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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers of Gordon Gray span the years 1946 to 1976. Gray has had a long and distinguished career as a government official, publisher, and educator. Gray's papers are largely concerned with his career in government with the best documentation covering the years 1951 to 1954. It was during this period that he served as director of the Psychological Strategy Board (P.B.) and as chairman of the Personnel Security Board of the Atomic Energy Commission.

A graduate of the Yale Law School, Gray began his professional career as an attorney with a New York Law firm. In 1935, however, he returned to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to practice law. At approximately the same time, he acquired financial interests in the publishing and broadcasting fields. As operator of radio station WSJS and publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal and the Twin City Sentinel, Gray eventually abandoned the legal profession. As president and publisher of the Piedmont Publishing Company, Gray retained his business interests in publishing and broadcasting throughout his other careers. In 1938, he served as president of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina. From 1938 to 1942 and from 1946 to 1947, he was a member of the North Carolina State Senate.

A lifelong Democrat, Gray served under every president, Democrats and Republicans alike, from Harry Truman to Gerald Ford. During the Truman years, Gray was Assistant Secretary and later Secretary of the Army. He resigned in 1950 to accept the position as president of the University of North Carolina. However, he remained in Washington, D.C. to study United States foreign economic policies as a special assistant to the President. Also, during his tenure as president of the University of North Carolina, he was director of the Psychological Strategy Board.

During the early years of the Eisenhower administration, Gray held positions on several committees and boards including the President's Committee on International Information Activities and the Atomic Energy Commission's Personnel Security Board. In 1955, he resigned as president of the University of North Carolina and returned to government service on a full-time basis. Involved in advising the president on international and national security affairs, Gray served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (1955-57), director of the Office of Defense Mobilization (1957-58), and Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (1958-61).

After the Eisenhower years drew to a close, Gray became more involved in business activities. He did, however, serve as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board from 1961 to 1977. During the 1960's and 1970's he was chairman of the board of Triangle Broadcasting Company, chairman of the board of Summit Communications, Inc., and a member of the board of directors of the J.R. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Gray also served as chairman of the board of trustees for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The first series into which the Gray papers are divided concerns the period from 1947 to 1976. This series reflects Gray's activities as Assistant Secretary and later Secretary of the Army

(1947-50), president of the University of North Carolina (1950-55), director of the PSB (1951), chairman of the Personnel Security Board of the AEC (1954), Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (1958-61) and a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (1961-77).

Of the two subseries within Series I, the Name subseries are the most significant in documenting Gray's role in government. Despite the scarcity of material in the series concerning his role as Special Assistant for National Security Affairs, there is correspondence in both the Chronological and Name subseries relating to the functions and organization of the National Security Council. Of special interest in the Name subseries is a detailed memoir written by Gray in which he discusses the United States involvement in the Bay of Pigs crisis. Also of note in this subseries are Gray's correspondence concerning the Senate Select Committee and its investigation into alleged assassination plots in the late 1950's and early 1960's against Patrice Lumumba of the Congo. There is also material in the subseries on the functions of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

The second series within the Gray papers is a small speech correspondence series. This series consists of correspondence concerning arrangements for Gray's speaking engagements. There are also several speech transcripts in the series.

Series III reflects Gray's activities as director for the Psychological Strategy Board. While there is some correspondence of a social nature, the bulk of this series consists of correspondence relating to the conduct of business within the PSB during the Truman administration. Personnel matters are a major topic within the series.

The fourth series concerns the period during which Gray presided as chairman of the AEC's Personnel Security Board. The board which met from April 12 to May 6, 1954, investigated and later denied security clearances for nuclear physicist Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer. The series is divided into three subseries: alphabetical correspondence, hearing transcripts, and Oppenheimer case scrapbook. While most of the correspondence, hearing transcripts, and Oppenheimer case scrapbook. While most of the correspondence is comprised of public opinion letters concerning the case, the folders which contain Gray's dictated memoranda are of special interest. The memoranda were prepared by Gray at the time of the hearings and documented his personal thoughts toward the conduct of the case and toward the individuals who testified. Also contained within the correspondence subseries are carbon copies of file memoranda prepared by Roger Robb, counselor for the AEC. The memoranda which were prepared in 1967 discuss the nature of the case, Dr. Oppenheimer as an individual, and the witnesses at the hearings. Lewis Strauss, chairman of the AEC at the time of the hearings, and Gordon Gray maintained an active correspondence up until the 1970's. Much of their correspondence dealt with their involvement in the Oppenheimer proceedings as such provides interesting insights into the thinking of these two central figures. In addition to correspondence, Series IV also contains the hearing transcripts which were verbatim account of the proceedings as well as the Oppenheimer case scrapbook. Compiled on a daily basis by Gray, the Oppenheimer case scrapbook consists of newspaper clippings from April to July 1954.

The final series of the papers consists of electrostatic reproductions of Gray's personal scrapbook of his career from 1946 to 1950. The copies were made from a microfilm copy which is also in this series. The original scrapbook is in the custody of the Southern Historical Collection of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Several comments are pertinent to the general arrangement, description, and disposition of the collection. In addition to Gray's personal scrapbook, there are a substantial number of electrostatic reproductions scattered throughout the collection. Some of these reproductions are stamped to indicate that they replaced deteriorating manuscript items. Reproductions which do not bear such a marking were either among the papers at the time of deposit or were made by the Library staff at the request of the donor for return of the originals. The general arrangement of the collection has been provided by the processing archivist. Within each series and individual folder, the specific order of items is alphabetical and/or chronological, whichever is appropriate. Original folder titles on the files at the time of deposit have been retained wherever possible. Those folder titles which were assigned by the processing archivist have been placed in brackets []. The original arrangement within the folders has been retained, although some documents had to be refiled in order for their placement to be consistent with the folder titles. Additional discrete segments of Gordon Gray's papers are in the custody of the Southern Historical Collection of the University of North Carolina Library at Chapel Hill, the University Archives of the University of North Carolina Library, and the United States Military History Research Collection at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

May 30, 1909 Born, Baltimore, Maryland

1930 A.B. degree, University of North Carolina

1933 LL.B. degree, Yale University

1934 Admitted to New York Bar

1935-47 President and publisher of Piedmont Publishing Company, Winston-Salem Journal, and Twin City Sentinel; also operator of radio station WSJS

1936 Admitted to North Carolina Bar

1938 Married Jane Boyden Craige (d. 1953)

1938-39 President of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina

1938-42 Member of the North Carolina State Senate

1942-45 Served in U.S. Army

1946-47 Member of the North Carolina State Senate

1947-49 Assistant Secretary of the Army

1949-50 Secretary of the Army

1950 Special Assistant to the President of the U.S.

1950-55 President of the University of North Carolina

1951 Director of the Psychological Strategy Board

1951 Chairman of the Commission on the Financing of Hospital Care

1953-54 Member of President's Committee on International Information Activities

1954 Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission's Personnel Security Board

1955-57 Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs

1956	Married Nancy Maguire Beebe
1957-58	Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization
1958-61	Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
1961-77	Member of the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board
1961-69	Chairman of the Board of Piedmont Publishing Company
1969-75	Chairman of the Board of Triangle Broadcasting Company
1975-	Chairman of the Board of Summit Communications, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Box Nos. Series

- 1-2 I. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. 1947-76. 1-1/3 containers.

Letters, memoranda, reports, telegrams, newspaper clippings, and printed literature pertaining to Gray's activities in various positions held since 1947. This series is divided into two subseries. Subseries A is arranged chronologically. Subseries B is arranged alphabetically by first initial of surname.

- 2 II. SPEECH CORRESPONDENCE. 1960-74. 1/3 container.

Letters and speech transcripts concerning Gray's speaking engagements. Arranged chronologically by date of speech.

- 2-3 III. PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD. 1951-75. 1-1/3 containers.

Letters, memoranda, telegrams, newspaper clippings pertaining to Gray's activities as director of the Psychological Strategy Board. Arranged chronologically.

- 4-9 IV. THE J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER CASE. 1954-75. 6 containers.

Letters, memoranda, telegrams, hearing transcripts, reports, and newspaper and magazine clippings are contained within this series which is divided into three subseries. Subseries A contains correspondence relating to Gray's role as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission's Personnel Security Board investigation of J. Robert Oppenheimer. Subseries B consists of the PSB hearing transcripts and has been withdrawn in its entirety. These transcripts contain unpublished portions which may relate to national security. Subseries C is comprised of newspaper clippings pertaining to the Oppenheimer case. Subseries A is arranged alphabetically by first initial of surname. Subseries B is arranged chronologically by numerical order of volumes. Subseries C is arranged chronologically.

- 10-11 V. GORDON GRAY SCRAPBOOKS. 1946-50. 2 containers.

Scrapbook of newspaper clippings concerning the career of Gordon Gray. This series is divided into two subseries. Subseries A pertains to the years 1946-47 and Subseries B to the years 1947-50. This series includes one reel of microfilm. Arranged chronologically.

CONTAINER LIST

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SERIES I. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. 1947-76

SUBSERIES A: CHRONOLOGICAL. 1947-76

- 1 [Miscellaneous Correspondence 1947-49] [Lyndon Johnson; reserve forces; Department of Defense Secretary James Forrestal's death]
- [Miscellaneous Correspondence 1950] [Inactivation of army installations; Gray's presidency at the University of North Carolina; Universal Military Training]
- [Miscellaneous Correspondence 1951-57] [Gray's presidency at U.N.C.; James Forrestal; Adlai Stevenson's campaign; Oppenheimer case; SARATOGA cruise; stockpiling program; Office of Defense Mobilization directorship; Civil Rights Program]
- [Miscellaneous Correspondence 1958-59] [Reorganization Plan #1 of 1958; Gray's position as Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; chairmanship of the Atomic Energy Commission; personnel changes at DOD]
- [Miscellaneous Correspondence 1960] [briefing of British press corps; National Commission of the Press proposal]
- [Miscellaneous Correspondence 1961] [Armed Forces Staff College; Operations Coordinating Board; possible ambassadorship to Argentina or Pakistan; boycott of Cuban tobacco]
- [Miscellaneous Correspondence 1962] [Atlantic Council of the U.S. foreign aid program]
- [Miscellaneous Correspondence 1963] [U.S. Ideological Offensive; National Academy of Foreign Affairs; "Committee of Principals"]
- [Miscellaneous Correspondence 1964] [George C. Marshall Award; Institute for Defense Analysis; National Law Center of George Washington University; Allen Dulles]
- [Miscellaneous Correspondence 1965] [Gray Board; civilian role in nuclear defense]
- [Miscellaneous Correspondence 1966] [American National Red Cross; Bay of Pigs]

[Miscellaneous Correspondence 1967-68] [National Security Council; Middle East crisis of 1958; arms control policies; Sprague Committee; Jackson Subcommittee]

[Miscellaneous Correspondence 1976]

SUBSERIES B Name. 1947-76.

Dillon Anderson-Robert Cutler (1) (2) [Henry Kissinger and the NSC mechanism; Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board; Richard Nixon; NSC; Vietnam Conflict; Jackson Committee]

[Dwight D. Eisenhower 1947-55] [Committee on International Information Activities; Wake Forest College]

[Dwight D. Eisenhower 1960-61] [Middle East trip; nuclear testing; OCB]

[Dwight D. Eisenhower 1962] [Cyprus; USS NORTH CAROLINA]

[Dwight D. Eisenhower 1963] [Oppenheimer case; David Brinkley and statement re military aid to Eastern Europe]

[Dwight D. Eisenhower 1964] [Organization of national and international security affairs]

[Dwight D. Eisenhower 1965-66] [March 17, 1960 cabinet meeting]

[Dwight D. Eisenhower 1967-68] [OCB; NSC organization]

[John S.D. Eisenhower] (1) (2) [The White House Years; NSC and DDE; Berlin crisis; AEC documents; DDE's article in The Saturday Evening Post].

2 [Abe Fortas] [Senator Barry Goldwater campaign (1964); FIAB]

[Gordon Gray] [memoir re Cuban situation]

[Gordon Gray-President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board] [foreign intelligence coordination]

[Gordon Gray-Church Committee] (1) (2) (3) [re congressional investigation of DDE's involvement in assassination plot against Patrice Lumumba of the Congo]

[Gordon Gray - Church Committee Newspaper Clippings]

[Christian Herter] [re Herter's comments before Senate Committee on Government Organization]

George C. Marshall Award

New York Times [the 1960 presidential campaign]

[Cyrus R. Vance] [Military Pay Bill of 1963]

Earl Warren [re Commission on Judicial and Congressional Salaries]

SERIES II: SPEECH CORRESPONDENCE. 1960-74.

Foreign Service Institute Mid-Career [Officers] Course 12 December 60

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National War College - Industrial College of the Armed Forces [29 November 60]

Naval War College [21 November 60]

[University of North Carolina 21 October 60]

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[Foreign Service Institute Mid-Career Officers Course 12 September 60]

Armed Forces Staff College [27 June 60]

[Foreign Service Institute Mid-Career Officers Course] 13 June 60

[West Point 29 April 60]

[Foreign Service Institute Senior Officer Course 18 April 60]

[Foreign Service Institute Mid-Career Officers Course 18 March 60]

Armed Forces Staff College 18 January 60

[Miscellaneous Speeches }

SERIES III: PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD. 1951-75.

[Leave of Absence from University of North Carolina]

[Congratulatory correspondence re Gray's appointment to the PSB]

PSB Personal [1951-52] (1)-(3) [Joseph Stalin; cold war policies; Office of Naval Research; psych warfare seminar; Adlai Stevenson; John F. Dulles article re containment; role of PSB vis-a-vis the Department of State]

3 PSB Personal [1951-52] (4) (5) [PSB personnel matters]

[PSB Chronological File August - October 1951] (1)-(4) [personnel matters; Sam Rayburn; problems facing PSB; Korean settlement]

[PSB Chronological File November - December 1951] (1)-(3) [liaison with AEC; Radio Free Europe]

President Truman – Psychological Strategy Board 1951 (1)(2) [Italian elections; speech outline re PSB organization]

President Truman - Psychological Strategy Board 1952 (1)-(3) [psych warfare seminar; PSB personnel]

Psychological Strategy Board 1953 [Jackson Committee]

PSB Newspaper Clippings]

SERIES IV: THE J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER CASE. 1954-75.

SUBSERIES A: Alphabetical 1954-74.

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Oppenheimer Correspondence [Gordon Gray dictation May 10-14, 1954] [Oppenheimer's security clearance; Oppenheimer's work at Los Alamos]

Oppenheimer Correspondence [H]

Oppenheimer Correspondence [J-K] [Arthur Krock]

Oppenheimer Correspondence [L]

Oppenheimer Correspondence [M]

Oppenheimer Correspondence [William Mitchell]

Oppenheimer Correspondence [Thomas Morgan] [re Adlai Stevenson's views on communists]

5 Oppenheimer Correspondence [N-P]

Oppenheimer Correspondence [R]

Oppenheimer Correspondence [Roger Robb] (1) (2) [re Philip Stern's book on Oppenheimer; Dr. Edward Teller's testimony; Lloyd Garrison; Peter Michelmore's book on Oppenheimer; Robb's role in hearing; Colonel Boris T. Pash; David Lilienthal; John Landsdale; Courts Oulahan]

Oppenheimer Correspondence [C.A. Rolander, Jr.] (1)-(3) [re Gray's role in Oppenheimer hearing; Joseph and Stewart Alsop's "We Accuse" article; Strauss' nomination to be Secretary of Commerce; Japanese textile imports; the Fermi Award presentation to Oppenheimer]

Oppenheimer Correspondence [S]

Oppenheimer Correspondence [Lewis L. Strauss] (1)-(3) [re Gray's role in Oppenheimer hearing; Joseph and Stewart Alsop's "We Accuse" article; Strauss' nomination to be Secretary of Commerce; Japanese textile imports; the Fermi Award presentation to Oppenheimer]

Oppenheimer Correspondence [T-Wh]

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SUBSERIES B: Oppenheimer Hearing Transcript. 1954.

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SERIES V: GORDON GRAY SCRAPBOOKS. 1946-50.

10 Gordon Gray Scrapbook 1946-1947 (1)-(7)

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11 [One Reel of Microfilm containing contents of Gordon Gray Scrapbooks 1946-1950]

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