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The Papers of Howard C. Petersen, Chairman of the Finance Committee for Citizens for Eisenhower during the 1952 presidential campaign, were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by Mr. Petersen in August, 1983.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Howard C. Petersen, a banker from Philadelphia, and a former Assistant Secretary of War in the Truman Administration, served as the finance chairman of the National Committee Eisenhower for President, 1951-1953. He also served as Chairman of the Finance Committee, Citizens for Eisenhower. During the pre-convention phase of the campaign he organized the fund-raising campaign, selected state finance chairmen, coordinated the fund-raising of the various committees, and brought in Price-Waterhouse to run the accounting. In 1954 Petersen was a member of the Finance Committee of the National Citizens for Eisenhower Congressional Committee, but Spencer T. Olin served as Chairman. Petersen also participated in the fund-raising effort of the 1956 Eisenhower campaign, but not in any official capacity.

Virtually all of Petersen's papers consist of records for the Eisenhower fund-raising effort or pertain to Eisenhower campaign activity. The collection, which is chronologically arranged, is composed of correspondence, memoranda, reports, lists, ledgers, and publications pertaining to the organization and operations of the fund-raising effort. Included are lists of campaign contributors and the amount donated, as well as account ledgers and cash receipt books documenting the disbursement of national campaign funds. The collection also contains correspondence and invitation lists for the 1953 Inaugural, correspondence and reports concerning the operation of the National Citizens for Eisenhower Congressional Committee, and correspondence and memorabilia concerning the activities of the 1956 National Citizens for Eisenhower.

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