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LARSON, G. EDWARD: Papers, 1942-93

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The papers of G. Edward Larson were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by his widow Elizabeth B. Larson in November 1995.

Linear feet:	1.6
Approximate number of pages:	3,200
Approximate number of items:	1,600

Mrs. Larson signed an instrument of gift for the papers on April 12, 1996. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of G. Edward Larson in this collection and in all other collections of papers received by the National Archives have been donated to the public.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

Godfrey Edward Larson (1920-1994) was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. He joined the Army at the start of World War II and was assigned to the Transportation Corps. He attended Officer's Candidate School in Louisiana during the summer of 1943 and became a lieutenant. In 1944 and 1945 he served as a port officer at Cherbourg, France.

After the war Larson returned to Minnesota where he joined the staff of former governor Harold Stassen. Larson served as Stassen's aide from 1947 to 1958. He accompanied Stassen to Washington, DC, in 1953 when Stassen became head of the Foreign Operations Administration, and also served on Stassen's staff at the White House when Stassen was Special Assistant to the President for Disarmament. When Stassen left government service in 1958 Larson transferred to the Department of the Interior. He served as special assistant to Under Secretary Elmer Bennett, and helped prepare Bennett's speeches. At the end of the Eisenhower administration Larson transferred to the Office of Coal Research in the Interior Department where he worked until 1975.

The papers of G. Edward Larson are divided into two series. The first series, comprising almost half of the collection, pertains to his military service during World War II. This series includes his personal 201 file, information on his classes at the Officers Candidate School, and material on the port of Cherbourg, France. Additional information on the port of Cherbourg is available in the records of the U.S. Army, U.S. Forces, European Theater, Historical Division, at the Eisenhower Library.

The second series pertains to Larson's work after the war. Most of the material is dated from 1983 to 1993, and consists of correspondence with Larson's personal friends and with Harold Stassen. The Stassen correspondence documents Stassen's continuing interest in politics, international affairs and the United Nations. Larson appears to have saved very little material from his service on Stassen's staff during the Eisenhower administration. The existing documents from the 1950s consist mostly of memorabilia and Larson's personal financial files, such as his income tax returns and arrangements for his official trips. There is also file of speech material Larson compiled while working for Elmer Bennett in the Interior Department. Of particular importance are minutes of a meeting that Dwight D. Eisenhower held with Stassen and other prominent persons on September 28, 1950, at which Eisenhower gave his views on U.S. foreign affairs and defense policies.

The Eisenhower Library holds the papers of Elmer Bennett and the records of the Special Assistant for Disarmament. These contain more detailed information on the operation of the offices in which Larson worked during the Eisenhower administration. The personal papers of Harold Stassen are at the Minnesota Historical Society.

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