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PARKER, EDWIN L.: Papers, 1960-68

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The papers of Edwin L. Parker were deposited in the Eisenhower Library by Mr. Parker's children in March 1989.

Linear feet:	-1
Approximate number of pages:	125
Approximate number of items:	125

The Parker family signed an instrument of gift for the papers in April 1989. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Mr. Parker 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:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Edwin L. Parker was president of A.G. Spalding and Brothers, Inc., of Chicopee, Massachusetts, a company that made sporting equipment. Because of President Eisenhower's interest in golf, Parker often provided Eisenhower with golf clubs and golf balls for Eisenhower's personal use. In March 1960 Parker gave Eisenhower a special set of golfing equipment which Eisenhower presented to President Alberto Lleras of Colombia during his visit to the U.S. in April 1960. In February 1968, while using a golf ball manufactured by Spalding, Eisenhower hit a hole-in-one at the El Dorado Country Club in Palm Desert, California. Eisenhower's staff later sent the ball to Parker as a souvenir.

This collection contains Edwin Parker's correspondence with President Eisenhower from 1960 to 1968. The collection is not complete. There are no letters for 1961 in the collection, while Eisenhower's post-presidential papers show the two men corresponded frequently during that year. The collection also contains some extraneous material, including a thank you letter from President Lleras of Colombia, and correspondence with golf pros at Augusta and El Dorado golf clubs regarding Eisenhower's use of golfing equipment. The collection is useful for documenting Eisenhower's interest in golf during his retirement years. He frequently commented on the various styles of clubs and balls he was using. His letters also show how his golf game changed as his health declined during the last few years of his life.

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1960 [President Alberto Lleras of Colombia]
1962-1963
1964-1966 [problems with USGA testing of golf balls]
1967-1968 [DDE's hole-in-one]

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