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NEVINS, ARTHUR S.: Manuscript of Looking Back: Over More Than Fifty Years of Friendship With General Eisenhower (photocopy)

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The manuscript of Looking Back was deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by General Nevins in September 1972.

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Mary Ann Radzinowicz, daughter of General Nevins, signed an instrument of gift for the manuscript on March 20, 1997. Literary rights in the manuscript, and in all other writings of General Nevins 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

Brigadier General Arthur S. Nevins (1891-1979) was a career army officer and a close friend of Dwight D. Eisenhower. Nevins was born in Illinois, and was a brother of Allan Nevins the noted historian. He joined the Army in 1917 and served under Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Philippines in the 1930s and in North Africa and Europe during World War II. Nevins retired from the Army in 1946 but continued to have frequent contacts with Eisenhower.

In 1950 Eisenhower bought a farm near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, intending to use it as a place to live when he retired. Eisenhower was preparing to leave for Europe where he had been appointed supreme commander of NATO forces, so he hired Nevins to manage the farm for him. Nevins moved to Gettysburg in April 1951 and managed Eisenhower's farm until Eisenhower retired from the presidency in 1961. Nevins settled on an adjoining farm and remained a close friend of Eisenhower until Eisenhower's death in 1969.

Soon after Eisenhower's death, General Nevins began to write a book about his friendship with Eisenhower. In 1972 he provided the Eisenhower Library with a copy of the rough draft of the manuscript, which he had titled Looking Back: Over More Than Fifty Years of Friendship With General Eisenhower. The book was eventually published in 1977 by Carlton Press of New York City under the title Gettysburg's Five-Star Farmer.

This collection consists of the 1972 manuscript. The draft contains essentially the same information about Dwight D. Eisenhower that appears in the published version. However, Nevins included more autobiographical details in the published version than appear in the manuscript. Seventeen black and white photographs were also received along with the manuscript. These have been transferred to the Eisenhower Library audiovisual collection.

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