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DRAPER, WILLIAM G., AIR FORCE AID TO THE PRESIDENT: Records, 1953-61

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5. Papers containing statements about individuals which might be used to injure or harass them or members of their families.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

June 28, 1920	Born, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
1939-41	Student, University of Maryland
1942	Commissioned 2 nd Lt. USAF
1943-46	Assigned Air Transport Command
1943-46	Assigned Air Fireball Line
1946-50	Pilot and chief pilot, Special Air Mission Squadron, Washington National Airport
1950-52	Personal pilot, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe
1952-53	Commanding Officer, 7167 th Special Air Mission Squadron, Wiesbaden, Germany
1953-61	President Eisenhower's Air Force Aide and Personal Pilot
1961-64	Deputy commander, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, and Regional Administrative Officer, Boise, Idaho (Advanced through grades to Lt. Col.)
1964	Died

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of Lt. Col. William G. Draper span the years 1953 to 1961 and document Colonel Draper's activities as Air Force Aide to the President and pilot of the presidential Aircraft. The records are divided into two series—Trips and Subject/Alphabetical.

The Trips series comprises approximate 60% of the material in this collection and is divided into three subseries. The Logs subseries contains flight logs for all presidential flights between January 30, 1953 and January 5, 1961. The Index subseries contains indexes of aircraft trips and routine flight information for almost 300 trips. The Chronological subseries contains memoranda, reports, notes, etc. concerning all Military Air Transport Service Operations involving the White House accept helicopter Operations and shuttles to and from Gettysburg and camp David. Material on these latter subjects can be found in the Subject/Alphabetical series.

The Subject/Alphabetical series reflects Colonel Draper's role as Air Force Aide to a greater extent than the Trips series, which documents the role of the presidential pilot almost exclusively. Material of Special interest reflecting the role of Air Force Aide includes folders titled "Air Force Personnel" in boxes 25 and 26. "Denver White House" in boxes 29 and 30, and "White House Aides-Previous" in box 36. Materials reflecting the role of presidential pilot in this series include folders titled with personal names, i.e., "Mrs. [Mamie] Eisenhower" Much of his material concerns the personal comfort and safety of the President's family during MATS flights.

401 photographs and one museum object were removed from the records and transferred to the audiovisual and museum divisions of the Eisenhower Library.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Box Nos. Series

- 1-9 TRIPS SERIES, Logs Subseries. 9 Containers. Routine "aircraft access control Log" sheets and other sheets listing persons authorized to have access to or board the Presidential plane, signed by William Draper, Aircraft Commander; Albert J. Lilly, Provost Marshal; and Jack L. Birkenstock, Security Officer, Presidential Aircraft. This series contains flight logs for all presidential flights between January 30, 1953 and January 20, 1961. Arranged chronologically.
- 10-13 TRIPS SERIES, Index Subseries. 4 containers. Indexes of aircraft trips showing date and purpose of trip; itineraries, lists of passengers, crew members and guards for each trip. Almost 300 trips from January 30, 1953 through January 5, 1960 are documented in this subseries. Arranged chronologically.
- 14-23 TRIPS SERIES, Chronological Subseries. 10 container. Correspondence, memoranda, reports, notes etc. concerning all MATS (Military Air Transport Service) White House Operations, 1953-61, excluding shuttles to and from Gettysburg and Camp David and helicopter Operations. Arranged chronologically
- 24-36 SUBJECT/ALPHABETICAL SERIES. 13 containers. Correspondence, memoranda, reports, notes etc. containing technical information relating to the various aircraft used by MATS and reflecting the duties of the Air Force Aide to the President. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

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