MATERIALS IN THE EISENHOWER LIBRARY HOLDINGS RELATING TO
NUCLEAR TESTING

Introduction

The Eisenhower Library holds a large quantity of documentation pertaining to nuclear testing and nuclear weapons policy in general. Some of this is readily located under headings such as “Atomic Energy Commission” or “Nuclear Testing.” Much of this information, however, is found within chronologically arranged files and considerable searching onsite is necessary to cover this topic thoroughly.

A considerable portion of the relevant documentation is security classified, either in full or in part, and therefore remains closed to research. However, a substantial quantity of documentation has been opened and researchers can find useful information on nuclear testing, radiation and related topics in the Library’s holdings. This guide lists and briefly describes nuclear related materials by major collection with the emphasis on nuclear testing, fallout, radiation, and national and international concerns and discussions of these topics.
A. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER’S PAPERS AS PRESIDENT (Ann Whitman file)

1. Administration Series. Boxes 4-5, Atomic Energy Commission. The place to begin most nuclear policy related research projects is probably Boxes 4-5 which contain 25 file folders entitled “Atomic Energy Commission” covering the period 1953-61. These folders contain numerous letters from Lewis Strauss and John McCone to the president, presidential letters and statements, memoranda of conversation, reports, and printed material. Subjects include underwater tests, nuclear tests in the Pacific and in Nevada with correspondence detailing tests and their purposes with a few references to forces mobilized at proving grounds. Also found here is the report “Human Effects of Nuclear Weapons Development” issued in November 1956 and a memorandum of the President’s meeting with the committee which produced the report. Tests referred to in correspondence include IVY, PILGRIM, PLUMBOB, and HARDTACK. About 60 pages remain classified in this Atomic Energy Commission file. Other folders to check in Administration Series include the following:

- Box 5, Atoms For Peace
- Box 9, Operation Candor (1) (2)
- Box 11, Cutler, General Robert L., 1958 (1) – (3) – nuclear testing
- Box 11, Dearborn, F.M., 1957 – nuclear testing
- Box 14, Federal Civil Defense Administration – Human Effects of Nuclear Weapons Development
- Box 15, Flemming, Arthur S., 1959-61 (1) – (3) - radiation protection
- Box 16, Gray, Gordon (1) – (3) – nuclear test ban
- Box 19, Hoegh, Leo A. – protection from radioactive fallout
- Box 20, Hughes, Emmet J, 1956-57 - nuclear testing
- Box 21, H-Bomb Statement – for possible use (Oct. 1956)
- Box 22, Jackson, William H. (1) (2) – Operation REDWING
- Box 23, Killian, James R. – nuclear test ban; ARGUS
- Box 23, Kissinger Book – Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy
- Box 25, McElroy, Neil H., 1957-58 (2) (3) – nuclear testing
- Box 25, McElroy, Neil H., 1959 (1) – (4) nuclear testing
- Box 29, Nuclear Weapons – Instructions for Use June 1958
- Box 41, Wilson, Charles E., 1956 (1) – (3) – dispersal of atomic weapons

2. ACW Diary Series

- Box 2, ACW Diary April 1954 (3) – note by DDE on atomic bomb
- Box 3, ACW Diary November 1954 (1) – comparative nuclear capabilities of US and USSR
- Box 8, Apr. ’56 Diary- acw (1)– H-bomb testing

3. Cabinet Series. This series is a source of key documentation of the continuity of government exercises known as Operation Alert. These reflect planning for possible nuclear attacks and aftermath. Not all references to Operation Alert will be listed in this report but anyone wanting to pursue this topic should check the finding aid to this series carefully.

- Box 5, Special Cabinet Meeting of June 17, 1955 – (held at Operation Alert
Emergency relocation site and contains detailed discussion by President and Cabinet on what is to be done after a nuclear strike to carry on governmental functions

Box 7, Cabinet Meeting of July 13, 1956 – Operations Alert
Box 7, Cabinet Meeting of July 25, 1956 – Operation Alert
Box 8, Cabinet Meeting of February 1, 1957 – Operation Alert
Box 9, Special Cabinet Meeting on Operation Alert – July 19, 1957
Box 11, Cabinet Meeting of May 2, 1958 – Operation Alert 1958
Box 13, Cabinet Meeting of March 6, 1959 – radiation problems - wheat, dirty tests
Box 15, Cabinet Meeting of December 11, 1959 – discussion of film and book On The Beach re nuclear war

4. DDE Diary Series. This is a rich series containing a wealth of documentation on numerous topics. References to nuclear matters can be found scattered throughout. Please note: the finding aid to this series, although extensively subject annotated, is outdated because when it was prepared in 1975 it listed only subjects of documents which, at that time, were already declassified and open for research. Since 1975 many documents in this series, including some on nuclear matters, have been declassified. The items listed below are taken from the finding aid so it is likely that the series taken from the finding aid so it is likely that the series contains other material of interest as well. The Goodpaster “memcons” found in this series from January 1956 on constitute an especially important source of information on most aspects of the Eisenhower Administration’s national security policy and these are filed in folders normally entitled “Goodpaster Memos” or “Staff Memos” or under similar titles. Many of these Goodpaster “memcons” were not declassified until well after 1975 and some of them are still classified in full or more frequently in part.

Box 4, DDE Diary December 1953 (1) (2) – DDE and Atoms for Peace
Box 12, Jan ’56 Diary – presentation re damage from nuclear war
Box 13, Mar ’56 Goodpaster – press invitations to U.S. atomic tests
Box 15, May ’56 Goodpaster – atomic energy matters
Box 17, Aug. ’56 Diary – Strauss and fissionable material
Box 18, Oct. ’56 Phone Calls – draft H-bomb statement and atomic bomb as campaign issue
Box 19, Nov. ’56 Diary – Staff Memos – nuclear weapons
Box 24, May ’57 Miscellaneous (1) – (5) – DDE to Sterling Cole re nuclear testing
Box 25, July 1957 - DDE Dictation – comments by DDE on Kissinger’s Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy
Box 26, August – 1957 – Memo on Appt. (1) (2) – atomic energy
Box 31, Staff Notes March 1958 (1) (2) – Operation HARDTACK
Box 32, Staff Notes April 1958 (1) (2) – Sen. Anderson on dirty bombs; memo re nuclear testing
Box 33, June 1958 – Staff Notes (1) – (3) – atomic testing
Box 35, August 1958 – Staff Notes (1) - (3) - atomic tests; nuclear attack studies
Box 37, Staff Notes Nov. 1958 – Sen. Gore & nuclear testing
Box 39, Staff Notes February 1959 (1) (2) – nuclear test suspension
5. Dulles-Herter Series

Box 2, Dulles - - April 1954 (1) (2) – international control of atomic weapons; nuclear testing
Box 3, Dulles, John Foster - - May 1954 (1) (2) – Japan and Fukuryu Maru; moratorium on testing of nuclear weapons
Box 4, Dulles, John Foster - - July 1954 (3) – Arthur Fleming and moratorium on nuclear testing
Box 8, Dulles, John Foster Dec ’56 – nuclear testing
Box 9, Dulles, John Foster July 1957 – nuclear testing
Box 9, Dulles, John Foster September 1957 – nuclear testing
Box 10, Dulles, John Foster April 1958 (1) – nuclear testing & disarmament

6. International Series. This is arranged alphabetically by country with specific topics not identified on the shelf list. Users may want to consult file folders for United Kingdom, USSR, and Japan.

7. Legislative Meetings Series

Box 1, Meeting of February 1, 1954 – memorandum re AEC legislation
Box 2, Bipartisan Congressional Meeting, March 25, 1957 – atomic weapons and testing
Box 3, Meeting of April 1, 1958 – nuclear test cessation
Box 3, Meeting of August 12, 1958 – nuclear attack studies

8. Name Series

Box 6, Congressman Sterling Cole
Box 7, Cousins, Norman – atomic weapons testing and disarmament
Box 8, Donovan, General William – nuclear weapons
Box 16, Goodpaster, Col. Andrew J. – brief of article re government & private property after nuclear attack
Box 16, Hagerty, Jas. C. – disarmament & suspension of nuclear testing

9. NSC Series. This is one of the most important sources of documentation reflecting the discussion of high level Administration national security policy in the Library’s holdings. The approximate 350 Summaries of NSC discussions include frank statements
by the President and members of his administration on numerous issues including nuclear matters. The listing below is only selective and users are urged to check the finding aid for related topics which may not be listed here. (For instance, the discussions of Basic National Security Policy may include references to nuclear weapons and their uses). To save space this report will list by box only dates and numbers of NSC meetings at which atomic energy and nuclear matters were discussed. Portions of many of these summaries are still security-classified.


Box 9, 326th – 6/13/57 – nuc. weapons 333rd - 8/1/57 – human effect of nuclear weapons development; 347th – 12/5/57; 348th -12/12/57; 359th – 3/20/58

Box 10, 360th – 3/17/58; 361st – 4/3/58 – nuclear testing; 370th – 6/26/58; 372nd – 7/14/58 – nuclear weapons; 379th – 9/18/58; 382nd – 10/13/58; 383rd – 10/16/58; 384th – 10/30/58; 392nd – 12/23/58

Box 11, 423rd – 11/5/59

Box 12, 429th – 12/16/59; 435th – 2/18/60; Special Meeting – 2/18/60

Box 13, 455th – 8/12/60; 457th – 8/25/60; 464th – 10/20/60; 474th – 1/12/61 – nuclear testing

10. Presidential Transition Series
11. Press Conferences Series. In addition to the transcripts of presidential press conferences which are published in The Public Papers of the President, this series contains pre-press conference notes of private sessions between the President and his staff, memoranda, draft statements and other materials prepared for the press conferences.

Box 2, Press conference 3/31/54 – notes, annotations, press release of statement by Lewis Strauss re nuclear testing
Box 4, Press Conference 8/4/55 – Russian thermonuclear bomb
Box 4, Press Conference 4/25/56 – H-bomb tests
Box 4, Press Conference 5/23/56 – H-bomb tests
Box 6, Press Conference 7/17/57 – clean bomb
Box 6, Press Conference 8/7/57 – jettison of an atomic bomb
Box 7, Press Conference 4/9/58 – Pacific tests
Box 7, Press Conference 8/6/58 – nuclear blasts
Box 7, Press Conference 10/1/58 – Russian atomic explosions
Box 8, Press Conference 11/5/58 – Crash of Air Force bomber carrying atomic weapon
Box 8, Press Conference 6/17/59 – nuclear test negotiations
Box 8, Press Conference 7/8/59 - nuclear test discussions
Box 9, Press and Radio conference 12/2/59 – French Sahara tests
Box 9, Feb. 3, 1960-Press Conference – briefing papers re Geneva test ban
Box 10, Press & Radio Conf. 2/17/60 – briefing papers re French atomic tests; Geneva test ban negotiations
Box 10, Press Conference March 16, 1960 – Sahara tests
Box 10, Press Conf. 4/27/60 – test ban negotiations
Box 10, Press & Radio Conference 5/11/60 – underground nuc. testing
Box 10, Press Conference 8/17/60 – test ban negotiations
Box 10, Press Conference 8/24/60 – test ban negotiations
Box 10, Press Conference 9/17/60 – test ban negotiations

12. Speech Series

Box 17, H-bomb Speech – drafts for possible use 10/15-16/56
Box 27, Test suspension Statement – 8/22/58

B. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER’S RECORDS AS PRESIDENT  (White House Central Files)

This collection is the largest body of Presidential materials in the Eisenhower Library’s holdings. It contains several major series including the Confidential File, primarily an alphabetically arranged subject series containing a large quantity of high level national security policy material, the Official File, arranged numerically by code and containing official executive
branch policy material, Congressional Correspondence, and public opinion correspondence, and also the General File, also arranged numerically by code and weighted more towards Congressional and public opinion. Because of the size of these files only selected folder titles are listed in this report. Researchers should consult the archives staff and the file manuals and shelf lists to the White House Central Files to insure thorough coverage of topics.

1. Confidential File

Boxes 7-9, Atomic Energy & Bomb (24 file folders). While the bulk of the documentation in these folders pertains to atomic energy agreements between the United States and various countries, these folders do contain scattered items concerning tests including fact sheet on high altitude nuclear test and assessment of radiation.

Boxes 12-13, Candor and United Nations Speech (26 file folders). These folders constitute a key source of information on the Candor/Atoms For Peace operation leading to Presidents Eisenhower’s speech at the UN on December 8, 1953. Also contains material reflecting follow up efforts and thinking on public fears of nuclear weapons.

Box 18, Conference on Nuclear Test Suspension
Box 63, Russia (9) – free world fears of the bomb

2. Official File

Boxes 212-214, OF 61 Atomic Energy Commission through
OF61-D AEC Hospital and OF61-E Committee on Environment Studies
Boxes 448-450, OF 108 Atomic Energy-Atomic Power, but especially Boxes
450-451, OF108-A Atomic Weapons, Atomic & Hydrogen Bombs through OF108-D Operation Ivy Film. These contain correspondence, statements and printed material concerning nuclear tests, and fallout matters. This material is unclassified and is available for research.
Box 457, OF 108-I-Radiation, Radioactive Fallout & WH Conference on Fallout Protection


Boxes 50-50, Atomic Energy Commission – 1953-61
Box 88, OF 108-A Atomic Weapons, 1953-56 & 57-60
Box 88, OF 108-D Operation Ivy Film
Box 88, OF 108-I Radiation

4. General File

Box 347, GF-24- Atomic Energy Commission
Boxes 1213-1214, GF155 – Atomic Energy
Boxes 1214-1216, GF 155-A & 155-B – Atomic Bomb, Hydrogen Bomb
5. General File Cross Reference Sheets

Box 63, GF 24 – Atomic Energy Commission 1953-60
Box 213, GF 155 Atomic Energy
Boxes 213-214, GF155-A Atomic Bomb & GF155-B-Hydrogen Bomb

C. WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS (Robert Cutler, Dillon Anderson, and Gordon Gray) Records: 1953-61

These records document the functioning of the White House Office responsible for preparing agendas for National Security Council meetings, developing policy papers for discussion and approval at NSC meetings, preparing briefing notes for use in Council discussions, following up on the implementation of approved papers through the mechanism of the Operations Coordinating Board, and in general interacting with the President on the long range planning of national security policy. This collection is one of the most important in the Library for documenting nuclear matters during the Eisenhower Administration and researchers should examine the finding aid carefully and consult with the archives staff concerning the nature of these materials. A significant quantity of documentation in these records is security-classified and not available for research.

1. FBI Series. This is a 13 box series containing correspondence and reports prepared by the FBI on the Communist Party, perceptions of Communist Party activity and other subversive groups and actions. Information on FBI reporting on alleged communist involvement with anti-nuclear test protests can be found in these files. The finding aid contains titles of specific FBI reports. Correspondence in this series is arranged alphabetically and should be examined. This series has been subjected to mandatory declassification action and a significant portion has been declassified but many documents remain classified in full or are heavily sanitized.

2. NSC Series, Briefing Notes Subseries. Despite its name this series contains in addition to briefing notes, correspondence, memoranda of conversations including the meeting of principals at the Geneva Nuclear Test Cessation talks, reports, messages, and other materials. Some documents are still security-classified and not available.

   Box 1, AEC - - Policy on Use of Atomic Weapons
   Box 1, AEC - - Nuclear Testing 1954-59
   Box 1, Atomic Energy, Peaceful Use of
   Box 2, Atomic Testing – Eniwetok Test - - Summer of 1958 (Reduced Radioactive Fallout)
   Box 2, Atomic Testing - - Suspension of Nuclear Testing and Surprise Attack 1958-60 (1 ) – (6)
   Box 3, Atomic Testing - - Suspension of Nuclear Testing and Surprise Attack (7) – (9)
   Box 3, Atomic Weapons, Policy Regarding Use of 1957-60
Box 4, Clandestine Introduction of Atomic Weapons into U.S.
Box 5, Continental Defense, US Policy on (1) (2)
Box 6, Continental Defense, US Policy on (3)
Box 6, Disarmament and Nuclear Test Ban Negotiations 1958-59
Box 9, Human Effects of Nuclear Weapons Development (1) – (4)
Box 14, Nuclear Policy 1958
Box 16, Surprise Attack Negotiations 1958

3. NSC Series, Policy Papers Subseries

Box 2, NSC 112/1 Disarmament (1) – (6)
Box 3, NSC 126- Public Statements re atomic weapons
Box 12, NSC 5431/1 – Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy
Box 14, NSC 5507/2 – Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy (1) – (3)
Box 16, NSC 5522 – Technological Capabilities Panel (1) – (3)
Box 22, NSC 5724 – Gaither Report
Box 22, NSC 5725/1 – Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy (1) (2)
Box 23, NSC 5725/1 – Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy (3)
Box 23, NSC 5802/1 – Continental Defense – nuclear matter
Box 24, NSC 5807/1 – Shelter Program (1) – (6) effects of fallout
Box 29, NSC 6104 – Measures to Provide shelter from Radioactive Fallout

4. NSC Series, Status of Projects Subseries. This series includes reports on status of US National Security Programs submitted twice a year from 1953-61 by agency. These include reports on the atomic energy program most of which are still classified. Users should also check the status reports on military programs and the civil defense programs.

Box 3, NSC 142 (1) – the military program
Box 3, NSC 142 (4) – the civil defense program
Box 3, NSC 161 (2) – the military program
Box 3, NSC 161, Vol. I (4) – the atomic energy program
Box 4, NSC 161, Vol II (2) the civil defense program
Box 4, NSC 5407, (1) the military program
Box 4, NSC 5407 (4) - the atomic energy program
Box 5, NSC 5430 (2) – military program; (4) – atomic energy program
Box 5, NSC 5509 (1) (2) – military program; (6) – atomic energy program
Box 6, NSC 5525 (1) – military program; (5) – atomic energy program
Box 6, NSC 5611, Part I. (1) – (3) – Military Program
Box 7, NSC 5720 (1) – military program; (4) atomic energy program
Box 8, NSC 5819 (1) (2) - Military Program; (4) atomic energy program
Box 8, NSC 5912 (1) (2) - military program; (5) atomic energy program
Box 9, NSC 6013 (1) – military program; (3) atomic energy program

5. NSC Series, Subject Subseries. Box 1 of this series contains presidential directives on use of atomic weapons (classified) and memoranda re atomic weapons tests; box 6 is also a source of information.
Box 1, Atomic Weapons, Presidential Approval and Instructions for Use of (1) – (5) – virtually all classified
Box 1, Atomic Weapons, Correspondence and Background For Presidential Approval and Instructions for use of (1) (6) – classified
Box 1, Atomic Energy – Miscellaneous 1952-54 (1) – (4) – information on Nevada tests, Operation TEAPOT
Box 1, Atomic Weapons and Classified Intelligence (1) (2)
Box 2-4, Continental Defense, Study of (26 folders)
Box 6, Nuclear Testing (1) – (8) – human effects of nuclear testing; statements re nuclear weapons; cessation of testing

6. OCB Series, Administrative Subseries

Box 1, Chronological – F.M. Dearborn, Apr-July 1957 (1) (2) (4) – nuclear Testing
Box 1, Chronological - F.M. Dearborn, August-Oct. 1957 (2) – Soviet nuclear testing
Box 1, Chronological – Karl G. Harr, Jan-March 1958 (1) (3) (4) – nuclear testing
Box 2, Chronological – Karl G. Harr, January 1960-Jan. 1961 (1) – disposal of radioactive wastes in Gulf of Mexico
Box 2, Operations Coordinating Board – General (3) – Operation HARDTACK; (5) nuclear testing
Box 3-5, OCB Minutes of Meetings 1955-1960 – many still classified

7. OCB Series, Subject Subseries

Box 3, Miscellaneous (1) 1955-56 – 8 inch atomic howitzer
Box 4, Miscellaneous (6) Jan-Apr. 1959 – nuclear testing
Box 4, Miscellaneous (9) Nov 1959-Feb 1960 – CIA use of RESTRICTED DATA
Box 4, Missile Publicity (1) (2) – bio-medical flights; nuclear explosions
Box 4-5, Nuclear Energy Matters (1) – (8) 1955-1960 – information on on fallout; effects of nuclear weapons; testing, clean weapons; Federal Radiation Council; release of information; movie On the Beach; disposal of nuclear wastes. Some of this material is still classified

8. Papers Received since January 10, 1961 Series

Box 1, Papers Received since January 10, 1961 (1) (5) – nuclear testing; fallout shelters

9. Special Assistant’s Series, Chronological Subseries
Box 1, June 1955 (3) – nuclear testing
Box 1, September 1955 (3) (6) – human effects of nuclear weapons development; a nuclear weapons development
Box 2, October 1955 (1) – nuclear weapons development
Box 2, October 1955 (6) – atomic testing
Box 2, December 1955 (1) – atomic energy matters
Box 2, January 1956 (5) – nuclear energy matters
Box 3, March 1956 (2) – human effects of nuclear weapons development
Box 3, March 1956 (5) – nuclear weapons development
Box 3, July 1956 (3) (4) – nuclear tests
Box 4, February 1957 (1) – human effects of nuclear weapons development
Box 4, February 1957 (4) – atomic energy matters
Box 4, March 1957 (2) – human effects of nuclear weapons development
Box 5, July 1957 (3) – nuclear testing
Box 5, August 1957 (1) – nuclear weapons development
Box 5, December 1957 – human effects of nuclear weapons development
Box 5, March 1958 (2) – hazards of radioactive fallout
Box 5, March 1958 (3) – clean bomb test

10. Special Assistant Series, Name Subseries

Box 2, E-General (5)-(10) – Elliott Earl and Institute for Nuclear Serology re dangers of radiation
Box 3, K-General (3) - Henry Kissinger & paper on nuclear testing
Box 3, K-General (4) - Herman Kahn & nuclear war
Box 4, R-General (1) – history of Operation REDWING (98 page report; still classified as of January 1994)

11. Special Assistant Series, Presidential Subseries

Box 1, President’s Papers 1953 (3) – nuclear weapons
Box 2, President’s Papers 1954 (2) - Operation IVY film
Box 2, President’s Papers 1955 (4) - nuclear matters
Box 2, President’s Papers 1955 (6) - nuclear weapons
Box 3, Pending Material (President) 1957 (3) – nuclear weapons statements
Box 3, Meetings with the President 1958 (2) – nuclear matters
Box 3, Meetings with President 1958 (3) (4) – nuclear tests
Box 4, Meetings with President 1959 (2) (3) (6) - nuclear tests
Box 4, Meetings with the President June-Dec. 1959 (1) (6) – nuclear weapons
Box 4, Meetings with the President 1960 Vol. I (1) – Eniwetok Proving Grounds
Box 4, Meetings with President 1960 Vol I (3) – nuclear test negotiations
Special Assistant Series, Subject Subseries

12. Box 1, AEC (Atomic Energy Commission) Development of high yield thermonuclear weapon 1952-57 (1) (2)
   Box 1, Atomic Energy Commission – General (1) – (11) January 1953-December 1960 – atomic resting; radiological defense; Operation TEAPOT; AEC report on major activities; NSC-OCB visit to Nevada test; and other nuclear topics. Some items are still classified.
   Box 4, Disarmament-General-1957 (1) (2) – nuclear tests
   Box 5, Elliott, William Y. (6) – use of nuclear weapons as industrial tool; Bertrand Russell and U.S. use of nuclear weapons
   Box 6, Murray (Commissioner of AEC)-Nov 1956-July 1957 (1) – (3) – nuclear weapons
   Box 7, Science and Research General (7) – underground nuclear explosions
   Box 8, Science and Technology, Special Assistant to President (1) – (3) – inspection problems
   Box 10, Trips (2) – Tour of Nevada test site by OCB and Planning Board members
   Box 10, Project VELA – detection of nuclear detonations
   Box 11, Nuclear Testing 1958


This body of office files primarily documents Andrew Goodpaster and his assistants, John Eisenhower and Arthur Minnich in coordinating national security policy between the White House and the executive branch agencies. This office apparently did the short term crisis management of national security issues as contrasted with the long term policy planning conducted in the Office of the Special Assistant for National Security Affairs. These records constitute a valuable source of information on nuclear matters during the Eisenhower Administration. A significant portion of the documentation is security-classified.

1. Cabinet Series and Legislative Meetings Series. These contain Arthur Minnich’s handwritten notes of meetings and often include more details of discussions than found in the typed Cabinet minutes and legislative leaders meeting notes found in the Ann Whitman File. Users should compare these meeting notes with the typed records and use the shelf lists to the series in the Whitman File as a guide.


4. L. Arthur Minnich Series. Box 1 contains a file of memoranda prepared by Arthur Minnich and arranged alphabetically by subject. These contain anecdotal and policy related material and should be checked for possible references to nuclear weapons and related topics.

5. Subject Series, Alpha Subseries. This is a key file of policy material and the shelf list should be checked carefully. Much of this documentation is still classified in full or in part.

Box 2, ARGUS – high-altitude nuclear test explosions
Box 3-4, Atomic Energy Commission Vols I, II, & III (20 folders covering period June 1954 – January 1961). These contain a significant quantity of documentation on such topics as nuclear explosions and testing, Operation REDWING, press coverage of Pacific tests, Operation HARDTACK, ARGUS, safety problems, and nuclear test ban negotiations.
Box 4, Atomic Energy Commission (Accountable Documents) (1) – (7) – statements on nuclear weapons; nuclear testing; production of nuclear material; dispersal of atomic weapons
Box 4, AEC Documents Inventory (1) – (11) – AEC semiannual status reports to the President 1953-61; These are security-classified as of January 1994.
Box 4-5, Atomic Energy, Joint Committee on (1) – (6)
Box 5, Atomic Energy Matters (AEC, Defense) Presidential Actions (1) – (12) Operation HARDTACK; Operation PLUMBBOB; other matters
Box 5, Atomic Weapons – Composition of Stockpile
Box 5, Atomic Weapon Policy re use of
Box 16, Dr. Kistiakowsky (1) – (6) – nuclear testing; disposal of radioactive wastes
Box 20, Nevada – Trip to Atomic Test Site (1) – (3) – NSC-OCB visit to Nevada Test Site; Livermore Radiation Laboratory reports re non military uses of nuclear explosions
Box 21, Nuclear Testing-Campaign Material (1) – (3)
Box 21, Nuclear Testing—Cessation
Box 22, Operations Coordinating Board Vol II (1) – nuclear tests
Box 23, - Science Advisory Committee (1) – (6) – nuclear test ban negotiations

6. Subject Series, Department of Defense Subseries

Box 1, Department of Defense Vol II (6) – accidents involving nuclear weapons
Box 1, Department of Defense Vol. III (3) (4) – atomic weapons
Box 1, Department of Defense, Vol. III (6) – plutonium production reactor at Hanford
Box 3, Defense-Classified (1) – (3) – low-yield fusion weapons
Box 4, Joint Chiefs of Staff (2) – thermonuclear tests
Box 4, Joint Chiefs of Staff (7) – nuclear weapons tests
Box 6-9, folders on missiles and satellites – involve nuclear warheads, and testing

7. Subject Series, State Department Subseries

Box 3, State Department-1959 Feb-April (1) – (5) – nuclear test negotiations
Box 3, State Department-1959 May-Sept. (1) (2) – nuclear test negotiations
Box 4, State Department-1960 March-May (2) – (6) – nuclear test ban

8. Subject Series, White House Subseries

Box 2, General Robert Cutler Vol. I (1) (2) – nuclear weapons
Box 4, Dr. Killian (2) (3) – nuclear explosions and underground testing

E. WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL STAFF: Papers, 1947-1961

This office file documents some of the NSC components including the Executive Secretary to the NSC, the Psychological Strategy Board, the Operations Coordinating Board and the NSC Staff. The Executive Secretary’s Subject Series contains an extensive file of atomic weapons materials covering both the Truman and Eisenhower Administrations. This is one of the most important files on this subject in the Library’s holdings and should be researched thoroughly as it contains Presidential directives and memoranda relating to nuclear testing and test sites as well as other nuclear weapons matters. The OCB was responsible for considering the psychological and public relations impact of various Administration national security policies. The OCB Central Files series contains an Atomic Energy file which reflects thinking on how to handle and control the impact of nuclear tests and fallout controversies on public opinion. An OCB working group was set up to deal with these kinds of things and another one specializing in Japanese affairs dealt with radioactive fallout falling on the Japanese fishing vessel FUKURYU MARU. Consequently, the NSC Staff Papers is a collection which is a must for researchers working on nuclear testing and fallout controversies.

Researchers should note: The NSC Staff Papers are not yet fully processed and the unprocessed portions contain a series known as the “Disaster File” which consists of 80 boxes of NSC policy papers, briefing papers, presentations, directives and other materials. Much but not all of this is duplicated in files in the Library’s holdings already processed. Most of this Disaster File is still security-classified and portions of the pertinent documentation in the processed series are also classified.
1. Executive Secretary’s Subject File Series
Boxes 1-5 and part of Box 6 deal entirely with nuclear weapons matters and contain Truman and Eisenhower Administration policy documents on nuclear weapons development, human effects of nuclear weapons, development of the hydrogen bomb, nuclear sharing, policy re use of atomic weapons. See in particular Box 4 which contains the following folder titles: “Underground Test,” “Windstorm,” “Greenhouse (1) (2),” “A,B,E,F, -atomic testing 1951,” “Buster-Jangle”, “Tumbler-Snapper”, “Ivy,” “Upshot-Knothole”, “Teapot” and “Safety Tests.” See also Box 5, “#15 Representatives-Tests 1952- -55”

Box 7, #38 Feasibility of Cessation-Nuclear Testing (1) – (4)
Box 7, AEC Program Status Report, 1954 & 1955
Box 7, Atomic Energy Policies
Box 10, Eyes only (1) – (5) – atomic testing
Boxes 17-18, Special Assistant (Cutler) (Anderson) (Jackson) & (Gray) Memoranda 1953-60 – contain references to nuclear weapons matters
Box 18, Special Committee on Atomic Energy

2. OCB Secretariat Series
Box 8, Weapons and Technological Field, Checklist of Possible U.S. Actions in
Box 11-17, OCB 337.minutes – Minutes of OCB meetings from September 1953 – January 1961. This is the most complete set of OCB Minutes in the Library’s holdings. The finding aid does not indicate subjects of each meeting as many of these meeting minutes are still security-classified as of January 1994. Nevertheless, some have been declassified and should be checked for references to atomic matters.

3. Operations Coordinating Board (OCB) Central File Series
Boxes 8-11, OCB OOO.9 Atomic Energy Files 1-6, October 1953-June 1957 (62 file folders) – contain memoranda of meetings of OCB Working Group on Atomic Energy, other memoranda, correspondence, reports, statements on nuclear testing, peaceful uses of atomic energy, biological biological effects of atomic radiation, the Fukuryu Maru incident and Japanese relations with US, Operation PLUMBBOB, reports on overseas reactions to testing, and other topics. Some items are still classified.
Box 46, OCB 091. Japan (File #1) (1) (2) - material re Fukuryu Maru and Pacific testing
Box 124, OCB 471.6 Pacific Proving Ground Tests 1954

4. Psychological Strategy Board (PBS) Central File Series
Box 18, PSB 091.4 United States [Project Candor and atomic energy speech] (1) – (3)
Box 29, PSB 470 Armaments and American Policy; Project Candor

5. Special Staff File Series

Box 1, Atomic Energy—Weapons
Box 3, Human Effects of Nuclear Weapons

F. WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISARMAMENT (Harold Stassen): Records, 1955-58
Boxes 1-3, Disarmament Problems Committee Notes - contain printed reports on effects of atomic radiation
Box 4, DPC Informal Working Group Papers (1) (2) – 4th countries and nuclear tests
Box 5-7, contain 42 file folders entitled “Nuclear Weapons Tests” and cover period from 1955-December 1957. These contain reports, correspondence, messages, telegrams, resolutions, statements and memoranda of conversations. Found here are discussions and reports on Japanese and Marshall Islanders responses to Pacific nuclear tests, papers re legality of tests in area of Trust islands in the Pacific, and even references to suits brought by US residents affected by tests in Nevada. Good collection of reports and clippings on public opinion but also numerous memcons and memoranda reporting UK, Japanese and other governments’ views.

Note: Numerous items in these files relating to nuclear testing remain classified. These may amount to a few hundred pages.


Note: A sizeable portion of these records are still security-classified.

Box 1, ARGUS – nuclear weapon explosions in outer atmosphere
Box 1, AEC (Atomic Energy Commission) December 1957
Box 1, Disarmament-Nuclear (March-April 1958) (1) (2) – report of NSC Ad Hoc Working Group on Cessation of Nuclear Testing
Box 2, Disarmament – Nuclear test Policy – March 1958 – Sept. 1959 – cessation of nuclear testing; inspection problems
Box 2, Nuclear Requirements, Ad Hoc Panel on – safety tests
Box 3, President’s Science Advisory Committee (1) – (5)
Box 5, Atomic Energy – development of national atomic policy
Box 5, AEC (Atomic Energy Commission)
Box 6, Department of Defense (5) – low yield nuclear warfare systems
Box 7, Disarmament-Congressional – nuclear weapons test
Box 7, Disarmament-General (1) – (6) – test ban inspection
Box 7, Disarmament-High Altitude (1) - (3)
Box 8, Disarmament-Nuclear – monitoring of nuclear tests
Box 8, Disarmament-Nuclear Test Policy (1) – (7) – Lollipop test; Geneva nuclear test negotiations; Threshold proposal
Box 13, Nuclear Test Suspension-Seismic Data (1) – (4)
Box 17, White House – Miscellaneous (1) – (5) – effects of nuclear testing

H. WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, STAFF RESEARCH GROUP (Albert Toner and Christopher Russell): Records, 1956-61

Box 2, Atomic Energy Commission 1-725. Consists of material submitted to the White House for inclusion in the Toner Notes prepared for the President. These include memoranda, notes and statements on nuclear testing, radiation and related topics. (some items are still security-classified)
Box 2, Atomic Energy Commission 726—(similar materials to previous folder)
Box 9, Federal Civil Defense Administration
Box 15, Office of Defense Mobilization
Box 15, Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization – 3 folders

I. U.S. PRESIDENT’S SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Records, 1957-61

Box 1-2, Meeting Notes December 1957-December 1960 – handwritten notes, may be difficult to read; still largely security-classified as of January 1994
Box 3, Arms Control – info. re nuclear testing (some items still classified)
Box 4, Nuclear Weapons – includes partially declassified report on AEC and DOD plans for nuclear tests, memorandum re tolerable number of nuclear weapons, nuclear accidents, etc. (some items are still security-classified)
Box 5, Radiation

Please Note: as suggested above, a significant portion of this body of records, probably several hundred pages is still security-classified.

J. WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, CABINET SECRETARIAT: Records, 1953-60

Box 1, Atomic Energy – includes report “Background Information on Nevada Nuclear Tests” - Sept. 1958; Report on Operation HARDTACK Phase II – Project summaries, magazine article, statement and memoranda
K. PERSONAL PAPERS COLLECTION – listed alphabetically by name with specific boxes and file folders indicated

1. Beach, Edward L. : Papers, 1935-62 – Captain Beach commanded, the nuclear powered submarine USS TRITON during a round-the-world voyage. His papers contain information on nuclear power including safety, reactor safeguard, and health physics. Much of this documentation in found in Boxes 22-30 in the Nautical Papers Series. Consult the finding aid for specific titles.


   Box 1, Atomic Energy Commission – contains report “Operation Plumbob Civil Effects Test Group Project Summaries 1957” re radiation, blast biology and other topics. Also includes AEC statement on biology and medicine research in connection with atomic testing

   Box 1, Effectiveness of Civil Defense Actions (1) (2)
   Box 1, Federal Civil Defense Memos (1) – (3)
   Box 2, Federal Civil Defense Reports (1) (2)
   Box 2, Office of Defense Mobilization (1) (2) – human effects.


   Box 22, Atomic Artillery Data, 1950-52 – (113 pp. classified)


   Box 4, Joint Task Force Seven, Operation Redwing, 1956 (1) (2)
   Box 5, Radiation Safety and Major Activities in the Atomic Energy Programs (Printed AEC report) 1956


   Virgil Couch served with the United States civil defense program from 1951 to 1972. He was director of the industrial civil defense program for the Federal Civil Defense Administration (1951-1958), the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization (1958-1961) and the Office of Civil Defense, U.S. Department of Defense (1961-1972). Couch also served as director of atomic test field exercises for the Federal Civil Defense Administration. His papers include reports, studies, and other printed materials on such subjects as atomic testing in Nevada, radioactive fallout, the effect of
nuclear weapons, and fallout shelter programs. See the finding aid for specific folder titles.

6. Dulles, John Foster: Papers, 1951-59

A. General Correspondence and Memoranda Series

Box 1, Memos of Conversation – General – E Through I – Gordon Gray & nuclear test suspension
Box 1, Memos of Conversation – General – L Through M (4) – Thomas Murray re nuclear testing
Box 1, Memos of Conversation – General – S (4) – Admiral Strauss re nuclear testing
Box 2, Strictly Confidential –A-B (2) – nuclear testing
Box 5, Miscellaneous Correspondence – Nov. 25, 1957 – April 3, 1958 – Dulles’ household fallout protection; nuclear testing

B. Draft Presidential Correspondence and Speeches Series

Box 1, Candor Speech Dec. 8, 1953
Box 4, USSR Note & US Reply – Feb. 1958 (1) –(4) – includes comments re nuclear testing

C. JFD Chronological Series

Box 5, John Foster Dulles Chronological November 1953 (1) – (5) – nuclear testing
Box 6, John Foster Dulles Chronological February 1954 (1) –(3) – Chester Bowles’s comments on massive retaliation
Box 7, John Foster Dulles Chronological May 1954 (1) – (5) - nuclear testing
Box 10, John Foster Dulles Chronological December 1954 (1) –(8) – Dulles thesis of retaliatory power; nuclear testing
Box 13, John Foster Dulles Chronological April 1956 (1) –(4) – atomic weapons
Box 14, John Foster Dulles chronological May 1957 (1) – (3) – Thomas Murray and AEC
Box 14, John Foster Dulles Chronological June 1957 (1) - (3) – UK & nuclear weapons
Box 15, John Foster Dulles Chronological August 1957 (1) – (3) – nuclear testing
Box 15, John Foster Dulles Chronological October 1957 (1) - (4) – USSR and nuclear weapons
Box 16, John Foster Dulles Chronological April 1958 (1) –(4) – nuclear testing; Golden Rule and nuclear testing; USSR and nuclear testing
Box 16, John Foster Dulles Chronological May 1958 (1) – (3) – USSR and nuclear testing
Box 16, John Foster Dulles Chronological July 1958 (1) – (4) – nuclear testing
Box 16, John Foster Dulles Chronological August 1958 (1)(2) – nuclear Testing
Box 17, John Foster Dulles Chronological February 1959 – nuclear testing

D. Special Assistants Chronological Series

Box 5, O’Connor – Hanes Chron-February 1954 (1) – (3) – atomic testing
Box 7, O’Connor – Hanes Chronological February 1955 (1) – (3) – AEC and nuclear fallout
Box 11, Macomber – Peacock Chronological September 1957 (1) (2) – USSR and nuclear testing
Box 12, Greene – Boster Chronological March 1958 (1) – (4) – USSR and nuclear testing
Box 12, Greene – Boster Chronological April 1958 (1) - (4) – JCS planning and nuclear matters
Box 13, Greene – Boster chronological May 1958 (1) – (4) – study group on nuclear testing; nuclear testing
Box 13, Greene – Boster Chronological November 1958 (1) – (3) – nuclear test negotiations
Box 14, Greene – Boster Chronological February 1959 (1) – (4) – nuclear test negotiations

E. Subject Series

Box 3, Atomic Weapons and Proposal 1953, 1954, 1955 (1) - (3)
Box 4, Paper on Nuclear Weapons – 1/56 (1) – (5)
Box 7, “Think Pieces” – Drafts (1) (2) – nuclear testing

F. Telephone Conversations Series

Box 2, Telephone Memos (Except to WH) Jan 1, 1954-Feb. 1954 – atomic energy
Box 2, Telephone Memos (ex to & from WH) March 1954 – April 30, 1954 (2) – Lewis Strauss re nuclear bomb tests & effect on ocean
Box 2, Telephone Memos (Except to & from WH) May 1, 1954-June 30, 1954 – nuclear test moratorium
Box 3, Telephone Conv – General Nov. 1, 1954 -- Dec. 31, 1954 (2) – Lewis Strauss and moratorium on atomic testing
Box 3, Telephone Conv. – General Mar 7, 1955 – Apr. 29, 1955 (4) – Lewis Strauss and fall-out statement
Box 4, Telephone Conv. – General Sept. 1, 1955 to December 30, 1955 (2) – Vatican and nuclear testing
Box 5, Memoranda of Telcon General January 3, 1956 – April 30, 1956 (5) – Lewis Strauss and disarmament
Box 5, Memoranda of Telcon. General January 3, 1956 – April 30, 1956 (8) – Cardinal Spellman & nuclear testing
Box 5, Memoranda of Tel. Conv. General July 12, 1956 to Sept. 29, 1956 (2) – Harold Stassen & cessation of nuclear testing
Box 5, Memoranda Tel. Conv. Gen. Oct 1, 1956-Dec. 29, 1956 (3) – nuclear testing
Box 6, Memoranda of Tel. Conv-General May 7, 1957 to June 27, 1957 (1) – Lewis Strauss and nuclear testing; (2) – Nuclear testing; (4) – atomic tests in Nevada
Box 8, Memoranda of Tel. Conv. – Gen. April 1, 1958 to May 29, 1958 (1) – Lewis Strauss and nuclear test talks
Box 8, Memoranda of Tel. Conv. Gen April 1 1958 to May 29, 1958 (4) – nuclear testing
Box 8, Memoranda of Tel Conv – Gen June 2, 1958 to July 31, 1958 (1) – atomic bomb test in Pacific
Box 9, Memoranda of Tel. Conv-Gen. August 1, 1958 to October 31, 1958 – Thomas Murray & small nuclear weapons testing
Box 9, Memoranda of Tel Conv. Gen August 1, 1958 to October 31, 1958 (4) (5) – nuclear testing
Box 10, Telephone Conv – White House Nov. 1, 1954-Feb. 18, 1955 (1) – use of atomic weapons
Box 11, Memoranda of Tel. Conv. W. H. Sept. 4, 1956 to Dec. 31, 1956 (2) – nuclear testing
Box 12, Memoranda Tel. Conv. WH March 1957 to Aug. 30, 1957 (2) – nuclear weapons
Box 12, Memoranda Tel. Conv. WH Sept. 2, 1957 to Dec. 26, 1957 (1) – nuclear testing
Box 13, Memoranda of Tel. Conv. April 1, 1958 to July 31, 1958 (3) – nuclear testing

G. White House Memoranda Series

Box 1, White House Correspondence 1953 (1) – statement re atomic weapons
Box 3, Meetings with the President 1955 (1) – atomic energy
Box 3, Meetings with the President 1955 (7) – atomic weapons & troop maneuverings; nuclear fallout
Box 4, Meetings with the President Jan 1956 thru July 1956 (5) – nuclear material
Box 4, Meetings with the President Aug thru Dec. 1956 (1) – nuclear tests
Box 5, White House Corresp. Gen. 1957 (4) – Lewis Strauss & nuclear testing
Box 5, Meetings with the President 1957 (3) – Stassen & nuclear testing
Box 6, W. H. Meetings with President 1/1-6/30/58 (1) (2) (5) – nuclear testing & weapons
Box 7, White House Meetings with President July 1, 1958-December 31, 1958 (3) – nuclear test suspension; (8) – nuclear testing
Box 7, Meetings with the President 1959 (1) – nuclear testing
Box 8, General Foreign Policy Matters (3) – use of atomic weapons

7. Dwight D. Eisenhower: Papers, Pre-Presidential, 1916-52

Box 122, War Council (4) – material re Bikini Report and atomic weapons
Box 127, Atomic Weapons and Energy (1) (2)

Note: Users should check shelf list to identify names of individuals involved with atomic matters during the post-WWII period.


A. Augusta – Walter Reed Series

Box 2, Memoranda of Conferences, 1961-63 (1) – (3) – nuclear test ban; nuclear weapons

B. Special Name Series

Box 2, Burke, Arleigh – test ban
Box 4, Gosden, Freeman, 1961 – DDE on bomb shelters and on survival after nuclear war
Box 5, Gray, Gordon, 1961 – nuclear test aban
Box 8, Herter, Christian 1961 – nuclear testing
Box 12, McCone, John 1961 – Kennedy Admin. nuclear testing
Box 12, McCone, John 1963-66 (4) - test ban treaty
Box 18, Strauss, Lewis, 1961 – nuclear testing
Box 18, Strauss, Lewis, 1962 – nuclear testing
Box 18, Strauss, Lewis 1963-66 (1) – nuclear testing
Box 19, Strauss, Lewis 1963-66 (2) (4) – test ban treaty; atomic energy

C. DDE Appointment Books Series

Box 1, DDE Appointment Book 1962-63 – test ban treaty
Box 2, Calls and Appointments 1964 (1) – (9) – President and nuclear weapons

Researchers should also consult shelf list for the Principal File Series for 1961 through 1964 and any other series which has been processed.


Box 1, Miscellaneous Correspondence 1951-57 – Oppenheimer Case
Box 1, Miscellaneous Correspondence 1958-59 – chairmanship of AEC
Box 1, Dwight D. Eisenhower 1960-61 – nuclear testing
Box 4-5, Oppenheimer Correspondence (30 folders)


Boxes 1-1A, Hagerty Diary – several references to atomic energy, disarmament and Oppenheimer. Consult index for specific entries.


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Boxes 1-2, folders on missiles – some references to nuclear matters
Box 4, Atomic Energy 1957
Box 4, Ban on Atomic Testing – Geneva negotiations on nuclear testing
Box 5, Civil Defense
Box 16, “Safety of the Republic” 1953 – national security and nuclear weapons
Box 16, Miscellaneous (2) (3) – nuclear weapons; atomic energy

B. Pre-Ac. File

Box 5, Atomic Energy Commission
Box 7, Atomic energy – legislation
Box 9, Disarmament
Box 10, Federal Radiation Council


Box 1, Chronological File – May 1957 (1) – nuclear weapons statements
Box 2, Chronological File – July 1957 (1) – conversation with President on nuclear testing
Box 2, Chronological File – August 1957 (2) – Henry Kissinger book Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy
Box 4, Chronological File March 1958 (2) – ship Golden Rule
Box 5, Chronological File September 1958 (1) – monitoring of nuclear tests
Box 5, Chronological File October 1958 – nuclear weapons testing
Box 7, Chronological File July 1959 (2) – nuclear test suspension conference
Box 8, Chronological File February 1960 (2) – nuclear weapons
Box 9, Chronological File November 1960 – (2) – nuclear test suspension discussions
Box 10, Miscellaneous Memoranda 1960/61 (2) – nuclear testing
Box 10, Presidential Telephone Calls 1958 – nuclear testing
Box 10, Presidential Telephone Calls 1959 (1) – nuclear testing
Box 10, Presidential Telephone Calls 1/6/60 (2) – nuclear testing
Box 11, CAH Telephone Calls 1/2/58 to 3/31/58 – nuclear testing
Box 11, CAH Telephone Calls 10/1/58 to 12/31/58 (1) (2) - nuclear testing
Box 12, CAH Telephone Calls 5/4/59 – 12/13/59 – nuclear testing
Box 12 CAH Telephone Calls 1/1/60 to 3/25/60 (3) – nuclear testing
Box 13, CAH Telephone Calls 7/1-8/11/60 (3) – nuclear testing
Box 17, Backgrounders – nuclear testing
Box 19, 1959 Cabinet (3) – Movie – *On the Beach*
Box 19, 1960 Cabinet (2) - underground nuclear explosions
Box 19, 1960 Cabinet (3) – radiation protection guidance
Box 19, Letters A-L Official - - Classified (3) – nuclear testing
Box 20, White House Corresp. (4) – nuclear testing


This as a key collection for research on President Eisenhower’s Atoms For Peace speech. See especially folders “Atoms For Peace Evolution,” Boxes 24-25 and Jackson’s Log entries in Box 56.


Box 1, Atomic Energy – Soviet testing; Oppenheimer article


Box 1, Reel 1, Atomic Energy Commission – JK Personal
Box 5, Reel 25, Radiological Health-0285-0301

16 Lambie, James M.: Records, 1953-61

James Lambie, a Special Assistant to the President was involved with the Advertising Council in many public relations and public service activities. His records contain considerable information on civil defense and the Ground Observer Corps. Anyone interested in the public relations aspects of civil defense should consult the finding aid to these records to identify pertinent folder titles.


John McCone was Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission form 1958 to 1961 and his papers contain considerable high level documentation of nuclear testing, negotiations and other nuclear matters. Security classification is still a major impediment to full use of the
McCones Papers and probably over 1,000 pages remain classified. Topics covered include Geneva Test Cessation Talks, President Eisenhower’s views on nuclear weapons, nuclear testing in general and peaceful uses of atomic energy. While the entire 7 box collection is relevant to research on nuclear policies and programs, boxes 4-7 contain Mr. McCone’s Testing File and might be a good place to begin. Otherwise since the entire collection pertains to atomic energy and nuclear weapons, there will be no attempt to list file folders here. Users should consult the finding aid and search through most folders in these papers.


Box 3, Atomic Energy Commission
Box 6, Governors’ Conference - WH Conf. on Fallout Protection
Box 15, WH Conference on Fallout Protection


Box 36, Secretary’s Personal File – Confidential – Miscellaneous (1) (3) – Secretary’s conference with Admiral Lewis Strauss re safety in peaceful uses of atomic energy
Box 37, 1957 Secretary’s Personal File – Confidential – Miscellaneous (1) – (3) – Henry Kissinger’s remarks on his book Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy
Box 140, 1955 Atomic Energy-Labor-Management Relations Panel (Paducah)

20. Norstad, Lauris: Papers, 1930-87

Box 20, Atomic bomb Projects – USAF role in development and use of atomic bombs 1945-46


Box 38, Lovelace Foundation, 1957-58 (2) [health effects of atomic tests]
Box 52, C, 1959-62 (5) [suggested use of caves for storing nuclear waste]
Box 53, D, 1959-62 (2) [Thomas Dodd’s 5/12/60 speech on nuclear test ban]

Box 7, Atomic Energy (1) – (3) – atomic energy and states; radiation hazards
Box 8, Civil Defense – fallout hazard – John McCone

   Box 2, Operation Greenhouse, Cost
   Box 2, Operation Greenhouse, Statistics
   Box 4, Operation Greenhouse, Costs (Joint Task Force Three)
   Box 5, Statistics (Joint Task Force Three)

   Box 1, Green Chronological File 1 January – 31 March 1955 (1) (2) – nuclear testing
   Box 2, Green Chronological File 1 January – 31 March 1956 (1) – (4) – nuclear test at Eniwetok Proving Ground
   Box 2, Green Chronological File 1 April – 30 June 1956 (1) – (3) – Operation Redwing