

INTRODUCTION

In the 1950s the United States was experiencing a postwar upsurge in religious activity and interest. Religious leaders, such as Norman Vincent Peale, Fulton J. Sheen, and Billy Graham, attracted large followings. Church membership rose from only 43% of the U.S. population in 1920 to a peak of 69% by 1960. It fell back to 63% by 1970. A 1954 survey showed that 9 out of 10 Americans believed in the divinity of Christ. During the Cold War years religion was seen by many as playing an important role in the struggle against Communism.¹

When Dwight D. Eisenhower entered the political arena in 1952 he had never belonged to any organized church. One reason he gave for this was the fact that he was subject to constant relocation during his military career. However, he believed himself to be a “deeply religious” man. After his election as President he was baptized and joined the National Presbyterian Church. The Eisenhowers frequently attended this church during the eight years of his administration.

After being sworn in as President on January 20, 1953, Dwight D. Eisenhower began his first Inaugural Address with a prayer he had composed. During his administration, the phrase “under God” was added to the Pledge of Allegiance and Congress adopted "In God We Trust" as our national motto. As president Eisenhower spoke many times about the importance of religious faith as an “essential foundation stone” for democracy, and he supported such programs as the American Legion’s “Back to God” campaign. He expressed the belief that man was a spiritual being and that God was “the author of individual rights.” Cabinet meetings were begun with a moment of silent prayer, and he had frequent meetings with religious leaders, such as Rev. Edward Elson, Francis Cardinal Spellman, and Billy Graham. Some historians have referred to Eisenhower’s use of religious ideas, concepts, and symbols as the promotion of a civil religion.

The religious background of Dwight D. Eisenhower’s family was rooted in the Brethren in Christ Church (River Brethren), a Mennonite offshoot whose members had migrated to Kansas from Pennsylvania and Virginia. Bible reading and prayer were a frequent practice in Eisenhower’s boyhood home. Dwight Eisenhower’s parents, David and Ida, became involved in the “Bible Student” or Russellite movement (forerunner of the Jehovah’s Witnesses) in the late 1890s and early 1900s while continuing to maintain some affiliation with the Brethren in Christ community. There is no evidence that Dwight Eisenhower ever participated in this movement. Our files contain records, which show that Dwight and his brothers attended Sunday School at a local Brethren in Christ church.

This guide contains a survey of historical materials in the Eisenhower Library that relate to Dwight D. Eisenhower and religion. It describes materials in forty-three manuscript collections and includes listings of oral history interviews, vertical file folders, and still photographs. A bibliography of books and articles is also attached. Although we have tried to be fairly comprehensive in our survey, there are undoubtedly additional references to this subject, which have escaped our notice. Researchers who thoroughly search the finding aids and files of our manuscript collections will undoubtedly locate relevant materials not on this list. There is a moderate quantity of materials relating to his

¹ Stephen J. Whitfield. The Culture of the Cold War. (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1991).

family background, boyhood, and early developmental years in Abilene. This consists primarily of oral history interviews and secondary books and articles. The bulk of the manuscript materials relate to the 1940s through the 1960s and involve a variety of documentation, including correspondence, speeches, messages, statements, acts of Congress, proclamations, clippings, and memoranda. The bibliography lists a variety of books and articles, which provide background and analysis on the role of religion in Dwight D. Eisenhower's life and presidency.

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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

ADAMS, SHERMAN: Records, 1952-1959

Box 26 Religious Matters [prayer breakfasts]

BENEDICT, STEPHEN: Papers, 1952-1960

(This collection contains materials on Eisenhower's 1952 campaign speeches.)

Box 1 8-25-52 New York City, American Legion Convention ["spiritual values;" "man's brotherhood under the fatherhood of God;" "children of God"]

Box 1 9-15-52 Warsaw, Indiana ["religious faith;" "each man is a spiritual being created in the image of his God"]

Box 1 9-15-52 Univ. of Notre Dame ["spiritual values"]

Box 1 9-15-52 South Bend, Indiana ["freedom of worship;" "spiritual strength"]

Box 2 9-18-52 Iowa City, Iowa ["religious faith"]

Box 3 9-25-52 Frederick, Maryland ["spiritual and moral integrity"]

Box 6 10-14-52 San Antonio, Texas (1)(2) ["spiritual strength"]

Box 6 10-15-52 Fort Worth, Texas ["Lord God of Hosts be with us...;" "spiritual leadership;" "I have sought divine guidance;" "In God we trust"]

Box 7 10-23-52 Buffalo, New York (1)(2) [belief in God and moral law]

Box 7 10-30-52 Madison Square Garden, New York City [charges Eisenhower was "anti-Catholic, anti-semitic, and anti-Negro"]

Box 7 11-3-52 Boston, Mass. [Godless Communism; unity and faith; "we are children of God"]

Box 7 Speech, American Crusade [secrets of America's greatness]

Box 7 Speech, Spiritual Value [religious faith]

Box 9 Anti-Eisenhower Smear Campaign (1)-(6) [right-wing hate groups; anti-Semitism; Eisenhower's mother a Jehovah's Witness; Eisenhower a Catholic; Eisenhower supported Jewish bankers; Rev. Gerald B. Winrod]

Box 10 Campaign Strategy—Partial Notes on Meeting [spiritual strength]

BENSON, EZRA TAFT: Papers, 1952-1961 (Microfilm)

Reel 20 President [correspondence]

Reel 30 Washington Religion Review

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS, OFFICE OF: Records, 1953-1961

- Box 6 Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Social Affairs [1958 conference and speech by Paul Nitze]
- Box 21 Spingarn, Edward D. W. [Foundation for Religious Action in the Social and Civil Order, 1957; correspondence]

DULLES, ELEANOR LANSING: Papers, 1880-1984

- Box 43 John Foster Dulles Press Releases, 1955 (1)-(3) [Dulles' religious faith; speech to Council of Churches, 6-19-55]

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LIBRARY: SMALL MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

- Box 70 Dale and Carolee Petterson (2) [August 1991 issue of Brethren in Christ: History and Life devoted to churches in Kansas, including Abilene]

EISENHOWER, DWIGHT D.: Pre-Presidential Papers, 1916-1952

Principal Files, Name Series

- Box 7 Berk-Bern (Misc.) [Irving Berlin letter with reference to National Conference of Christians and Jews; correspondence between DDE and Dick Berlin in early 1952 re article on attempt to smear Ike using religious background]
- Box 18 Clas-Clef (Misc.) [correspondence in 1948 and 1950 with Claypool—DDE agrees to serve as member of the National Sponsoring Committee of the American Bible Society]
- Box 25 Clinchy, Everett R. [President of National Conf. of Christians and Jews, correspondence with DDE and brochure on Brotherhood Week]
- Box 44 Grah-Gras (Misc.) [DDE letter to Graham, 11-8-51, re Graham's favoring that DDE declare for the presidency; Graham to DDE, 12-3-51, "I remember your name in my prayers...Upon this decision could well rest the destiny of the Western World;" correspondence re appointment for meeting in Paris on March 25, 1952]
- Box 52 Houghton, A.-Houghton, W. (Misc.) [Houghton, President of Moody Bible Institute, to Eisenhower, 1-3-46, inquires if DDE is named after Dwight L. Moody; James Stack, aide to DDE to Houghton, 2-5-46, states that this is not correct "as far as I know" and that there is no evidence DDE was named after Moody; also see Post President Papers, Secretary's Series, Box 18, PA for 1966 DDE letter affirming he was named for Moody]
- Box 56 Hazlett, Edward E. ("Swede") (5) ["God-given right"]
- Box 98 Roberts, Clifford (6)-(8) [American Assembly]
- Box 99 Robinson, William E. (2) [DDE letter, 2-12-52, reference to Biblical parable, "people of faith," and man as a "spiritual..., intellectual...and material being"]

Principal Files, Subject Series

- Box 149 Messages, Dec. 42-Jun. 44 ["Statement for American Bible Society, October 28, 1943", reference to spiritual values, Christian religion, and Universal Bible Sunday; "Personal Message from General Eisenhower to all men and women of the American Military and Civil Forces in the North African Theater,

- November 8, 1943,” reference to “Almighty God” and “The God of Justice fights on our side;” “General Eisenhower’s D-Day Message to the Troops of Allied Expeditionary Force,” 6-6-44, ref. to “Almighty God”]
- Box 149 Messages, Nov. 48-Dec. 49 [“Layman’s Service, 16 October 1949 at Riverside Church: Scripture Lesson—Romans 12,” DDE read this passage]
- Box 149 Messages, Jan.-Dec. 50 [5-3-50 Voice of America Statement to Czechoslovakia, reference to “your faith in God”]
- Box 149 Messages, Feb. 51-Apr. 52 [No. 3, Message to be read at the Columbia Engineering Development Dinner, 6-11-51, reference to God and “spiritual, intellectual, and material” progress]
- Box 156 Press Statements and Releases, 1947-52 (4) [press conference transcript, 5-3-48, “I am one of the most deeply religious men I know,” “I do not believe that Democracy can exist without religion”]

Principal Files, Family Series

- Box 171 Eisenhower, Arthur B., 1941-1946 (2) [DDE to Arthur, 5-18-43, reference to mother going to Jehovah’s Witnesses conventions and her religious beliefs]
- Box 171 Eisenhower, Earl D. and Family, 1947-1952 (2) [3-11-43 letter has reference to role of parents in raising them]
- Box 171 Eisenhower, Edgar N. and Family, 1941-1948 (3) [correspondence re Ida Eisenhower]
- Box 172 Eisenhower, Ida S. (Mrs.), 1942-1946 [letter from Ida and Naomi, 4-17-44, reference to “great giver of all good gifts”]
- Box 172 Eisenhower, John S. D., 1925-1942 (1) [DDE letter of 6-27-42, in regards to the soldier, “the first tenet of his religion must always be the immediate and proper performance of duty.”]
- Box 174 Eisenhower, Milton S., 1939-1945 (2) [DDE to Milton, 10-8-44, reference to Naomi letting reporters harass their mother]
- Box 174 Eisenhower, Milton S., 1946-1947 (2) [letter of 1-13-47 referring to “old family Bible”]

Principal Files, Organization Series

- Box 179 Clubs & Assns.—American Bible Society [correspondence re DDE serving as member of sponsoring committee for the Society’s Bible reading program, 1946-52]

Principal Files, Speech Series

- Box 192 Speeches, 1939-Nov. 1945 (2) [Radio talk of Eisenhower in broadcast marking 141st Anniversary of West Point, 3-13-43, includes his prayer to God, “let me...do my duty to my country”]
- Box 192 Speeches, Nov. 1945-Apr. 1946 (1) [Remarks at Luncheon of Army and Navy Chaplains, Statler Hotel, Washington, DC, 4-24-46, reference to “Christian religion,” “the Church,” “eternal truths,” and the role of the chaplain in the armed forces]
- Box 192 Speeches, Nov. 1945-April 1946 (1) [Speech at Texas A&M, 4-21-46, “the truth that man was created in the image of God”]
- Box 192 Speeches, Nov. 1945-April 1946 (2) [Speech at American University, 2-10-46, “man was created in the image of God”; Speech at American Legion Convention, Chicago, Illinois, 11-20-45, only hope for world is “complete

- spiritual regeneration,” “moral and spiritual values,” “spirit of the Golden Rule”; Press Conference Transcript, 11-20-45, quotes from Bible, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,” “the hope of the world lies in Christianity.]
- Box 192 Speeches, May 1946-Dec. 1946 (1) [Speech to Economic Club of New York, NYC, 11-20-46, “Christianity” spread by “apostles” who carried the faith; Speech at C.I.O. Convention, Atlantic City, N. J., 11-20-46 , right to “worship our God according to our own consciences”]
- Box 192 Speeches, May 1946-Dec. 1946 (3) [Speech to Army Medical Department 7-27-46, reference to “under God’s guidance”; Speech for Gettysburg College Commencement, Gettysburg, Pa., 5-27-46, “God-given ability”]
- Box 192 Speeches, Jan. 1947-Oct. 1947 (2) [Notes for 4th of July Address, Vicksburg, Miss., 7-4-47, quotes Lincoln, “with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right”]
- Box 193 Speeches, Aug. 1948-Jan. 1949 (2) [Talk at Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 9-27-48, reference to freedom “to worship God in his own way” and “spiritual heritage.”]
- Box 194 Address to Congress, June 18, 194 [“God-given men;” “spiritual and physical” welfare of troops; “the spiritual unity of the American home and battlefronts;” sending men into battle “a soul-killing task”]
- Box 194 Chaplains Association [1946] [message of DDE to association; “Religion has always been the most effective process of developing human character strong enough to forget the motivation of selfishness and to act on the larger concept of duty to God, to humanity, and to country;” “Religion nurtures men of faith, men of hope, men of love;” “glory of God”]
- Box 194 United Jewish Appeal, Feb. 23, 1947 [draft of talk with reference to “racial and religious persecution” and “cooperation and brotherhood”]
- Box 194 Military Order of the World Wars, Army Day, Atlanta, April 7, 1947 [quotes 1709 poem re “God and the soldier;” “There is no greater pacifist than a soldier that has been in the war.”]
- Box 194 American Legion Convention, Aug. 29, 1947 [“A united and determined American citizenry is, under God, the mightiest force the earth has seen.”]
- Box 194 Minnesota State Fair---Sept. 1, 1947 [“the resources which God has given us to enjoy.”]
- Box 195 Kansas State College, Oct. 24-25, 1947 [Talk at Chapel, 10-24-47, “God-given precepts;” “spiritual strength;” “common dependence on God;” Notes for Speech in Stadium, 10-25-47, “the moral probity of the nation,” “God-fearing people”]
- Box 195 To Arkansas Veterans, Little Rock, Nov. 5, 1947 [man “created in the image of God;” America is a “spiritual and physical force”]
- Box 195 International Business Machines, Poughkeepsie, June 26, 1948 [speech stressed importance of faith and religion to American democracy; “we must go back and depend upon faith and faith alone, and I say it is a faith akin to religion, to most of us, Christianity”]
- Box 195 Columbia College Forum on Democracy, Feb. 12, 1949 [reference to religion]
- Box 195 Chicago Columbia Alumni, Mar. 1, 1949 [freedom of religion]
- Box 195 Scholastic Press Association Convention, Mar. 12, 1949 [“we have received a way of life from our forefathers which they, with the help of God, developed...”]

- Box 195 Harlem Branch, YMCA, Sept. 25, 1949 ["Democracy is the political expression of a deeply felt religion"; spiritual perfection, Creator, and freedom of worship]
- Box 195 Galveston, Texas, Chamber of Commerce, Dec. 8, 1949 ["qualities and qualifications my God gave me;" reference to "his Maker," religion, and creed; joke in speech about "darky servant"]
- Box 196 Gabriel Silver Lecture, Mar. 23, 1950 ["things of the soul and spirit;" quote by Napoleon on God; "God's will;" "man's spiritual side is still the dominant one;" "brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God"]
- Box 196 Columbia Commencement, June 8, 1950 ["eternal values;" freedom of religion; faith in God]
- Box 196 Valley Forge, July 4, 1950 [Boy Scout Jamboree; "America, under God;" faith]
- Box 196 ROTC Graduation and Commissioning, Lowry AFB, Aug. 4, 1950 ["Under God, this nation is the greatest accomplishment that has yet been achieved by man."]
- Box 196 Crusade for Freedom, Sept. 4, 1950 (2) [communist countries have "Godless depravity in Government;" "spiritual aspirations"]
- Box 197 Farewell to NATO, May 21, 1952 ["the rights that came to us when we were born in the image of God"]

Principal Files, Miscellaneous Series

- Box 4 Appointment Book, 1952 [entry for March 25, 1952, 11:00 am, appointment at Grand Hotel with Billy Graham]
- Box 5 Table of Contents [for campaign statements]
- Box 5 Domestic Policy (1)-(7)
- Box 5 Foreign Policy (1)-(4) [9-15-52 speech at Keyser, W. Va. re spiritual strength and fight against communism]
- Box 6 Campaign Statements of Dwight D. Eisenhower, Table of Contents
- Box 6 Domestic Policy (1)-(7)
- Box 6 Foreign Policy (1)-(4)
- Box 20 Marriage Certificate and Transcript, 1916
- Box 20 Marriage License, 1916
- Box 20 D-Day Order of the Day, June 1944

EISENHOWER, DWIGHT D.: Papers as President (Ann Whitman File), 1952-1961

Administration Series

- Box 7 Benson, Ezra, 1960-61 (1)-(5) [heritage of founding fathers]
- Box 25 Luce, Henry (1)-(3) [National Presbyterian Church]
- Box 31 Rockefeller, Nelson, 1952-55 (5)(6) [use of "In God we trust" on currency]

Ann Whitman Diary Series

- Box 8 Mar. '56 Diary-acw (1) [Billy Graham and integration]
- Box 10 ACW Diary Feb. 1959 (1) [DDE on death]

Cabinet Series

- Box 1 Cabinet Meeting—Commodore 1-12-53 (1)-(3) [transcript of meeting; religious services on 1-20-53; Inaugural Address to have reference to spiritual values and religious faith; minutes of meeting; Benson led with a prayer]
- Box 1 Cabinet Meeting of 2-6-53 [President announced future meetings would begin with moment of silent prayer]
- Box 2 Cabinet Meeting of 4-17-53 [Vice-President Nixon opened meeting with prayer]
- Box 2 Cabinet Meeting of 5-22-53 [President recommended movie, “The Life of Luther” to Cabinet]
- Box 3 Cabinet Meeting of 8-6-54 [silent prayer]
- Box 4 Cabinet Meeting of 11-5-54 [silent prayer]
- Box 4 Cabinet Meeting of 12-17-54 [spiritual” programs re foreign affairs]
- Box 5 Cabinet Meeting of 8-5-55 [silent prayer]
- Box 6 Cabinet Meeting of 10-14-55 [suggestion re National Day of Prayer prior to Geneva Foreign Ministers Conference]

Campaign Series

- Box 7 Religion [statement on DDE’s religious background; correspondence with various religious groups; statement on need for faith—“Our forefathers proved that only a people strong in godliness is a people strong enough to overcome tyranny and make themselves and others free;” “This is what I found out about religion. It gives you courage to make the decisions you must make in a crisis, and then the confidence to leave the result to Higher Power.”]
- Box 8 Eisenhower on Religion [clippings re speeches]

DDE Diary Series

- Box 3 DDE Diary Dec. 52-July 53 (1)-(4) [DDE comments on government and American system]
- Box 17 Aug. 56 Misc. (4) [DDE to O’Mara, 8-6-56, reference to Ten Commandants and “good deeds”]
- Box 35 August 1958 DDE Dictation [letter to Msgr. F. H. Nott re National Day of Prayer]
- Box 37 DDE Dictation—Nov. 1958 [letter to Emmet Hughes re spiritual values in work]
- Box 38 Staff Notes—Dec. 1958 (1)(2) [DDE conversation with Queen Fredericka on spiritual values]
- Box 42 Staff Notes June 1-15, 1959 (1)(2) [DDE meeting with Rep. Cederberg and Rev. Arnold T. Olsen, Evangelical Free Church]

International Series

- Box 54 The Vatican [correspondence to and from Pope and memoranda, 1954-58]
- Box 54 Vatican Pope John XXII [correspondence to and from Pope, 1958-60]

Name Series

- Box 11 Eisenhower, Edgar, 1953 (1) [family and role of parents]
- Box 11 Eisenhower, Edgar, 1954 (2) [moral strength]
- Box 11 Eisenhower, Edgar, 1957-58 (2) [faith healing]
- Box 12 Eisenhower, Edgar, 1959-60 (1) [preachers and sin]

- Box 12 Eisenhower, Milton, 1952-53 (2) [spiritual matters and National Day of Prayer]
- Box 12 Eisenhower, Milton, 1955 (4) [religious faith]
- Box 13 Eisenhower, Milton, 1956-60 [12 folders, may include additional references to spiritual matters]
- Box 14 Elson, Dr. Edward L. R. (1)(2) [church membership papers for the Eisenhowers; prior to DDE overseas trip in 1959, Elson informs him of Christian churches in Rome, Paris, and Afghanistan; DDE pledges \$1,000 to church for 1957; Elson letter of 10-6-56 lists several political themes and how to handle them; program for pre-Inaugural service on 1-20-53 and folder of prayers by Elson]
- Box 14 Family History [articles and correspondence]
- Box 15 Genealogy (1)(2) [family background]
- Box 16 Goldwyn, Sam [DDE letter of 3-25-60 re Nixon and Jewish vote]
- Box 16 Graham, Billy [1956 correspondence]
- Box 17-18 Hazlett, Swede [25 folders; occasional references to God and faith]
- Box 19 High, Stanley (1)(2) [DDE letter of 3-20-53 referring to spiritual longings and spirit of religion]
- Box 21 Luce, Harry (1)(2) [Presbyterian Church]
- Box 27 Roberts, Clifford, 1952-53 (2) [DDE letter of 7-29-52 re need to join a church]
- Box 32-33 Taylor, Myron L. (1)-(5) [U.S. representative to Vatican, 1939-50; report]

Speech Series

- Box 3 1-20-53 Inaugural Address [Inaugural prayer]
- Box 3 2-1-53 Recording for American Legion “Back to God” Program for 2-1-53 [importance of prayers, “God-given rights,” and “God-fearing people”]
- Box 3 2-5-53 Remarks at Dedicatory Prayer Breakfast of the International Christian Leadership [religious faith and prayer is a “necessity”]
- Box 3 4-12-53 Speech to Pan American Union [“we are Christian Nations;” religious faith]
- Box 3 4-16-53 Chance for Peace Speech—American Society of Newspaper Editors [“God created men to enjoy, not destroy, the fruits of the earth”]
- Box 4 5-17-53 Speech at Mess Hall, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis [spiritual values]
- Box 4 5-25-53 Washington Ministerial Union—Remarks [a free government is based on “religious faith;” spiritual values]
- Box 4 6-11-53 Speech Dedicating Garrison Dam, N. Dakota [need for spiritual strength and manmade “in the image of God”]
- Box 4 9-21-53 100th Anniversary of Republican Party—Boston (1)(2) [quotes French visitor, “America is great because America is good;” America “gifted by God”]
- Box 5 10-6-53 Address at the Sixth National Assembly of the United Church Women, Atlantic City, New Jersey [faith in God; moral values; love of God]
- Box 5 10-30-53 Statement by the President Recorded for the Program of the Committee on Religion in American Life [urges Americans to support the religious institutions of their own choice; REAL]
- Box 5 11-18-53 Remarks at a Luncheon Meeting of the General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ [our government founded on religious faith; “glory of God;” sees himself as a “religious being”]

Box 5 11-19-53 Catholic University [essential spiritual character of man]

Box 5 12-24-53 Christmas Message [reference to Prince of Peace, prayer, God; “religious faith is the foundation of free government”]

Box 6 2-7-54 “Back to God” Program for American Legion [faith in God, common bond; “In God is our trust”]

Box 6 2-28-54 World Day of Prayer [divine guidance]

Box 6 4-8-54 In God We Trust [remarks by President introducing first stamp with new motto; “America’s greatness has been based upon spiritual quality;” all men are dependent upon an Almighty”]

Box 7 5-6-54 Military Chaplains Association [religious faith; spiritual strength; creator endowed us with basic rights]

Box 8 8-19-54 World Council of Churches (1)(2) [spiritual faith, “Christian ethics,” God; “Faith has indeed moved mountains;” “cause of peace needs God;” “we are essentially a religious people.”]

Box 10 10-20-54 American Jewish Tercentenary [speech in NYC; religious faith and religious freedom; quotes Isaiah]

Box 10 11-8-54 National Council of Catholic Women [religious holidays, faith, and “spiritual ties”]

Box 10 11-10-54 Christians and Jews Conference [remarks from White House; spiritual foundations, brotherhood, and spiritual power]

Box 11 12-17-54 Christmas Tree Lighting [Prince of Peace, “providence of God,” prayer, and “Divine will”]

Box 11 2-20-55 “Back to God” Program [recorded remarks for American Legion program; “God is the author of individual rights;” “Without God, there could be no American form of Government”]

Box 12 5-6-55 Washington Hebrew Temple [“This country is a spiritual organism;” “Liberty—a spiritual value;” each of us “is a child of God;” our nation is “religious in its background and has a spiritual foundation on which to stand”]

Box 13 7-15-55 Departure for Geneva, TV (1)(2) [radio and TV address to American people prior to departure for Big Four conference; prayer as a “mighty force for peace”]

Box 14 12-18-55 Christmas Tree Lighting [“prayer for peace;” “peace from above”]

Box 14 2-2-56 Prayer Breakfast [nation founded on religious faith; belief in God and prayer]

Box 15 5-9-56 Military Chaplains Association [religious faith]

Box 16 5-25-56 Baylor University (1)-(5) [reference to God]

Box 19 12-20-56 Christmas Tree Lighting [spirit of Christmas and religious faith]

Box 22 6-28-57 Islamic Center [God and freedom of worship; “all men under one God”]

Box 22 10-11-57 NATO Naval Chaplains [spiritual values]

Box 23 12-23-57 Christmas Tree Lighting [God and spirit of Christmas]

Box 27 10-12-58 Interchurch Center [freedom of worship and God-given rights]

Box 28 12-23-58 XMAS Tree Lighting [the birth of Christ and faith in God]

Box 31 9-9-59 National Council of Churches [remarks to delegation in The White House; “divine creator,” “Supreme Being,” and “respect for religion”]

Box 36 9-26-60 National Conference of Catholic Charities (1)(2) [religious heritage and belief in God]

Box 38 12-23-60 Christmas Tree Lighting [spirit of Christmas, the Christ child, Christian ethics, spiritual heritage, and all men being brothers under God]

Box 38 1-17-61 Final TV Talk (1)(2) [Farewell Address; God, faith, and prayer]

Statements or Messages by President Eisenhower with religious references which do not appear in the Speech Series but are published in Public Papers of the Presidents: Dwight D. Eisenhower are as follows:

- 7-9-53 Message to the National Co-Chairmen, Commission on Religious Organizations, National Conference of Christians and Jews [ref. of spiritual strength and churches as “citadels of our faith”]
- 7-25-54 World Christian Endeavor Convention [ref. to spiritual base, spiritual values, and “spiritual character of man”]
- 9-21-54 Statement: National Day of Prayer [ref. to faith and prayer]
- 9-27-54 Statement on Jewish New Year
- 8-31-59 DDE-Macmillan—Radio/TV Broadcast [ref. to God]

Press Conference Series

- Box 1 Press Conference, 3-19-53 [President was asked if he favored the government investigating possibility of communism in churches]
- Box 4 Press Conference, 3-21-56 [questions by May Craig re Billy Graham and mobilizing Christianity against Communism; man as “a spiritual being” and conflict between atheism and religion]

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

Official File

- Box 90 OF 3-R-9 Code of Conduct for Members of the Armed Forces
- Box 401 OF 101-P Cabinet, 1952-53 (2) [Rev. Elson letter to DDE of 1-14-53 encouraged use of prayer at Cabinet meetings]
- Box 358 OF 101-Z Broadcasting by the President: Radio and Television (3) [correspondence re DDE using prayer with a TV speech and his reluctance to act like a preacher]
- Box 368 OF 102 Government of the U.S. (1) [DDE to Gen. Lorenzen, 9-9-53, an “essential foundation stone of free government is this sincere religious faith”]
- Box 371 OF 102-C-2 Pledge of Allegiance [House Joint Resolution 243 to add “under God” to Pledge]
- Box 483 OF 115 Finances and Monetary Matters [re motto, “In God We Trust;” letter from DDE to Bennett, 7-14-55, sends him pen used to sign H.R. 619, act which provides that all U.S. currency will bear this motto]
- Box 520 OF 119-E Memorial Day [copies of presidential proclamations for each Memorial Day, “Prayer for Peace, Memorial Day” 1953-60]
- Box 579-580 OF 137 Peace [Charles E. Wilson’s plan to use religion to promote peace; Rockefeller and Harlow express reservations; study re intellectual and spiritual factors in national defense; proposals re peaceful coexistence on moral and spiritual grounds; DDE re moral and spiritual principles—world peace and prayer for just peace; statement of bishops re

- peace and unity; Commission on National Goals; peace plan; new public philosophy of the President—statements on peace, religion, and faith in America]
- Box 616 OF 142-C Demonstrations Against Racial and Religious Groups [1958-60 correspondence including with J. Edgar Hoover]
- Box 618 OF 144 Religion [speech on Mid-East; Ecumenical Council and visit by Syrian and Greek Orthodox prelates; statement re meaning of the church]
- Box 618 OF 144-A Bible [use of Bible in administering oaths of office]
- Box 618 OF 144-B Church Matters [correspondence handled by F. Fox]
- Box 618 OF 144-B-1 Protestant Matters [Methodist Comm. for Overseas Relief met with President, 2-10-53]
- Box 618 OF 144-B-1-A National Presbyterian Church and Center [DDE correspondence with Henry Luce and Rev. Elson]
- Box 619 OF 144-B-2 Catholic Matters [memo re possible death of Pope Pius XII; letter from DDE to Pope John XXIII]
- Box 619 OF 144-B-2-A Representative or Ambassador to the Vatican [opposing establishment of diplomatic ties with Vatican]
- Box 619 OF 144-B-3 Jewish Matters (1)-(5) [concerns over anti-Semitism in Europe]
- Box 619 OF 144-B-4 Islamic and Moslem Religion [6-28-57 DDE attends opening of Islamic Center]
- Box 619 OF 144-C-1 Good Friday
- Box 619 OF 144-D Religious Liberty [DDE to Allen Dulles re persecution of people for religious beliefs in Czechoslovakia]
- Box 619 OF 144-E Sabbath Observance/Sunday Observance [religious traditions]
- Box 619-620 OF 144-F National Day of Prayer [yearly presidential proclamations establishing a National Day of Prayer, 1953-60; correspondence between DDE and Bishop Fulton Sheen]
- Box 620 OF 144-G Moral Rearmament [Moral Rearmament movement; Admiral Richard Byrd; William Pawley]
- Box 620 OF 144-G-1 Conference on Moral and Spiritual Recovery [report by Comm. on Our Moral and Spiritual Resources for Brotherhood, "One Nation Under God," 1954; letter DDE to Elson, 4-17-54, "American heritage is strongly spiritual;" National Conference on the Spiritual Foundations of American Democracy, Nov. 8-10, 1954; copy of remarks by DDE to conf., 11-9-54 (not in AWF, Speech Series); Foundation for Religious Action in the Social and Civil Order]
- Box 620 OF 144-G-2 International Congress on Moral Law and Spiritual Responsibility [congress proposed by Found. For Religious Action]
- Box 620 OF 144-H Prayer for Peace [USIA correspondence re plan for worldwide Prayer for Peace; proposed by President in speech, 8-19-54; articles and posters in English, French, and German]
- Box 720 OF 183-A Australia (2) [Billy Graham rally in Melbourne 10/1959]
- Box 767 OF 325-J Religious Groups Committee (of People to People) [correspondence re members of comm., 1956]
- General File
- Box 10 GF 1-D American Flag 1954(1)(2) [addition of "under God" to Pledge of Allegiance; pro and con correspondence; SJR #126 & HJRes. #243]
- Box 10 GF 1-D American Flag 1955 [addition of "under God" to Pledge]

- Box 41 GF 1-S National Motto, "In God We Trust" [1956-59 correspondence; HJ Res. 396, PL 851, 7-30-56]
- Box 97 GF 6-A Inauguration, 1952-1953 (4) [two Bibles used at Inauguration and passages the Bibles were opened to]
- Box 98 GF 6-A Inauguration 1957 (2) [Bible use and prayer]
- Box 98 GF 6-A Inauguration, 1958-1960 [use of Bible in oath taking; use of Bibles in Inaugurations; religious freedom]
- Box 232 GF 11-H-9 Code of Conduct for Members of the Armed Forces of the U.S. [correspondence pro and con on Code]
- Box 642 GF 115-B Religious Pamphlets and Tracts [articles, pamphlets, tracts sent to President by public]
- Box 643-645 GF 115-B Religious Pamphlets and Tracts [21 folders]
- Box 679 GF 118 Church Matters and Religion, 1952-1953 [religious freedom]
- Box 679-680 GF 118 Church Matters and Religion [7 folders; correspondence with public re religious freedom and church and other religious matters; Foundation for Religious Action; statistics re church construction, 1960]
- Box 680-681 GF 118-A Catholic Matters [8 folders; correspondence, articles, and clippings from general public and White House acknowledgment; one anti-Catholic publication]
- Box 682 GF 118-A-1 Ambassador to Vatican [plans for U.S. ambassador to Vatican]
- Box 682 GF 118-A-1 Ambassador to the Vatican—Pro [about 10 pp. correspondence]
- Box 682 GF 118-A-1 Ambassador to the Vatican—Con [about 30 pp. correspondence]
- Box 682 GF 118-A-1 Ambassador to the Vatican—Endorsements [11 folders with correspondence endorsing people for position of Ambassador to Vatican]
- Box 682-684 GF 118-B Jewish Matters [14 folders; correspondence with public re Jewish issues and institutions]
- Box 684-686 GF 118-C Protestant Matters [28 folders; correspondence with public]
- Box 687 GF 118-D Day of Prayer (or other Prayer Periods; Prayers for Peace) [9 folders; correspondence and petitions re day of prayer and prayer for peace or national day or week of prayer]
- Box 687-690 GF 118-D Day of Prayer [29 folders; correspondence with public in alphabetical order]
- Box 690-691 GF 118-E Bible, The (1)-(3) [correspondence and articles re versions of The Bible, passages in it, U.S. Bible Society, Bible balloon project, and Bibles used on Inauguration Day, 1-20-53]
- Box 691 GF 118-F Sunday Schools
- Box 691 GF 118-G Other Organized Religious Denominations [Eastern Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, and Islamic faiths]
- Box 691 GF 118-H Easter
- Box 691 GF 118-H-1 Good Friday (1)-(3) [requests to make Good Friday a national holiday]
- Box 692 GF 118-I National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America (1)(2) [the work of NCC]
- Box 692 GF 118-I-1 World Council of Churches [correspondence from Carl McIntire]
- Box 692 GF 118-J National Conference of Christians and Jews
- Box 692 GF 118-J-1 Brotherhood Week—Brotherhood (1)-(3) [sponsored by NCCJ; correspondence, brochures, posters, articles, program, and honor rolls; President served as honorary chairman in 1953]

- Box 692 GF 118-K Salvation Army, The
- Box 693 GF 118-L YMCA (1)(2)
- Box 693 GF 118-M YWCA
- Box 693 GF 118-N Sabbath or Sunday Observance [observance of Sabbath Day and religious freedom]
- Box 693 GF 118-O Freedom of Religion—Religious Liberty
- Box 693 GF 118-P American Friends Service Committee (1)(2)
- Box 694 GF 118-Q Moral Re-Armament (1)(2) [the work of MRA]
- Box 1193 GF 151 Finance and Monetary Matters, 1955-58 (1) [letter Bennett to Harlow, 7-20-55, thank you for help in getting HR 619 passed putting “In God We Trust” on all currency]
- Box 1283 GF 179 Pens 1954 (1) [letters from Morgan to Rabaut and Bolton (June 1954) with pens used to sign HJ Res. 243 adding “under God” to Pledge of Allegiance]
- Box 1311 GF 229-A President’s Program of World Compassion, Inc., The [1958; part of People to People program]

President’s Personal File

- Box 8 PPF 1-A-3 Favorite Bible Passages, The President [passages the Bibles were opened to on Inauguration Day and favorite prayer]
- Box 8 PPF 1-A-6 Favorite Music, Hymns, and Composers, The President
- Box 17-18 PPF 1-A-9 Church Affiliation of the President [26 folders]
- Box 18-19 PPF 1-A-9 Sen. Neely’s Criticism re President’s Religious Affiliations [25 folders]
- Box 79 PPF 1-I Inauguration, 1953-57 (1)-(4) [Bibles used]
- Box 584-586 PPF 20-C Inauguration Address [26 folders; correspondence re address and prayer, both pro and con]
- Box 599 PPF 20-D Support-H (9) [letter Halverson to President, 1-7-57, sends Scripture verses]
- Box 759 PPF 42-B-1 Four Chaplains Memorial
- Box 786 PPF 47 American Jewish Committee (1)-(3) [message from DDE re religious liberties, 1-26-54]
- Box 786 PPF 47 American Jewish League Against Communism, Inc.
- Box 786 PPF 47 American Jewish Congress
- Box 786 PPF 47 American Jewish Literary Foundation
- Box 786-788 PPF 47 American Legion [10 folders; correspondence re “Back to God” Program]
- Box 803-804 PPF 47 Catholic.... [various Catholic organizations, 9 folders]
- Box 812 PPF 47 Foundation for Religious Action in the Social and Civil Order [message from President to Foundation of 9-7-56; Charles Wesley Lowry re national conference on spiritual foundations]
- Box 816 PPF 47 Hadassah, The Women’s Zionist Organization of America, Inc. [messages from President]
- Box 818 PPF 47 Interchurch Center [DDE participating in cornerstone laying, 10-12-58]
- Box 818 PPF 47 Interfaith Movement Inc. [messages from President and Nixon]

- Box 819 PPF 47 International Christian Leadership, Inc. [sponsor of annual prayer breakfast; correspondence, programs, and schedules; remarks by President in 1953, 1956; DDE correspondence with Abraham Vereide and Sen. Frank Carlson]
- Box 819 PPF 47 International Council of Christian Churches [message from President, 1957; Rev. Carl McIntire]
- Box 820 PPF 47 International Lutheran Walther League [message from DDE to convention, 1955]
- Box 822 PPF 47 Jewish..... [5 Jewish organizations; 6 folders]
- Box 824 PPF 47 Knights of Columbus [messages from Pres; letter DDE to Hart, 8-6-54, re role of Knights of Columbus in adding “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance]
- Box 824 PPF 47 Knights Templar [correspondence and message from DDE]
- Box 824 PPF 47 Laymen’s Movement for a Christian World [correspondence, brochures, articles; messages from President and Vice-President]
- Box 824 PPF 47 Laymen’s National Committee, Inc. [messages from President for National Sunday School Week and National Bible Week; correspondence and brochures]
- Box 826 PPF 47 Lutheran Laymen’s League [correspondence and messages from President]
- Box 826 PPF 47 Lutheran Student Association of America [correspondence and message from President]
- Box 826 PPF 47 Lutheran World Federation [correspondence and messages from President]
- Box 830 PPF 47 National Association of Evangelicals [correspondence and messages from President]
- Box 833 PPF 47 National Catholic Conference on Family Life [messages from President]
- Box 833 PPF 47 National Catholic Educational Association [correspondence and messages from President]
- Box 833 PPF 47 National Catholic Rural Life Conference [correspondence and messages from President]
- Box 834 PPF 47 National Catholic Welfare Conference [message from President]
- Box 834 PPF 47 National Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. [correspondence and message from President]
- Box 834 PPF 47 National Christ Child Society [correspondence and messages from President]
- Box 834-835 PPF 47 National Conference of Christians and Jews (1)-(4) [DDE honorary chairman of World Brotherhood Week; messages from DDE, Truman, and FDR re Brotherhood Week; correspondence, brochures, articles, posters, papers, statements, schedules, programs]
- Box 836-837 PPF 47 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. (1)-(4) [correspondence and messages from President; letter DDE to Blake, 2-24-55, re world peace, overseas relief, religious conviction and human compassion; speech by President; brochures, press releases; letter DDE to Green, 11-17-58, re role of church in international relations]
- Box 837 PPF 47 National Council of Jewish Women [correspondence and

- messages from President]
- Box 837 PPF 47 National Council of Presbyterian Men [correspondence, messages from President, newsletters, booklet]
- Box 854 PPF 47 Rabbinical Council of America [correspondence and messages from President]
- Box 860 PPF 47 Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America [correspondence and message from President]
- Box 867 PPF 47 World Council of Churches [correspondence and clippings]
- Box 868 PPF 47 Young Men's Christian Association (1)-(3) [correspondence, programs, brochures, booklets, messages from President]
- Box 868 PPF 47 Young Women's Christian Association [correspondence and messages from President, reports]
- Box 868 PPF 47 Youth for Christ International [correspondence and message from President]
- Box 868 PPF 47 Zionist Organization of America [correspondence and messages from President]
- Box 903-904 PPF 53 Religion (1)-(4) [correspondence and clippings re faith, religion, prayer, and religious freedom; messages from President to various groups; letter DDE to Stringer, 4-8-54, re relationship between religion and free government; letter DDE to Murray, 6-19-58, re God has given us a "code" by which to live; correspondence re prayer DDE read at Cabinet meeting in late August 1958]
- Box 904 PPF 53-A Bible
- Box 904 PPF 53-A-1 Bible Schools—Sunday Schools [letter from Brethren in Christ church in Abilene where DDE attended Sunday School; correspondence and messages from President]
- Box 904 PPF 53-B Church Matters (1)(2) [correspondence, brochures, statements, and messages by President]
- Box 904-907 PPF 53-B-1 Protestant.... [3 boxes; chron. order; correspondence, messages from President]
- Box 908-917 PPF 53-B-1 [folders for individual Protestant churches]
- Box 913 PPF 53-B-1 National Presbyterian Church (1)-(4) [correspondence between Rev. Elson and DDE re church affiliation in Nov.-Dec. 1952 and pre-Inaugural service; letter Elson to DDE, 12-21-52, "it will be my purpose to serve your spiritual needs.....this relationship will never be allowed to be exploited...;" frequent correspondence between DDE and Elson re sermons, faith, prayers, and religious services]
- Box 917-919 PPF 53-B-2 Catholic..... [12 folders; correspondence and messages from President]
- Box 919-921 PPF 53-B-2 [individual Catholic churches]
- Box 921-922 PPF 53-B-3 Jewish [8 folders]
- Box 922-924 PPF 53-B-3 [Jewish congregations and temples]
- Box 924 PPF 53-B-3-A Jewish New Year
- Box 924 PPF 53-C Easter
- Box 924 PPF 53-C-1 Good Friday [message by President]
- Box 924 PPF 53-D Religious Liberty [correspondence including letter by President]
- Box 924 PPF 53-E Sabbath Observance—Sunday Observance
- Box 924 PPF 53-F World Day of Prayer [correspondence and clippings]

- Box 924 PPF 53-G Seventh Day Adventists [correspondence and letter from President]
 Box 930 PPF 59-B Home & Family Life [correspondence re family life, church, spiritual values; letter DDE to Bishop Werner, 10-8-58 re Conf. on Family Life and importance of moral and spiritual values]
 Box 946 PPF 380 Carlson, Hon. Frank (U.S. Senate) [correspondence with ref. to prayer breakfasts]
 Box 947 PPF 421 O'Carroll, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry [correspondence]
 Box 948 PPF 436 Johnson, Rev. C. Oscar
 Box 954 PPF 629 Rummel, Most Rev. Joseph Francis [message from President]
 Box 954 PPF 633 McNamara, Most Rev. Martin D. [letter from President]
 Box 956 PPF 703 Irwin, The Right Rev. Msgr. James F. [letter from President]
 Box 956 PPF 704 McKenna, The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard A. [letter from President]
 Box 959 PPF 800 Michael, Archbishop [correspondence with President]
 Box 960 PPF 844 Evans, Rev. Louis H. [correspondence with President]
 Box 963 PPF 922 Hamblen, Rev. Harry V. [correspondence and ref. in letter to incident in England in 1944]
 Box 964 PPF 967 Markoe, Rev. John P. [correspondence with DDE with ref. to West Point class, Negroes, civil rights]
 Box 965 PPF 1000 McNally, Rev. Paul [letter from President]
 Box 966 PPF 1048 Kenny, Elizabeth (Sister) [correspondence]
 Box 966 PPF 1052 Graham, Billy [correspondence with President, 1952-60]
 Box 969 PPF 1157 Chataignon, Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. S. [correspondence with President with ref. to WWII]
 Box 970 PPF 1179 Pope Pius XII [correspondence, including messages from President to Pope]
 Box 970 PPF 1187 McCarthy, Msgr. Thomas, Jr. [letter from President]
 Box 970 PPF 1200 Pernicone, J.C.D., The Most Rev., Joseph M. [letter from President]
 Box 971 PPF 1266 Sheen, Most Rev. Fulton J. [letter from President]
 Box 972 PPF 1280 Murdock, Msgr. George G. [letter from President]
 Box 973 PPF 1327 Samuel, Rev. Canon John [letter from President]
 Box 973 PPF 1328 Witter, Bishop Ray I. [correspondence; boyhood acquaintance]
 Box 978 PPF 1592 Northcott, Bishop & Mrs. H. Clifford [correspondence with President]
 Box 983 PPF 1794 O'Connell, Michael D., Rt. Rev. Msgr. [letter from President]
 Box 983 PPF 1795 Nadich, Rabbi Judah [letter from President]
 Box 984 PPF 1838 Pope John XXIII [correspondence]
 Box 984 PPF 1850 Mooney, Edward Cardinal [letter from President]

Pre-Inaugural File

- Box 20 Memberships Index---Religions

Legal-Size Case Series

- Box 6 1953 April 22 PPF 53-B-1 First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem
 Box 10 1953 June 26 PPF 53-B-1 First Baptist Church-Alexandria, VA
 Box 50 1955 Aug. 26 PPF 53-B-1 Church of God in Christ

Box 61	1956 May 10 PPF 47 National Association of Evangelicals (1)-(3)
Box 86	1957 Nov. 27 PPF 47 American Jewish Committee
Box 90	1958 March 18 PPF 53-B-1 St. John's Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas
Box 96	1958 Oct. 25 PPF 47 Interchurch Center
Box 103	1959 Sept. 16 PPF 47 National Council of Churches of Christ (1)(2)

Bulk Mail Files—Correspondence re Birth Control

Box 1-2	Pro and Con President's Statement on 12/2/59 re Birth Control
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Bulk Mail Files—Correspondence re Prayer for Peace and Peace Efforts at Geneva in 1955

Box 1	Petitions advocating "Pray for Peace" Week and daily prayer for peace, 1954. Postcards re peace stand at Geneva, 1955.
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Bulk Mail Files—Letters and Petitions re President's Appearance Before World Council of Churches

Box 1	August 1954 (x ref. to GF 118-I-1)
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Alphabetical File

This file consists primarily of cross-reference sheets, which indicate the location in Central Files of documents relating to the individual, organization, or subject on the folder title. Occasionally there are actual original documents in these files as well. The folders listed below are reviewed and opened. There are many additional files which are not open, and these will need to be requested well in advance of usage in order to allow time for reviewing.

Box 58	America First
Box 60	American CH
Box 60	American Chr
Box 250	Benson, Ezra Taft
Box 413	Broger, John C.
Box 524	Carlson, rank [Senator, KS]
Box 986	Facts of Life
Box 1082	Foundation for Religious Action in the Social and Civil Order
Box 1224	Graham, Billy (only)(Rev.)
Box 1369	Hazlett, A-H
Box 1374	Hebrew
Box 1584-85	Jewish—A to Z
Box 1585	Jews
Box 1587	John Birch Society
Box 1695	King, Martin Luther
Box 1710	Klutznick, Philip M. (only) (President of B'nai B'rith)
Box 1894	Luce, Henry (only)
Box 2112	Mindszenty, Joseph [Cardinal]
Box 2211	NAACP
Box 2339	Oxnam, G. Bromley [Rev.]
Box 2347	Paley
Box 2456	Planned Parenthood Federation
Box 2485-86	Powell, Adam C. Jr. (1)-(9)
Box 2831	Sheen, Fulton J. (Bishop)

Box 2860	Silver, Abba Hillel (Rabbi)
Box 2948	Spellman, Francis (only)(Cardinal)
Box 3052	Synagogue (only)
Box 3206	Vereide, Abraham (only)
Box 3456	Zion
Box 3456	Zionism
Box 3456	Zionist (1)(2)
Box 3456	Zions

Appointment Books

The appointment books are in three-ring binders with one volume for each six months of the Administration. The following are a listing of some appointments related to DDE and Religion:

1-3-53	Rev. Billy Graham
1-24-53	Rev. Edward L. R. Elson, Pastor, National Presbyterian Church
2-5-53	Prayer Breakfast
3-7-53	Rev. Elson
6-22-53	Rev. Elson
11-4-53	Rev. Elson
1-6-54	Rev. Elson
2-4-54	Prayer Breakfast
3-15-54	Rev. Elson
6-20-54	Rev. Elson
7-8-54	Rev. Billy Graham
1-4-55	Rev. Elson
3-25-55	Rev. Elson
6-13-55	Rev. Elson
8-8-55	Rev. Billy Graham
11-25-55	Rev. Elson
2-2-56	Prayer Breakfast
3-20-56	Rev. Billy Graham
1-4-57	Rev. Elson
5-10-57	Rev. Billy Graham
6-18-57	Rev. Elson
8-9-57	Rev. Elson
10-15-57	Rev. Elson
3-6-58	Rev. Billy Graham
6-11-58	Rev. Elson
10-14-58	DDE attended Pontifical Requiem Mass in honor of Pope Pius XII at St. Matthews Cathedral
1-7-59	Rev. Elson
1-12-59	Rev. Elson
3-24-59	Rev. Elson
5-7-59	Rev. Elson
5-19-59	Rev. Elson
12-6-59	DDE had audience with Pope John XXIII at Vatican in Rome.
1-18-60	Prayer Breakfast
3-31-60	Rev. Billy Graham

6-3-60	Rev. Elson
9-28-60	Rev. Elson
11-30-60	Rev. Elson
12-5-60	Rev. Elson
12-19-60	Rev. Billy Graham
12-23-60	Rev. Elson

There are over 200 appointment index cards under the listing for “Church”, including churches attended on Sundays or special occasions or church leaders or groups who met with the President at the White House. The National Presbyterian Church has the most numerous entries, and the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church has a number as well. The index cards are in alphabetical order and can be used effectively to identify when Eisenhower met with various religious groups or leaders.

EISENHOWER, DWIGHT D.: Post-Presidential Papers, 1961-1969

Augusta-Walter Reed Series

Box 4	Bibles Used in 1953 and 1957 (Inauguration) [1953—used two Bibles, George Washington Bible and West Point Bible (America Standard Version) given to DDE in 1915; 1957—used only the West Point Bible; scriptures the Bibles were opened to]
Box 5	Drafts (5) [1967 draft—ref. to Moral Rearmament, quotes WWI saying, “There are no atheists in fox-holes;” tells story of boy who brought notice home from school indicating that in event of nuclear attack the prohibition of prayer would be suspended]
Box 7	Background Material—Misc. (3) [2-13-67 DDE speaks to cast of Moral Rearmament’s “Up with People”, Indio, Calif.—ref. to “Brotherhood under God, and as sons of God”]

Convenience File

Box 1	“Under God” in Pledge to Flag [copy of statement made by DDE, 6-14-54 when he signed the bill including this in Pledge]
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DDE Appointment Book Series

There is no index to this series. Researchers will have to peruse the three boxes of appointment listings for evidence of meetings between DDE and religious leaders and groups.

Box 1	DDE Appointment Book—1961(1) [9-8-61, Rev. B. Graham]
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Secretary’s Series

Box 2	Messages (ME-2)—Individuals [DDE to Rev. Pollock, 2-8-65, comments on Rev. Billy Graham, “a devoted Christian” and “a splendid influence in the United States”]
Box 10	Mac [several letters from DDE to Rev. Robert MacAskill, Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, 1963; statement by DDE to be used in dedication booklet for church, ref. to “seeking God’s will”]
Box 13	Gra [letters from DDE to Billy Graham, 1965; letter from DDE to

- Pollock re Graham]
- Box 18 Pa [letter, DDE to Tom H. Parks, 7-5-66, ref. to “character,” “fundamental truths,” “basic faiths”, and “sense of values”; letter, DDE to Mrs. Edward M. Powell, 1-13-66, believes that his mother named him after the evangelist, Dwight L. Moody; message to First United Presbyterian Church, Medina, NY, 3-21-66, ref. to “faith in God”]
- Box 20 Ba [letter, DDE to Belk, 2-20-67, ref. to “Sing-Out” group and tour of “Up with People”; Moral Rearmament]
- Box 20 L (2) [correspondence re “Sing-Out” group and Moral Rearmament; statement by DDE, 7-15-67, re Moral Rearmament]
- Box 21 P [letter, DDE to Bruce Palmer, 5-4-67, defends Moral Rearmament as “entertaining and inspiring” and “a wonderful and uplifting influence in our country”]
- Box 21 Ro [correspondence re anti-Israel views, a new church, the Pope, and Moral Rearmament; DDE refers to J. Edgar Hoover’s opinion of MRA.]
- Box 21 Wi [letter DDE to Wilson, 5-11-67, defends Moral Rearmament “Up with People” and “Sing Out”]

Special Name Series

- Box 10 Hoover, J. Edgar, 1967 [correspondence from Hoover re background of MRA movement]
- Box 19 Thayer, Walter N., 1962 (1) [letter, DDE to Thayer, 6-27-62, re decision of Supreme Court on prayers in public schools—“man is a spiritual being”, “this nation is indeed a religious one,” and the Court is “doing a disservice to this nation”]

Speeches Series

- Box 1 October 18, 1961 Al Smith Dinner Talk (1)-(3) [man “made in the image of his Creator;” America’s “strength is military, economic, and spiritual”]
- Box 1 October 23, 1961 Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center (1) [“spiritual values;” “brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God”]
- Box 1 November 10, 1961 Cleveland Case Institute (1) [ref. to spiritual strength in face of Communist threat]
- Box 2 January 31, 1962 Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce (1) [“our nation has emerged, under God, as the outstanding hope of the world as a power for peace”]
- Box 2 May 1, 1962 Abilene Dedication (2) [ref. to pioneers and “their faith in their God”]
- Box 2 May 14, 1962 Union League (Academy of Music) [quotes Lincoln re “Almighty God;” ref. to our nation, “under God”]
- Box 3 October 9, 1962 Denver, Colorado [“an abiding faith in God”]
- Box 4 October 29, 1962 Syracuse, New York (2) [faith in God]
- Box 6 May 26, 1963 Commencement Address, Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio [references to “soul,” “under God,” “Creator,” and “inalienable rights”]

- Box 6 June 13, 1963 Republican Citizens Committee of the United States, Hershey, Pa. ["faith in self and God"]
- Box 7 SP-1 Columbus, Ohio, 10/15/64 (1) [ref. to churches, synagogues, and temples for worship; "God-given dignity"]
- Boxes 8-9 SP-1 Grinnell College, 5/13/65 (1)(2) [moral values; "under the Constitution and God"]
- Box 9 SP-1 Denison, Texas, 9/1/65 [ref. to Declaration of Independence—"all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights;" God]
- Box 10 SP-1 Exeter Academy, 6/12/66 (2) ["moral courage;" ref. to "cults" who "distort values and create discord,...warped souls"]

1961 Principal File

- Box 9 GR [correspondence between Billy Graham and DDE; Graham refers to DDE as "an old friend who I admire more than any man in the World;" Graham states, "communism has all the earmarks of the Anti-Christ that is spoken of in Scripture"]

1962 Principal File

- Box 15 Messages (ME)-4 Friendly Messages (3) [DDE's statement in Response to a Supreme Court decision on prayer in schools, 6-26-62, "I always thought that this Nation was essentially a religious one." reference to Declaration of Independence]
- Box 42 RU [DDE correspondence with Dr. Russell re Supreme Court decision on prayer in schools]
- Box 43 Sin [letter, DDE to Sligh, President of Laymen's National Comm., "Preserved in a prominent spot in my boyhood home in Kansas is the big family Bible;" National Bible Week]
- Box 47 Chrono File February 1962(5) [ref. to Dr. Dunlap, minister of Palm Desert Church]
- Box 47 Chrono File February 1962(8) [memo for record, 2-26-62 re Laymen's National Comm. Inc. agreed not to use permission granted them in Aug. 1952 to publicize the 23rd Psalm as DDE's favorite prayer—he later adopted a policy of declining to discuss publicly his thoughts on prayer; letter MDE to Mrs. Conway, 2-28-62 "I am a Presbyterian"]

1962-63 Signature File

- Box 47 Mor (1)(2) [correspondence re Moral Rearmament programs in Vietnam and South America]
- Box 53 Ruf [correspondence re religious affiliation of DDE's parents]

1963 Principal File

- Box 11 IN-1 Invitations Accepted—Peace Light Mass (Hesburgh, Theo.), June 29, 1963 [speech by Hesburgh; DDE attends]
- Box 12 IN-1 Invitations Accepted—Presbyterian Rally (Smith-MacAskill) Sept. 22, 1963 [program; correspondence]
- Box 31 ST Statements (2) [correspondence re DDE's favorite Bible passages]
- Box 34 Ba (7) [correspondence re intelligence report on Moral Rearmament]

- Box 44 El (2) [correspondence with Rev. Edward Elson, National Presbyterian Church; letter Schulz to Elson, 3-28-63, DDE was never a Mason]
- Box 44 En (1) [correspondence re DDE's favorite Bible passage]
- Box 51 Kl (2) [correspondence re passages the Bibles were opened to in 1953 Inauguration]
- Box 51 Kr [Schulz to Kraemer re favorite Bible verse and passages used in 1953 Inauguration]
- Box 63 Smith (2) [correspondence re Moral Rearmament play]

1964 Principal File

- Box 17 MEMO Memorandum for the Record (1) [memo by DDE, 12-8-64, ref. to River Brethren Church, "I attended during my boyhood a church of the same denomination in Abilene, Kansas"]
- Box 19 ME-3-8 Messages—Religious Groups [messages to various churches and religious groups]
- Box 22 ST-2 Statement—Made by DDE (1) [remarks for film in connection with Presbyterian Fifty Million Fund]
- Box 35 Fi (1) [ref. to DDE statement for fundraising for Presbyterian Church]
- Box 39 HO (1) [correspondence re DDE church membership and family Bible]
- Box 39 HO (5) [DDE memo on boyhood church attendance]
- Box 46 Mo (4) [correspondence re Moral Rearmament, moral standards, and spiritual heritage]
- Box 49 Po (2) [letter re funeral service for DDE's mother]
- Box 53 Sp (1) [correspondence with Francis Cardinal Spellman re Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge]
- Box 56 Wa (2) [correspondence re DDE's beliefs; quotes by DDE on prayer and religion; "personal prayer...is one of the simplest necessities of life..."]
- Box 58 Young Men's Christian Association [correspondence re YMCA events]

EISENHOWER, MAMIE DOUD: Papers, 1894-1979

Columbia University Series

- Box 1 Church Matters [correspondence and pamphlets]

White House Series (A70-11)

- Box 9 Church (only) [Rev. Edward Elson; World Day of Prayer; church attendance]
- Box 13 Elson, Rev. Edward L. R. [1955 correspondence re "home dedication" and blessing of Gettysburg home]

1969 Files Series

- Box 9 Gr [correspondence with Rev. Billy Graham]

EISENHOWER, MILTON S.: Papers, 1938-1973

- Box 5 1955 (2) [speeches on religion, the Bible, and moral struggle]

Box 6 1956 (1)-(3) [speeches commenting on heritage of freedom, education, and religion]

ENDACOTT, J. EARL: Papers, 1944-1974

Box 4 Home & Family Introduction and Early History [background on DDE's boyhood; River Brethren]

FINDER, LEONARD V.: Papers, 1930-1969

Box 7 Anti-Semitism (1951-52) (1)(2) [correspondence, articles, clippings; anti-Eisenhower materials]

FLEMMING, ARTHUR S.: Papers, 1939-1975

Box 115-138 National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) [1948-1968; church and economic life; reports; minutes of meetings]

Box 137 Religion in Public Schools

FOX, FREDERIC E.: Papers, 1917-1985

Box 34 Proclamation—National Day of Prayer, 7-30-59 [copies of proclamations as well as drafts and correspondence, 1953-59]

Box 34 Outline for the Pre-Inaugural Services, January 20, 1957 [detailed account of church services the President attended before his Inauguration, includes details of service and sermon by Rev. Elson, "A Nation Under God"]

Box 34 Christian Advocate, re Fox, 1-7-60 [article re F. Fox, "Clergyman in the White House"]

Box 34 Correspondence with Various Churches [memo re book by Elson]

Box 48 The President (1)(2) [clippings, articles, and chapter drafts for book by Fox]

Box 48 The White House (DDE's Creed) (1)-(3) [correspondence, articles, clippings, speeches and statements; DDE's views on religion; statement, 12-16-58, religious faith the basis of our civilization; Life, 3-22-54, article, "The President's Religious Faith" by Paul Hutchinson]

Box 48 The White House (DDE-Abilene) (4)(5) [articles, clippings, and correspondence re DDE and Abilene]

Boxes 55-56 Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare (1)-(4) [correspondence, articles, and clippings re freedom of religion, church-state relations, and church schools]

Boxes 97-98 Church and State (1)-(10) [printed materials relating to church-state relations]

Box 99 Manuscript, "The National Day of Prayer," by F. Fox [article printed in Theology Today, Vol. XXIX, No. 3, Oct. 1972]

FOX, FREDERIC E.: RECORDS, 1953-1961

- Box 8 Patriotic (1) [Presidential Proclamation re Thanksgiving Day, 1957; ref. to reliance on Almighty God]
- Box 9 Rosh Hashanah 1956 (Jewish New Year) Sept. 5, 1956 [message by President]
- Box 9 Rosh Hashanah [message by President in 1953-55]
- Box 9 Jewish (1)-(4) [messages by President to various Jewish groups and organizations and re Jewish High Holy Days, 1953-60]
- Box 9 Religions-Catholic (1)(2) [messages from President to various Catholic Churches, meetings, and groups; sends greetings re anniversaries, dedications, and special events]
- Box 10 Religions (1)(2) [messages from President to various religious groups and organizations]
- Box 10 Religions-Jewish (1)(2) [messages from President to various Jewish temples, congregations, and organizations]
- Box 10 Religions-Protestant (1)-(9) [messages from President to various Protestant churches, organizations, and meetings; DDE to American Bible Society, 9-28-60, "This Biblical Story of the Promised Land inspired the founders of America."]
- Box 10 Religions—Other (Groundbreaking, Sunday School, Interfaith, etc.) (1)-(4) [messages from President]
- Box 29 Religions (1)(2) [correspondence, clippings, and press releases re the President and religion; "Back to God" program; Moral Rearmament]
- Box 30 Religions (3)(4) [clippings and articles on religious subjects]
- Box 30 Religion-Clippings, Notes
- Box 30 World Council of Churches [clippings re org. and meetings]
- Box 30 Bible, The [messages by President to Am. Bible Society, 1956-59]
- Box 30 Good Friday [DDE to Elson re observance of Good Friday]
- Box 30 Israel's 10th Anniversary [message from President re High Holy Days]
- Box 30 Ministers (Retiring) [messages from Fox to retiring ministers]
- Box 30 The Prayer of Our People (from 2nd Inaugural Address)
- Box 30 Sunday School [messages from Fox to churches re Sunday School]
- Box 30 19th Psalm [copy of Psalms Chapter 19]

HAGERTY, JAMES C.: Papers, 1952-1974

- Box 83 Card Index to Hagerty's Press Conferences---approx. 50 cards with references to church matters or attendance by DDE, 1955-60
- Box 123-124 Dwight D. Eisenhower, Death and Funeral, 1969 (1)-(6) [correspondence, schedule, clippings, and articles]

HARLOW, BRYCE N.: Records (Pre-Accession), 1953-1961

- Box 25 Religion [correspondence and messages re Church Education Week and World Day of Prayer]
- Box 33 Speech-Nov. 18, 1953—National Council of Churches of Christ [notes for speech; "faith in God"]

- Box 34 Speech—Feb. 7, 1954—Back to God [drafts of speech and correspondence; “seek divine guidance”]
- Box 35 Speech—May 6, 1954—Military Chaplains Association [drafts of speech; “country which is faithless to God, cannot be faithful to men”]
- Box 36 Speech—July 25, 1954—Christian Endeavor, International Society of [notes for meeting; “spiritual strength;” “moral crusade”]
- Box 37 Speech—Aug. 19, 1954—World Council of Churches, Evanston, Ill. [correspondence and drafts of speech; “living faith in God and man”]
- Box 41 Speech—Nov. 8, 1954—National Council of Catholic Women, Boston, Mass. [drafts and reading copy; “spiritual strength;” “divinely inspired faith”]
- Box 41 Speech—Nov. 9, 1954—National Conference on Spiritual Foundation of American Democracy [speech and notes on org.; belief in God; man born in “the image of God”]

INAUGURAL COMMITTEE OF 1953: Records, 1953-1954

- Box 2 Religious Observance Committee [correspondence, memos]
- Box 5 Report—Religious Observance [report]
- Box 8 Religious Observance Committee [correspondence, press release]
- Box 17 Inaugural Committee, Religious Observance, 1953 [press releases]

INAUGURAL COMMITTEE OF 1957: Records, 1956-1957

- Box 6 Committees, Religious Participation [correspondence]
- Box 10 Religious Observance PRD [letter]
- Box 37 Religious Observances (records of Religious Observance Comm.) [notes, correspondence]
- Box 39 Religious Observance [letter]

JACKSON, C. D.: Papers, 1931-1989

- Box 32 Beekman, Frederick W. (1)(2) [correspondence and articles; role of church in WW II; war and religion]
- Box 58 Ho-Misc. (1)-(3) [correspondence, Palmer Hoyt to DDE re 1952 campaign, “holy crusade”]
- Box 78 Moral Rearmament (1)(2) [1955-60; correspondence; newsletters; memos; reports; attitude of State Dept. and Congressmen; Catholic Church in Italy]
- Box 81 Po-Misc. [Moral Rearmament tactics; correspondence; memo]
- Boxes 84-87 Pro-Deo (1952-1964) [over 40 folders; International Alliance for Democracy Under God; support of Vatican, Catholic Church, and Henry Luce and Time, Inc.]
- Box 93 Su-Sw-Misc. [1952 speech by Eisenhower uses quote attributed to Alexis de Tocqueville, letter Jackson to Suttler, 1-7-61 re speech in Boston on 11-3-52]
- Box 94 Schwarz, Dr. Fred (1)(2) [Christian Anti-Communist Crusade; John Birch Society; articles, correspondence, ref. to DDE]
- Box 94 Schwarz, Dr. Fred—“Basic Sets” [similar material to above]

Box 95 Smith, G. E. Kidder [U.S. relations with and attitude towards the Moslem world; 1959]

KANSAS CITY STAR: Clippings Re DDE, 1942-1967 (Microfilm)

Reel No. 1, Envelope No. 2, Chron.
1-9-51 Pope Would Receive Ike
11-22-51 Ike Sees a Parallel in Disciples and SHAPE
Reel No. 1, Envelope No. 3, Chron.
11-1-53 Ike Faith Strong
12-17-53 Ike Looks to Parents
Reel No. 1, Envelope No. 4, Chron.
1-28-54 Ike in a Church Plea
1-31-54 To Pray for Guidance
11-3-54 Ike Faith Holds
Reel No. 1, Envelope No. 6, Chron.
7-31-57 Ike as Moral Leader
Reel No. 1, Envelope No. 12, Chron.
101-10-62 Show of Faith Urged
Reel No. 2, Envelope No. 126, Chron.
Catholic Mass
Reel No. 2, Envelope No. 131, Chron.
Christian Responsibilities
Reel No. 2, Envelope No. 132-137, Chron.
Christmas....[6 folders]
Reel No. 4, Envelope No. 449
To Pope Pius XII—Letter
Reel No. 4, Envelope No. 455
Prayer
Reel No. 4, Envelope No. 476
Religion
Reel No. 4, Envelope No. 569
Thanksgiving Day Proclamation

LAMBIE, JAMES M., JR.: Papers, 1953-61

Box 4 L [includes notes and scripture to Lambie from F. Fox on Religion in American Life campaign]

LAMBIE, JAMES M., JR.: Records, 1953-1961

Box 7 "R" 1953 [correspondence, brochures, posters, press releases, and advertising materials re Religion in American Life campaign; DDE to launch advertising drive in Nov. 1953]
Box 38 "R" Misc. 1957 [correspondence re Religion in American Life campaign; annual report of Comm. on Religion in American Life, 1956]

- Box 44 Religion in American Life, 1958 [bulletin re “Freedom’s Religious Foundations”; Toynbee conversation]
- Box 51 Religion in American Life, 1959 [letter, dinner list]
- Box 57 RIAL (Religion in American Life) 1960 [message by President; correspondence, press release]

McCANN, KEVIN: Records, 1946-1960

- Box 5 Back to God, Feb. 20, 1955 [draft message; God the “author of individual rights”]
- Box 5 Brotherhood Week, Feb. 22, 1955 [draft message; ref. to “creator”]

MERRIAM, ROBERT E.: Records, 1955-1961

- Box 11 Political Campaign—1960 (1) [National Media Analysis—weekly reports frequently mention the religious issue]

NEW YORK TIMES, WASHINGTON BUREAU: Clippings re Dwight D. Eisenhower and Some of His Contemporaries, 1912-1960

- Box 3 Eisenhower, Dwight D.: B’nai B’rith
- Box 4 Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Brotherhood [DDE proclaims Brotherhood Week]
- Box 14 Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Pope John XXIII
- Box 14 Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Pope Pius XII
- Box 14 Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Prayer [prayer in Farewell Address]
- Box 15 Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Religion (1)-(3)
- Box 20 Eisenhower—YMCA
- Box 32 Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Catholics
- Box 32 Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Church

PUSEY, MERLO J.: Papers, 1952-1969

- Boxes 13-14 Eisenhower Personality (1)-(4) [clippings, articles]
- Box 26 Spiritual [1953-54, clippings, articles]

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE: News Clippings and Publications, 1932-1965

- Box 28-35 Eisenhower—Addresses and Speeches [clippings and press release copies of speeches]
- Box 334 [Eisenhower] Ike’s Aides: Fox, Frederic [clippings re pastor at White House]
- Box 502 Politics: Politics and Religion [clippings re religious issue, 1959-60]

- Box 606 Supreme Court: Bible Reading Ruling Defied by (1962)
- Box 607 Supreme Court: Prayers in Public School (1962)
- Box 607 Supreme Court: Prayer and Bible Reading in Schools (1963)

RICHARDSON, FANNIE BELLE TAYLOR: Papers, 1900-1960

- Box 3 Church Papers [10 folders; information on Elder Ira Eisenhower; correspondence re research on Eisenhower family]

ROBINSON, WILLIAM E.: Papers, 1932-1969

- Box 4 Eisenhower—1963 [Robinson notes from 1951-52 re development of Eisenhower Creed]
- Box 8 Election of 1952 [correspondence and booklet re Eisenhower Creed]
- Box 9 McCann, Kevin—re DDE Book [Eisenhower Creed]
- Box 9 Political—DD Eisenhower [1952 campaign; Eisenhower Creed; questions and answers re DDE's religious affiliation]

SEATON, FRED A.: Papers, 1900-1972

Congressional Series

- Box 16 S. 2441 Vatican-Form Letter (1)(2) [1952 correspondence re U.S. representative to Vatican]
- Box 16 S. 2441-UMT-F.L. & Vatican (1)-(4) [1952 correspondence opposing U.S. sending representative to Vatican]
- Box 26 H.R. 7593-Religious Organizations [6-2-52; amended tariff act re equipment for religious organizations]
- Box 27 H. J. Res. 382-Prayer, National Day of [4-9-52; copy of resolution]

Ewald Research Files

- Box 25 Religion (1)(2) [booklets, "Religion in American Life," "Religion and the Schools," "The National Council of Churches"; ads, TV spots, speech, 1955-56]

Post-Administration Files

- Box 1 Eisenhower, Dwight D., Death and Funeral [clippings]

Republican Party Series, 1960 Campaign Subseries

- Box 6 Campaign Issues—Religion/Federal Aid to Private Schools [papers and memos]

Speech Series

- Box 9 Christmas Pageant of Peace, Washington, D. C.—12-20-56 [program; transcript, Seaton and DDE speak]
- Box 11 National Brotherhood Week Dinner, 2-20-57 [correspondence, article, notes for speech]

- Box 12 RIAL [Religion in American Life] Dr. Elson, Hotel Pierre, NYC, 3-7-57 [speech draft re religion in America]
- Box 16 Christmas Pageant of Peace, Washington, D.C., 12-23-57 [correspondence, program, and text of remarks by Seaton]
- Box 17 Brotherhood Dinner, NCCJ (National Conf. of Christians and Jews), 2-20-58 [correspondence, program, message by DDE, speech by Seaton]
- Box 27 Christmas Pageant of Peace, 12-23-58 [program, remarks by Seaton, correspondence]
- Box 29 Easter Sunrise Memorial Services, Arlington National Cemetery, 3-29-59 [program, correspondence, text of prayer by Seaton]
- Box 38 Christmas Pageant of Peace, 12-23-59 [program, correspondence, press releases, drafts, and transcript of remarks by President and Seaton]
- Box 40 Prayer Breakfast, Mayflower Hotel, 2-18-60 [Cong. Record article; text of scripture]
- Box 49 Christmas Pageant of Peace, Washington, D.C., 12-23-60 [program; memos; correspondence; transcript of remarks by Seaton]

STEPHENS, THOMAS E.: Records, 1944-1961

- Box 6 Speeches, Statements Given by DDE (1952) [text of TV talk for Laymen's Sunday, Oct. 19, 1952, "strength of spirit comes only from the Almighty"]
- Box 16 Anti-Eisenhower Material [entire box; articles, newsletters, clippings, and correspondence from right-wing "Christian" organizations and speakers denouncing DDE as pro-Communist, pro-Jewish, and pro-Catholic; Myron C. Fagan; Joseph Kamp; Gerald L. K. Smith; Dewey M. Taft; Robert H. Williams; Gerald Winrod]

SUMMERFIELD, ARTHUR E.: Papers, 1942-1972

- Box 29 National Presbyterian Church, Dr. Elson (1)-(3) [memos, correspondence, forms, lists, minutes of meetings]

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL STAFF: Papers, 1948-1961

OCB Central Files

- Box 2 OCB 000.3 [Religion] File #1 (1)-(7) [Feb. 54-Jan. 57; World Council of Churches; Russian Orthodox Church; Ideological Working Group; proposal for spiritual counteroffensive in S. E. Asia; RFE religious broadcasts; memo by Col. Enyart, "The Religious Factor and OCB," 3-8-54; memos of meetings, Ideological Subcommittee on the Religious Factor; correspondence by Edward P. Lilly; committee on Buddhism, memos of meetings; report by OCB on Moral Rearmament play; proposals on U.S. relations with Buddhist countries]
- Box 2 OCB 000.3 [Religion] File #2 (1)-(4) [Jan – May 57; memos and reports; Islamic Working Group, memos and minutes of meetings; reports and correspondence re Islamic organizations]

Box 124 OCB 702.5 Brainwashing and Psychological Examination [report, "Brainwashing: The Communist Experiment with Mankind," 4-19-53; conclusion, 4-20-55; brief section on religious beliefs of the POW]

OCB Secretariat Series

Box 4 Islamic Organizations [1957; Ad Hoc Working Group on Islam; memos of meetings, reports]

Box 4 Moral Factor (1)(2) [1952; reports re Moslems in China and USSR; memo, "Religious and Psychological Operations," 4-17-52; pro-Deo movement; Christian opposition to Communism; religious crusades in Berlin]

Box 5 Moral Factor (3)(4) [Nov. 52-Aug. 53; policy re upcoming German elections; spiritual psychological warfare; moral and spiritual leadership in international relations; memo, "The Religious Factor," by Edward P. Lilly to CDJ; Catholic Church-State issues in Austria; memo re religious problems in East Germany; memo re study of Orthodox Church]

Box 5 Moral and Religious (1)(2) [1954; memos and reports; report, "Planning and Programming in the Area of Moral and Spiritual Values," 9-4-53; memo by Lilly and Elmer Staats, 3-3-54, "The Spiritual and Moral Factor and OCB;" the Church in Germany; Moslems]

PSB Central Files Series

Box 9 PSB 000.3(1)(2) [Religion] [religious persecution, 1953; Christian socialism in Europe]

Box 19 PSB 291.2 [USSR Anti-Semitism] [memos, 1953; Soviet purges; Jewish reaction to Soviet persecution; exploitation of Soviet anti-Semitism; memo, "The Religious Factor"]

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS: Records, 1952-1961

Box 27 Religion [card file on prominent churchmen in U.S., including Rev. Edward Elson, Bishop Angus Dunn, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, and Cardinal Spellman]

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS: Records, 1952-61

NSC Series, Policy Papers Subseries

Box 6 NSC 162/2 Basic National Security Policy (1)-(3) [NSC 162/1, 10-19-53 and NSC 162/2, 10-30-53, section on "Morale," ref. to "need for mobilizing the spiritual and material resources necessary to meet the Soviet threat"]

Box 14 NSC 5440/1 Basic National Security Policy [12-13-54; section 52, ref. to "spiritual and material resources"]

Box 14 NSC 5501 Basic National Security Policy [1-6-55; section 54, ref. to "spiritual and material resources"]

Box 17 NSC 5602/1 Basic National Security Policy [2-8-56; section 44, "spiritual and material resources" of U.S. citizens]

Box 25

NSC 5810/1 Basic National Security Policy [5-5-58; U.S. citizens, “demands on their spiritual and material resources”]

Special Assistants Series, Subject Subseries

- Box 2 Code of Conduct Program (Defense) (1)-(5) [booklet, “POW: The Fight Continues After the Battle,” the report of the Secretary of Defense’s Advisory Committee on Prisoners of War, Aug. 55, references in report to “moral character and basic beliefs”, looking to God for strength, and trusting in God and the USA; executive order and copy of the Code of Conduct, 8-17-55; progress reports re DOD Code of Conduct program, 1955-56]

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT: Records, 1953-1961

Subject Series

- Box 43 (Civil Rights)—Synagogue Bombings [4 folders; 1958-59, correspondence, cards]
- Box 71 Religious [1954-60 directives re federal employees being allowed to observe Good Friday; statements on religious leave; memos, correspondence, press releases]

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, Records Officer Report to President on pending legislation, 1953-1961

- Box 22 Apr. 6/14/54 To Amend the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. H. J. Res. 243. [adds “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance; copy of resolution; reports by House and Senate; list of bill’s sponsors]
- Box 41 8/31/54 Merchant Marine Chapel, H.R. 9115 [correspondence, copy of bill, and act]
- Box 55 7/26/55 Mailing of Church Publications, H.R. 4585 [correspondence and copies of bill and act; churches and church organizations no longer required to have a list of subscribers to qualify for 2nd class mail rates]
- Box 75 6/20/56 Cancelling Stamp—“Pray for Peace”, H.R. 692 [correspondence, copies of bill and act; special cancelling stamp]
- Box 85 Apr. 7/30/56 To Establish a National Motto of the United States. H.R. Res. 396. [correspondence, copies of resolution and reports; establishes “In God We Trust” as our national motto; PL 851]
- Box 116 5/16/58 Amend Tariff Act of 1930 re Religious Vestments, H.R. 7516 [correspondence, bill, act; allows importation free of duty]
- Box 131 8/21/58 Preserve Gloria Dei Church, H.R. 5104 [correspondence, bill, act]
- Box 174 7/14/60 Virgin Islands Church Properties, H.R. 11854 [correspondence, bill, act; clarifies ownership of properties]

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE STAFF SECRETARY: Records, 1952-1961

Cabinet Series

- Box 1 C-2(1) Cabinet Meeting, 2/20/53 [‘religious faith is basis which gives values that produce cooperation’]
- Box 2 C-11(1) Cabinet Meeting, 1/29/54 [President comments on benefits of silent prayer]
- Box 3 C-25(3) Cabinet Meeting, 9/30/55 [ref. to need to express gratitude for prayers for the President’s recovery]

International Series

- Box 17 Vatican (Jan. 1958-Nov. 1959) [correspondence and memos re visit of President to Pope John XXIII; correspondence between President and popes; death of Pope Pius XII]

Legislative Meetings Series

- Box 2 L-20 (2) (March 22 and 29, 1955) [3-29-55, notes, Eisenhower comments on Senator Neely’s statements on church attendance]

Minnich Series

- Box 27 Cabinet and Legislative Meetings Index-SE-TAF
“Spiritual” index cards
Cabinet Meeting of 2/20/53 [DDE talks about democracy, moral values, and religious faith that God created all men equal—not in official minutes]
Cabinet Meeting of 1/29/54 [President commented on how much prayer meant to him—not in official minutes]
Cabinet Meeting of 9/30/55 [prayers for the President’s recovery—not in official minutes]

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, SOCIAL OFFICE (A. B. TOLLEY): Records, 1952-1961

[This collection contains chronological files on groups and organizations which visited the White House and met the First Lady. There are many church groups and religious organizations among those being received by Mrs. Eisenhower. The file for each event contains correspondence regarding the arrangements as well as a list of those who attended. See the finding aid for this collection.]

WHITMAN, ANN C.: Papers, 1949-1990

- Box 1 Correspondence-Whitman, E. S. [letters to husband—DDE and religion]

YOUNG & RUBICAM, INC.: Records of Citizens for Eisenhower, 1952-1961

- Box 6 Prayer in DDE’s Farewell Address [copy of prayer]

ORAL HISTORY TRANSCRIPTS

ASPER, LEVI J. (OH-2) Friend and neighbor of the Eisenhower family in Abilene. Comments on DDE's family background. 18 pp.

BABEL, FREDERICK W. (OH-344) Asst. to the Sec. of Agriculture, 1953-56, also worked for the Mormon Church. Comments on DDE as a man of moral principle and E. T. Benson's religious beliefs. 169 pp. (Written permission).

BENNETT, CHARLES (OH-129) Congressman from Florida, 1949-1970's. Discusses efforts to make "In God We Trust" the national motto. 19 pp.

BENSON, EZRA TAFT (OH-516) Secretary of Agriculture, 1953-1961. Talks about his responsibilities in the Mormon Church. Comments on DDE and prayer. 55 pp.

BOLTON, ROBERT R. (OH-389) Acting Director and Associate Director of the Eisenhower Library, 1961-1967. Comments on DDE's family background and DDE's parents involvement with Jehovah's Witnesses prior to WWI and after. 110 pp.

CARLSON, FRANK (OH-488) U.S. Senator from Kansas, 1951-69. Vol. 2, Comments on beginning of the National Prayer Breakfast and DDE's relationship with Billy Graham. 138 pp.

EISENHOWER, MILTON S. (OH-13) Brother of DDE. Comments on family background. 54 pp.

ELSON, REV. EDWARD L. (OH-133) Pastor of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., 1952-61. Vol. 1, Indicates he was a chaplain during WW II, met DDE in Europe, and attended execution of Private Slovak; Vol. 3, Discusses DDE's religious affiliations and DDE and MDE joining his church on 2-1-53; Vol. 7, Funeral for DDE. 295 pp.

FORNEY, ABRAM (OH-3) Boyhood friend of DDE in Abilene, Kansas. Discusses DDE's family background and the River Brethren Church. 18 pp.

HAGERTY, JAMES C. (OH-91) Press Secretary to the President, 1953-1961. Vol. 1, #2, religious issue in 1960 campaign; Vol. IV, #7, Eisenhower's spiritual strength, personal faith, and rapport with spiritual leaders; DDE and Billy Graham; DDE interactions with people of all faiths]

HALL, LEONARD (OH-478) Chairman, Republican National Committee, 1953-57. Comments on efforts to appoint ethnics to offices, including Italian and Catholic appointments. 60 pp.

HARLOW, BRYCE N. (OH-214) White House and Presidential Assistant, 1953-61. Part 3, reference to Eisenhower's ethical beliefs. 144 pp.

HOEGH, LEO ARTHUR (OH-96) Governor of Iowa, 1954-57; Civil Defense Administrator, 1957-58; Director of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, 1958-61. Comments on Eisenhower's character, the religious factor in the 1960 campaign, and DDE's religious faith. 97 pp.

JACKSON, NETTIE STOVER (OH-322) Cousin of Dwight D. Eisenhower. Comments on Eisenhower family. 43 pp.

LONG, MRS. ROBERT J. (OH-1) Bookkeeper at Belle Springs Creamery when David Eisenhower and his two sons, Edgar and Dwight, worked there. Comments on history of Belle Springs Creamery and Eisenhower family background. 5 pp.

LUCE, CLARE BOOTHE (OH-220) U.S. Ambassador to Italy, 1953-57. Comments on role of religion in DDE's life and on DDE and church membership. 108 pp.

PATTERSON, BRADLEY H., JR. (OH-225) Staff Member, White House Secretariat, 1954-55; Asst. to the Secretary to the Cabinet, 1955-61. Anecdotes re DDE and his Cabinet. Reference to use of silent prayer at beginning of each Cabinet meeting. 66 pp.

PICKING, LELIA G. (OH-7) Classmate of DDE in Abilene, Kansas. Comments on the Brethren in Christ Church and its influence on DDE. 24 pp.

PYLE, HOWARD K. (with Charles Masterson) (OH-120) Administrative Assistant to the President, 1955-59. Part #2, Public opinion of DDE's character and religion; anecdote re Benson's prayer at first Cabinet meeting. 134 pp.

ROBERTS, CLIFFORD (OH-266) Friend of the Eisenhowers; Manager, Augusta National Golf Club. Comments on role of Jewish vote in 1952 election and Eisenhower's views on a Zionist state. 881 pp.

SACCO, IRENE MILLER (OH-474) Acquaintance of Eisenhower family in Abilene, Kansas. Comments on Eisenhower family, the United Brethren Church, and Mrs. Ida Eisenhower. 77 pp.

SICILIANO, ROCCO C. (OH-9) Special Assistant to the President for Personnel Management, 1957-59. Part I, Tape 1, Anecdote re DDE's signing of the "holiday on Sunday" bill. 123 pp.

STEPHENS, THOMAS E. (OH-161) Special Counsel to the President and Appointments Secretary, 1953-61. Comments on Rev. Elson and prayers at the Cabinet meetings. 100 pp.

WHITMAN, ANN C. (OH-511) Personal Secretary to the President, 1953-61. Comments on character traits of Eisenhower, DDE and religion, church attendance, and Rev. Elson. 35 pp.

WITTER, REV. RAY I. (OH-5) Cousin to Dwight Eisenhower. Comments on the founding of the Brethren in Christ Church (River Brethren), memories of the Eisenhower family, and Ida's interest in the Jehovah's Witnesses. 41 pp.

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- 72-48 2-5-53 Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC. President attends a Prayer Breakfast of the International Christian Council. UP Photo.
- 72-303-2 5-25-53 White House. President receives members of the Washington Ministerial Union who present him with a new Bible. NPS Photo.
- 72-529 11-3-53 White House. Billy Graham in White House driveway following visit with President. NPS Photo.
- 72-675-1-9 2-4-54 Washington, DC. President attends Prayer Breakfast. NPS Photos.
- 72-1097 11-14-54 Washington, DC. President and Mrs. Eisenhower leaving the National Presbyterian Church. Rev. Elson in doorway. NPS Photo.
- 72-1166 1-4-55 White House. President with Presbyterian Church group, including Dr. Elson. NPS Photo.
- 72-1256-1 3-3-55 Washington, DC. President and Mrs. Eisenhower leaving National Presbyterian Church. Rev. Elson and Billy Graham greet them. NPS Photo.
- 72-1602-1-33 2-2-56 Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC. President attends prayer breakfast. Conrad Hilton gave DDE desk on which he wrote the Inaugural Prayer.
- 72-2268-2 6-2-57 Washington, DC. President and Mrs. Eisenhower leaving church. Rev. Elson in doorway. NPS Photo.
- 72-2228-1-2 5-10-57 White House. President receives Billy Graham. NPS Photos.
- 72-2459-1 10-13-57 Washington, DC. President and Mrs. Eisenhower leaving church. NPS Photo.
- 72-2465-1-3 10-15-57 White House. President is given a large family Bible by Dr. Robert Taylor, Exec. Sec. of American Bible Society. Dr. Elson present. NPS Photos.
- 72-2822-1-3 8-11-58 White House. President is given a prayer book by Dr. Oswald Hoffman of the Lutheran Laymen's League. NPS Photos.
- 72-3216-1 9-27-59 Gettysburg, Pa. President leaving the United Presbyterian Church. NPS Photo.
- 72-3217-1 9-28-59 White House. President meets with Archbishop Vognozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the U.S. NPS Photo.
- 72-3340-1-2 2-18-60 Washington, DC. President attends prayer breakfast. NPS Photos.

72-3666-2 12-25-60 Washington, DC. President and Mrs. Eisenhower and son John and family leaving National Presbyterian Church. Rev. Elson in doorway. NPS Photo.

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