

DRAFTS SERIES

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Drafts Series spans the period December 29, 1952 to December 31, 1956 and consists of 1245 pages of drafts of President Eisenhower's letters, messages, and statements, most of which were extensively edited. The series is arranged chronologically with the contents of each file folder in reverse chronological order. Many of these drafts were pieced together after having been torn up. Apparently the President's secretary, Mrs. Ann C. Whitman, prevented this material from being destroyed and, therefore, preserved rich samples of President Eisenhower's editing and handwriting, including several holographic items.

This series is comprised of drafts of a fairly representative sample of President Eisenhower's letters, messages, and statements written during his first administration. While the material is diverse, much of it consists of drafts of letters to personal friends, letters and messages concerning anniversaries, invitations, and personal matters, memoranda concerning internal government organization and administration, and draft public speeches and statements. Such topics as the Bricker Amendment, civil rights, defense policies, foreign affairs, internal security, and politics, appear frequently, especially in some of the personal correspondence.

Found here are drafts of several of President Eisenhower's letters to Winston Churchill, John Foster Dulles, Anthony Eden, Edgar and Milton Eisenhower, Alfred Gruenther, Swede Hazlett, and Charles Wilson, as well as correspondence addressed to other administration officials, personal friends, and members of the public. Copies of many of these letters, as sent, appear in file folders under the respective individuals' names in other series in Dwight D. Eisenhower's Papers as President. Researchers using this series may want to compare the letter drafts with the file copies appearing elsewhere in the President's papers.

About 360 pages were withheld because of security classification and 28 pages were closed in accordance with President Eisenhower's letter of gift when this series was processed.

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