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SCHWESINGER, BETTY E.: Papers, 1939-74

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Betty E. Schwesinger was born in Detroit, Michigan, and worked in private industry in Detroit for many years. In 1952 she went to Denver, Colorado, and offered her services to Dwight D. Eisenhower's campaign staff. She became a secretary in Eisenhower's campaign headquarters and helped manage Eisenhower's transition staff at the Commodore Hotel in New York. When Eisenhower became president Schwesinger joined the White House staff and was secretary to Homer Gruenther during the entire Eisenhower administration. Gruenther was an assistant to Wilton Persons, the Deputy Assistant to the President, and dealt with Congressional liaison matters. In 1961 Schwesinger transferred to the U.S. Capitol and worked as a secretary to various congressmen until her retirement in 1978.

The papers of Betty E. Schwesinger consist of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, memorabilia and printed government reports that she collected. Most of the material relates to the presidency and the White House during the Eisenhower administration. A few files cover World War II and the Kennedy administration. The material is divided into two series. The first series contains the bulk of the publications and clippings. This material is arranged in alphabetical order by title, subject or author. The second series contains statistical reports compiled by the congressional liaison staff in White House.

CONTAINER LIST

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1 Series I: Subject File

Adams Matter (1)-(4) [Goldfine scandal, 1959]

Administrative Achievements of the Republican Administration, 1954-55

Armed Forces Day Review, May 15, 1954

Collins, V.A. Segregation vs Supreme Court Opinion on Integration [prosegregation statement by private citizen in Texas]

Cuba (1)(2) [1963]

Eisenhower's Four Years 1956 – Various Writers [editorials commenting on accomplishments during first administration]

Eisenhower Genealogy [DDE visit to Stanton, VA, 1960]

Eisenhower Library

Election Statistics (1)(2) [RNC reports on 1952, 1953 & 1956 elections]

2 Invitations & Programs (1)-(6)

Issues

Knebel, Fletcher – Eisenhower and His Money, 1957

Major Legislative Actions 84th Congress

Memorabilia

Mid-East(1)(2)

Miscellaneous Booklets & Speeches

Miscellaneous Clippings [search for Abominable Snowman, 1958; gift of Hope diamond to Smithsonian, 1958; reunion of descendants of former presidents, 1959]

Nation's Business, October 1965

3 Newsweek, December 8, 1952

Political 1959-60 (1)-(3)

Political 1964 (1)-(3)

Reston, James – The Presidency, 1956

Roberts, Roy A., Reports on Europe 1956

Rysavy, Francois, White House Chef, Evening Star, 1958

TFX – Defense Contracts 1963

Wallich, Henry, Conservative Economic Policy 1956

Waugh, Samuel, Memoirs [1969 account of his work in State Dept and in Export-Import Bank]

White House and the Presidency 1952-53

White House and the Presidency 1954 (1)(2)

White House and the Presidency 1955

White House and the Presidency 1956

White House and the Presidency 1957

White House and the Presidency 1958

White House and the Presidency 1959

White House and the Presidency 1960 (1)(2)

White House and the Presidency 1961-73 and Undated (1)(2)

White House Press Releases (1)-(6)

White House Staff (1)-(3) [biographical clippings re staff, administration officials and prominent persons]

World War II (1) [military insignia; victory gardens; John Steinbeck editorials; Michigan casualty lists]

World War II (2)-(4) [miscellaneous clippings, 1939-49, mostly re Mediterranean theater]

Series II: Congressional Liaison Staff Reports

Congressional Lists and Data, etc.

Status of Legislation 1960

Vote Analyses 1959 (1)(2)

Vote Analyses 1960 (1)-(3)

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