
- Ft. Monroe, VA, Sunday-Monday - 30 June - 1 July 1957
- Bahamas - Cat Cay Club - Feb. 12-24, 1957
- Ft. Bragg, NC and Ft. Lee, VA - Operation Alert 17 July 1957 - Not Used

Portsmouth, VA - Norfolk Naval Shipyard Commissioning U.S.S. Ranger - Saturday, August 10, 1957

New York City - Ed Sullivan TV Show - Annual All Army Entertainment

National Security Industrial Assn. Annual Dinner and Luncheon, New York City, NY 25 Sept. 1957 (Cancelled out)

Ft. Jackson, SC, Ft. Gordon, GA 15-16 Oct. 1957

Fts. Wood, Chaffee, Hood, Sill, Polk - Nov. 20-23, 1957

Booklet "Torcello" [loose in box]

- 12 New York City, NY - American Ordnance Assn. Dinner, Wednesday, 4 December 1957 (CCF - Cancelled out due to snow storm)

(Vacation) Good Hope Plantation, Ridgeland, SC, Daytona Beach, FL - Yeaman Hall, Charleston, SC - Feb 16-March 2, 1958

Huntsville, Alabama, Dec. 9-10, 1957

Ft. Bragg, NC - On the Occasion of the Retirement of General Gavin, U.S. Army - 31 March 1958

Augusta, GA and Ft. Gordon, GA - April 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 1958

Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, 17 April 1958

Biographical Sketches - C. C. Finucane (For use only for speeches)

Addresses by the Honorable Charles C. Finucane, 1954-1958 [In Binder]

SERIES IV: Speech File

- 13 Speech - Kiwanis Club and Other Service Clubs, Bremerton, Washington, 7 Oct. 1954

Speech - Elks Club and Other Service Clubs, Everett, WA, 5 October 1954....Later Cancelled

Speech - Republican Assembly Address, Gardena, California 14 October 1954

- Speech - Hold Oct. 24, 25, 26, 1955 for Use White House Liaison Speakers Branch
- Speech - American Legion 18th District, San Gabriel, CA, 15 Oct 1954
- Speech - Nat. Security Indus. Assn. - Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, 19 November 1954
- Speech - Orientation Conference on Stock Fund Extension to Overseas Depots - Ft. Myer, VA 11 January 1955
- Speech - Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, 18 January 1955
- Speech - Army War College - Supply Management in D/Army Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, 25 January 1955
- Speech - Command Management School - Ft. Belvoir, Virginia 28 January 1955
- Speech - Command Management School, Graduation Class No. III Ft. Belvoir - 5 March 1955
- Speech - National Resources Conference, March 14, 1955 Spokane, Washington
- Speech - Carlisle Barracks, PA - National Strategy Seminar - March 29, 31, 1955 - Mr. Finucane to deliver SUMMATION at Conclusion of Seminar (CCF Cancelled)
- Remark - Group of Seniors - Williams College, Tuesday, April 5, 1955
- 14 Statement - Acting Sec. of the Army Before Dept. of Defense Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Appropriations on FY 56 Army Budget - 6 April 1955
- Remarks - Air Force Presentation re Electronic Data Processing - Applications in Logistics Plan 7 April 1955
- Speech - Before the German Bundestag and Blank Office Representatives. Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 14 April 1955
- Remarks - Under Sec. Finucane Presentation Certificate of Appreciation to General Julius O. Adler 21 April 1955
- Statement - 25 April 1955 - Under Sec. of Army Mr. Finucane before the Committee on Ways and Means, House of Repr. on HR 4904, 84th Cong. to Extend the Renegotiation Act of 1951 for 2 years.
- Speech - American Ordnance Assn. NY Post - Hotel Astor Wednesday, 27 April 1955

- Speech - Joint Civilian Orientation Conference - 6 May 1955
- Opening Remarks - Army Scientific Advisory Panel, June 2, 1955
- Remarks - Breakfast Briefing for Republican Congressmen, Wednesday, 8 June, 1955
- Speech - Catholic War Veterans State Convention. Banquet Uniontown, PA, Saturday, 18 June 1955
- Speech - Reserve Officers Association Convention 23 June 1955 - Speech, 24 June 1955 - Dinner
- Speech - Army Supply Management Course Opening Day, Ft. Lee, Virginia, 27 June 1955 1300 Hours
- Speech - Before Directors for Supply and Logistics - OSD August 18, 1955
- Speech - National Security Industrial Assn., Thursday, 8 September 1955
- Speech - Defense Orientation Conference Assn., Friday, 23 September 1955 - Room 5A 1070
- 15 Speech - Veterans of Foreign Wars, N.Y. Post #505 New York City, NY - Saturday, October 15, 1955
- Speech - New York City - Testimonial and Welcome Home in Honor of Robt. T. Stevens, Sponsored by B'NAI B'RITH No. 1, Commodore Hotel, Monday, 17 October 1955
- Speech - Milwaukee Civic Alliance Meeting - Milwaukee Wisconsin, Tuesday, 25 October 1955
- Speech - Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Seattle, Washington, Monday, 7 November 1955
- Speech - Meeting - Republican Western Conference, Portland, Oregon, Nov. 4th, 5th, 6th, 1955
- Speech - Women's Republican Club, Spokane Washington, Luncheon Meeting, Wednesday, 9 November 1955
- Speech - Spokane Rotary Club, Spokane, Washington, 10 November 1955

- Speech - Annual Dinner - Chamber of Commerce, Columbia, SC, Thursday, 1 December 1955
- Speech - Taft School Alumni Assn., New York City, Union Club, Wednesday, February 29, 1956
- Speech - Harvard School of Business Alumni, Luncheon-Friday, 16 March 1956
- Speech - Dedication San Antonio Dam, Pomona, California, Saturday, 12 May 1956
- Statement - of the Under Secretary of the Army, Mr. Charles C. Finucane Before the House Armed Services Comm., Tuesday, May 15, 1956, re Family Housing
- Speech - The Army Scientific Advisory Panel, The Pentagon, Monday, 21 May 1956 - Opening Remarks
- Statement - House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Subcommittee H.R. 9665 - Wednesday, 23 May 1956
- Speech - Aircraft Manufacturers Council Conference, Williamsburg, VA, Thursday, 24 May 1956
- Presentation of Army Awards of Merit for Safety - by Under Secretary of the Army, Mr. Finucane, Friday, 1 June 1956
- 16 Speech - Command Management School, Ft. Belvoir, VA Thursday, 7 June 1956 (Cancelled)
- Speech - Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA, Thursday, 14 June 1956
- Speech - Rock Island Arsenal, IL (Davenport, IA) Quad City Chamber and Associations of Commerce, Thursday, 28 June 1956
- Speech - Command Management School - Opening Address Academic Year 1956-57 - Ft. Belvoir, VA, Monday, 10 September 1956
- Presentation of Dept. Defense Reserve Award to the National Assn. of Radio and Television Broadcasters, 30 September 1956
- Speech - Washington Chapter Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Assn. Luncheon, Tuesday 28 September 1956 - Willard Hotel
- Remarks - Joint Civilian Orientation Conf., The Pentagon, Thursday, 4 October, 1956

Speech - National Guard Association Conference - Annual States Dinner,
Wednesday, 10 October 1956 Spokane, Washington

Speech - Republican Rally - East Orange, New Jersey, Thursday, 18 October 1956

Speech - Yale Club of Washington, D.C., Burlington Hotel, Washington, D.C.,
Friday, 19 October 1956

Speech - Southern Medical Association - Luncheon speech - Sheraton Park,
Wednesday, 14 November 1956 (Cancelled)

Speech - Transfer of Gary Air Base to Army - San Marcos, Texas - Dec. 14-15, 1956
- Also visit to Ft. Sam Houston (Cancelled by CCF - Sec. Milton took over for CCF)

Speeches - Presentation Award Certificate of Achievement to General Foods Corp.,
Pentagon Bldg., 21 March 1957

Luncheon Remarks to Outstanding Cadets U.S. Military Academy The Pentagon - 5
April 1957

Welcoming Remarks Before Visiting Members of Congress, Ft. Benning, GA, 5
April 1957 (Sec Army took over Sec. Finucane did not go)

Speech - Assoc. U.S. Army (Chapter Tacoma and Olympia) Ft. Lewis, WA April 7,
1957 (Regretted)

17 Remarks before Army Scientific Advisory Panel, Ft. Benning, GA April 9-10, 1957

Speech - Armed Services Committee - Benicia Chamber of Commerce, Benicia,
California 15 May 1957 (Sec. Finucane Regretted - Sec. Higgins will make speech)

Speech - Assn. U.S. Army's "Army Aviation Symposium" Ft. Rucker, AL 6-7 June
1947

Speech - Spokane Chamber of Commerce, Spokane, Washington, Tuesday, 27
August 1957

Speech - Spokane Rotary Club, Spokane, Washington, Thursday, 29 August 1957

Speech - Association U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Symposium -
Tucson and Ft. Huachuca, Arizona Thursday, 19 September 1957

Speech - Joint Civilian Orientation Conference 3-12 October 1957, 3 October -
Reception, 4 October - SPEECH, 4 October - Luncheon

- Remarks - Presentation Army Flag to First Army Governors Island, New York,
Monday, 14 October 1957
- Speech - Command Management School, Ft. Belvoir, VA Thursday, 24 October 1957
- Speech - Civilian Aides Conference - Association U.S. Army 27-30 October 1957
- 18 Speech - Army Supply Management School, Ft. Lee, Virginia Friday, 20 December
1957
- Speech - New Haven Chamber of Commerce, New Haven, CT Tuesday, 11 February
1958
- Speech - Lincoln Day Speech Young Republicans Club Wednesday, 12 February
1958 (Regretted)
- Speech - Annual Taft School Dinner, Thursday, 6 March 1958
- Remarks - Dedication Swimming Pool, Pentagon Officers Athletic Center - 1 April
1958
- Patterson Award, 12 February 1958
- Speech - Military Order of the Carabao, Tuesday, 22 April 1958 12 noon - Army and
Navy Club, Washington 25, D.C.
- Clippings
- Confirmation and Swearing In
- Congratulatory Letters
- Contributions

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