

EISENHOWER-KENNEDY MATERIALS

This list includes items relating to correspondence and meetings between Presidents John F. Kennedy and Dwight D. Eisenhower; telephone conversations between them and the files from Eisenhower's Papers as President relating to the transition of administrations. A page count is provided for those items relating to direct meetings or correspondence between the two.

Additional collections containing materials documenting the transition between their administrations are listed at the end. There is also a list of oral histories containing information relating to Eisenhower and Kennedy. Researchers should consult the finding aids to our collections for additional materials in our holdings relating to Kennedy alone either as Senator or President.

Eisenhower Dwight D.: Papers as President (Ann Whitman File), 1953-61

DDE Diary Series

Box 55 DDE Dictation Dec. 1960 [(10 pages)DDE's account of meeting with JFK on 12/6/60; DDE-JFK, 12/16/60 re Goodpaster; DDE-JFK, 12/19/60 re offer of use of plane; JFK-DDE, 12/21/60]

Presidential Transition Series

Box 1 Log of correspondences [2 pages]
President Eisenhower's Topics & Topics Suggested by Mr. Kennedy [25 pages]
Topics suggested by Mr. Kennedy [19 pages – duplicate briefing pages from previous folder]
News Conference with President Elect John F. Kennedy [4 pages]
Memos-Staff re: Change of Administration [(36 pages) Topic lists and briefing papers, staff arrangements for the meeting, DDE's account of the meeting]
Memos-Staff re: Change of Administration (2) [(29 pages) Gen. Persons memo for the record re meeting, press release, correspondence log, memo re transition and disposition of Cabinet papers, correspondence between DDE-JFK 11/9/60 to 1/19/61]
Memos-Staff re: Change of Administration (3) [(70 pages) correspondence, memos, briefing book topic lists regarding meetings between transition staff – no direct DDE-JFK correspondence]
Memos-Staff re: Change of Administration (4) [(61 pages) Gen. Goodpaster's account of 12/19/61 DDE-JFK meeting, transition staff memos and correspondence, 11/29/60 Advisory Commission on Information memo to JFK]
Memos-Staff re: Change of Administration (5) [(61 pages) transition staff memos and correspondence]
Memos-Staff re: Change of Administration (6) [(41 pages) Arrangements for 12/6/60 DDE-JFK meeting, transition staff memos and correspondence]

- Memos-Staff re: Change of Administration (7) [(36 pages) transition staff memos and correspondence]
- Memos-Staff re: Change of Administration (8) [(46 pages) transition staff memos and correspondence, background information on economy, Cabinet paper on the turnover of the government]
- Box 2 Turnover - Memos for Record [(5 pages) this file consists of duplicate materials found elsewhere in the collection except for the memo by Persons re the 12/6/60 DDE-JFK meeting]
- Box 3 Continuity of Authority [(67 pages) correspondence between Executive Departments heads and Wilton Persons concerning the continuity of senior official personnel to serve beyond January 20]

**Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Records as President (White House Central Files), 1953-61
Official File**

- Box 586 OF138-A Elections & Voting (7) [Telegram of Congratulations re election, DDE to JFK, 11-9-60 (1 p.)]
- Box 603 OF 138-D-8 Democratic Party, Kennedy, John F. and Johnson, Lyndon [DDE-JFK corresp re: briefings on defense, missiles, CIA (13 pp.)]

President's Personal File

- Box 972 PPF 1288 Kennedy, John F. [DDE-JFK & DDE-Jacqueline Kennedy correspondence re: JFK health, birth of son (5 pp); also DDE-Rose Kennedy correspondence]

Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Post-Presidential Papers, 1961-69

Augusta-Walter Reed Series [Duplicate carbon copies of the letters in this series are found throughout the Principal File Series in the Post-Presidential Papers. This series contains a compilation of those materials into folders specific to JFK]

- Box 2 Kennedy, John F. 1960-61 (1)-(2) [85 pages: correspondence, meetings, briefings and other documents]
- Kennedy, John F. 1962-67 (1)-(2) [103 pages: DDE oral history re transition, DD-JFK correspondence, telephone calls, etc.]

Additional DDE-JFK materials, primarily documents relating to the transition between administrations

**Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Records as President, White House Central Files
Alphabetical File**

- Box 1672 Kennedy, John F. (3 or 4 folders) [Cross reference sheets to all Kennedy-related materials in the White House Central Files. These include references to him by others in correspondence with the White House.]

Hagerty, James: Papers, 1953-1961

Box 3 Kennedy, President-Elect [drafts of congratulatory memos after election; newsmen invited to 12/6/60 arrival ceremony; position of tv cameras, transcript of news conference, drafts of press release, agenda for meeting (many of these documents can also be found in other collections)]

Henry, Laurin L.: Papers re Presidential Transitions, 1952-1961

This collection consists of materials compiled during a Brookings Institute study of the Truman-Eisenhower and Eisenhower-Kennedy Presidential transitions. Boxes 17-21 relate specifically to the Eisenhower-Kennedy transition. Please consult the finding aid for more information.

Persons, Wilton B.: Papers, 1960-1961

Entire collection relates to the transition planning. Includes copies of documents found in Eisenhower's Papers as President. Please consult the finding aid for more information.

White House Office, Office of the Staff Secretary: Records**Subject Series, Alphabetical Subseries**

Box 1 Administration Turnover [July-December 1960] (1)-(4)
Box 16 Topics for Discussion with President-elect Kennedy [December 1960]

Audiovisual materials

There is no film footage of Kennedy and Eisenhower together in the audiovisual department. There is a small number of photographs in the audiovisual holdings depicting the following subjects:

1. Senator Kennedy at congressional leaders meetings and bill signings during the Eisenhower administration
2. Meetings between Eisenhower and Kennedy during the presidential transition period
3. The 1961 inauguration
4. President Kennedy meeting with former President Eisenhower at the White House, at Eisenhower's retreat at Palm Desert, attending Sam Rayburn's funeral, and during the Cuban missile crisis.
5. Dwight D. and Mamie Eisenhower at Kennedy's funeral.

Please consult with the audiovisual staff for more information about these photographs and regarding any copyright restrictions.

Oral History Transcripts

BEACH, EDWARD L. OH-128 (interview #4) [DDE as advisor to Kennedy and Johnson]

BIRD, JOHN A. OH-318 [research assistant for DDE's published articles, helped draft the article on presidential succession immediately after President Kennedy's assassination]

BUCHANAN, WILEY T. OH-283 (interview #1) [Eisenhower's advice to John F. Kennedy regarding Vietnam]

CLAY, LUCIUS D. OH-285 (interview #28 & #29) [Decision-making process of DDE and JFK compared]

CRAWFORD, KENNETH OH-63 [Eisenhower's opinion of foreign and domestic policies during the Kennedy administrations]

DILLON, C. DOUGLAS OH-211 (interview #1) [DDE's opinion of probable Kennedy economic plans]

DONOVAN, ROBERT J. OH-48 [comparison of Eisenhower's relations with the press with those of Kennedy; transition of presidency from Eisenhower to Kennedy; Eisenhower's assistance to his predecessors]

EISENHOWER FOLTZ, BARBARA OH-554 (interview #2) [comparison of the Eisenhowers and the Kennedys]

EISENHOWER, JOHN S. D. OH-543 [increased security at the farm following the John F. Kennedy assassination]

GOODPASTER, ANDREW J. OH-544 [JFK & DDE]

GRAY, GORDON OH-73 (interview #8) [Eisenhower-Kennedy transition]

HOPKINS, WILLIAM OH-494 (interview #1) [Eisenhower-Kennedy transition]

MANN, THOMAS C. OH-353 [Latin American policy during the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations, similarities between Eisenhower and Kennedy]

McCONE, JOHN A. OH-396 [McCone's Atomic Energy Commission briefings for DDE on behalf of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson; DDE's relationship with Kennedy and Johnson as Presidents]

PAARLBERG, DON OH-52 (interview #1) [transition to Kennedy administration]

PERSONS, WILTON B. OH-334 (interview #4) [transition to Kennedy administration]

PERSONS, WILTON B. OH-399 [transition to Kennedy administration]

SCHULZ, ROBERT L. OH-495 (interview #1) [President Kennedy's respect for Eisenhower;
Eisenhower's advisory relationship with Presidents Kennedy and Johnson]

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