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ROTHSCHILD, LOUIS S.: Papers, 1953-1959

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The papers of Louis S. Rothschild, former Under Secretary of Commerce for Transportation, were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by Rothschild in February 1971.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 8.5

Approximate number of pages: 13,600

Approximate number of items: 6,000

An instrument of gift for these papers was signed by Louis Rothschild in November 1975. Literary property rights are retained by the donor until his death. At that time such rights pass to the United States. Under terms of the instrument of gift the following classes of documents are withheld from research use:

1. Papers relating to the family and private business affairs of Louis S. Rothschild.
2. Papers relating to the family and private business affairs of other persons who have had correspondence with Louis S. Rothschild.
3. Papers relating to investigations of individuals or to appointments and personnel matters.
4. Papers containing statements made by or to Louis S. Rothschild in confidence unless in the judgment of the director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library the reason for the confidentiality no longer exists.
5. All other papers which contain information or statements that might be used to injure, harass, or damage any living person.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers of Louis S. Rothschild are concerned primarily with the years when he was employed as Maritime Administrator and Under Secretary of Commerce for Transportation, 1953-1958. The bulk of the material consists of personal correspondence with friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and there is little substantive material relating to his governmental activities.

Rothschild's official papers and records were donated to Yale University in 1958, and additional memorabilia was presented to the Kansas City Museum of History and Science, Kansas City, Missouri. Thus, there are only a few references to Rothschild's official duties in this collection.

The Rothschild papers are organized into three series. The first is primarily in alphabetical order based on the subject, and the bulk of the second series is in the alphabetical order according to the names of the correspondents. The third series contains information on the N. S. Savannah and TIROS weather satellites and scrapbook material on the Public career of Louis Rothschild.

There are some exceptions to the above descriptions of the first two series. For example, the first series includes the subject "insurance", but it also has a separate folder on the Central Surety and Insurance Corp. The second series has correspondence filed under a name or topic mentioned or referred to in letter as well as materials filed under the names of the actual correspondents.

There is also an overlapping of material between the two series on certain topics. Considerable cross referencing of correspondence exists, and copies of the same letter may appear in both series. The first series has folders on the estates of Irving Bettman, Alfred P. Rothschild, and Nora W. Rothschild, but there are also letters dealing with the estates in the second series, or "Alphabetical File." Both series also contain correspondence dealing with taxes, investments, and Republican Party politics.

A large part of the first subseries, entitled "Personal File," consists of correspondence, reports, and clippings, and the subjects which are dealt with the most are estate management, insurance, the annual business of the Midwest Research Institute, politics, investments, and Rothschild and Sons, Inc. business interests. The balance of the subseries is comprised of business records, insurance policies, receipts, travel orders, photographs, and a diary.

The second subseries, labeled "Official File," is composed largely of copies of the Commerce News Digest, which reprints articles dealing with the Commerce Department, other government agencies, and important developments in the areas of manufacturing, banking, and shipping. The balance of the subseries consists of articles, clippings, announcements, and invitations, and this material covers such topics as Rothschild's official duties, developments in commerce and industry, job appointments, and building openings by various businesses.

A large part of the second series, or "Alphabetical File," consist of correspondence which deals with such subjects as family business, party politics, personal finances and trips, transport policy, cruise ship reservations, private clubs and organizations, job applicants, ship building, and the Kansas City real estate market. The remainder of the series is made up of clippings, memos, reports, social invitations, booklets, charts, and a few periodicals. Nearly all of the materials in this series deal with personal matters; however, there are a few scattered references to government transport policy and the trips Rothschild took as Under Secretary of Commerce.

Booklets, press releases, photographs, newspaper and magazine articles, copies of speeches, and souvenir albums make up the small series of miscellaneous items. The subject covered most extensively in this series is the N. S. Savannah, the world's first nuclear powered surface ship. There are also numerous articles and papers relating to the public career of Louis Rothschild. Additional topics include the TIROS weather satellites and wood varieties.

Numerous photos and one record have been removed from the collection and transferred to the audiovisual department of the Eisenhower Library. Three books have been transferred to the Eisenhower Library book collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

March 29, 1900	Born in Leavenworth, Kansas
1918-1919	Served in U. S. Navy
1920	Ph.D., Yale
1929	Married Emily Bettman
1920-1955	Employed at Rothschild and Sons, Inc., including positions of secretary, vice-president, and president
1953-1959	Chairman of the Board, Inland Waterways Corp.
1953	U.S. delegate to NATO Planning Board for Ocean Shipping
1953-1955	Chairman, Federal Maritime Board and Administrator of the Maritime Administration
1955-1958	Under Secretary of Commerce for Transportation
1955-1957	Member, Commission on Government Security
1955-1958	Chairman, Air Coordinating Committee
1958-1961, 1965	President, Director, Transportation Equities Corp.
1962-1965	President, Director, International Credit Corp.
Sept. 1, 1984	Died

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Box Nos. Series

1 I. SUBJECT FILE. 1953-1958. 8 Containers.

1-5 SUBSERIES A. PERSONAL FILE

Correspondence, business records, insurance policies, reports, receipts, articles, photographs, travel orders, clippings and a diary dealing with Louis S. Rothschild's personal affairs. Subjects include estate management, insurance, taxes, Republican Party politics, investments biographical data, Rothschild and Sons, Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri, business interests, leadership and fund raising at Menorah Medical Center, Kansas City, Missouri, reports by Midwest Research Institute, and Yale alumni activities. Arranged in alphabetical order by subject, and in chronological order within each subject.

5-8 SUBSERIES B. OFFICIAL FILE

Copies of the Commerce News Digest for May 1956 to October 1958 make up the bulk of this subseries. The remainder of this subseries consist of articles and clippings relating to commerce and industry and Rothschild's official duties, and announcements concerning job appointments, address changes, and business openings. Arrangement is alphabetical and chronological thereunder.

8-17 II. ALPHABETICAL FILE. 1953-1958. 7 1/2 containers.

Correspondence, clippings, memos, reports, social invitations, booklets, charts, and a few periodicals. Subjects include family business, transport policy, stock market transactions, Republican Party politics, shipping and export trade, personal trips and finances, cruise ship reservations, potential job applicants, Kansas City real estate, Naval Reserve, Merchant Marine, shipbuilding, boats and barges on the Missouri River, and private clubs and organizations. Arrangement is alphabetical and chronological thereunder.

17-18 III MISCELLANEOUS MEMORABILIA. 1953-1958. 2 containers.

Booklets, press releases, photographs, souvenir albums, newspaper and magazine articles, and speeches. Subjects include the nuclear powered N. S. Savannah, the TIROS weather satellites, wood samples, and the official career of Louis Rothschild

CONTAINER LIST

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	Personal--Christmas, 1957
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- Personal--Receipts [1953-56] (1) - (3)
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- Personal--Rothschild's Alfred P., Estate
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- Personal--Rothschild's business, 1954 (1) (2)
- Personal--Rothschild's business, 1955-56
- Personal--Rothschild's business, 1957 [& 1958]
- Personal--Rothschild's 4000 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
- Personal--Rothschild's--Letters re LSR's mother, March, 1956
- Personal--Rothschild's, Louis S., Birthday, 1958 (1) (2)
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SERIES II: ALPHABETICAL FILE

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SERIES III: MISCELLANEOUS MEMORABILIA

N. S. Savannah (1) - (6)

Scrapbook, 1953-54 (1) - (3)

Speeches--Louis S. Rothschild, 1954-55 (1) (2)

TIROS Weather Satellites

David R. Webb Co.--Wood Sample Book [Transferred to Eisenhower Museum]

Objects, Photographs, and Books Removed from this Collection

18 N. S. Savannah (souvenir book)
(Oversize package)