

RICHARD M. BISSELL JR. PAPERS
CORRESPONDENCE SERIES
1931 – 1994; Boxes 1 – 19

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Reading Subseries (Undated; 1931 – 1935; 1937 – 1943; 1949 – 1951; 1953 – 1954; 1956 – 1959; 1965 – 1994); Boxes 1 – 13

Personal Chrono Subseries (1955; 1959 – 1994); Boxes 14 – 19

CONTENT

This series consists of Richard M. Bissell's personal and professional correspondence from approximately 1931 until his death in 1994. The papers in this series document Bissell's professional and private lives. The bracketed folder descriptions in the folder listing should not be considered a complete listing of every document in the folder. They are intended to provide a sampling of the items available in each folder while also capturing the full scope and variety of topics addressed in the series.

Bissell indicates in his correspondence that some of his proudest years in public service were the years he spent with the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) and later the Mutual Security Agency (MSA) administering the European Recovery Program (ERP), known colloquially as the "Marshall Plan." There is extensive documentation of Bissell's years working on the Marshall Plan in various capacities in this series' Reading File Subseries. Documentation includes reports, cover letters, correspondence, and position papers. Virtually all the documentation from this period was created by Bissell; there is very little from the correspondents to whom Bissell was writing. This leaves gaps in the record when Bissell's correspondence references documentation not found in this series. Notable correspondents during this period of Bissell's life include Paul G. Hoffman (director of the ECA), Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lincoln Gordon, Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., James E. Webb and Averell Harriman.

Correspondence created in the course of business during Bissell's years as a Special Assistant to the Director and later as a Deputy Director of Plans with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is sparse. Bissell explains in several letters to archival repositories seeking his papers that the papers he created and received at the CIA had to be left behind when he left the agency. Most of the information in this series concerning Bissell's activities in the CIA is located in after-the-fact reminiscences contained in Bissell's correspondence with researchers and friends. Correspondence from the CIA years and referencing CIA activities includes correspondence with Allan Dulles noting Bissell's acceptance of a position with the CIA as well as his departure from the agency in 1962. Topics referenced in this series pertaining to the CIA include (but are not limited to) the Bay of Pigs invasion, the U-2 aircraft, and the "Church

Committee” (United States Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities).

While there is some information concerning Bissell’s activities as executive vice president and later president of the Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA) in this series, almost all is tangential to the purpose of that institution. There are some social letters from former colleagues at the IDA. The reason for the comparatively sparse documentation of Bissell’s time at the Institute is explained in a June 5, 1973 letter in the Reading File; he was unable to take the majority his papers with him when he left. More extensive documentation related to the business of the IDA appears in the Subject Series of this collection.

This series also contains information for researchers interested in the aerospace and defense industries. Bissell’s activities as Director of Marketing and Economic Planning at the United Aircraft Corporation (more recently the United Technologies Corporation) are heavily documented. Drawing on his background as an economist, Bissell was tasked with providing “economic guidance in expanding areas of nongovernment business, as well as in new technical programs under investigation.” Examples of information concerning United Aircraft Corporation include corporate planning, the joint development of a gasoline turbine engine with John Deere and Company, the construction of railway equipment, an amino acid diet, pipe manufacturing and Techite pipe, and company personnel requirements. Further information concerning the United Aircraft Corporation and Bissell’s interaction with it may be found in the United Aircraft Corporation Series and the Personal Information and Biographical Series.

Concurrent with his time at the United Aircraft Corporation, Bissell was Chairman of the Budget Committee at the University of Hartford. Accordingly, this series also documents the financial standing of the University of Hartford in the mid 1970s, the budget decisions it faced, and Bissell’s recommendations. Specific topics addressed include faculty budgets, economic reports on various university departments, the financial aid committee, and other matters.

There is a significant amount of information concerning Bissell’s social activities and active private life. He was an active correspondent with his friends and professional acquaintances. Bissell’s activities concerning the charter, use and repair of his yawl *Sea Witch* are heavily documented as are numerous family vacations, discussions with relatives on the nature of hedonism and introspection, civil unrest at Yale University, and day-to-day activities. Among the more interesting social papers in the series (and underscoring Bissell’s training as an economist) is a series of mathematical equations Bissell worked in a June 1941 letter to calculate the exact share of money everyone who took part in a “weekend at Monterey” owed for food and liquor. Ever active in his community, Bissell’s tenure as president of the Farmington Historical Society is partially documented through various press releases, donation solicitations and letters. The series also contains numerous invitations (both accepted and unaccepted) for dinners, talks, and conferences. In his private life, Bissell was frequently the subject of

requests from researchers who sought his opinions on and remembrances of the intelligence field. He frequently answered specific questions regarding the intelligence community and shared his opinions on the value of specific published works purporting to document that community. Because of his relative notoriety, Bissell was also the target of autograph collectors and educators who knew of his career in public service and wanted remembrances for either personal or educational reasons.

FILE STRUCTURE

This series is divided into two subseries, the Reading File and the Personal Chronological (or "Chrono") File. Both subseries are arranged in rough chronological order. In some instances, case files are filed together while in other cases those items that could potentially comprise a case file are filed separately. Within each subseries, the papers are arranged chronologically in each box and in reverse chronological order within each folder. The reason behind the absence of correspondence for certain years is unknown.

Though reading files may typically be considered the papers created during the course of business and personal chronological files are typically considered to be the papers created in private life, Bissell's office staff did not scrupulously adhere to this distinction. For instance, the reading files contain correspondence created specifically in the course of business as well as documents that are strictly personal in nature. Further complicating the matter, many letters contain both personal and professional topics. Researchers must examine both subseries to ensure capturing the full spectrum of Bissell's professional and personal correspondence.

It is evident that these files were frequently consulted by Bissell and his office staff. At some point prior to their arrival at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library the papers in this series appear to have been reorganized into their current arrangement. While the nature of the original arrangement is unknown, some papers bear filing codes that imply at least some were filed either by subject or alphabetically by correspondent. Some documents also appear to have been copied and filed in both subseries. Though this may have been done for the sake of convenience, the actual reason behind the duplication of certain individual papers is unknown. This series also shows instances of Bissell's staff removing documents and replacing them with cross reference sheets that indicate their new location in the greater filing system (now this collection). Researchers should be aware, however, that cross reference sheets may not always exist. In almost every case the removed documents were relocated to other series in this collection according to topic.

Much of the correspondence in the Personal Chrono File is numbered at the bottom of each page and indexed in a filing key at the front of the first folder for each given year. While the correspondence for most years is indexed, some years lack this convenience. Each entry in the filing keys provides a date, the names of the correspondents, and a note regarding the subject. Some documents that are named in the filing keys for each year are missing or were filed elsewhere by Bissell's office staff. Other documents are

not indexed though they do appear in the proper reverse chronological order.

Bissell's office staff removed several papers of personal interest to the Bissell family and returned them to the family prior to the donation of the collection to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library and Museum. There is no record of how much material was removed, what information was contained within the missing papers, or of their original locations within the collection.

CONTAINER LIST

Box No. Contents

Reading Files Subseries

- 1 [Reading File: Partial Index of Correspondence from 1937 – 1941] [index includes name of correspondents arranged alphabetically by correspondent or business enterprise, date, and brief description of subject]

[Reading File: Undated Early Correspondence] [invitation from William Appleton Aiken to Bissell regarding a party in the gardens of Broughton Castle's Saybrook College; letter from Fred Baker requesting an example of Bissell's signature to use as an engraver's model for a tray to be presented to Fred Graves[?]; letter written in Latin and addressed to Bissell and Edmond Thomas on Burroughs Wellcome and Co. Inc. stationary; unaddressed form letter from the Executive Office of the President, National Resources Planning Board, National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel requesting personal information from individuals with scientific and specialized backgrounds; stylized, illuminated invitation requesting Bissell to appear at a party; memorandum to graduates of the Groton School regarding suitable remembrances upon the retirement of the rector; office note regarding the review of a work entitled "Economic Dynamics" by Erik Lundberg; letter from Henry Macy to Bissell regarding a visit to New York and the well being of a friend; letter from Graham Peck to Bissell regarding the transfer of a check; letter from Paul Sweezy to Bissell concerning a visit to Cambridge, Massachusetts; bulletin and copy of rules of parliamentary procedure for the Yale Political Union from M. H. Donohoe]

[Reading File: 1931 – 1935] [March 16, 1935, letter from A.J. Nichol to Bissell concerning the return of some printed materials; November 22, 1933 invitation to dinner from Whit Griswold to Bissell with directions to Griswold's home; supplement to the June 10, 1933, issue of the *Economist*; advertising and subscription information for the 1931-1932 year of *Harkness Hoot*; invitations to Yale Political Union function and a copy of the *Prospectus for the Yale Political Union*]

Reading File: 1937 [social matters from Edmund "Ted" Thomas; the

purchase of an Ansley radio; a possible return visit from Bissell to the Guilders Hollow Club in November; the creation of the Harpham Memorial Fund on behalf of William Johnson Harpham; book review and other school matters; a visit from Aunt Carolyn]

Reading File: 1938 (1) - (2) [letter from Bissell to Dean E. S. Furniss of the Yale Graduate School regarding German professor Dr. Ernst Steiner's appeal for a position at Yale; social matters; boat cruise vacation plans; reviews of books and thoughts on economic theory; Bissell's thoughts on his career and position at Yale University; job offer from University of Minnesota; Bissell's thoughts on his work for Fortune magazine; Yale University business, Groton School advising]

Reading File: 1939 (1) - (3) [international politics; personal and social matters; Bissell correspondence with Fortune Magazine about authoring articles; correspondence regarding the writing of a monograph for the University of Minnesota regarding economic theory; draft report sent to Bissell, "Concerning the Effects of the Proposed Neutrality Bill on American Shipping to Neutral Countries"; Bissell's assessment of agricultural economic programs in various universities; boat cruise vacation plans; Bissell's trip to South Dakota; Bissell's position on the Public Utilities Commission; Bissell's position on Professor Irving Fisher's "Program for Monetary Reform"; possible appointment of Lyman Spitzer to a position at Yale]

Reading File: 1940 (1) - (2) [personal and social matters; Charles Lindbergh and national defense and personal issues; Bissell article and monograph proposals; the Yale Club; Bissell letter to Walt Rostow regarding notes and papers on economics and social science; Bissell's professional assessment of the state of the Litchfield Electric Company; Bissell letter to professor E. Wight Bakke outlining his current professional research activities; Bissell letter of introduction to the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) on behalf of Olivia Kammerer; letter from Professor Arthur W. Marget critiquing Bissell's economic work "Income Analysis"; Groton School issues; boat cruise vacation plans; Bissell's professional assessment of economic issues facing H.C. Rowe & Company (an oyster farm); Bissell letter detailing college pranks involving Gene Rostow; Bissell assessment of the Division of General Studies in the Harvard Graduate School]

- 2 Reading File: 1941 (1) - (2) [personal and social matters; discussions of economic theory; death of Bissell's father; boat cruise vacation plans; Bissell traffic accident; June 23, 1941, Bissell study of food and drink consumed at a party; Bissell's work for Fortune magazine; Groton School issues; Charles Lindbergh political criticism; Bissell article solicitations; the Yale Club; questions posed to Bissell regarding Nazism; Bissell's rejection of an offer to join the faculty of New York University; war address delivered by Henry R.

Luce at the National Automobile Dealers Association Banquet; newspaper account of life in England during the German Blitz]

Reading File: 1942 [Robert Wolff comic essay on economic theory; questions from the public regarding Bissell's article, "The Anatomy of Public Spending"; Bissell's work for Fortune magazine]

Reading File: 1943 [Robert Wolff gift to Bissell of a French economics book; letter from Mrs. Alfred A. Knopf expressing interest in Bissell's article, "The Anatomy of Public Spending"]

Reading File: 1949 [Bissell's honorary degree of Master of Arts from Yale; personal and social matters]

Reading File: Jan. – June, 1950 (1) - (2) [Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) issues; commodity studies proposal; Mo i Rana steel project in Norway; European Recovery Program ("Marshall Plan") issues; Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) funds used by the Netherlands to finance offshore purchases in Switzerland; labor policy in France; European technical experts in Southeast Asia; Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) relations with the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC); hyper-employment; Financing of Aircraft-ECA Project No. 91; reorganization of the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA); June 5, 1950, letter from Bissell to Paul G. Hoffman detailing his decision to temporarily leave the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) and including some of the problems facing the administration; personal and social matters; potential military production study; summary of Bissell's views on the "Role of the Fiscal and Trade Policy Division in Work on the Far East"; "Notes on Division of Labor Between OSR (Office of the Special Representative to Europe) and ECA/W (headquarters of the Economic Cooperation Administration in Washington)"; Bissell memorandum of conversation with Lincoln Gordon regarding allocation of aid, drawing rights, joint OSR and ECA/W strategy towards Norway, and other topics; Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) Financing of Canadian timber for the United Kingdom; May 15, 1950, letter from Bissell to General Dwight D. Eisenhower responding to an earlier letter describing the work of the Council on Foreign Relations, Inc.; Bissell's exchange and trade control ideas; petroleum policy; Austro-Yugoslav trade; Swedish pulp exports; French imports of American tobacco; social stability and labor in France; financial assistance to Yugoslavia; Bissell's interpretation of the Snoy-Marjolin Formula for 1951, "French Tax Morality," letter from Bissell to Henry Cabot Lodge regarding savings on oil supply to Europe; Bissell's position on Henry A. Byrode's "Germany in the European Context"; Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) on German policy and programs; U.S. Petroleum policy]

Reading File: July – Dec., 1950 (1) - (2) [Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) issues; “Sterling Dollar Oil Problem”; European labor issues; Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) staffing; British thoughts on economic aid; German coal production; international commodity controls; Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC); Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) and the Philippines; Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and economic intelligence; Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) and Spanish projects; Bissell memorandum regarding points he made about the future of the European Recovery Program (“Marshall Plan”) during a talk given to the Nation Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities; international commodity concerns; notes regarding the Schuman Plan; “Report of Working Party on ECA Administrative Support for Certain African Consular Districts”, Tangier, October 8, 1950; Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) organization in London; Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) “Position concerning Internal Financial Policy of European Countries”; Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) French and Indo-China concerns; September 14, 1950, memorandum of conversation between James E. Webb, Averell Harriman, and Paul Hoffman on the general policies concerning the administration of the Mutual Defense Assistance Program (MDAP); Bissell notes and suggestions regarding “improper diversion from the Austrian economy”; letter from Bissell to Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. regarding a proposed amendment to the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) Act; memorandum documenting the discussion of an Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC) –North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) relationship; September 8, 1950, memorandum from Bissell to Charles W. Jeffers of the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) regarding an inquiry into the activities of the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) by the “Watchdog Committee Staff”; Bissell memorandum regarding the creation of general directions of Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) policy regarding the implications of Korea; Perlon (synthetic fiber); organization of the Economic Cooperation Administration’s (ECA) Far East Program Division; statement from Bissell to Scott W. Lucas regarding a proposed cut to the funding for the European Recovery Program (“Marshall Plan”); letter from Bissell to Thomas C. Blainsdell including Bissell’s defense of the European Payments Union (EPU); Mo i Rana steel project]

Reading File: January – December, 1951 [March 30, 1951, letter from Bissell to George W. Lawson regarding Bissell’s views concerning the Mutual Security Administration’s (MSA) Southeast Asia program; Schuman Plan; Bissell’s thoughts on the intra-European deficit and the European Payments Union (EPU); Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) issues; coal and steel; February 28, 1951, Bissell report on the shipping shortage; Bissell’s commentary on the Economic Cooperation Administration’s (ECA) productivity program; Bissell Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA)

report on the ECA's position on Indonesia; February 15, 1951, letter from Bissell to Secretary of State Dean Acheson regarding the consolidation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC), including General Dwight D. Eisenhower's thoughts; Bissell's thoughts on the U.S. aid commitment to Belgium; Indonesia; Netherlands; Bissell's suggestions for changing the structure of the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA); Bissell draft of a potential Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) position on the importation of German tobacco; Bissell's thoughts on issues surrounding the Economic Cooperation Administration's (ECA) Indo-China program]

- 3 Reading File: January – June, 1953 (1) - (3) [U.S. approach to the European Payment Union (EPU) and trade liberalization; Bissell outline of the Lewis Williams Douglas report on the relationship on the dollar-sterling relationship, inclusive of Bissell's opinions regarding Douglas' personal thoughts; Bissell commentary on two John Davenport articles concerning the labor movement, the tidelands oil controversy, and the end of the Korean War; Bissell letter to Lewis Williams Douglas regarding U.S. and United Kingdom economic matters; Bissell draft paper entitled, "Memorandum Regarding an Advanced International Study Center in Washington, D.C."; Bissell's employment opportunities; personal and social matters; correspondence with George Kennan forwarding an exercise on resource allocation to various security programs; work done at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) and with the Ford Foundation; psychological warfare strategy; economic theory and programs; Bissell comments on Stringfellow Barr's Citizens of the World; financing of public foreign investments; comments on Bissell's position as consultant to the Director of Mutual Security]

Reading File: July – December, 1953 (1) - (2) [Ford Foundation issues; personal and social matters; Bissell's employment opportunities; work done at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) and with the Ford Foundation; economic theory; Sam J. Van Hying, Jr. lecture at the National War College entitled "Economic Aid as a Foreign Policy Tool"; prospectus of an potential economics magazine; notes for Randall Commission briefing; Bissell opinions on U.S. foreign policy written in response to Fortune magazine editorials; Sam J. Van Hying, Jr. review entitled, "'Trade Not Aid': A Review of the A & H Kroger Memorandum of August 12, 1953"; Couchiching Conference and the Canadian Institute of Public Affairs; petroleum tankers; Bissell letter to C.D. Jackson regarding the "Report on European-American Relations"]

Reading File: January – December, 1954 [personal and social matters; Brookings Institution study of domestic transportation in the Philippines; Bissell correspondence with Allen Dulles noting acceptance of position at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA); John Foster Dulles social letter; Council

on Foreign Relations; Bissell's notes on work done at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) and with the Ford Foundation; Committee on the Present Danger; correspondence between Bissell and Lincoln Gordon regarding Bissell's employment opportunities with Allen Dulles and others]

[Reading File: 1956 – 1959] Correspondence on European Payment Union 1956 – 1957 [personal and social matters; request from the Brookings Institution for Bissell's assistance in planning a program of international studies regarding foreign economic policy; letter from William C. Foster to Christian Herter regarding the commemoration of the Marshall Plan speech given at Harvard University in 1947; correspondence between Bissell and Dr. D.A. Fitzgerald of the International Cooperation Administration (ICA) regarding issues concerning the European Payment Union (EPU); economic issues]

Reading File: 1964 [1964 reading file index key (partial); supersonic transport; arms control and disarmament; personal and social matters; Conference on Transportation and Urban Growth in New England; United Aircraft Corporation issues; railroad industry problems; requirements for a satellite reconnaissance system; letters of solicitation to Bissell following his installment at the United Aircraft Corporation; Bissell's instillation at the United Aircraft Corporation]

- 4 Reading File: 1965 (1) - (2) [United Aircraft Corporation business; United Aircraft Corporation Ten Year Goals and Objectives; Boeing 747 market environment; sewage and water treatment; Scientific Engineering Institute; Connecticut economy; Yale University; Bissell biographical information; notes on a possible United Aircraft Corporation merger; low cost gas engine turbine project; personal letter from Bissell to Richard Bissell Jr. detailing Bissell's opinions regarding the U.S. invasion of the Dominican Republic]

Reading File: January – December 1966 (1) - (3) [United Aircraft Corporation business; EDO Corporation; studies for the creation of a low cost turbine with Deere and Company; amino acid diet development; proposed program of educational assistance to United Aircraft Corporation employees; personal and social matters; United Aircraft Corporation interest in the biomedical market; Pratt and Whitney Aircraft business study; Bissell speech notes; boost and reentry systems; United Aircraft Corporation image study]

Reading File: January – June 1967(1) - (2) [United Aircraft Corporation business; low cost gas engine turbine project; microelectronics; Techite pipe; Institute of Living; amino acid diet development; Bissell's "Notes on 'Foreign Aid'"]

Reading File: July – December, 1967 (1) [United Aircraft Corporation

business; Science & Engineering Institute, Inc.]

- 5 Reading File: July – December 1967 (2) - (3) [United Aircraft Corporation business; Techite pipe; low cost gas engine turbine project; United Aircraft Corporation marketing; Bissell's thoughts on national transportation; Hamilton Standard]

Reading File: January – December, 1968 (1) - (3) ["Covert Activities"; paper written by Bissell; United Aircraft Corporation business; Yale University's Council's Committee on the Social Sciences; University of Hartford administrative issues; INTELSAT; Hamilton System Center; Bissell's thoughts on the railroad equipment business; low cost gas engine turbine project; United Aircraft Corporation planning documentation of military services; NASA Technology Utilization Program; analysis of the commercial aircraft market; national defense issues; Cummins Engine Company; statements of United Aircraft Corporation goals and objectives]

Reading File: 1969 (1) [United Aircraft Corporation business; University of Hartford administrative issues, including summary of regents advisory recommendations; Techite pipe; "Nature and Limitations of Corporate Planning"]

- 6 Reading File: 1969 (2) - (3) [United Aircraft Corporation business; guidance for the United Aircraft Corporation ten year plan; Canadian National Railways and United Aircraft Corporation TurboTrain locomotives; Bissell talk entitled "The Arms Race – Superiority? Parity? Sufficiency?" given at the National Association of Manufacturers' Spring Meeting on National Defense; United Aircraft Corporation systems design and management capabilities; electronics planning study; Marvelite pipe]

Reading File: 1970 (1) - (3) [United Aircraft Corporation business; laser pointing and tracking activities; Bissell notes entitled "Organizing and Administering Quick Response R&D Programs" for a talk he gave to the Advanced Technical Objective Working Group for Special Warfare at the U.S. Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C.; Bissell's comments on Alan Cripe's proposal to form a new corporation for the manufacture of railway equipment; Bay of Pigs; Bissell notes on the Marshall Plan and the Bay of Pigs for a talk given at the University of Hartford; Notes on United Technology Center's Ten Year Plan; Notes on Hamilton Standard's Ten Year Plan; Notes on Norden's Ten Year Plan; Notes on Sikorsky's Ten Year Plan; Notes on Pratt and Whitney Aircraft's Ten Year Plan; University of Hartford Administrative issues including the creation of a "New College"; Bissell's thoughts on Cambodia and the war in Vietnam; Ward School; personal and social matters; Techite pipe]

Reading File: January – June, 1971 (1) - (2) [United Aircraft Corporation

business; United Aircraft Corporation venture capital opportunities; United Aircraft Corporation long range plan; United Aircraft Corporation and industrial turbine development; education committee of the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce; personal and social matters; Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration questionnaire for the United Aircraft Corporation; preliminary economics of an industrial turbine]

- 7 Reading File: January – June, 1971 (3) [United Aircraft Corporation and industrial turbine development]

Reading File: July – December, 1971 (1) - (2) [Bissell gift to the University of Hartford; Pratt and Whitney Aircraft business planning; personal and social matters; Sikorsky Aircraft; United Aircraft Corporation business; paper entitled “The Effectiveness of Overcompetition”; Bissell’s thoughts on remotely piloted vehicles (RPVs); Bissell deed of gift for an oral history presented to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library; July 23, 1971, John H. Hoagland letter to Bissell at United Aircraft Corporation regarding the services of John H. Hoagland, Inc; Bissell’s answers to a questionnaire sent by the Commission on Government Procurement; United Aircraft Corporation’s interest in the pipe manufacturing business]

Reading File: January – June, 1972 (1) - (4) [United Aircraft Corporation business; study done on the market share available for suppliers of gas turbines by frequency type; Lincoln Institute budget (University of Hartford); Bissell letter to William J. Hull detailing Bissell’s opinions regarding the Yale administration’s response to civil unrest at Yale University, including an aborted April 4, 1972, speech by General William Westmoreland; personal and social matters; Bissell’s educational philosophy detailed in an attachment to a May 31, 1972, letter to David A. Irvy; market summary for a 250 horsepower gas turbine engine built by John Deere; shared technology agreements between United Aircraft Corporation and Allmanna Svenska Elektriska Aktiebolage; University of Hartford Budget concerns; United Aircraft Corporation TurboTrain transmissions; February 16, 1972, letter from Bissell to Walt W. Rostow regarding the economic future of the U.S.; list of books Bissell believes to be the ten greatest ever; February 3, 1972, Bissell letter regarding the role of colleges in education]

Reading File: July - December, 1972 (1) [United Aircraft Corporation business; University of Hartford Financial Aid Committee; University of Hartford finances and budget; November 21, 1972, letter from the Itek Corporation concerning the use of their panoramic cameras by NASA and their future use on Apollo 17; Bissell outline entitled “Economic Developments Related to the Energy Industry”]

- 8 Reading File: July – December, 1972 (2) [Bissell’s report on Ernest W. Lefever’s manuscript entitled “A Two Edged Sword?: U.S. Military Training

and Advice in the Third World"; high intensity magnetic filter; Lincoln Foundation, University of Hartford]

Reading File: University of Hartford (Starting from 5/9/72) 1972 – 1973 (1) - (2) [budget and tuition estimates; construction of the university budget; invitations to speak to university bodies; music school budget; budgetary control of numbers of personnel]

Reading File: January – June, 1973 (1) - (3) [United Aircraft Corporation business; Bissell letters regarding the Farmington Historical Society (of which he served as president) concerning the procuring of a canal lock, a statement of the society's activities, a history workshop and other matters; Groton School questionnaire with Bissell biographical information; possible United Aircraft Corporation purchase of a high intensity terrain illumination system for nighttime reconnaissance; personal and social matters; study of United Aircraft Corporation personnel requirements; Massachusetts Institution of Technology (MIT) Development Foundation invitation to United Aircraft Corporation to become a sponsor; United Aircraft Corporation forecast of the U.S. helicopter market]

Reading File: July – September, 1973 (1) - (2) [galley proof of Marquis Who's Who Inc. entry for Richard Mervin Bissell, Jr.; Farmington Historical Society status and plans, Farmington Canal; Marquis Who's Who in Aviation biographical data for Bissell with very detailed employment history; Bissell's thoughts on the potential acquisition of Bauer Manufacturing, Inc. by the United Aircraft Corporation; Bissell's thoughts on the potential for a United Aircraft Corporation with Japanese companies]

- 9 Reading File: July – September, 1973 (3) [July 18, 1973, Bissell letters concerning an article intimating a connection between the Ford Foundation, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Rockefeller Foundation and Nova University; Farmington Historical Society; personal and social matters]

Reading File: October – December, 1973 (1) – (3) [personal and social matters; United Aircraft Corporation business; aircraft engines; Canandaigua Junior Academy requests a signed photograph; release of mortgage to Bissell's home; Farmington Historical Society Canal Day; Pratt and Whitney Aircraft ten year plan; potential United Aircraft Corporation acquisitions and mergers; Bissell's thoughts on Strategic Offensive Forces; United Aircraft Corporation relationship with Fiat]

Reading File: January – June 1974, (1) – (3)[Farmington Historical Society bicentennial planning; Bissell's early retirement from the United Aircraft Corporation; personal and social matters; John H. Hoagland, Inc. billing and project matters; Draft of University of Hartford Business School Committee Report; Bissell's comments to John H. Hoagland, Inc. regarding the market

for nuclear power plants, the New England High Carbon Wire Corporation; May 24, 1974, letter from Bissell concerning his willingness to accept the presidency of the Newark College of Engineering; Bissell's notes concerning the budget, income and expenditures of the University of Hartford; "Comments on the Market for Nuclear Power Plants"; April 15, 1974, Bissell letter concerning his remembrances of business attitudes concerning the European Recovery Program (ERP) ("Marshall Plan") and the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA); Bissell paper entitled "The Economic Environment for Investment Decisions"; United Aircraft Corporation business; January 15, 1974, Bissell review of Arkes' "Bureaucracy, the Marshall Plan, and the National Interest"]

[Reading File: January 18 – February 4, 1974] [drafts of a document entitled "Notes" in which Bissell describes the duties and potential future of his office at the United Aircraft Corporation. "Notes" also documents Bissell's individual assignments involving markets and forecasts for products, resources and services]

Reading File: July – December, 1974 (1) – (2)[Farmington Historical Society bicentennial planning and other matters; personal and social matters; budgetary concerns regarding the University of Hartford; December 2, 1974, letter from Bissell naming potential terrorism experts who could serve as speakers for the World Affairs Center Inc.; Bissell's comments to John H. Hoagland, Inc. regarding billing and various projects]

- 10 Reading File: July – December, 1974 (3) – (6) [New England High Carbon Wire Corporation development plan proposal; Newco wire, Renault and other Bissell consulting concerns for John H. Hoagland, Inc.; Farmington Historical Society issues; September 6, 1974, Bissell resignation from the Yale Graduate Club; Bissell paper entitled "Prospects for the Insurance Industry" written for John H. Hoagland, Inc.; July 25, 1974, Bissell paper for the National Planning Association entitled "An Overview of Issues Raised by the Energy Shortage"; July 24, 1974 Bissell report entitled "Report on the Barney School of Business and Public Administration; Covenant Mutual Insurance Company; Covenant Capital, Inc.; Bissell requests for publications]

Reading File: January – December, 1975 (1) – (6) [personal and social matters; several Bissell social letters describing post-United Aircraft Corporation activities; December 1, 1975, and December 30, 1975, Bissell letters regarding his thoughts on the "Church Committee" (United States Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities) report; invoices and correspondence for consulting work regarding lasers and other subjects done on behalf of John H. Hoagland, Inc.; Farmington Historical Society Bicentennial Steering Committee minutes; November 6, 1975, letter from John P. Sullivan to William A. Roan regarding a consulting business arrangement with Bissell; October 20, 1975, letter from

Bissell to University of Hartford president Archibald M. Woodruff outlining how Bissell sees his future role participating in the affairs of the university; gas turbine engine project between United Aircraft Corporation and John Deere; October 10, 1973, letter from Bissell to Sikorsky Aircraft about a project undertaken by John H. Hoagland, Inc. concerning the international transfer of technology on behalf of the Department of Labor; University of Hartford budgeting and program matters; Bissell paper entitled "Economic Prospects Revisited"; United Technologies Corporation (UTC) matters; Farmington Historical Society issues; paper entitled "Comments on Future Trends in Soviet Civil Aviation"; correspondence from Bissell to John H. Hoagland of John H. Hoagland, Inc. concerning Converse (rubber); John H. Hoagland, Inc. outline entitled "Strategy and Planning for Corporate Development at Newco"; the end of Bissell's tenure as president of the Farmington Historical Society; January 13, 1975, Bissell letter clarifying a line in his Kennedy Library oral history concerning the Bay of Pigs]

Reading File: January – June 1976 (1) – (2) [personal business and social matters; Frost and Sullivan Air Cargo study; Farmington Bicentennial Committee business, including the restoration of the Gridley-Parsons-Staples homestead; Bissell's thoughts on John P. Sullivan and the consulting business; Bissell's thoughts on economic prospects as related to the Covenant Committee]

- 11 Reading File: January – June 1976 (3) – (4) ["Draft Proposal to Frost and Sullivan" regarding a study of the air cargo market; Farmington Bicentennial Committee business, including the restoration of the Gridley-Parsons-Staples homestead; personal business and social matters; college planning papers entitled "The Lyceum" and "Colleges of Business and Engineering"; solar energy study proposal; invitation to Bissell to speak on intelligence matters for a series sponsored by the World Affairs Center; January 30, 1976, Bissell letter referencing the impact his Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) background has on his relationship with the University of Hartford; University of Hartford; January 21, 1976, Bissell letter discussing Bissell genealogy; January 9, 1976, Bissell letter to Eugene V. Rostow regarding Bissell's views of the "Church Committee" (United States Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities), U.S. foreign policy, and other personal matters]

Reading File: July – December 1976 (1) – (2) [draft of Bissell's will; Farmington Bicentennial Committee business, including the restoration of the Gridley-Parsons-Staples homestead; partial draft of "Proposal for Improved Staff Support" for the State of Connecticut; air cargo market study correspondence and notes; November 30, 1976, letter from Bissell regarding Bissell's opinions on journalists who publish classified information and the damage done to intelligence agencies by investigations and leaks; October 18, 1976, letter from Bissell regarding Bissell's activities working with the Ford

Foundation in the early 1950s; July 30, 1976, Bissell letter discussing Bissell genealogy and his parent's lineage]

Reading File: January – December 1977 (1) – (4) [air cargo market; Yale solid Waste Disposal and Energy recovery process project (Yale University and Envirotech); Bissell's thoughts on restructuring Covenant West; Covenant West business; personal business and social matters; November 1, 1977, Bissell letter wherein he discusses the finances of the student paper he co-edited at Yale University, *Harkness Hoot*; November 1, 1977, Bissell letter wherein he discusses McGeorge Bundy's involvement with the Bay of Pigs invasion; October 24, 1977 Bissell letter to James R. Killian regarding Killian's book *Sputnik, Scientists, and Eisenhower* and the relationship between scientists and the intelligence community during the later part of the Eisenhower administration; Farmington Historical Society business; correspondence regarding a series of lectures about intelligence sponsored by the World Affairs Center; electronic warfare study; April 12, 1977, from Bissell in which he mentions the presence of the New Frontiersmen at a 1961 dinner at the Alibi Club in February 1961 and how the Bay of Pigs invasion was not discussed; March 7, 1977, Bissell letter from Bissell discussing his thoughts on articles about the U-2 and Averell Harriman wherein Bissell offers his thoughts on the consequences of Russian nuclear superiority; trash burning steam plant energy recovering proposal for Yale University; January 31, 1977, Bissell letter outlining his philosophies on personal responsibility and hedonism]

Reading File: 1978 (1) – (3) [personal business and social matters; Bissell report entitled "Diversification Through the Fabrication of Advanced Composite Materials"; John P. Sullivan report for the State of Connecticut entitled "Department of Transportation Report"; November 15, 1978, letter from Bissell to Richard Helms wherein he discusses his attitude toward information security at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA); air cargo information; Ratier-Figeac; October 19, 1978, Bissell letter to Paul H. Nitze regarding an article by Joseph Harsch in the *Christian Science Monitor* about a reduction in the U.S. military budget; August 3, 1978, Bissell letter to Jack Hoagland with a report entitled "Initial Contact with the Thermo Electric Corporation"; August 1, 1978, letter from Bissell referencing Reading File correspondence "bearing on Douglas' [Lewis Williams Douglas'] role as an advisor on European monetary affairs to the Eisenhower Administration in the spring of 1953"; Envirotech Corporation; July 24, 1978, Bissell letter detailing his personal history at the War Shipping Administration and commentary on Lewis Williams Douglas' accomplishments and performance at the War Shipping Administration; status report entitled "Status of Waste Disposal and Energy Recovery Project" for Yale University; June 5, 1978, letter from Bissell discussing the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the "Church Committee" (United States Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities); June 5, 1978, letter from

Bissell explaining gaps in his files and personal papers from various points in his career; May 17, 1978, letter from Bissell wherein he discusses the “Church Committee” (United States Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities) and the perception of intelligence agencies; April 25, 1978, letter from Bissell concerning his thoughts on the capabilities of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and its ability to perform its duties; Waste Disposal and Energy Recovery Project (Yale University); Clarence Leonard "Kelly" Johnson commemoration meeting; Pratt and Whitney]

Reading File: 1979 (1) – (2) [personal business and social matters; “Analytical Notes on Gas Prices”; October 29, 1979, letter from Bissell regarding the U-2 and why it was not fully replaced with reconnaissance satellites; Friends of Hill-Stead Association business; October 24, 1979, letter from Bissell detailing his trip to Greece and including his review of a book mentioning Allen Dulles, Foster Dulles, and Arthur Schlesinger; October 24, 1979, letter from Bissell in which Bissell discusses efforts to “absolve” Kennedy from blame for the Bay of Pigs and his thoughts on where responsibilities lay; Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) study information; Bissell notes regarding JT4 and Allison 501 aircraft engines in airline service; July 31, 1979, letter and report from Bissell regarding the adoption of the metric system by American industry; Bissell document entitled “Proposed Indian Venture” regarding doing business in India; March 30, 1979, letter and report from Bissell to the Covenant Group regarding economic prospects and the recession]

- 12 Reading File: 1979 (3) [personal business and social matters; March 23, 1979, Bissell commentary on a manuscript entitled “Comments on Manuscript: NATO and the Military Assistance Program, 1948 – 1951”; Friends of Hill-Stead Association business]

Reading File: 1980 (1) – (2) [Friends of Hill-Stead Association fundraising campaign and other business; Bissell notes and corresponding regarding the market for equipment and tools used in testing and servicing automobiles; December 12, 1980, Bissell Christmas letter in which he describes his consulting business and other activities; Bissell correspondence concerning Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) study; Bissell vacation plans; September 15, 1980, minutes of the Clatter Valley Road Society; personal business and social matters; Bissell document entitled “Notes on Meeting with Scudders, Stevens & Clark on May 21, 1980”; Covenant Mutual Insurance Company business; Covenant “Notes on the International Value of the Dollar”; March 14, 1980, Bissell letter regarding the disposition of the records he kept regarding the Marshall Plan (European Recovery Program); February 22, 1980, Bissell letter in which he discusses *The Man Who Kept the Secrets – Richard Helms and the CIA* and *Bay of Pigs: The Untold Story* and his activities in the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency)]

Reading File: 1981 (1) – (3) [Friends of Hill-Stead Association business including endowment, fundraising campaign, purchase information; personal business and social matters; November 25, 1981, Bissell letter to Clarence Leonard "Kelly" Johnson regarding the SR-71 Blackbird; sale of Bissell's boat; September 22, 1981, Bissell letter to Lloyd S. Etheridge concerning John F. Kennedy and the Bay of Pigs; September 17, 1981, Bissell letter to the United States Air Force concerning a celebration of the "Office of Space Systems – 20 Years"; July 6, 1981, Bissell letter to Edmond G. Thomas discussing thoughts on the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT I & II); May 6, 1981, Bissell letter regarding his childhood memories of several fixtures in the Samuel Clements (Mark Twain) house; new reconnaissance aircraft; Clatter Valley Road Society business]

Reading File: 1982 (1) – (4) [Friends of Hill-Stead Association business including endowment, fundraising campaign, purchase information, building restoration, ground maintenance and the governance of the Hill-Stead museum; personal business and social matters; Bissell banking and financial concerns; Covenant Mutual Insurance Company; April 19, 1982, Bissell letter concerning his memories of Paul Hoffman; January 27 - 28, 1982, Bissell letters concerning rumors surrounding the John F. Kennedy assassination]

Reading File: 1983 (1) –(3) [Friends of Hill-Stead Association business including maintenance and finance; December 21, 1983, letter from Bissell in which Bissell describes John F. Kennedy's attitude towards him after the Bay of Pigs; December 21, 1983, Bissell letter in which Bissell discusses the possibility of writing an autobiography; personal business and social matters; November 4, 1983, draft Bissell article written for the Miami Herald on the subject of intelligence and the Bay of Pigs; Clatter Valley Road Society business; Bissell vacation issues]

- 13 Reading File: 1984 – 1986 (1) – (3) [December 24, 1986, Bissell letter to Louis De Alessi rejecting an offer to serve on a delegation to China on behalf of the Citizen Ambassador Program to the People's Republic of China; personal business and social matters; May 22, 1986, letter from Bissell discussing his thoughts on the European Recovery Program ("Marshall Plan") including its utility and his feelings about it; Friends of Hill-Stead Association business; March 10, 1986, Bissell letter to an Editor at Vintage Books concerning a possible autobiography and including his thoughts on his career; requests for television interviews; February 6, 1985, Bissell letter concerning his thoughts on the political leanings of Fidel and Raul Castro and Che Guevara; April 19, 1984, document entitled "Trustees Position on the Governance of Hill-Stead"; Bissell vacation issues; Bissell home repair]

Reading File: 1987 – 1992 (1) – (3)[personal business and social matters; November 13, 1992, Bissell letter including an outline for his memoirs; May 21, 1992, Bissell letter in which he discusses reactions to the Oliver Stone

motion picture “JFK”; Clatter Valley Road Society, Inc. and the Farmington Preservation Trust, Inc. business; correspondence concerning Bissell’s memoirs; December 4, 1991, Bissell letter in which he discusses various aircraft and expresses regret over never having flown in a U-2; requests for interviews; November 5, 1991, Bissell letter discussing Soviet intelligence and other matters; Friends of Hill-Stead Association business; Bay of Pigs reunion; April 3, 1991 letter from Bissell in which he declines an opportunity to meet Fidel Castro; December 19, 1990, Bissell letter in which he discusses his remembrances of Erastus Corning II (Mayor of Albany, New York) at the Groton School and Yale University; January 24, 1990, Bissell letter concerning his Professorship at Yale and McGeorge Bundy and Walt Rostow; January 6, 1989, Bissell letter concerning his views on East-West trade; December 9, 1988, Bissell letter to Charles S. Gage concerning a “1925 Allagash trip”; December 23, 1988, Bissell letter in which he discusses family genealogy; Bissell vacation information; September 29, 1987, letter from Bissell to Philip J. Klass in which Bissell acknowledges that materials referencing an operation named “Majestic 12” (MJ-12) materials sent by Lee M. Graham are probably forgeries and that he regrets writing that they appear genuine; July 30, 1987, letter from Bissell to Lee. M. Graham in which Bissell writes that the enclosed documentation concerning materials referencing an operation named “Majestic 12” (MJ-12) appears authentic and that he has little doubt as to their authenticity]

Reading File: 1993 – 1994 [Farmington Preservation Trust issues including Bissell’s resignation; January 20, 1994, social letter from Bissell to Stanley W. Beerli; Bissell autobiography; December 23, 1993, termination of Bissell’s membership in the Yale Club; Max Millikan; European Cooperation Administration (ECA) Friends of Hill-Stead business; personal matters; defectors]

Personal Chrono Subseries

- 14 Personal Chrono File: 1955 [personal business and social matters; April 14, 1955, letter from William N. Dale to Bissell concerning British politics and the resignation of Winston Churchill]

Personal Chrono File: [1959,] 1960 and 1961 (1) - (2) [personal business and social matters; information concerning the insurance, repair and charter of Bissell’s yawl *Sea Witch*; October 25, 1960, letter from Bissell to Harlan Cleveland in which Bissell comments on foreign policy points made in an article Cleveland wrote; Old Tie Club; June 7, 1960, letter from Bissell to C. Tyler Wood, Minister for Economic Affairs and Director of the U.S. Technical Cooperation Mission to India; Bissell business trips and family vacations; Conference on World Tensions; Groton School issues; February 8, 1960, letter from Adlai E. Stevenson to Bissell concerning various issues; Conference on Science, Philosophy and Religion]

Personal Chrono File: 1962 and 1963 (1) – (3) [personal business and social matters; December 18, 1963, letter from Bissell to Richard S. Perkin concerning the creation of a business enterprise based on research and development; Bissell Prize for French at the Kingswood School in West Hartford, Connecticut; Institute for Defense Analysis; Bissell home repair; information concerning the charter and repair of Bissell's yawl *Sea Witch*; December 20, 1962, letter from Bissell to a correspondent seeking his autograph in which Bissell notes his greatest professional satisfaction; December 13, 1962, letter from Nathan M. Pusey requesting Bissell's participation in an ad hoc committee to consider appointments in the fields of economics and government at Harvard University; Old Tie Club; potential rental of Bissell cottage by David Bruce; July 6, 1962, letters from Clarence L. Johnson to Bissell concerning the firing of an Agena D spacecraft; Bissell vacation plans; March 15, 1962, letter from Bissell to William S. White concerning the way Bissell was treated by the government immediately after the Bay of Pigs; congratulatory letter from George Gardner to Bissell upon Bissell's joining the Institute for Defense Analysis; February 21, 1962, letter from Bissell to Paul Nitze concerning a summer job for Nitze's son]

Personal Chrono File: 1964 (1) – (3) [personal business and social matters; Bissell home purchase; Bissell's departure from the Institute for Defense Analysis; Bissell business trips and family vacations; July 16, 1964, and July 27, 1964, transcribed letters from William T. Bissell discussing the disposition of a family grave plot, Barry Goldwater and other family business; July 6, 1964, letter from Bissell to Edwin H. Land of the Polaroid Corporation Describing his thoughts on his business competencies in light of the positions he has held in the past; letters to Bissell concerning prospective summer jobs at the Institute for Defense Analysis]

Personal Chrono File: 1965 (1) – (3) [personal business and social matters; Groton Annual Fund; Council on Foreign Relations, Inc.; sale of Bissell real estate; Bissell home repair; November 1, 1965, letter from E.G. Thomas to Bissell regarding the death of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Deputy Director for Plans Frank Wisner; Institute for Defense Analysis; September 8, 1965, letter from Harlan Cleveland to Bissell regarding Cleveland's resignation as Assistant Secretary of State and his appointment to the position of U.S. ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); Bissell's Chesapeake Bay retriever; information concerning the charter and repair of Bissell's yawl *Sea Witch*; appeals to Bissell for employment within the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA); questions posed to Bissell for a television interview; August 24, 1965, letter from Yale University President Kingman Brewster to Bissell regarding the finances and direction of Yale University; August 10, 1965, letter from Bissell to Richard G. Patch regarding an accident involving the yawl *Sea Witch*; July 27, 1965, from Bissell to Cornelius Roosevelt thanking Roosevelt for the gift of a batik sarong and

informing him of Bissell's consulting work with the Scientific Engineering Institute; August 6, 1965, letter to Bissell from Cornelius Roosevelt concerning a business trip to Europe and the Far East involving the investigation of fraud; June 10, 1965, letter from Bissell to Amron H. Katz regarding Bissell's thoughts on Vietnam; appeal to Bissell for employment within the United Aircraft Corporation; Bissell's consulting work]

- 15 Personal Chrono File: 1965 (4) – (5) [personal business and social matters; Bissell vacation plans; Bissell personal finances; information concerning the charter and repair of Bissell's yawl *Sea Witch*; March 4, 1965, letter to Bissell from Phyllis Hamilton of the Institute for Defense Analysis regarding personal matters including how the staff misses him; Bissell's wine and spirit purchases; Bissell automobile accident; United Aircraft Corporation diversification study with the University of Denver; January 12, 1965, letter from Walt Rostow to Bissell concerning social matters]

Personal Chrono File: 1966 (1) – (5) [personal business and social matters; November 17, 1966 letter from Bissell to Amrom H. Katz in which Bissell shares some thoughts and concerns about national strategy; October 6, 1966, letter to Bissell from C. Francis Beatty, Jr. of the Kingswood School thanking Bissell for his attendance at the school's fiftieth birthday celebration; September 7, 1966, letter from Bissell to Stephen Enke on the subject of Bissell's thoughts on Robert McNamara, the Institute for Defense Analysis, and other matters; information concerning the charter and repair of Bissell's yawl *Sea Witch*; July 15, 1966, letter from Bissell to James A. McCullough on the subject of an economic question; Department of State Director of Intelligence and Research Thomas L. Hughes speech on the conduct of foreign affairs and the state of intelligence attached to a July 15, 1966, letter from Bissell to Hughes; July 5, 1966, letter from Bissell to Robert Duemling, American Consulate in Malaysia, on the subject of the Bissell family's activities; July 1, 1966, letter from Bissell to Richard Harvey in which Bissell discusses Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) recruiting; July 1, 1966, letter from Bissell to Robert Joyce concerning the state of Affairs at Yale, communism and Yale President Kingman Brewster; June 14, 1966, letter from Bissell to Max F. Millikan regarding a Millikan piece on the Bay of Pigs and other matters; United Aircraft Corporation business; Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions Tribute to Paul G. Hoffman]

Personal Chrono File: 1967 (1) – (4) [personal business and social matters; portrait of Tom Bissell; August 25, 1967, letter from Bissell to Erle Martine concerning a talk given by Adam Yarmolinsky; August 2, 1967 letter from Bissell to Andrew Heiskell regarding the gift of a book commemorating Henry Luce; August 2, 1967, letter from Bissell to Thomas W. Braden concerning Bissell's activities and Braden's future; information concerning the charter and repair of Bissell's yawl *Sea Witch*; stolen Bissell credit card; Graduate Pain Research Foundation; April 25, 1967, letter from Bissell to

Aldus H. Chapin, Assistant Dean, School of Advanced Studies, Johns Hopkins University concerning Bissell's thoughts on certain books pertaining to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), intelligence and other matters; Bissell automobile accident; Bissell's resignation from the Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club]

Personal Chrono File: 1968 (1) [personal business and social matters; sale of Bissell's yawl *Sea Witch*; December 10, 1968, letter from Bissell to Theodore Geiger on the subject of Bissell's thoughts on a paper entitled "A New Conception of the United States Foreign Aid Effort"; Bissell's inquiries into watercraft; Bissell home improvements; Institute for Defense Analysis; April 30, 1968, letter to Bissell from Brackley Shaw enclosing an article written by Shaw entitled "A Father Considers the Draft"]

- 16 Personal Chrono File: 1968 (2) [personal business and social matters; April 19, 1968, letter from Bissell to Harper and Row regarding Bissell's thoughts on Stewart Alsop's book, *The Center: People and Power in Political Washington*; February 9, 1968, letter from Bissell to E.G. Thomas regarding the sale of Bissell's yawl *Sea Witch*, the potential purchase of another boat, the United Aircraft Corporation amino acid diet and other matters; Maurice Prendergast artwork; January 9, 1968, letter from Bissell to Richard Hall concerning the possible loan of Bissell's National Security Medal]

Personal Chrono File: 1969 (1) – (2) [personal business and social matters; New Haven labor market study proposal; Kinemotive Corporation and & Pratt and Whitney Aircraft; University of Hartford business; September 15, 1969, letter from Bissell to Robert W. King of the Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA) regarding the resignations of General Maxwell Taylor and Norman Christeller of the (IDA); Bissell home repair; August 26, 1969, letter from Bissell to Dudley Prentise recounting some of Bissell's genealogy, childhood, and 1931 fall from Pinnacle Rock; June 20, 1969, Norman Christeller resignation from the Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA) and July 2, 1969, letter from Bissell to Norman Christeller on the subject of Christeller's resignation in a case file with a August 6, 1969, letter from Bissell to Robert Kilmarx of the Center for Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown University; suspected credit card fraud; May 13, 1969, letter from Bissell to Arthur Syran concerning Bissell's thoughts on his career at United Aircraft; May 1, 1969, letter from Bissell to Franklin G. Matsler regarding a position offered to Bissell as president of Samon State University; Groton School; Mutual Insurance Company of Hartford; Maurice Prendergast artwork]

Personal Chrono File: 1970 (1) – (2) [personal business and social matters; University of Hartford business; Bissell stock; December 4, 1970, letter and speech from Herman W. Liebert forwarded to Bissell on the subject of the student body and civil unrest at Yale University; Bissell home repair; Bissell real estate; Bissell signatures on philatelic covers; United Aircraft Corporation

business; “An Appeal for Freer World Trade” sent to Bissell on August 19, 1970, by the Committee for a National Trade Policy; June 30, 1970, letter from Bissell to Leonard M. Greene, President of the Safe Flight Instrument Corporation regarding Bissell’s thoughts on Fair Share, an income tax proposal; March 25, 1970, letter from Bissell to T. F. Walkowicz in which Bissell discusses his thoughts on Russian reconnaissance capabilities and the proper U.S. response; retirement of Air Force Brigadier General Leo Geary]

Personal Chrono File: 1971 [personal business and social matters; Mountain Road; gift to the University of Hartford; Groton School; Bissell contribution to the George Sullivan Defense Fund; Bissell country club membership; Global Strategy Discussion nomination]

Personal Chrono File: 1972 (1) – (2) [personal business and social matters; National Security Agency (NSA) security questionnaire; June 20, 1972, letter from William J. Hull to Bissell enclosing correspondence from Eugene V. Rostow and others regarding civil unrest at Yale University, the aborted April 4, 1972, speech by General William Westmoreland, and opinions about Yale president Kingman Brewster; June 9, 1972, letter from Bissell to William J. Hull regarding civil unrest at Yale University, the aborted April 4, 1972 speech by General William Westmoreland, and opinions about Yale president Kingman Brewster; May 31, 1972, letter from Bissell to David A. Irvy of the University of Connecticut enclosing Bissell’s “Comments Educational Philosophy and Procedures”; May 1, 1972, letter from Bissell to Don Phillips of the United Aircraft Corporation enclosing an agreement between the United Aircraft Corporation and Allmanna Svenska Elektriska Aktiebolaget; April 26, 1972, from Bissell to Franklin A. Lindsay of the Itek corporation thanking Lindsay for a set of lithographic prints of the lunar landscape; consulting opportunities]

Personal Chrono File: 1973 (1) – (2) [personal business and social matters; December 19, 1973, letter from Bissell to the Exchange Club of Farmington, Inc. in which Bissell nominates James A. Thompson for the club’s Book of Golden Deeds award; October 4, 1973 social letter from Walt W. Rostow to Bissell; preface of a report entitled “Bureaucracy Does Its Thing: Institutional Constraints on U.S.-GVN Performance in Vietnam” by R.W. Komer; July 18, 1973, letter from Bissell to Dr. William J. Breen regarding the activities of Bissell’s parents during World War One; July 18, 1973, letter from Bissell to Dean Irving S. Starr of the University of Hartford regarding a paper on Nova University, the Ford Foundation and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) containing information Bissell finds “irritating”]

17 Personal Chrono File: 1973 (3) [personal business and social matters; Bissell’s wine and spirit purchases; Citizen’s Organization for a Sane World; June 18, 1973, draft of a humorous Yale speech by Herman W. Liebert; June 5, 1973, letter from Bissell to the University of Wyoming]

concerning the eventual deposit of his papers; United Aircraft Research Laboratories “Combustion Power Corp. Fluidized Bed Gasifier”]

Personal Chrono File: 1974 (1) – (3) [personal business and social matters; request to Bissell for an anecdote regarding Dwight D. Eisenhower; United Aircraft Corporation ventures; invitation to Bissell to tour the Barney Center at the University of Connecticut; November 26, 1974 letter to Bissell from Rockwood Q.P. Chin of the University of Connecticut thanking Bissell for delivering a colloquium; November 6, 1974, letter from Bissell to Joseph W. Also regarding the appraisal and sale of antiques; February 1973 Department of State Planning and Coordination Staff document entitled “The U.S. Role in an Evolving World”; April 23, 1974, letter from Dwight W. Morrow, Jr. to William Randolph Hearst regarding the portrayal of President Richard Nixon in newspapers; July 17, 1974, letter from Bissell to the University of Wyoming concerning the eventual deposit of his papers; June 10, 1974, letter from Bissell to Walter J. Levison regarding Bissell’s departure from the United Aircraft Corporation, his work at the University of Hartford and other matters; May 6, 1974, letter from C.R. Bergman of the Newark College of Engineering search committee inviting Bissell to apply for the position of college president; proposal sent to Bissell for a book entitled “Altensofil: An Alternate Energy Source File”; March 13, 1974, letter from Walt W. Rostow to Douglas S. Blaufarb regarding President John F. Kennedy and guerrilla warfare; Bissell’s answers to Gallup questionnaire regarding Japan’s role in Asia and U.S. – Japanese trade relations]

Personal Chrono File: 1975 [personal business and social matters; “Analysis of Free World Economic Trends as Related to Inflation-Impacted International Financial Reserves”; December 30, 1975, letter from Bissell to Clarence L. Johnson regarding Bissell’s testimony before Congress on intelligence matters, his thoughts on the state of the intelligence community, and his current activities; Walter F. Hahn article from the Winter 1975 edition of the *Strategic Review* entitled “Nuclear Proliferation”]

Personal Chrono File: 1976 [personal business and social matters; July 30, 1976 letter from Bissell to Richard Bissell (Dubuque, Iowa) regarding Bissell’s parents and genealogy; “China and the Oil Crisis” by Bruce J. Esposito; Farmington Historical Society; energy conservation; January 1976 letters to and from James F. Sears regarding Bissell’s ancestors and genealogy; January 21, 1976, letter from Bissell to the University of Wyoming concerning the eventual deposit of his papers]

Personal Chrono File: 1977 [personal business and social matters; October 24, 1977, letter from Bissell to James R. Killian in which Bissell discusses the productivity of the Eisenhower years, the development of the relationship between the White House and the intelligence community during the Eisenhower years, and other matters; demographics of the North East; solar

power; January 19, 1977, letter from the University of Wyoming to Bissell concerning the eventually deposit of his papers; January 31, 1977, from Bissell to Alexandria Merrill regarding his thoughts on hedonism, introspection and other matters]

Personal Chrono File: 1978 (1) [personal business and social matters; Bissell clothing purchases; December 21, 1978, letter from Bissell to Lyman and Doreen Spitzer regarding Bissell's activities and family; Farmington land use; October 19, 1978, letter from Bissell to Paul H. Nitze concerning the U.S. military budget]

- 18 Personal Chrono File: 1978 (2) [personal business and social matters; George Marshall statue at Virginia Military Institute; June 22, 1978, letter from the University of Wyoming to Bissell concerning the eventually deposit of his papers; June 5, 1978, letter from Bissell to Leila Fendrick regarding Bissell family vacation; May 16, 1978, letter from Bissell to Carl L. Brolin regarding Bissell's 1931 fall from Pinnacle Rock and Brolin's involvement; Yale University business; April 25, 1978, letter from Bissell to Mr. Michael and Mrs. (Alexandria) Merrill regarding introspection and hedonism]

Personal Chrono File: 1979 [personal business and social matters; elegy for Wilmarth Sheldon Lewis; October 11, 1979, letter from Bissell to Yale University regarding the disposition of his papers; May 1, 1979 announcement from Reid & Priest regarding former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) director William E. Colby; essay entitled "Big Nannie" for the Monday Evening Club]

Personal Chrono File: 1980 [personal business and social matters; Bissell vacation plans; October 27, 1980, letter from Bissell to Seldon Rodman regarding Bissell's consulting business; Bissell and artwork; April 14, 1980, invitation to Bissell from Victoria S. Price for a party given on behalf of Eleanor Lansing Dulles; Groton School; February 11, 1980, letter to Bissell from U.S. Congressional Representative Toby Moffett regarding Bissell's opposition to H.R. 777, the proposal to cover public employees under the National Labor Relations Act]

Personal Chrono File: 1981 [personal business and social matters; invitation to Bissell from the Under Secretary of the Air Force to attend a cocktail party in honor of the Office of Space Systems (SAFSS); Bissell speeding fine; document entitled "Comments on a Land Policy for New England" by A. M. Woodruff; April 2, 1981, letter to Bissell from Mary Hoagland inquiring if Bissell would speak to her class]

Personal Chrono File: 1982 - 1983 [personal business and social matters; December 21, 1983 letter to Bissell from Max Singer, President of the

Potomac Organization, Incorporated; November 28, 1983 letter to Bissell from Captain Richard "Dick" B. Laning, United States Navy (Ret.) enclosing an unpublished article entitled "It All Happened So Fast!" intended for the U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings; December 4, 1982, form letter to Bissell from Robert McNamara enclosing "The Road Ahead", a speech on apartheid delivered by McNamara]

Personal Chrono File: 1984 - 1989 (1) – (3) [personal business and social matters; invitations to Bissell to participate in the People-to-People Economics delegation to the Soviet Union; January 6, 1989, letter from Bissell to Scott Thompson on the subject of East-West trade issues; November 23, 1988, letter from Bissell to J. David Reno in which Bissell discusses his family's genealogy and one Sergeant Daniel A. Bissell; February 2, 1988, letter from the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace concerning the eventual deposit of Bissell's papers; December 1, 1987, request to Bissell from Michael Burke of the Summit Hotel for a photograph to be displayed in the hotel restaurant; requests from individuals who wish to author Bissell's biography; memorial tributes for Allison Gordon, wife of Lincoln Gordon; Ambassador Paul H. Nitze's "Thoughts on Dealing With the Financial and Fiscal Future"; April 24, 1985, letter to Bissell from David Irvy of the Department of Insurance & Finance, Barney School of Business, University of Hartford concerning Bissell's retirement from the Covenant board; November 15, 1984, letter to Bissell from Ernest W. Lefever of the Ethics and Policy Center inviting Bissell to a reception for Ambassador Paul H. Nitze, related material]

- 19 Personal Chrono File: 1984 - 1989 (4) [personal business and social matters; personal loan extended by Bissell; letters to Bissell from Ernest W. Lefever of the Ethics and Policy Center concerning a reception for Ambassador Paul H. Nitze]

Personal Chrono File: 1990 – 1994 (1) – (3) [personal business and social matters; continuing work on Bissell's memoirs; death of Hector Charles Prud'homme; "Self-Perception and National Security Policy"; Bissell's self-perception, thoughts on national security policy, and voting record in presidential elections from 1932 to 1988; Groton School]

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