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CHESNEY, EARLE D.: Records, 1956-61

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The records of Earle R. Chesney, Assistant to the Deputy Assistant to the President (Wilton B. Persons and, later, Bryce N. Harlow), were received at the Library with other White House records shortly after the end of the Eisenhower Administration.

Linear feet shelf space occupied: -1
Approximate number of pages: 1,400
Approximate number of items: 550

The Chesney records were reviewed according to the terms of Dwight D. Eisenhower's letter of gift to the Administrator of General Services dated April 13, 1960. According to those terms, the following materials were to be withheld from research:

1. Papers that are security-classified pursuant to law of Executive Order, until such classification shall be removed.
2. Papers the use of which may be prejudicial to the maintenance of good relations with foreign nations.
3. Papers containing statements may by or to the President in confidence.
4. Papers relating to the President's family or private business affairs, and papers relating to the families or private business affairs of persons who have corresponded with the President.
5. Papers containing statements about individuals which might be used to injure or harass them or members of their families.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Earle Chesney served with the Veterans Administration before joining the Eisenhower White House staff on March 4, 1954. Prior to his service with the VA, he served as Assistant Usher in the Hoover White House. During World War II and the Korean War he served with the Navy, reaching the rank of Captain. During his naval service he became rather famous as the cartoonist who invented the naval character, "Eggburt of the Navy," who, like the Army's "Sad Sack," entertained service men and women around the world.

In his service as Assistant to the Deputy Assistant to the President, Chesney specialized in veterans' affairs, although he also dealt with such issues as disaster and drought legislation, public works the economy, and the People-to-People program.

The Chesney records, consisting of correspondence, reports and memoranda, concern primarily veterans' affairs, including veterans' claims and the President's Committee on Fund-Raising within the Federal Government. Chesney became involved with the latter because of a controversy over the Veterans of Foreign Wars selling poppies on federal property. A large portion of the Chesney records pertains to the Veterans Committee of the People-to-People program, including the Committee's organization, meetings, plans and overseas trips. Included with the People-to-People materials is information on Arms for Friendship, the Soviets' answer to the U.S. People-to-People program.

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