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ROTHSCHILD, LOUIS S.: Records
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1955 - 1958

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Linear feet shelf space occupied: 4.4
Approximate number of pages: 8,000
Approximate number of items: 1,000

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This Collection consists of the records of Louis S. Rothschild relating to his membership on the Commission on Government Security, 1955-58. The majority of these records are duplicated in the official records of the Commission, which are part of Record Group 148 in the National Archives Building.

The commission on Government Security, consisting of congressional and presidential appointees, was established in 1955 under P.L. 304 of the 48th Congress to review the efficacy of existing national security regulations and procedures. The commission, under the chairmanship of Loyd Wright, organized itself into four subcommittees in June, 1956. Working with Dr. Susan B. Riley and Congressman William H. McCulloch, Louis Rothschild chaired Subcommittee IV on Immigration, International Organizations, Airport Security, and Port Security. Material in this collection, however, also reflects some of the work done by the other subcommittees. The final report of the Commission was transmitted to Congress on June 21, 1957, and among its major recommendations was the establishment of an independent Central Security Office in the executive branch of government.

The major component of this collection, the second series, consists of recommendations and supporting memoranda on a wide range of security problem areas, including immigration, federal civilian and military personnel, international organizations, alien control, document classification, atomic energy, port and airport security, and industrial security. Typically, a security problem area such as "Industrial Security" was isolated and subdivided into a series of specific questions such as, "Is an Industrial Security Program necessary?" and "Should there be a procedure available for pre-hiring clearances?" These so-called "Questions for Consideration" were organized in outline form. A recommendation was made on each question, and to each recommendation was attached a supporting memorandum giving background information on the specific problem. This background information was drawn from staff interrogatories with government and non-government personnel, legal decisions, comments from business and labor organizations, congressional hearings, departmental files, and previous studies of the security system. Although this series contains an extensive collection of various recommendations and supporting memoranda, it does not appear to be complete.

Because of Commission operating procedures there is substantial duplication of material in this series. The Commission staff initially prepared a recommendation and background memorandum to be followed by a subcommittee and then a Commission recommendation and memorandum. During this staff-to-subcommittee-to-Commission sequence, there appears to have been little or no change in the recommendation and memorandum.

Although they are not treated as separate security problem areas, the materials in this series also reflect concern over the maintenance and use of the Attorney General's List, the right to subpoena witnesses, the principle of confrontation in security cases, and the distinction in security cases between the question of loyalty and the question of suitability.

The first series in this collection is a chronological file of correspondence, arranged from the latest to the earliest item. Although the collection was received un-arranged, this appeared to have been the original manner of correspondence arrangement. Material in this series includes correspondence and memoranda dealing with Commission personnel, Hungarian refugees, meeting agendas, routine Commission matters and occasional abbreviated meeting minutes. Additionally, a major portion of this series consists of a variety of the above-described recommendations and memoranda, which were attached to correspondence transmitting the material to Rothschild. The correspondence series, therefore, duplicates some material in the Commission recommendation series.

The third series consists of alphabetically arranged miscellaneous material. It includes a galley proof of the Commission report, material used by Rothschild for a specific meeting, and printed matter, including a manual of laws, regulations and procedures on government security and loyalty prepared by the Bureau of National Affairs Inc.

A few published items, including the final report of the Commission, were turned over to the Eisenhower Library book collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

1900, March 20	Born in Leavenworth, Kansas
1920	PhD., Yale
1929	Married Emily Bettman
1920-1956	Rothschild and Sons, Inc.
1953-1959	Chairman of the Board, Inland Waterways Corp.
1953-55	Chairman, Federal Maritime Board and Administrator of the Maritime Administration
1955-58	Undersecretary of Commerce for Transportation
1955-1957	Member, Commission on Government Security
1955-58	Chairman, Air Coordinating Committee
1958-61, 1965	President, Director, Transportation Equities Corp.
1962-65	President, Director, International Credit Corp.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Box Nos. Series

- 1-4 Chronological Correspondence File, April 1958-November 1955. Arranged chronologically by month and year. Correspondence, meeting agendas, memoranda and Commission recommendations. Subjects include personnel, security issues, Hungarian refugees, and routine Commission business.
- 4-9 Commission Recommendations File, Arranged alphabetically by subject, but numerically arranged within each subject. Staff, subcommittee, and Commission recommendations on security questions, along with supporting memoranda.
- 9-11 Subject File. Arranged alphabetically by subject. memoranda, printed and near print items. Subjects include existing security regulations, galley proof of CGS report, and material used at subcommittee meeting of 9/12/56.

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Box No. Contents

CHRONOLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE FILE

- 1 Correspondence - April 1958 - October 1957
Correspondence - September 1957 - July 1957
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Correspondence - March 1957 (1)

- 2 Correspondence - March 1957 (2)
Correspondence - February 1957 (1)-(4)

- 3 Correspondence - February 1957 (5)-(7)
Correspondence - January 1957
Correspondence - December 1957
Correspondence - November 1956

- 4 Correspondence - October 1956
Correspondence - September 1956
Correspondence - August 1956
Correspondence - July 1956 - May 1956
Correspondence - April 1956 - November 1955

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FILE

Atomic Energy Program

- 5 Airpost Security Program
 Civilian Employees (1)-(4)
- 6 Civilian Employees (5)-(7)
 Document Classification
- 7 Immigrant Program
 Industrial Security (1)-(3)
- 8 Industrial Security (4)
 International Organizations Employee Security Program
 Legislation
 Military Personnel (1)(2)
 Passport Security Program
- 9 Port Security Program
 Privilege Against Self Incrimination
 Visa Security Program (1)(2)
- SUBJECT FILE
- Association of the Bar of N.Y.C.: Federal Loyalty-Security Program Report
 Dissent of James P. McGranery on CGS Recommendations
- 10 Galley Proof of CGS Report (1)(2)
 Government Security and Loyalty Manual - Bureau of National Affairs. Inc. (1)-(5)
- 11 Government Security and Loyalty Manual - Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. (6)

Internal Security Manual, revised - 1955

Items Removed and turned over to the Eisenhower Library Book Collection

Material Used by Rothschild at Subcommittee Meeting of 9/12/56 (1)(2)

Newsclippings (1)(2)

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