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HEILBRONN, KURT: Papers, 1944-52

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The papers of Kurt Heilbronn were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in March 1993.

Linear feet: -1
Approximate number of pages: 600
Approximate number of items: 400

Kurt Heilbronn signed an instrument of gift for his papers on April 5, 1993. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Mr. Heilbronn in this collection and in all other collections of papers received by the National Archives were retained by Mr. Heilbronn until his death. After his death such rights pass to the public. Under terms of the instrument of gift, the following classes of items are withheld from research use:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Kurt Heilbronn was born in Germany in 1910 and immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1924. The family settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where Heilbronn worked for a candy company and took flying lessons. At the start of World War II he joined the Air Transport Command and ferried military airplanes around the United States. In April 1945 he was transferred to Europe and assigned to Dwight D. Eisenhower's flight crew. In December 1945 he returned to the U.S. and was stationed at Bolling Field and Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, DC, until his discharge in May 1946. He then returned to Philadelphia where he obtained a job as a pilot with the Philadelphia Bulletin newspaper.

The papers of Kurt Heilbronn consist primarily of his military personnel file. This contains copies of orders and official correspondence relating to his military career, but has no information on his duties as Eisenhower's pilot.

The collection also contains an electrostatic copy of portions of Heilbronn's flight log (the original log was retained by Mr. Heilbronn). The entries cover March 1945 to May 1946 and list the flights on which Mr. Heilbronn served as Eisenhower's pilot. A few newspaper clippings also briefly describe Mr. Heilbronn's work for General Eisenhower. More detailed information on Mr. Heilbronn's duties as Eisenhower's pilot is given in an oral history interview by Mr. Heilbronn which is in the oral history collection of the Eisenhower Library.

CONTAINER LIST

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1	Clippings
	Flight Log [copy of entries for March 1945 to May 1946]
	Memorabilia (1) [Two pages of stationary reportedly taken from Adolf Hitler's train.]
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	201 File Jan.-Aug. 1945
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	201 File Miscellaneous Items (1) (2)

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