CANCER AND CANCER RESEARCH

Anderson, Robert B.: Papers, 1933-89
Box 1 Agriculture [Sec. Benson’s statements on chemicals & foods, 1960]
Box 35 American Cancer Society [1953-54; corres. & clippings re fund raising]

Benson, Ezra Taft: Papers, 1952-61
Box 37 Statements, etc.-Sec. Benson 1960 (1) [statements, “Chemicals and Foods, 1-14-60; no specific reference to cancer]
Box 38 Some Significant Press Releases and Statements, 1960 (1) ["Chemicals and Foods", statement and report, 1-14-60]

Bragdon, John Stewart: Records, 1949-61
Box 2 Air Pollution Control [1958-60; clippings and booklet; reference to lung cancer; report on medical research on air pollution]

Cook, Richard W.: Papers, 1940-73
Box 5 Radiation Safety and Major Activities in the Atomic Energy Programs AEC Report, 1956 [effects of exposure to radiation]

Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Records as President (White House Central Files), 1953-61
Official File
Box 275 OF 72-A-33 President’s Science Advisory Committee (2) [letter, Delaney to Kistiakowsky, 3-24-60, re question of food additives]
Box 457 OF 108-I -- Radiation, Radioactive Fallout - (1)(2) [includes reports on fallout and radiation hazards, may have brief references to cancer.]
Box 457 OF 108-I-1 -- White House Conference on Fallout Protection (1)(2) [Includes report on medical aspects of fallout.]
Box 463 OF 110-N-11 -- Cranberries (1)-(5) [Includes statement by Sec. Flemming of H.E.W. re cancer-producing residue from weed killer on cranberry crop; report on cranberry problem and report by panel on food additives.]
Box 508 OF 117-A Air Pollution (1)(2) [1953-60; reference to cancer in 1958 HEW report]
Box 508 OF 117-C -- Health-Medical Practice [Includes several pages of correspondence with references to cancer.]
Box 509 OF 117-C-2 Hospitals [Ann Whitman to Cullman, 9-7-57, thank you for cigarettes which arrive regularly at the White House]
Box 510 OF 117-F -- Cancer(1)-(4) [Includes correspondence, press releases, and proclamations relating to the American Cancer Society, cancer fund drives, and Cancer Control Month; also references to cigarette smoking and auto exhausts and expanded research; 1958 report of American Cancer Society.]
Box 516 OF 117-Y Food Additives and Chemicals Used in Food Production and Distribution [1959-60; statements by Flemming and Benson; report; some references to cancer]
Box 742 OF 236-B-1 -- National Institutes of Health (one folder) [Includes correspondence, general report of NIH and special report on new cancer drug.]

General File
Box 1027 GF 131-I -- Cancer and Cancer Fund Drives (1)-(10) [1954-60; Includes correspondence, bulletins, proclamations, and reports re cancer fund drives and research.]
Box 1148  GF 142-G-12  Food, 1959-1960 (1)  [Articles re food additives and FDA regulations on research and living standards]
Box 1149  GF 142-G-12  -- Cranberries - (one folder) [1959-60; Includes statements by Flemming, report on proper use of weed killer, Paarlberg correspondence, and correspondence from public.]
Box 1291  GF 182-I  Food and Drug Administration

President's Personal File
Box 610  PPF 20-D “R”  [Robertson to Persons, 8-4-53, reference to cancer research]
Box 695  PPF 27-F -- Cancer- (one folder) [1956-59; Includes information on cancer fund drives and statements by President.]
Box 851  PPF 47 -- Pan American Cancer Cytology Congress  [About forty pages of correspondence re the Congress plus two printed journals and one printed program.]

Eisenhower, Dwight D.:  Papers as President (Ann Whitman File), 1953-61
Administration Series
Box  1   Agriculture  [Sec. Benson’s statements re chemicals and food, 1-14-60]
Box  4   Atomic Energy Commission, 1955-56 (1) -  [Includes report, "The Human Effects of Nuclear Weapons Development." Report is rather general and doesn’t actually mention cancer.]
Box  5   Atomic Energy Commission 1959 -  (one folder)  [Includes some correspondence re health hazards of nuclear waste material.]
Box 23   Kistiakowsky, Dr. G. B. (1)  [May 1960, panel on food additives, chaired by Dr. Detlev Bronk, issues report, reference to cancer risks]

Ann Whitman Diary Series
Box  1   ACW Diary Nov.-Dec. 1953 (1)  [memo of conversation, 12-11-53, DDE and Howard S. Cullman re cigarettes and effect on lung cancer]

Cabinet Series
Box  11  Cabinet Meeting of July 25, 1958  [HEW report on health trends; report on tobacco consumption and mortality from cancer]
Box  13  Cabinet Meeting of March 6, 1959  [radiation problems]
Box  15  Cabinet Meeting of December 11, 1959  [Minutes of meeting include report by Flemming on food additives that may cause cancer; statement by Flemming on chemical residues in meat and poultry.]
Box  15  Cabinet Meeting of January 22, 1960 (1)(2)  [References to cranberry problem and Cabinet Paper on Chemicals and Food and reports by Flemming and Benson.]

DDE Diary Series
Box  5  Phone Calls July-Dec. 1953 (1)  [memo of telephone call, DDE and O. Hobby, 12-10-53 re discussion with Senator Duff on cancer]
Box  38  Staff Notes Jan. 1959 (1)  [briefing on hazards of atomic reactors; general references to threats to human health]
Box  39  Toner Notes, Feb. 1959  [radiation research; reference to cancer]
Box  50  Staff Notes May 1960 (1)  [memos re food additives]
Box  52  Toner Notes-August 1960  [8-3-60, adulterated food]

Legislative Meeting Series
Box  3  Legislative Leaders--1960 (1)  [Notes on meeting for January 12, 1960 include references to cancer-causing food additives.]
Flemming, Arthur S.: Papers, 1939-75
Box 5 Cranberry Case (1)-(5) [1960; statement and report by Benson; drug amendments of 1962; book draft, The Great Cranberry Crisis of 1959 by Eugene Feingold (1963)]
Box 9 Fallout (1)(2) [1961-62; radioactivity and milk; radiation fallout levels]
Box 10 Food and Drug Administration (1)-(5) [1959-65; food fads and quackery; report on enforcement re diets and “weightlessness” products; narcotic drugs; report on agricultural pesticides]
Box 12-13 HEW Programs (1)-(12) [1961-68; correspondence; reports; statements; bills; medical research; report on cancer research, 1967]
Box 14 John Foster Dulles Cancer Drive [1959; correspondence]
Box 32 American Cancer Society [1962-65; correspondence; schedule]
Box 95 First International Congress on Smoking and Health (1)(2) [1963-66; correspondence; minutes of meetings; preparations for congress in June 1966]
Box 97 HEW, Dept. of—Briefing Book (1)-(3) [1960; organization and functions of department’s various offices, administrations, and services]
Box 101 HEW: Food Additives Amendment [1960; statement and report by Flemming; color additives and pesticides; aminotriazole; stibestrol]

Hagerty, James C.: Papers
Box 54 James C. Hagerty’s Press Conferences, October Through December 1959 (2) - [Transcripts of November press conferences include questions or comments on the cranberry problem.]

Harlow, Bryce N.: Records, 1953-61 (Pre-Acc.)
Box 10 Cranberries [1959-60; memoranda; correspondence; press release]

Hobby, Oveta Culp: Papers, 1952-1955
Box 22 Advisory Boards and Councils [National Advisory Cancer Council of PHS]
Box 22 PHS-Air Pollution [reference to health problems caused by air pollution]
Box 22 General [1954-55; letters re lung cancer]
Box 23 Legislation [1955, S. 849, grants for research on cancer & other diseases]
Box 27 “A” [1955; correspondence with American Cancer Society]
Box 49 Press Conference, Oct. 21, 1954 [briefing materials for Mrs. Hobby, incl. position paper on lung cancer and smoking; Hobby not asked about smoking]

Merriam, Robert E.: Records, 1955-61
Box 5 Food Additives [press release, 5-14-60; Report of the Panel on Food Additives, 5-9-60; comments on report by Flemming and Benson; correspondence from Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.; article, “Farm Fallout Can Kill You!”, Cabinet Paper, CP 60-105, “Chemicals and Food;” some references to cancer]

Morgan, Gerald D.: Records, 1953-61 (Pre-Acc. & A67-57)
Box 7 Cranberry Situation-1959 [1960; correspondence with Sec. Benson, Veterans Adm., U.S. Army Quartermaster General, Bureau of Budget]

Paarlberg, Don: Records, 1954-61
Box 4 Classified Staff Memos (1959-61) (one folder) [Includes memo by Paarlberg on pesticides.]
Box 5  Food Contamination (1)-(4) [Statements and reports by Flemming on cranberries; draft of Cabinet Paper on chemicals in food; report of panel on food additives; memo on Kistiakowsky’s meeting with the President; proposed cranberry program]

Persons, J. Wilton B.:  Records, 1953-61
  Box 1  HEW File  [agency reports to President; statements by Flemming; 12-10-59, statement on stilbestrol in meat]
  Box 2  Card File  [index cards list White House “cranberry meetings”]

Republican National Committee:  News Clippings and Publications, 1932-65

Seaton, Fred A.:  Papers, 1900-72
  Ewald Research Files
    Box 9  Fish and Wildlife Service (1)  [1959-60; information on effects of pesticides on the environment]

U.S. President’s Science Advisory Committee:  Records, 1957-61
  Box 3  Chemical Panel  [1960; correspondence and memo]
  Box 5  Radiation  [1958-60; radiation hazards in food; nuclear accidents; testing nuclear weapons]

White House Office, Cabinet Secretariat:  Records, 1953-60
  Box 1  Chemicals and Food  [1959-60; Flemming statement on Delaney clause, 12-10-59; letters from Benson; Cabinet Paper CP 60-105; Benson’s statement re chemicals and food; USDA-HEW communications]

White House Office, Office of the Special Assistant for National Security Affairs:  Records, 1953-61
  NSC Series, Briefing Notes Subseries
    Box 9  Human Effects of Nuclear Weapons Development (1)-(4)  [1955-57; general report; no specific references to cancer]

White House Office, Office of the Special Assistant for Science and Technology:  Records, 1957-61
  Box 4  Agriculture (one folder)  [Includes correspondence and USDA report with references to carcinogenic food additives.]
  Box 12  Life Sciences (1)-(4)  [1958-60; Kistiakowsky, food additives, Chemical Panel-carcinogens in food cycle, ref. to cancer; Life Sciences Panel; report on Panel on Food Additives, ref. to cancer; USDA memo on House hearings on chemicals in food; memoranda and correspondence re Chemicals Panel]
  Box 12  Memoranda and Letters to President (Dec. 1957-June 1960)  [Includes brief memo on carcinogenic food additives.]
  Box 20  Food Additives and Chemicals Panel  [1960; Correspondence re report on food additives; list of FDA tolerances; printed articles on chemicals in food; newsletter; letters from general public.]
White House Office, Office of the Staff Secretary: Records, 1952-61

**Cabinet Series**

Box 6  C-53 (1) January 6 and 22, 1960  [handwritten notes on Jan. 22 meeting with candid comments by Eisenhower and Flemming re cranberry problem]

**Legislative Meetings Series**

Box 6  Legislative Meeting--January 12, 1960  [Includes a few pages of notes discussing the Delaney Amendment and food additives.]

**Subject Series, Alphabetical Subseries**

Box 16  Dr. Kistiakowsky (3)  [memo to Pres., 5-9-60 re report of Chemicals Panel on food additives]

White House Office: Records Officer Reports to President on Pending Legislation, 1953-61

Box 28  7-22-54  Amend Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act…Pesticides, HR 7125  [PL83-518; re residues of pesticide chemicals in or on raw agricultural commodities]

Box 79  7-9-56  Amend Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act re oranges, HR 7732  [PL84-672; dyes in food]

Box 86  7-30-56  Amend Public Health Services Act, S. 849  [PL84-835; grants in aid for health research facilities]

Box 135  8-27-58  Health Research Facilities, HR 12876  [PL85-777; extends 1956 act for three years]

Box 144  9-6-58  Amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, HR 13254  [Food Additives Amendment of 1958, Delaney Clause—no approval for additives causing cancer in laboratory animals]

Box 145  3-17-59  Amend Food & Drug Act re coloring in orange industry, S.79  [PL86-2]

Box 152  8-7-59  Amend Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, HR 6436  [PL86-139]


Box 172  7-12-60  Hazardous Substances, S. 1283  [PL86-613; labeling required]

Box 172  7-12-60  Amend Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, S. 2197  [PL86-618; restrictions on color food additives]

Box 181  9-15-60  Authorization of Institutional Research Grants, HR 10391  [PL86-798]

**Oral History Interviews**

OH-504 & 506  Arthur S. Flemming (70 pp. & 41 pp.)  [Delaney Clause; weed killer; decision to make announcement re cranberries; testing; Rachel Carson; Dr. Kistiakowsky and Chemical Panel]

OH-412  George Kistiakowsky (21 pp.)  [discusses DDE being caught in middle between USDA and HEW re cranberry problem]

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The following speeches, statements, messages, and press conferences contain references to cancer:

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1-7-54  No. 3, State of Union Message, pp. 6-23.

1-18-54  No. 11, Special Message to Congress on Health Needs of American People, pp. 69-77.

1-21-54  No. 14, Annual Budget Message to Congress, pp. 79-192.

8-4-54  No. 183, Memo on Community Chest & United Fund Campaigns, p. 687.

10-21-54  No. 301, Address at Alfred E. Smith Memorial Dinner, NYC, pp. 934-941.

11-8-54  No. 325, Address to National Council of Catholic Women, Boston, pp.1023-1028.

1-31-55  No. 25, Special Message to Congress Recommending a Health Program, pp.216-223.


1-26-56  No. 21, Special Message…on Nation’s Health Program, pp. 196-204.
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