

Confidential File of the Eisenhower White House 1953–1961

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The Confidential File is one major component of the Eisenhower administration's central repository of information—the White House Central Files. This file yields an intimate understanding of the Eisenhower White House. It consists of documents segregated by White House staff from the other White House Central Files due to their security or administratively classified contents or origin. This important archive is the main repository for correspondence, reports, memoranda, analyses, and studies composed by various executive departments and agencies, cabinet members and presidential advisers, Congress, and prominent public figures, for use by the President and senior officials in formulating domestic and foreign policies and programs.

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These confidential files reveal Dwight D. Eisenhower, the man. In these confidential classified documents, researchers have Eisenhower's uncensored beliefs and opinions, his assessments of people or situations, and his reflections on the strengths and weaknesses of his presidency.

Scholars of political history and public policy can explore in-depth, contemporary documents about Eisenhower's two terms—McCarthy and the internal Communist threat, foreign policy and programs, national defense and the Cold War, Little Rock and civil rights, Atoms for Peace, funding for highways and other infrastructure improvements, and the activities of the Republican Party—as well as documents on international crises in Korea, Formosa, the Suez, Lebanon, Cuba, and the growing unrest.

Part 2: Presidential Trips and Conferences

The files on the President's trips contain materials relating to the President's goodwill tours to the Far East, Europe, Africa, Canada, and Mexico, and his trips to summit conferences, such as Bermuda, Geneva, and Paris. In addition to the briefing books and the telegrams arranging the President's various travels, there are also copies of verbatim transcripts of the proceedings of the Geneva Conference contained within the folders documenting the President's trips. In addition, there are files on the trips of Eisenhower's vice president and personal advisors abroad.

Among the prominent foreign policy issues discussed at length at these conferences are NATO, foreign economic policy, U.S.-Soviet relations, nuclear testing, the Organization for

European Economic Cooperation, trade agreements and tariff matters, mutual security programs, and hemispheric relations.

Presidential Trips and Conferences covered within the collection include:

- Bermuda Meeting, March 1957
- Big Four Conference advance
- Canada Trip, 1958
- Geneva Conference, July 1955
- Mexico Trip, 1959
- Europe Trip, 1959
- Latin America, 1960
- USSR, Japan, and Far East preparations and trip, 1960
- Summit, 1960
- Vice president Nixon's Far East
- Milton Eisenhower's trip to South America

Part 3: Departments and Agencies

Of special interest within the Confidential File are those segments dealing with government departments and agencies. Reports, memoranda, and correspondence from representative government departments—the Interior; Justice; Treasury; Commerce; Labor; Agriculture; Health, Education, and Welfare; and Housing and Urban Development—as well as such agencies as the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Bureau of the Budget offer in-depth analyses of the domestic political and economic situation. Reports from information-sensitive agencies, including the Psychological Strategy Board, Atomic Energy Commission and the Central Intelligence Agency, the departments of State and Defense, and the military services, shed new light on the Cold War and world crises, the world communist movement, and relations between the Eisenhower White House, allied western nations, and the emerging Third World.

Departments and Agencies covered within the collection include:

- Air Coordinating Committee
- Psychological Strategy Board
- Civil Aeronautics Board
- Commission on Government Security
- Council on Foreign Economic Policy
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Federal Housing Administration
- Federal Reserve System
- Mutual Security Agency
- National Aeronautics & Space Administration
- National Security Resource Board
- Operations Coordinating Board
- Office of Civil Defense
- U.S. Information Agency

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