

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LIBRARY
ABILENE, KANSAS

McDUFF, ROBERT J.: Papers, 1946-48

Accession 72-33
Processed by: KMB
Date Completed: May 1972

The papers of Robert J. McDuff were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by Colonel McDuff in April 1972.

Linear feet: -1
Approximate number of pages: 260
Approximate number of items: 250

Colonel McDuff signed an instrument of gift for the papers on April 6, 1972. Literary rights in the writings of Robert J. McDuff in this collection and in all other collections of papers donated to the Eisenhower Library were retained by Colonel McDuff until his death in April 1981, and then passed to the public. Under terms of the instrument of gift, the following classes of items are withheld from research use:

1. Papers relating to the family and private business affairs of Robert J. McDuff.
2. Papers relating to the family and private business affairs of others persons who have had correspondence with Robert J. McDuff.
3. Papers relating to investigations of individuals or to appointments and personnel matters.
4. Papers containing statements made by or to the donor in confidence unless in the judgement of the Director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library the reason for the confidentiality no longer exists.

All other papers which contain information or statements that might be used to injure, harass, or damage any living person.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Robert J. McDuff was born on February 13, 1903 in Frankfort, Kentucky. He attended Garrison School of Law, a branch of the University of Louisville, and practiced law in Lexington, Kentucky. In 1933 he joined the army, becoming a regimental sergeant major before he was commissioned in 1943. He served on Omar Bradley's staff in England and helped draft administrative plans for the Normandy Invasion. He later served as Acting Adjutant General of the Fifth Infantry Division. In December 1945 he returned to the U.S. and was assigned to the Correspondence Section of the Office of the Chief of Staff. In this position he helped draft letters and messages for the signature of Dwight D. Eisenhower when Eisenhower was Chief of Staff. McDuff later served with the Far East Command in Japan and also was Deputy Chief of Personnel in the Adjutant General's Office. In 1958 he retired from the Army and settled in Virginia where he died in April 1981.

The papers of Colonel McDuff cover the period from 1946 to 1948 when he was in the Correspondence Section. The collection consists largely of typed drafts of letters and messages he prepared for the signature of Dwight D. Eisenhower. Many of the drafts have extensive revisions and corrections by Eisenhower. Most of the letters are of a routine social nature, such as responses to invitations and letters of thanks. There are also several letters responding to people who had written to Eisenhower about Army problems, such as requests for discharge or promotion, or asking Eisenhower's opinion on military matters. A small number of letters are to members of Eisenhower's family, personal friends and various important persons. These include John S.D. and Milton Eisenhower, Leonard Finder, Benjamin Fairless, Eleanor Roosevelt, Aaron Berg and Thomas J. Watson. The most significant letters were published by Johns Hopkins University in volumes 7, 8 and 9 of The Papers of Dwight D. Eisenhower. The collection also contains a printed copy of a speech by Henry L. Stimson in 1947.

CONTAINER LIST

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

1	Drafts - 1946
---	---------------

	Drafts - 1947 (1)(2)
--	----------------------

	Drafts - 1948
--	---------------

	Carbon copies of miscellaneous letters (including farewell letters)
--	---

	Drafts for statements, messages, etc.
--	---------------------------------------

	“The Challenge to Americans” by Henry L. Stimson, Reprint from <u>Foreign Affairs</u> , October 1947
--	---

END OF CONTAINER LIST