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HIGLEY, HARVEY V.: Papers, 1941-83

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The papers of Harvey V. Higley were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by his son Hugh C. Higley in October 1991.

Linear feet:	1
Approximate number of pages:	2200
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Harvey V. Higley (1892-1986) was born in Cheshire, Ohio, and studied chemistry at the University of Wisconsin. After serving in World War I he went to work for the Ansul Chemical Company of Marinette, Wisconsin, which specialized in making fire retardant chemicals. Higley eventually became president and chairman of the board of the company.

Higley was also active in politics and veteran's affairs. He joined the American Legion and served as Wisconsin State Commander in 1941-42. From 1947 to 1953 he was chairman of the Republican party of Wisconsin. In July 1953 President Eisenhower appointed Higley to head the Veterans Administration. Higley held the position until November 1957 when he retired and returned to Wisconsin.

The papers of Harvey V. Higley consist of four volumes of speeches, and four scrapbooks of photographs, news clippings and printed material. The speeches cover 1954-1957 and are not a complete collection of his public statements during this period. Three of the scrapbooks were compiled by the staff of the Veterans Administration. These describe Higley's major public appearances and inspection tours of VA facilities around the United States. A fourth scrapbook contains published biographical information and clippings about Higley's personal activities from 1941 to 1983.

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