

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LIBRARY  
ABILENE, KANSAS

HANSEN, LAURENCE J.: Papers, 1944-77

Accession 87-12  
Processed by: TB  
Date Completed: February 2001

The papers of Laurence J. Hansen were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower by Mr. Hansen in August 1987.

Linear feet: -1  
Approximate number of pages: 150  
Approximate number of items: 150

Laurence Hansen signed an instrument of gift for the papers on August 4, 1987. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Laurence Hansen in this collection and in all other collections of papers received by the United States have been donated to the public. Under terms of the instrument of gift, the following classes of items are withheld from research use:

1. Papers which constitute an invasion of personal privacy or a libel of a living person.
2. Papers which are required to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and are properly classified.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Laurence J. Hansen was an army air corps pilot during World War II. From November 1942 to November 1946 he served as the personal pilot for General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Hansen retired from the military in November 1946 and went to work for his family's manufacturing firm in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1983 he wrote an account of his experiences as Eisenhower's pilot. The booklet was published by Aero-Medical Consultants, Inc., of Largo, Florida, under the title What It was Like Flying for "Ike".

The papers of Laurence Hansen consist primarily of letters he received from Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower. Most of the letters are of a routine social nature. Of particular importance is a letter from Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1966 in which he stated that the cover story issued at the time of the U-2 incident in 1960 was "stupid," and a long philosophical letter on human nature from Mamie Eisenhower in 1974. The collection also contains some correspondence and memorabilia relating to Hansen's World War II service, the 1953 inauguration, and Dwight D. Eisenhower's funeral.

## CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
----------------	-----------------

1	Eisenhower Letters (1)-(4) [DDE letter of 23 Nov 1966 re U-2 cover story; long philosophical letter on human nature from Mamie, 16 July 1974]
---	---

Memorabilia (1) (2)

Miscellaneous Letters

END OF CONTAINER LIST