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HAMLIN, JOHN H.: Records, 1956-59  
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The records of John H. Hamlin, Executive Assistant to the President, 1956-59; and Executive Secretary, Committee on Government Activities Affecting Prices and Costs, 1959 were deposited in the Library in 1961 with the White House Central Files. The letter dated April 13, 1960, from Dwight D. Eisenhower to Franklin Floete, Administrator, GSA, states the restrictions and the literary property rights governing these papers.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of John H. Hamlin in this collection span the years 1956-59 and pertain to his roles as Executive Assistant to the President, 1956-59, and as Executive Secretary, Committee on Government Activities Affecting Prices and Costs, 1959.

The Hamlin Records include correspondence, memoranda, press releases, drafts of reports and proposals, tables and charts of statistics. The entire file is arranged alphabetically by subject or name of correspondent.

In his role as the executive Assistant to the President, Hamlin fulfilled a political function. His duties were to keep various segments of the Executive Branch and the Republican National Committee aware of each other's activities. He compiled background reports on the large agencies, current administration problems, pronouncements and goals. These reports were actually in-depth analyses of what the different agencies were doing and what they were spending. Eventually these background reports became progress reports designed to alert the White House Staff and other members of the Eisenhower "team" to developments in different agencies which might warrant study or action, especially if they had economic implications. These reports could be used by Republican members to analyze what the Administration was doing and to provide speech materials.

In addition to the progress reports, Hamlin also compiled a number of studies on the activities of government agencies and departments for the consideration of the Committee on Government Activities Affecting Prices and Costs. The purpose of the Committee on Government Activities Affecting Prices and Costs created by Executive Order 10802, January 23, 1959, was to provide a central mechanism in the Federal Government to follow the current activities of the Federal agencies to see whether they were being conducted, insofar as possible, in line with the need for reasonable stability of prices and costs, and to ensure that the Federal Government was not contributing to the Nation's inflationary problems by the way in which it conducted its business. The Chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, Raymond J. Saulnier, was designated as the Chairman of the Committee on Government Activities Affecting Prices and Costs.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

- 1909, June 21      Born in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania
- 1929                Graduated from Stanford University, A.B.
- 1933                Married Gertrude Smith  
Three daughters: Josephine, Cecily, Gwendolen
- 1942-45            U.S. Naval Reserve: retired as Lieutenant Commander
- 1946-51            Executive Secretary, Republican State Central Committee of California
- 1952-54            Account Executive, Ron Stever and Company
- 1954-56            Director for Small Business, Department of Defense
- 1956-59            Executive Assistant in the White House
- 1959                Executive Secretary, Committee on Government Activities Affecting  
Prices and Costs
- 1959-60            Research Division, Nixon-Lodge Presidential Campaign
- 1961                Left for private business following defeat of the Nixon-Lodge Ticket

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