Dwight D. Eisenhower: Records as President
(White House Central Files), 1953-61

BULK MAIL FILES

Pre-accession

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This series of the White House Central Files consists of letters, telegrams and post cards from the
general public commenting on various issues which arose during the Eisenhower
administrations. The material is arranged by issue, but the files for each issue are usually not
indexed or alphabetized. Consequently, correspondence from specific individuals cannot easily
be located and the material is best suited for statistical analyses of public reaction to various
issues. The volume of mail on specific issues varied widely, from less than one box on minor
issues, to over one hundred boxes on major issues such as McCarthyism or segregation.
Correspondence was often marked “Ack’d” to indicate that it was unacknowledged by White
House staff.
Correspondence re: Sherman Adams
Box 3 Correspondence addressed to Mr. Hagerty regarding the Sherman Adams controversy, June – July 1958. Unarranged.

Correspondence re: Serving Alcoholic Beverages at 1957 Inaugural Ball
Box 1 Unacknowledged. Unarranged.

Correspondence re: Birth Control
Box 1-2 Pro and Con President’s statement on 12/2/59 regarding birth control. Clipped together in small bunches with note attached indicating count and whether pro or con. File memo in Box 1. Unacknowledged.

Birthday Greetings, 1959
Boxes 1-56 Greeting cards and letters, usually banded in small bunches with note attached indicating number of cards in each bunch and categorized as “children”, “regular”, “mutual birthday,” etc. Usually marked “Ack’d”. No other arrangement.

Birthday Greetings, 1960
Boxes 1-129 Greeting cards, letters, post cards and telegrams. Usually stamped “Ack’d by card.” Usually banded in small bunches. Some bunches have notes attached indicating number of cards in bunch, and categorized as “children,” “regular,” etc. No other arrangement.

Correspondence re: Bricker Amendment
Boxes 1-5 Unarranged. Unacknowledged. Often marked “Insufficient Address.”

Correspondence re: Brownell, Truman and Harry Dexter White, 1953
Boxes 1-4 Unacknowledged. Unarranged.
Correspondence re: Reducing the Budget and Reducing Taxes, 1957

Box 1 thru 4 Unarranged. No indication of acknowledgement.

Pro and Con Correspondence re: President’s Speech on the Budget, 1957

Boxes 1-2 Con President’s Budget
3 Pro President’s Budget

Letters re: 1956 Campaign, Referred to RNC

These letters were generally acknowledged at White House and then referred to the Republican National Committee for further acknowledgement and later returned to the White House for filing. Letters are filed alphabetically by first letter of the last name.

Box 1 A – I
Box 2 J – Z
Folder: “Chauncey Robbins”. These are copies of acknowledgements by Mr. Robbins of RNC.

Carbons of Letters Addressed to Other than the President, 1960

Box 1 Carbon copies of letters sent by individuals to their congressmen or other persons. These copies were sent to the President for his information. Wide variety of subjects. Unacknowledged. Rough chronological order from January- February, 1960.
Box 2 Feb 1960
Box 3 Feb. – Mar. 1960
Box 4 Mar. 1960
Box 5 Mar. – April 1960
Box 6 Apr. – May 1960
Box 7 May – June 1960
Box 8 May – July 1960
Box 9 June - Aug. 1960
Box 10 July – Sept. 1960
Box 11 July – Sept. 1960
Box 12 Sept. 1960
Box 13 Sept. – Oct. 1960
Box 14 Oct. – Nov. 1960
Box 15 Oct. – Nov. 1960
Box 16 Nov. – Dec. 1960

Christmas Greetings, 1959

Boxes 1-31 Most items are greeting cards with some letters. Some cards have notations of favorable comment on President’s Goodwill Tour. Unarranged. Items are loose in boxes.

Christmas Greetings, 1960

Boxes 1-12 Greeting cards and letters usually banded in small bunches with note attached indicating number of cards in each bunch and categorized as “adult,” “children,” “personal,” etc. No other arrangement.

Correspondence re: Civil Rights, Bill to Establish a Commission


Requests for a Special Session of Congress, 1958

Box 1-12 The bulk of this material consists of news clippings that were printed in newspapers as advertisements in September, 1958. These clippings were sent to the White House by individuals and are in the form of a letter to the president protesting U.S.-China policy and asking that he put the issue before Congress by calling Congress into special session. The clippings were apparently sponsored by James P. Warburg. Bunches often have a note attached indicating number. Some notes indicate “counted on report.” No other arrangement.

Box 13-15 These are news clippings similar to the above, but more widely critical of U.S. foreign policy and asking that President consult with Senate Foreign Relations Committee to shape proposals to be laid before Congress at earliest opportunity. Printed in Nov. 1958, clippings were apparently sponsored by James P. Warburg. Bunches often have a note attached indicating number. Some notes indicate “counted on report.” No other arrangement.
Correspondence re: Removal of Edward J. Corsi
Box 1

Correspondence con Dulles, 1957
Box 1
3 letters only. Unacknowledged.

Correspondence re: Death of Arthur Eisenhower
Box 1-4

Correspondence re: President’s Veto of 1956 Farm Bill
Box 1

Correspondence re: Formosa, 1955
Box 1-5
Unacknowledged. Unarranged.

Petitions and Scrolls re: William Girard Case
Box 1
One large scroll or set of sheets with signatures. Unacknowledged.
Box 2
One scroll and one petition. Unacknowledged.

Letters Protesting Intervention in Indo-China, 1954
Box 1

Copies of Telegrams Protesting Proposed Sanctions against Israel by UN, 1957
Box 1-4
Original telegrams were referred to State Department.

Correspondence re: Mail Service Stoppage on April 13, 1957
Box 1
April 1957. Unacknowledged. One folder.
Bulk Mail Relating to Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, 1953-1957

(Note: All material is unacknowledged. Notes and markings on groups of material indicate that the material was counted. Some loose grouping as to pro or con.)

Box 1
- McCarthy’s Remarks about General Marshall (Pro and Con), August 1954
- McCarthy – Gov. Adams correspondence on McCarthy-Stevens Investigation, May and June 1954
- McCarthy – Hagerty correspondence on McCarthy-Stevens investigation, February-June, 1954

Box 2-188
Unacknowledged mail relating to Senator McCarthy – arranged by month and year.

Correspondence re: Clinton Melton’s Murder in Mississippi

Box 1
- April, 1956. One item. Unacknowledged.

Correspondence re: Middle East, 1958

Box 1
- Unacknowledged. Unarranged.

Correspondence re: Minimum Wage Bill, 1955

Box 1
- Separated as to Pro or Con. Unacknowledged.

Open Letter to the President by Frank Kirkpatrick on US Missile Program

Box 1-2

Cards of Welcome to Newport, Rhode Island

Box 1

Correspondence re: Richard Nixon, 1956

Box 1
Letters. No indication of acknowledgement.

**Correspondence Pro and Con Nixon Speech for Republican Party**

Box 1  

**Correspondence re: 1954 Postal Pay Bill and 1954 Federal Pay Bill**

Box 1  
Telegrams pro and con signing bill.  

Folders:  
- Federal Pay Raise – Individuals – against veto  
- Federal Pay Raise – Individuals – for veto  
- Federal Pay Raise – Organizations – against veto  
- Federal Pay Raise – Organizations – for veto

**Correspondence re: 1958 Postal Pay Bill**

Box 1  
Unacknowledged. Unarranged.

**Correspondence re: Government Employees Pay Raise, 1960**

Box 1-4  
Letters, telegrams and post cards regarding Government employee pay raise, June – July, 1960. Banded or clipped together in bunches, often with note attached indicating number in bunch and categorized pro or con. No other arrangement.

**Correspondence re: Prayer for Peace and Peace Efforts at Geneva in 1955**

Box 1  

**Correspondence re: from Peace Research Society**

Box 1  
Fourteen pamphlets proposing “Armed Disarmament,” addressed to the President and various members of the Administration, March, 1958. No indication of acknowledgement.
Correspondence re: Quemoy and Far East, 1958
Box 1  September-October, 1958. Unacknowledged. Unarranged.

Post Cards re: Robert Eastman’s Plan to End the Recession, 1958
Box 1  Unacknowledged. Unarranged. Cross Reference attached.

Correspondence re: Admiral H. G. Rickover
Box 1  August-September, 1958. Unacknowledged. One folder.

Correspondence re: Russian Satellites
Box 1  October-December, 1957. Unarranged. No indication of acknowledgement.

Little Rock School and Governor Faubus’ Action [Segregation]
Box 15  Little Rock Correspondence addressed to Mr. Hagerty. 1957. Unacknowledged.

Correspondence re: Segregation and Integration

Acknowledged Letters re: Little Rock School [Segregation]

Arranged alphabetically by first letter of last name, 1957  Pro and Con.

Box 1  A
Box 2  A-B
Box 3  B
Box 4  B
Box 5  B-C
Box 6  C
Box 7  D
Box 8  D – E
Box 9  F
Box 10  G
Box 11  G – H
Box 12  H
Box 13  H – I
Box 14  J
Box 15  K
Box 16  L
Box 17  L – M
Box 18  M
Box 19  M
Box 20  N – O
Box 21  P
Box 22  P – R
Box 23  R
Box 24  S
Box 25  S
Box 26  S – T
Box 27  T – U
Box 28  V – W
Box 29  W
Box 30  W – XYZ
Folder:  Little Rock – Judge’s Decision
Folder:  Little Rock – Judge’s Decision – Pro
Box 31  Little Rock – Judge’s Decision – Con. Arranged alphabetically by first letter of last name, 1958
A - Z

Correspondence re: Supreme Court Ruling on Segregation

Box 1  Some correspondence clipped together in small bunches with note attached indicating count and whether pro or con. No indication of acknowledgement.

Little Rock and Other Schools: Segregation

Box 1-4  1958-1959. Some grouping as to pro or con integration.
Unacknowledged.

**Correspondence re: Shooting in House of Representatives, 1954**

Box 1 Mostly telegrams. Unacknowledged.

**Request for Space Reports, Sent but Not Acknowledged**

Box 1-17 Letters and post cards requesting copies of, “Introduction to Outer Space” or “Outer Space Report” prepared by President’s Science Advisory Committee. Some letters indicate the report was publicized in “Kiplinger’s Washington Letter.” Correspondence dated March – May, 1958. Correspondence is banded or clipped together in small bunches. Bunches are usually marked “Ack’d,” apparently meaning that copies of reports were sent. No other arrangement.

**Correspondence re: President’s Speech, November 7 and November, 1957**

Box 1 Unacknowledged. Unarranged.

**Correspondence re: President’s Speech Incident**

Box 1 March- April, 1957. Unarranged. No indication of acknowledgement.

**Bulk Mail Relating to President Eisenhower’s Stand on the Paris Summit Meeting, May 15-18, 1960**

Letters arranged by state. Acknowledged by card. May-June 1960:

- Box 1 Alabama – Louisiana
- Box 2 Maine – New York (1)
- Box 3 New York (2) – New York (6)
- Box 4 North Carolina – Texas (2)
- Box 5 Utah – Wyoming

Letters arranged alphabetically by first letter of last name. Acknowledged by card. May-June 1960: A (1) – C (1)

- Box 6 C (2) – F
- Box 7 G (1) – J
Letters pro Summit Stand that include get-well wishes for Mrs. Eisenhower. Acknowledged by card. May-June 1960 (1)-(2)

Telegrams arranged alphabetically by first letter of last name. Acknowledged by card. May-June 1960:
A – B (2)

Box 12  B (3) – C (4)
Box 13  D (1) – G (3)
Box 14  H (1) – L (2)
Box 15  M (1) – Q
Box 16  R (1) – T (4)
Box 17  T (5) – X-Y-Z (3)
Box 18  X-Y-Z (4)-(5)


Box 19  R – X-Y-Z


Box 20  F – Q
Box 21  R – Z

Letters arranged by state. Not acknowledged. May-June 1960:
Alabama – Wyoming
(Last folder “X-Y-Z”)

Box 22  Letters arranged alphabetically by first letter of last name. Acknowledged by card. May-June 1960: A (1) – A (6)

Box 23  B (1) – B (6)
Box 24  B (7) – B (12)
Box 25  B (13) – B (18)
Box 26  B (19) – C (4)
Box 27  C (5) – C (10)
Box 28  C (11) – C (17)
Box 29  D (1) – D (6)
Support Letters

Box 1-3  Letters, greeting cards, expressing appreciation for President’s service to nation, commending him for job he did. Acknowledged by card. June – Nov. 1960. Unarranged.


Box 4  A – Buz
Box 5  C – Dye
Correspondence re: Supreme Court Decision on Communists and FBI Rules


Correspondence re: Secretary Talbot

Box 1 July – August, 1955. Unacknowledged.

Correspondence re: Proposed California Tax on Schools, 1958


Correspondence re: Tide Lands Oil Bill, 1953

Box 1 Telegrams and letters arranged alphabetically by first letter of last name. Unacknowledged. A-Z

Box 2-3 Post cards generally arranged pro or con veto of bill. Unacknowledged.

Box 4-6 Letters. Unarranged. Unacknowledged.

Letters Requesting That the Administrator of the VA be Raised to Cabinet Rank

Box 1 January-February, 1957. Mostly form letters.
Correspondence re: Cutting Veterans’ Benefits, 1958
Box 1       Unarranged. Unacknowledged.

Correspondence re: 1960 White House Office Budget
Box 1       Unacknowledged. One folder.

Correspondence re: Squirrels on White House Lawn
Box 1       March – April, 1955. One folder. Unacknowledged.

Letters and Petitions re: President’s Appearance before the World Council of Churches