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KIMBALL, ARTHUR A.: Papers, 1891-1994

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The papers of Arthur A. Kimball were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by his widow Mrs. Betty Kimball in November 1997.

Linear feet:	2
Approximate number of pages:	4000
Approximate number of items:	2000

Mrs. Kimball signed an instrument of gift for the papers on November 10, 1997. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Arthur A. Kimball in this collection and in all other collections of papers received by the United States have been donated to the public. Under terms of the instrument of gift, the following classes of items are withheld from research use:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Arthur Alden Kimball (1908-1996) was born in Washington, DC. His father Arthur H. Kimball was a prominent ophthalmologist. His grandfather Ivory G. Kimball was a Civil War veteran who was appointed judge of the Washington, DC, police court by President Cleveland in 1893. Kimball entered government service in 1928 when he went to work for the Commerce Department. Over the next several years he worked for the National Recovery Administration and the Social Security Board. At the start of World War II he joined the army and became a budget officer in the War Department. He later served as Chief of Administration for the U.S. prosecution team at the Nazi war crimes trials in Nurnberg, Germany.

After the war Kimball worked in the State Department and helped George Marshall establish the Economic Cooperation Administration for administering the Marshall Plan. Kimball later served as head of the International Information Administration, a branch of the State Department. When the IIA became a separate agency, the U.S. Information Agency, in 1953, President Eisenhower allowed Kimball to serve as acting director until the first full-time director, Theodore Streibert, could take office. Kimball then joined the White House staff as staff director of the President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization (PACGO). He assisted the committee chairmen, Nelson Rockefeller and Arthur Flemming, and managed the work of the committee's professional staff. In November 1960 President Eisenhower appointed Kimball to the National Labor Relations Board. The Senate did not confirm the appointment and Kimball left government service after John F. Kennedy became president. He practiced law in Washington, DC, for 5 years, and then returned to government service in 1966. He worked for the Social Security Administration and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. From 1972 to 1974 he was Director of International Training at the Agency for International Development. In December 1974 he retired and moved to Florida where he became alumni officer at the Florida Institute of Technology.

The papers of Arthur Kimball pertain mostly to his military service and his work with PACGO. The material on his military service includes his personal 201 file and photographs, memorabilia and printed material relating to the war crimes trials at Nurnberg, Germany, in 1946. The PACGO material contains copies of reports and recommendations on government organization compiled by the Committee. These are largely duplicate copies of the official committee records at the Eisenhower Library. The collection also contains a small quantity of material on his work for the Agency for International Development (AID) from 1972 to 1974.

The remainder of the collection consists mostly of routine social correspondence. Kimball's letters to his mother during the 1930s contain information on his trips, his social activities, and his efforts to support his family during the Great Depression. However, there are very few comments on his work for the National Recovery Administration or the Social Security Board. Kimball's correspondence with the George Marshall Research Foundation contains retrospective comments on his work with George Marshall while Marshall was Secretary of State, and the development of the Marshall Plan. The collection also contains some social correspondence of Kimball's father Arthur H. Kimball, and newspaper clippings on the work of his grandfather Ivory Kimball while serving as a police judge in Washington, DC from 1891 to 1903.

CONTAINER LIST

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1	Agency for International Development (1)(2) [work as Director of International Training, 1972-74] AID – Scrapbook 1972 AID – Scrapbook 1972-74 (1)(2) Biographical Material Book Draft Chapters: "Seldom Was it Dull" Book Draft Chapters: "The Way it Was" China Trip 1975 China Trip 1980 Clippings Correspondence 1925-52 Correspondence 1953-94 (1)-(3) [Edward Beach; Milton Eisenhower; Elliot Richardson re Colombian drug traffic; Nelson Rockefeller; Maurice Stans] Correspondence - Chain Store Legislation 1933 Correspondence - Arthur H. Kimball [letters from U.S. Consul at Freiburg, Baden, 1899-1903] Correspondence - Letters to Mother 1931-34 [law school; social activities; National Recovery Administration] Correspondence - Letters to Mother 1936-37 [trip to western U.S.; meeting actress Jane Wyman; Social Security Board]
2	Correspondence - Letters to Mother 1938 [trips for Social Security Board] Correspondence - Letters to Mother 1939-40 [Social Security Board personnel problems]

- Correspondence - Letters to Mother 1941-48
- Eisenhower Centennial 1990
- Eisenhower Library (1)(2)
- George Marshall Research Foundation (1)-(3) [Kimball's work for Marshall; 1948 agreement for State-ECA cooperation]
- Interview – Columbia University (1)-(3)
- Interview – Additional Recollections 1987
- 3 Memorabilia (1)(2)
 - NASA Origins [role of PACGO in creating NASA]
 - PACGO – Commendation from the President
 - PACGO – Final Report (1)-(4)
 - PACGO – Final Report – Budget Message Section (1)(2)
 - PACGO – International Affairs (1)(2)
 - PACGO – International Affairs – Charts
 - PACGO – Meyer Kestnbaum
 - PACGO – National Labor Relations Board Reorganization
 - PACGO – Recommendations April 1953 (1)(2)
- 4 PACGO – Recommendations April 1953 (3) (4)
 - PACGO – Reorganization Plans 1953-59
 - PACGO – Rockefeller Report 1953-58
 - PACGO – Transportation Organization (1)-(3)
 - PACGO – Water Resources Functions

- Scrapbook – Helena Kimball 1931-52 [material re Arthur Kimball’s activities collected by his mother; mostly re World War II]
- Scrapbook – Helena Kimball 1953-63 (1)(2) [creation of USIA; menus from White House mess; appointment to NLRB]
- Scrapbook – Ivory Kimball 1891-1903 (1)-(3) [clippings re Kimball’s work as police judge]
- 5 201 File (1)-(7) [organization of Nurnburg prosecution staff, War Dept budget staff]
- White House Staff Book
- White House Staff Reunion 1982
- World War II – Chief of Staff Biennial Report 1943-45
- World War II – Nurnburg (1)-(3) [souvenirs of war crimes trials]
- 6 Oversized Items (half-suit box)

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