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STONE, FRANKLIN M.: Papers, 1933-80

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The papers of Franklin M. Stone were deposited in the Eisenhower Library by Mrs. Franklin M. Stone in 1991.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Franklin M. Stone, FBI agent, lawyer and commissioner of the U.S. Court of Claims, was born in Atlantic, Iowa in 1910. He attended and graduated from Chaffey Jr. College in Ontario, California in 1929 and received his law degree from George Washington University Law School in 1934.

Mr. Stone served as Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1934-44; specifically as Administrative Assistant to the Director, J. Edgar Hoover, 1940-44. He resigned from the bureau in 1944. The first folder of the collection contains personnel material on Stone's early career with the FBI. The second folder contains documentation on his membership with the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc.

During his time as administrative assistant, Stone was supervisor in the sabotage section at FBI headquarters. Until his resignation in September 1944, he was the designated supervisor in charge of the case of the eight Nazi saboteurs who entered the United States in 1942.

The eight German saboteurs were sent to the United States for the specific purpose of interfering with the war effort with emphasis on interrupting production at aluminum and magnesium plants. One group of four landed in Long Island, New York on June 13, 1942, with the second group of four landing near Jacksonville, Florida on June 17, 1942. The saboteurs had the commonality of having lived in the United States for many years and acquiring a reasonable grasp of the English language and American customs. By a predetermined plan of his own, the leader, George John Dasch, telephoned the Federal Bureau of Investigation and turned himself and the other seven saboteurs in to authorities. Dasch and Ernest Peter Burger had never intended to go through with the "Pastorius Undertaking" operation, but used the mission as a means to escape Hitler's regime.

The first series of his papers contains documentation (correspondence, reports and legal documents) on the capture, trial and subsequent sentences of the eight men including the execution of all but Dash and Burger. Stone was present at the interrogation of Dasch, but never spoke with the other seven men and did not testify at their trial.

Also included in this series is correspondence from 1974 regarding Stone's negotiations with publishers and producers in Hollywood for the publication of a book /or the production of a movie, television mini-series or TV series based on the case of the Nazi saboteurs.

Stone was commissioned a captain in the U.S. Army on December 7, 1944 was assigned to the Office of Strategic Services, serving in Europe and China. Stone retired as a Major in the Judge Advocate General Corps.

As a partner in the firm of Stone and Iversen in Waseca, Minnesota, Stone practiced general law from 1946-55, and served as City Attorney for Waseca from 1948-54. He was appointed General Counsel of the Civil Aeronautics Board on April 1, 1955 and held that position until 1961. The

only documentation from this period is a letter from Robert Gray to Stone in the folder titled "Correspondence – G," U. S. Court of Claims Series.

From 1961 to 1974, Stone served as Commissioner with the U.S. Court of Claims. As a trial judge, Stone tried unsuccessfully to gain an appointment as Judge of the Court of Claims and to the U.S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals. The Court of Claims Series contains many letters of endorsement of Stone to these federal judiciary positions. The correspondence is filed alphabetically by the last name of the correspondent.

CHRONOLOGY

February 8, 1910	Born in Atlantic, Iowa
June 1929	Graduated Chaffey Jr. College
June 1934	L.L.B. degree, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC
1934-1944	Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation
1940-1944	Administrative Assistant to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
December 7, 1944	Commissioned, Captain, U.S. Army; assigned to Office of Strategic Services – Served in Europe and China
1946	Retired as Major, U.S. Army
May 1946-March 1955	General practice of law, partner in the firm of Stone And Iversen, Waseca, Minnesota
1948-1954	City Attorney, Waseca, Minnesota
April 1, 1955-1961	General Counsel, Civil Aeronautics Board
1961-1974	Commissioner (trial judge), U.S. court of Claims
January 31, 1990	Died, Boca Raton, Florida

CONTAINER LIST

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FBI Series

- 1 Franklin M. Stone – Early FBI Career [1933-1945]

Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc. [1945-1984]

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