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MERRIAM, ROBERT E.: Records

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Linear feet shelf space occupied:	8
Approximate number of pages:	12,900
Approximate number of items:	6,400

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1. Papers that are security-classified pursuant to law or 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 made by or to me in confidence.
4. Papers relating to my family or private business affairs, and papers relating to the families or private business affairs of persons who have had correspondence with me.
5. Papers containing statements about individuals which might be used to injure or harass them or members of their families.
6. Such other individual Files as I, or my representative, or the Administrator of General Services may specify.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of Robert Edward Merriam span the years 1955 to 1961 and include reports, press releases, and minutes of meetings of the ad hoc Interagency Committee on Metropolitan Area Problems, 1959-61; Federal-State financial grants and tax matters; Area Assistance programs, 1960; previews and legislation re Federal budget, 1959-60; press releases, party platforms, and speeches used in the 1956 and 1960 campaigns; minutes of meetings and reports re the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; drafts of various bills; reports, background material, and minutes of meetings of the Federal-State Action Committee; reports and miscellaneous material for Governors' Conferences, 1959-60; and meeting agendas and memoranda for the President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization.

Note: The following folders were removed from "Too late to be Processed" and added to this Collection in Container 2:

Coordination of State and Federal Inheritance, Estate and Gift Taxes

Investment of Idle Cash Balances by State and Local Governments

Modification of Federal Grants-in-Aid for Public Health Services

Periodic Congressional Reassessment of Federal Grants-in-Aid to State and Local Governments

Fourth Meeting Advisory Commission on Inter-governmental Relations, December 9, 10, 1960

This collection, the "Too Late to Be Processed Material," and Ac. A67-58 were interfiled into one collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

October 2, 1918 Born in Chicago, IL

1940 M.A., University of Chicago

1942-46 U.S. Army, Captain

1946-47 Director, Metropolitan Housing Council, Chicago

1947 Author, Dark December: Full account of the Battle of the Bulge*

1947-55 Alderman, Chicago; chairman, Commission on Housing and Emergency Commission on Crime

1950 Married Marguerite De Ternova

1954 Co-authored with Charles E. Merriam, The American Government: Democracy in Action

1955-58 Assistant Director, U. S. Bureau of Budget

1957 Author, Going Into Politics*

1958 Deputy Director, U.S. Bureau of Budget

1958-61 Deputy Assistant to the President

1961-64 Vice-president, Portable Electric Tools, Inc.

1961-64 President, Spaceonics, Inc.

1964- President, University Patents Inc. of Illinois

*Copies in the Book Collection

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Box Nos. Series

- 1-15 Subject Files, 1955-61, 15 containers. Arranged alphabetically by subject. Included are reports, minutes of meetings, correspondence, speeches, press releases, and campaign material.
- 16 Bureau of the Budget Material, 1955-1960, 1 container. Budget previews, legislation, and miscellaneous materials are included.
- 17 Scrapbooks, 1959, 1 Container. Scrapbooks on the Federal City Center and the Mass Transportation Survey.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	Ad Hoc Interagency Committee on Metropolitan Area Problems (1)-(3) [Includes memos re origin of the Committee and minutes of meetings] Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (1)(2)
2	Coordination of State and Federal Inheritance, Estate and Gift Taxes [Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations] Fourth Meeting Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, December 9, 10, 1960 Investment of Idle Cash Balances by State and Local Governments [Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations] Modification of Federal Grants-in-Aid for Public Health Services [Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations] Periodic Congressional Reassessment of Federal Grants-in-Aid to State and Local Governments [Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations] Aging, Federal Council on Agriculture [primarily concerned with the price supports program] Agriculture--Labor Regulations Airports [Federal aid to airports] Alaska [Effects of Statehood] Area Assistance (1) [Includes copy of report on <u>Federal Programs of Assistance to Labor Surplus Areas</u>]
3	Area Assistance (2) [Includes copy of report on <u>Federal Programs of Assistance to Labor Surplus Areas</u>] Atomic Energy Commission Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Contract [re hydraulic turbines for Greer's Ferry Dam]

- Bradley Commission (Vets) [re pensions and hospital programs]
- Bragdon-Miscellaneous [Includes materials re legislation to alleviate recession]
- Brazil
- 1959 Budget
- Budget (Miscellaneous) [Includes Bureau of Budget recommendations on various pieces of legislation]
- Bureau of the budget [Materials re inclusion of various items in federal budgets]
- 4 1958 Campaign Speeches
- Canada [Materials re the Columbia River Basin]
- Civil Service Retirement
- Commerce Department (Miscellaneous) [Includes copy of User Charges on Inland Waterways]
- Cost Sharing [Copy of Proposal for Uniform Standards for Flood Control Cost Sharing and draft bill]
- Cuban Refugees, 1960-61
- District of Columbia [Includes copies of home rule bills, S. 659 and H.R. 2321]
- Dixon-Yates
- Draper Committee
- 5 Education
- Education Bill [Includes draft of College Facilities Act of 1959]
- Enterprise (Navy) [Re possible conversion to Trans-Atlantic passenger vessel]
- Federal Aviation Agency
- Federal-State Action Committee (1)

- Federal-State Action Committee (2) [Materials for meeting in May 1959]
- Federal-State Action Committee (3) [Materials likely used at meeting in Chicago, Oct. 26, 1959]
- Federal-State Expenditures
- Food Additives [Includes report of Panel on Food Additives of the President's Science Advisory Committee and Cabinet paper]
- Foreign Affairs Organization (1) (First Secretary-State Dept.)
- 6 Foreign Affairs Organization (2) (First Secretary-State Dept.)
- Foreign Investments
- Government Buildings [Includes statement re GSA and federal building construction and materials re possible sites of a new Navy Dept. Facility]
- Governors' Conference - [Includes material on fallout protection and White House Conference on Fallout Protection, Jan. 25, 1960]
- Governors' Conference - Puerto Rico, Aug. 2 [1959]
- Governors' Conference - Glacier Park, Montana, June 26, 1960
- H.E.W. [Includes analysis of HEW legislative program for 1961]
- Hamlin Reports [Includes reports on some issues in 1960 campaign and information re the "Issue Vote"]
- 7 Health Insurance (1)(2)
- Hess, Steve [Includes report of ICA commodity and freight payments by congressional district, Jan. 1954-June 1957]
- Highways - Bragdon (1)(2)
- Highways [Includes memo re authority of Secretary of Commerce to acquire modifications or revisions of previously approved interstate routes]
- 8 Housing

- Impacted Areas [re amendments to P.L. 815 and P.L. 874]
- Interior Dept. (Miscellaneous)
- Kestnbaum - Military Medical Manager Plan
- Labor Dept. (Misc.) [Includes materials re the 1959 Steel strike]
- Land Acquisition [for reservoir projects]
- Legislative Program - 1959 [Includes department's legislative recommendations]
- Legislative Program - 1960 [Includes list of potential legislative recommendations of the President]
- Mailing List, etc. [for final report of Joint Federal-State Action Committee]
- Mass Transportation Survey (1)(2) [for metropolitan Washington, D.C.]
- 9 Material for 1960 Campaign [Includes copy of Republican platform and materials refuting Democratic presidential campaign statements]
- Metropolitan Area [Includes some materials re creation of new cabinet department of urban affairs]
- Misc. Correspondence [1958-61] (1)-(4) [Includes correspondence of considerable importance relating to subjects covered in first segment of files and, in addition, some personal correspondence]
- 10 Misc. Correspondence [1958-61] (5) [Includes correspondence of considerable importance relating to subjects covered in first segment of files and, in addition, some personal correspondence]
- Military Air Transport Service [re the competition with commercial airlines]
- Missile Program
- Mutual Security
- National Aeronautical and Space Agency
- National Capitol Transportation Act [Includes agency views on Act]
- National Goals Commission

- National Science Foundation
- National Security Council [Includes copy of memo re structure and functions of the NSC]
- Nicaró [re nickel plant in Cuba]
- OCDM [Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization]
- Office of Executive Management [Includes draft of bill to establish such, and materials re proposed structure and functions]
- Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission
- Payments in Lieu of Taxes [Includes Senate Government Operations Committee Staff memorandum]
- Peacetime GI Bill [Includes explanation of provisions of S. 1138]
- 11 Political - 1959 [Includes materials re possible Administration spokesmen and plans for the 1960 campaign]
- Political Campaign - 1960 (1)-(4) [Includes “national media analysis” reports, and materials refuting Democratic campaign statements]
- Politics - 1960 [Memoranda concerning the primary election in West Virginia]
- Post Office Department
- President’s Advisory Committee on Government Organization (1) [Includes meeting agenda and memoranda re proposed agency and departmental reorganization plans]
- 12 President’s Advisory Committee on Government Organization (2)-(6) [Includes meeting agenda and memoranda re proposed agency and departmental reorganization plans]
- President’s Committee on Organization [Includes copy of Redford report, The President and the Regulatory Commissions]
- Presidential Campaign Material - 1956 (1)(2)
- 13 Public Works Planning

Public Works Stabilization Plan

Pursuit of Excellence [Advertising Council aided campaign re need for greater intellectual achievement and performance]

Quetico-Superior Committee [re Wilderness area of U.S. Canadian border]

Regional Boundaries [re realignment and coordination of regional boundaries of agencies and departments having civil defense and mobilization functions so as to strengthen nation's response to an emergency]

Republican Goals Committee

Republican National Committee (1)(2) [Campaign materials re 1958 and 1960 elections]

Route 240 [routing and design details]

Schools

Space Agency

14 Speeches - Material [incomplete coverage of period 1955-59]

State Department

State of the Union Message - January 1959

Telecommunications

Toner Reports [Special informational notes prepared for the President and submitted by cabinet departments, major executive agencies and White House Staff members]

Transportation [Includes copies of report to President on Federal transportation policies and programs]

Transportation Dept. [Includes materials re proposed changes in the relationship between President and regulatory commissions]

Transportation - National Capitol [Includes draft of legislation re creation of unified and integrated system of transportation for the National Capitol region]

TVA Revenue Bond Financing (1)-(4) [Materials re S. 1869, 85th Congress 1st session]

- 15 Unemployment Compensation [Materials pertaining to Governors' Conference at the White House, March 1959]
- United States Information Agency
- Veterans Administration [Includes materials re pending legislation on veterans' pensions]
- Veterans Hospitals [Memos re revision of authorized bed capacity in Veterans Administration Hospitals]
- Veterans' Pensions
- Water Resources (1)(2) [Includes materials re establishment of an office of Coordinator of Water Resources and materials re policy formation]
- W H Conference on Fallout Protection [Includes copies of speeches delivered at the conference]
- World's Fair - 1964 - New York
- 16 Budget Preview - 1960
- Director's Budget Preview - 1960
- Budget - Miscellaneous
- Budget - Legislation
- 17 The Federal City Center - a 9-acre project to spark the rebirth of downtown Washington, D.C.
- Mass Transportation Survey, National Capitol Region, Civil Engineering Report, Jan. 1959

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