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The Papers of J. Robert Schaetzel span the period from 1943 to 1995 with the bulk of them falling into the period from 1959 to 1985. These papers consist of approximately 4,400 pages of correspondence, memoranda, reports, articles, speeches and printed data.

Mr. Schaetzel was born in Holtville, California on January 28, 1917. He graduated from Pomona College in 1939 and did additional work at the University of Mexico in 1940 and Harvard University from 1940 to 1942.

Schaetzel began his government service as an analyst with the Bureau of Budget in 1942, serving in this post from 1942 until 1945. Only one item from this period of his career, a May 1943 letter from Schaetzel to his parents is found in his papers. Schaetzel spent the bulk of his government service with the Department of State from 1945 until 1972. His duties during the Eisenhower Administration included working in the Department of State’s Office of Atomic Energy Affairs with special functions concerning the peaceful uses of atomic energy. He spent a year at the National War College (1954-1955) doing research on atomic energy. A few items reflect his duties during the early 1950s including a briefing paper Schaetzel prepared for Vice President Richard Nixon prior to the Vice President’s trip to the Far East in the fall of 1953. Also of interest is investigative correspondence concerning Schaetzel’s wartime membership in the Washington Bookshop Association, an organization on the Attorney General’s list of allegedly subversive organizations.

The bulk of Schaetzel’s papers, however, fall into the period from 1959 to 1985 and document Schaetzel’s work official work as a State Department official with the European Communities and his continuing interest and work with European issues and the Jean Monnet project after his retirement from government service in 1972. These materials clearly depict Schaetzel as an “Europeanist” who wrote and spoke articulately about the European Communities and their relationship with the United States. He corresponded with many individuals in and out of government service with the two major blocks of correspondence relating to former Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Jean Monnet, founder of the Action Committee for a United States of Europe. Schaetzel frequently wrote and spoke about State Department organization and its effectiveness or lack thereof in conducting foreign policy. He expressed his observations on the differing Presidential administrations during the 1960s through the 1980s. He served on a task force established by President-elect John F. Kennedy in November 1960 to recommend changes of ambassadors and other foreign policy personnel. Files on Schaetzel’s task force work contain frank and often critical assessments of holdover ambassadors along with recommendations for continuance or termination of various individuals’ service. Although Schaetzel had Democratic Party connections his correspondence includes critical comments about Democratic administrations of Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter as well as numerous observations on Richard Nixon, Henry Kissinger and a few on Alexander Haig.

The quantity of Schaetzel’s correspondence reflecting his official duties as a State Department official and Ambassador Extraordinary is small (a few hundred pages) but rich in content. His letters to Dean Acheson during these years contain frank assessments of European issues and
personalities as well as his observations on United States European policies. The correspondence files from 1960 through 1972 in box 4 are also a key source of information as these include Schaetzel’s letters to such individuals as Robert Bowie, David Bruce, Francois Duchene, Hubert Humphrey, Nathaniel Samuels, Jacob Javits, Martin Hillenbrand, Elliott Richardson, George Ball, and others. In addition, these chronological folders contain briefing papers, memoranda of conversations, speech drafts as well as Schaetzel’s articles and speeches. European personalities covered include Charles De Gaulle, and Franz Josef Strauss and, of course, Jean Monnet.

After retiring from the State Department Schaetzel supported many organizations concerned with United States-European relations and was an organizer of the American Council for Jean Monnet Studies in 1984-85. He eventually became President of this council. Schaetzel’s official correspondence and memoranda pertain primarily to Europe as do his numerous articles and speeches. For many years Schaetzel wrote articles for The Washington Post while submitting essays to Foreign Affairs and other publications. He also gave many speeches, with most of them focusing on European affairs. He was a member of several organizations including the American Academy for Diplomacy, the Cosmos Club, the Council on Foreign Relations, the National Academy of Public Administration and the Trilateral Commission.

The Robert Schaetzel Papers are organized into two series, a subject series, (boxes 1-3) and a chronological series, (boxes 4-6). The staff rearranged certain files in order to develop a consistent arrangement within these two series. Items are filed in chronological order within both series. The Library staff declassified more than 200 pages while processing this collection. When processing was completed in September 2006, approximately 40 pages remained security-classified and 3 pages closed in accordance with the donor’s deed of gift.

The Papers of Robert Schaetzel fit in with the Eisenhower Library’s extensive holdings pertaining to Western European economic and military security. In addition to the Presidential Papers, the Papers of C.D. Jackson, the papers of Secretaries of State John Foster Dulles and Christian Herter, and the papers of three of the first four SACEURS, Generals Dwight Eisenhower, Alfred Gruenther and Lauris Norstad, one collection merits specific mention. This is the Papers of Gerard C. Smith, which reflect Smith’s involvement with the Trilateral Commission, nuclear non-proliferation, arms control and other issues affecting United States relations with Western Europe during the 1960s through 1980s. These papers contain correspondence exchanged between Smith and Schaetzel from 1990 to 1993 plus information on the Jean Monnet Council. One of the Jean Monnet Council folders in the Smith Papers contains a paper by Sherrill Brown Wells entitled “Jean Monnet and the Insiders: Robert Nathan, William Tomlinson, Robert Bowie, and J. Robert Schaetzel.”
Biographic Sketch

January 28, 1917  Born in Holtville, California
1939  Received A.B. from Pomona College
1940-1942  Attended University of Mexico and Harvard University
1942-1945  Served as a budget analyst with the Bureau of the Budget
March 1945  Appointed Special Assistant to Director, Office of International Trade Policy, U.S. Department of State
1945 onward  Held various posts within the U.S. Department of State
October 1950  Special Assistant to Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs
September 1960  Section Chief, Office of Special Assistant For Disarmament and Atomic Energy
February 1961  Special Assistant, office of Under Secretary of State For Economic Affairs
March 1962  Special Assistant to Under Secretary of State
September 1962  Appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Atlantic Affairs, Bureau of European Affairs
September 1966  Became U.S. Representative to the European Economic Communities
October 1, 1972  Retired from government service
1975  Published The Unhinged Alliance, an analysis of United States policy toward Europe
1985  American Council For Jean Monnet Studies, Inc. established (Schaetzel a co-founder)
November 7, 2003  Died in Bethesda, Maryland
Series Description

Series I: Subject Series. 1943-1995. 3 boxes. Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically within each folder. Consists of correspondence, memoranda, reports, speeches and printed matter.

Series II: Chronological Series, 1960-1995. 3 boxes. Arranged chronologically; contains articles, correspondence, drafts, memoranda, reports and speeches.
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1962 [Articles, Correspondence, Memoranda and Speeches] [three articles written by Robert Schaetzel pertaining to the European Common Market and the Atlantic Partnership (printed in Department of State Bulletin]

1963 [Articles, Correspondence, Memoranda and Speeches] [draft remarks in honor of General Lauris Norstad; Schaetzel exchange of correspondence with David Bruce on European developments; draft article “Atlantic Partnership and the Common Market”; Schaetzel speeches on nuclear problem and Europe and on Atlantic Partnership]

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1967 [Articles, Correspondence, Memoranda and Speeches] [Euratom and International Atomic Energy Agency; Vice President Hubert Humphrey and European Community]

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1971 [Articles, Correspondence, Memoranda and Speeches] [Dean Acheson article written a few days before his death; State Department; Schaetzel speeches on Western Europe]

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[1973] (1)(2) Speeches: 1973 [Robert Schaetzel address on the European Economic Committee given at the National War College; other Schaetzel speeches and statements on American protectionism, the European Community, Henry Kissinger and the Nixon Administration]

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1976 [Articles, Correspondence, Memoranda and Speeches] [Europe; American foreign policy and Congress; Ambassador Reischauer comments on Japan; Italian Christian Democrats; American’s European policy; Italy]


[1976] The Continuity and Change of America’s Foreign Policy Toward Europe, Affari Esteri, 12/1976

[1976-1983] McKnight Fellows in International Affairs Project (1)(2) [foundation support of projects in international affairs; non-partisan private organization to provide Congress with analyses of selected public issues; possible programs included exchanges with Canada and with Japan, human rights, international economics, international trade, Protectionism, energy policy, monetary systems, foreign assistance, health services, poverty, modernization in various countries, Mexican-American relations, arms control, oceans]

1977 [Articles, Correspondence, Memoranda and Speeches] (1)(2) [Carter Administration and foreign affairs; shift in Atlantic Partnership; Schaetzel’s testimony before Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East; Europe and America; German Minister of Economics, Count Otto Von Lambsdorff and comments on the Jimmy Carter Administration and Germany]

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1981 (1) (2) [Articles, Correspondence, Memoranda and Speeches] [Schaetzel draft article on European Community; William Bundy, editor, Foreign Affairs; liberal Democrats; President Reagan and America in the 1980s]

1982-83 [Articles, Correspondence, Memoranda and Speeches] [Barre’s comments on European Community; Schaetzel’s reflection on 25 years of U.S.-European relations; developments in Western Europe; editorial criticism of suggested Marshall Plan for Latin America]

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1984 [Articles, Correspondence, Memoranda and Speeches] [European Community; trade policy; U.S. European Community Joint Fellowship Program]

1984- Miscellaneous outlines, reports, etc.[deteriorating Federal Government; European Community; East-West trade; future American foreign policy; Federal Government and erosion of professional career service; Reagan Administration, foreign policy, Senator Jesse Helms and political Ambassadorial appointments; Moscow discussions]

[1985] Muskie Study Group Article - 1985 [draft chapter on trade intended for book on Congress, the President and Foreign Policy - initiated at request of former President Gerald Ford sponsored jointly by Association of Former Members of Congress and the Atlantic Council - Edmund Muskie was a member of the group]

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