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MUELLER, FREDERICK H.: Papers, 1955-61

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The personal papers of Frederick H. Mueller, Michigan businessman, Assistant Secretary (1955-1958), Under Secretary (1958-1959), and Secretary of Commerce (1959-1961) were deposited in the Eisenhower Library in three installments: January 20, 1964; April 24, 1969; and, April 30, 1970 by Mr. Mueller. In July, 1969, Mr. Mueller executed an instrument of gift for these papers.

Linear feet shelf space occupied:	6.8
Approximate number of pages:	17,550
Approximate number of items:	8,920

Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Frederick H. Mueller in these papers and in other collections of papers in the Eisenhower Library are reserved to Mr. Mueller during his lifetime and thereafter, to the people of the United States.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The personal papers of Frederick H. Mueller span the years 1943 to 1965 but, except for a few miscellaneous items, essentially concern the years December 1955, to January 1961, when Mr. Mueller was successively Assistant Secretary, Under Secretary and Secretary of Commerce.

The few items dealing with the pre-Eisenhower period are correspondence concerning matters he later dealt with in the Commerce Department and diplomas, certificates, and awards he received.

The major portion of the personal papers concerns Mr. Mueller's appointments and activities in the Commerce Department. Included in the several series of files covering these periods are personal and congratulatory correspondence files, a chronological office reading file, a card index and a calendar file of appointments and telephone calls, and a speech file. They contain correspondence, notes, memoranda, reports, and other materials on such prominent subjects as Department of Commerce administrative matters; Republican party matters; foreign investments; industrial taxation; the Cabinet Committee on Small Business; the Cabinet Committee on Crude Oil Policy (oil imports in general); the Business Advisory Committee; labor unions; St. Lawrence Seaway; and other matters. Major correspondents include Sinclair Weeks, Raymond "Steve" J. Saulnier (Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers and Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Small Business), Lewis Castle (Administrator, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation), Luther Hodge, Arthur Summerfield, Dave Kendall, Leo Hoegh, Arthur F. Burns, R. W. Burgess, Lewis Strauss and others.

The few items dating from 1962 to 1965 consist of correspondence dealing with personal affairs, the Business Advisory Council, export-import statistics, and other matters.

One portrait photograph and four printed items were separated from the collection and turned over to the audio-visual and book collection of the Eisenhower Library.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

November 22, 1893 Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan

1914 B. S., Michigan State University

November 6, 1915 Married Mary Darrah (d. 1958); children: Frederick Eugene, Marcia Joan

1914-1955 General Partner, Mueller Furniture Company, Grand Rapids

1941-1946 General Manager, Grand Rapids Industries, Inc.

1941-1955 President, Furniture Mutual Insurance Company

1955-1958 Assistant Secretary of Commerce

1958-1959 Under Secretary of Commerce

1959-1961 Secretary of Commerce

May 22, 1961 Married Mrs. Pauline Crane Kessler

Since 1961 Member, Board of Directors of Detroit Edison Company and of Fruehauf Trailer Company; Trustee of First Mortgage Insurance Co.

Died Aug. 31, 1976

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Box Nos. Series

- 1-6 Personal Correspondence, 1943; 1948; 1955-1965, 6 containers.
- Correspondence, reports, invitations declined and accepted, press materials, financial reports, etc, arranged chronologically by year and alphabetically by name and/or subject thereunder.
- 7-10 Chronological Reading File, 1955-1961, 4 containers
- Carbon copies of outgoing correspondence, arranged in rough chronological order by date of correspondence. This includes some carbon copies of correspondence by Lothair Tutor, Mueller's predecessor as Assistant Secretary and by Sinclair Weeks and Lewis Strauss, his predecessors as Secretary of Commerce.
- 11-12 Card Index to Appointments and Telephone Calls, 1959-January, 1961, 2 containers
- 3x5 card index of appointments and telephone calls while Secretary of Commerce. Arranged alphabetically by name, country, and/or subject.
- 13-15 Calendar of Appointments and Telephone calls, 1955-1961, 3 containers.
- Loose leaf daily listing of incoming and outgoing telephone calls and appointments kept by Mr. Mueller's secretaries. Chronologically arranged by date and time.
- 16-17 Congratulatory Correspondence, 2 containers.
- Correspondence arranged alphabetically under the following subseries:
Assistant Secretary of Commerce, 1955
Under Secretary of Commerce, 1958
Secretary of Commerce, 1959
- 18 Speeches, 1956-1960, 1 container
- Printed copies of speeches by Mr. Mueller chronologically arranged by date.
- 19 Miscellaneous Memorabilia 1 outsize container. Awards, certificates, diplomas, etc. arranged in rough chronological order.

CONTAINER LIST

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1	Personal Correspondence 1943; 1948 1955-1957 A-Z 1956-1957 Labor Policies 1958 A-M 1958 Inflation and The Economy, Misc. material on [summaries by Charles A. R. Wardwell] 1958 N-Z 1959 A-E 1959 Business Advisory Council 1959 Cuba, Report and Recommendations on....for 1960 1959 F-I 1959 Inflation
2	1959 J-R 1959 Masonic 1959 Michigan State University 1959 Press Conferences 1959 Republican Matters 1959 S-T 1959 Trip File-Far East (Dec.) 1959 Trip File-Poland Briefing Notes (Nov.)

- 1959 Trip File-Poland, Misc. Corres. (Dec.)
- 3 1959 Trip File-Poland, Newsclippings (Nov.)
1959 Trip File-Poland Speech Research (Dec.)
1959 U-Z
1959 White House
1960-1961 A-B
1960 Area Assistance
1960 Briefing Handbook for Secretary of Commerce December, 1960
1960-1961 Business Advisory Council (BAC)
1960-1961 C-E
- 4 1960-1961 F-G
1960-1961 Government Organization, Committee on
1960-1961 H-M
1960 Masonic
1960-1961 Michigan State University
1960-1961 Mueller (Personal)
1960-1961 Mutual Security Program
1960-1961 N-Q
- 5 1960-1961 Polaris
1960-1961 Press Conferences (Jan. 11; Feb. 4)
1960-1961 R
1960 Republican Convention

1960-1961 Republican Matters

1960-1961 Resignation

1960-1961 Sa-Sz

1960 Somalia Trip

1960 Somalia Trip - Briefing book (June 8, 1960)

1960-1961 Stained Glass

1960 "Suzie E" [presidential Yacht]

6 1960-1961 T-V

1960-1961 Taxation

1960-1961 Taxes (Personal)

1960-1961 Travel Vouchers

1960 Vienna Trip

1960-1961 W-Z

1960-1961 Weeks, Sinclair

1960-1961 White House

1962-1965 Miscellaneous Correspondence

Chronological Reading File-----One folder for each month

7 1955, December - 1957, October

8 1957, November - 1959, March

9 1959, April - 1960, May

- 10 1960, June - 1961, January
Card Index to Appointments and Telephone calls, 1959 - January 1961
- 11 A-L (3x5 card file)
- 12 Mc – Z (3x5 card file)
Calendar of Appointments and Telephone Calls
- 13 1955, December - 1957, August
- 14 1957, September - 1959, June
- 15 1959, July - 1961, January
Congratulatory Correspondence
- 16 Assistant Secretary of Commerce, 1955, A - Z
Under Secretary of Commerce, 1958, A - Z
Secretary of Commerce, 1959, Form Letters
Secretary of Commerce, 1959, A - G
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- 18 Indexes, 1956 - 1960
1956, March 5 - 1958, December 6
1959, February 2 - December 5
1960, January 13 - April 29

1960, April 30 - June 22

1960, August 5 - December 7

19 Miscellaneous Memorabilia (oversize package)

MUELLER, FREDERICK H.: Additional Papers

Accessions A71-73, A72-31 and A78-8

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| 1 | Appointment Book 1960 |
| | Autobiography of Frederick H. Mueller |
| | Invitation from Secretary of State |
| | List of Artifacts Transferred to Museum |
| | List of Books Transferred to Book Collection |

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