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HERBERT BROWNELL JR.: Additional papers, 1897-1996

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The additional papers of Herbert Brownell were deposited in the Eisenhower Library by Mr. Brownell's family in June 1996.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied:	13.6
Approximate number of pages:	27,200
Approximate number of items:	15,000

An instrument of gift for these papers was signed by Mr. Brownell in June 1988. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Mr. Brownell in this collection and in all other collections of papers received by the United States have been donated to the public. Under terms of the instrument of gift the following classes of documents are withheld from research use:

1. Papers which constitute an invasion of personal privacy or a libel of a living person.
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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Herbert Brownell Jr. sent the bulk of his personal papers to the Eisenhower Library in 1988 and 1989 when he was preparing to retire from active law practice. The initial shipment was opened to research in April 1992. This accretion to the collection was received from Brownell's family after his death in 1996. It consists of his subject and correspondence files covering the last eight years of his life. There are also several files of earlier material that Brownell had not included in the initial shipment.

The accretion has been organized into five series, following the same general arrangement scheme as the main Brownell collection. The first series contains Brownell's general correspondence with his friends and the general public, covering 1988 to 1996. Of particular importance in this series is Brownell's correspondence with historians who interviewed him about his work in politics and the Eisenhower administration.

The second series contains Brownell's correspondence with his family. Most of the material consists of his correspondence with his siblings covering 1988 to 1996, and some correspondence relating to his wife Doris Brownell. There is also a large file of papers compiled by his brother Samuel M. Brownell concerning the administration of the estate of their mother May Miller Brownell. Samuel had served as executor of the estate following Mrs. Brownell's death in 1959, and later gave his file to Herbert. The rest of the items are mostly old family papers, such as news clippings and genealogical information, that Brownell had inherited from his parents and grandparents.

The third series contains Brownell's correspondence with his close personal friends, including Warren Burger, John Lindsay and J. Lee Rankin. It also includes his files on activities related to Dwight D. Eisenhower, including the work of the Eisenhower Library, the Eisenhower World Affairs Institute, and the 1990 Eisenhower Centennial.

The fourth series relates to various organizations in which Brownell was active. This includes his file on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. In 1985 Brownell was appointed to the national commission established to celebrate the bicentennial. The file includes the minutes of the commission meetings and publicity material produced by the commission. The series also includes information on the history of Brownell's law firm Lord Day & Lord, and the work of the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research.

The fifth series is a general subject file containing material on Brownell's personal activities. This includes information on his trips, his health problems, his book Advising Ike, his interest in U.S. relations with China, and the sale of his apartment.

The fifth series also contains Brownell's correspondence with Miss Dori Dressander, an attorney who was writing a book on civil rights during the Eisenhower administration. This material is especially important because it explains the puzzling absence of any files on civil rights in the main body of Brownell's papers. The correspondence shows that Brownell had, in the late 1970s, given all his files on civil rights to Miss Dressander to assist her with her work. The Eisenhower Library made an effort to contact Miss Dressander to see if she still had the material. It was learned that she had died in Washington, DC, in June 1999 before completing her book. All her research files had been stored in her apartment. After her death her landlord, not realizing the significance of her work, cleaned out her apartment and all her files were hauled to the dump.

Due to this tragedy Brownell's original files concerning civil rights during his service as Attorney General no longer exist. However, in 1983 Miss Dressander had sent Brownell a rough draft of portions of her book. Dressander's citations show she relied mostly on documents she obtained from the Department of Justice through the Freedom of Information Act, and on interviews with Brownell and his colleagues. Brownell appears to have saved relatively little documentary material on civil rights. The only original Brownell document definitely known to have been lost was his 1957 appointment book. Fortunately, Miss Dressander had transcribed the entries covering Brownell's activities around the time of the Little Rock crisis. A copy of this transcript is in the file.

Researchers will find little documentation in the Brownell papers that relates to his role in civil rights matters. Brownell maintained in his personal files only a modest amount of civil rights material and that, unfortunately, was lost to history. In the late 1970's, Brownell loaned his small file of civil rights-related material to a researcher. The materials were not returned to Brownell before either his death or the death of the scholar, and the file was inadvertently destroyed before it could be obtained by Brownell's heirs for deposit in the Eisenhower Library.

## CHRONOLOGY

Feb. 20, 1904	Born in Peru, Nebraska
1924	Graduated from University of Nebraska
1927	Graduated from Yale Law School
1927-1929	Law clerk with firm of Root, Clark, Buckner, Howland & Ballantine in New York City
Feb. 1, 1929	Joined law firm of Lord Day & Lord in New York City
1933-1937	Member of New York State Assembly
June 16, 1934	Married Doris McCarter (died June 12, 1979)
1942	Managed Thomas E. Dewey's campaign for governor of New York
1944	Managed Thomas E. Dewey's presidential campaign
1944-1946	Chairman, Republican National Committee
1948	Managed Thomas E. Dewey's presidential campaign
1952	Assisted with Dwight D. Eisenhower's presidential campaign
1953-1957	Attorney General of the United States
1962-1963	President, City Bar Association of New York
1972-1974	Special ambassador for negotiating Colorado River salinity problem with Mexico
1975-1977	Chairman, National Study Commission on Records and Documents of Federal Officials
1977-1989	Associate of law firm of Lord Day & Lord in New York City
1985-1989	Member, Commission for the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution
December 1987	Married Mrs. Marion "Riki" Taylor (separated December 1989)
May 1, 1996	Died in New York City

## SERIES DESCRIPTION

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Series</u>
1-12	<p>I. General Correspondence. 12 boxes.</p> <p>Herbert Brownell's personal correspondence with his friends and the general public, covering the years 1988-1996; arranged in alphabetical order by name of correspondent.</p>
13-15	<p>II. Family Correspondence. 3 boxes.</p> <p>Files on the administration of the estate of Brownell's mother, correspondence with Brownell's wife and siblings, and old family papers Brownell inherited from his parents and grandparents.</p>
16-18	<p>III. Special Name Correspondence. 2½ boxes</p> <p>Correspondence with important people and close personal friends, arranged alphabetically.</p>
18-22	<p>IV. Organizations. 4½ boxes.</p> <p>Correspondence, memoranda, reports and printed material concerning boards, committees, companies, institutions and other organizations in which Brownell was active. Arranged alphabetically by name of organization.</p>
23-34	<p>V. Subject. 12 boxes.</p> <p>Correspondence, memoranda, reports and printed material relating to Brownell's personal affairs, arranged alphabetically by subject.</p>

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