

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SERIES

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Of the Fred Seaton papers received by the Eisenhower Library to date (March 1979) only three archives boxes, approximately 2,500 pages, deal exclusively with his activities as Assistant Secretary of Defense, 1953-55. Approximately 800 pages make up a file documenting Seaton's European inspection trip of September-October 1954. Included are itineraries and background information on countries visited as well as memos and cables regarding specific questions to be investigated, such as defense contracts. About 300 pages are devoted to the rivalry between "Stars and Stripes" and "Army Times" for supplying newspapers and other reading material to servicemen overseas.

The second subseries consists of miscellaneous bound material, primarily printed, tabbed reports and presentations related to various aspects of Seaton's job. Included are reports on Air Force military construction by state, attitudes toward a military service career, and the national reserve plan. Also included are carbon copies of the minutes of meetings of the DOD Public Information Coordinating Council, July 29, 1954 through February 10, 1955.

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SUBSERIES: BOUND REPORTS AND PRINTED MATERIAL

- 1 Air Force Military Construction, Fiscal Year 1956 (1)-(3)
- Armed Forces Public Information, 1954
- Attitudes of Adult Civilians toward the Military Service as a Career (1955 survey)
- Attitudes of 16 to 20 Year Old Males toward the Military Service as a Career (1955 survey)
- Department of Defense Directives [re: responsibilities of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative and Public Affairs) 1954 and 1955]
- "Department of Defense--National Reserve Plan" [1955 policy handbook]
- National Reserve Plan, Statistical Handbook, January 20, 1955

- 2 Project East River, 1955 Review of the Report of
- Public Information Coordinating Council--Minutes of Meetings, 7/29/54-2/10/55

SUBSERIES: EUROPEAN TRIP, 1954

- [Background Information on Various European Countries]
- [Itineraries]
- [Lists of Accredited Correspondents]
- [Logistic Support of Non-Governmental Agencies in Overseas Military Commands]
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