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## Biography of Adlai Stevenson

Adlai Ewing Stevenson, governor of Illinois (1949-1953), Democratic candidate for President in 1952 and 1956, and United States ambassador to the United Nations (1961-1965), was born in Los Angeles, California on February 5, 1900, the son of Lewis G. Stevenson and Helen Davis Stevenson. He grew up in Bloomington, Illinois, where his ancestors had been influential in local and national politics since the nineteenth century. Jesse Fell, his maternal great-grandfather, a prominent Republican and an early Lincoln supporter, founded the *Daily Pantagraph*, a Bloomington newspaper. His paternal grandfather, Adlai E. Stevenson, served as Grover Cleveland's Vice President during his second term, was nominated for the office with William Jennings Bryan in 1900, and ran unsuccessfully for Illinois governor in 1908.

Stevenson attended preparatory school at Choate and went on to Princeton University, where he served as managing editor of the *Daily Princetonian* and was a member of the Quadrangle Club. He graduated in 1922 and matriculated at Harvard University Law School. However, in July 1924, he returned to Bloomington to work as assistant managing editor of the *Daily Pantagraph* while the Illinois courts probated his grandfather's will, determining share ownership of the newspaper. While working at the newspaper, Stevenson reentered law school at Northwestern University, and in 1926, graduated and passed the Illinois State Bar examination. He obtained a position at Cutting, Moore and Sidley, an old and conservative Chicago law firm, and became a popular member of Chicago's social scene. In 1928, he married Ellen Borden, a wealthy Chicago socialite. They had three sons: Adlai E. Stevenson III (1930-); Borden Stevenson (1932-); and John Fell Stevenson (1936-). The couple divorced in 1949.

In the early 1930s, Stevenson began his involvement in government service. In July 1933, he became special attorney and assistant to Jerome Frank, general counsel of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA) in Washington, D. C. In 1934, after the repeal of Prohibition, Stevenson joined the staff of the Federal Alcohol Control Administration (FACA) as chief attorney. A subsidiary of the AAA, the FACA regulated the activities of the alcohol industry. He returned to Chicago and the practice of law in 1935. During this time, Stevenson also became involved in civic activities, particularly as chairman of the Chicago branch of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies (known often as the White Committee, in honor of its founder, William Allen White). The Stevensons purchased a seventy-acre tract of land on the Des Plaines River near Libertyville, Illinois where they built a house. Although he spent comparatively little time at Libertyville, Stevenson considered the farm home.

In 1940, Colonel Frank Knox, newly appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as Secretary of the Navy, offered Stevenson a position as his special assistant. In this capacity, Stevenson wrote speeches, represented Secretary Knox and the Navy on committees, toured the various theatres of war, and handled many administrative duties. From December 1943 to January 1944, he participated in a special mission to Sicily and Italy for the Foreign Economic Administration to report on the country's economy. After Knox's death in 1944, Stevenson returned to Chicago and attempted to purchase Knox's controlling interest in the Chicago *Daily News*, but another party outbid his syndicate.

After the war, he accepted an appointment as special assistant to the Secretary of State to work with Assistant Secretary of State Archibald MacLeish on a proposed world organization. Later that year, he went to London as Deputy United States Delegate to the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations Organization, a position he held until February 1946. In 1947, Louis A. Kohn, a Chicago attorney, suggested to Stevenson that he consider running for political office. Stevenson, who had toyed with the idea of entering politics for several years, entered the Illinois gubernatorial race and defeated incumbent Dwight H. Green in a landslide. Principal among his achievements as Illinois governor were reorganizing the state police, cracking down on illegal

gambling, and improving the state highways.

Early in 1952, while Stevenson was still governor of Illinois, President Harry S. Truman proposed that he seek the Democratic nomination for president. In a fashion that was to become his trademark, Stevenson at first hesitated, arguing that he was committed to running for a second gubernatorial term. Despite his protestations, the delegates drafted him and he accepted the nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago with a speech that according to contemporaries, “electrified the nation.” He chose John J. Sparkman, an Alabama Senator, as his running mate. Stevenson's distinctive speaking style quickly earned him the reputation of an intellectual and endeared him to many Americans, while simultaneously alienating him from others. His Republican opponent, enormously popular World War II hero General Dwight D. Eisenhower, defeated Stevenson. Following his defeat, prior to returning to law practice, Stevenson travelled throughout Asia, the Middle East and Europe, writing about his travels for *Look* magazine. Although he was not sent as an official emissary of the U.S. government, Stevenson's international reputation gave him entree to many foreign officials.

Back in the United States, Stevenson resumed his desultory practice of law. His national reputation, earned through his presidential campaign, made Stevenson a celebrity attorney who could pick and choose his clients. He accepted numerous speaking engagements and raised funds for the Democratic National Party, then suffering from an \$800,000 deficit. Many Democratic leaders considered Stevenson the only natural choice for the presidential nomination in 1956 and his chances for victory seemed greater after Eisenhower's heart attack late in 1955. Although his candidacy was challenged by Tennessee Senator Estes Kefauver and New York Governor W. Averell Harriman, Stevenson campaigned more aggressively to secure the nomination, and Kefauver conceded after losing a few key primaries. To Stevenson's dismay, former president Harry S. Truman endorsed Harriman, but the blow was softened by former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt's continued support. Stevenson again won the nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. He permitted the convention delegates to choose Estes Kefauver as his running mate, despite stiff competition from John F. Kennedy. However, Stevenson's best campaign efforts could not overcome the popularity of incumbent Dwight D. Eisenhower. On November 6, 1956, Stevenson was again defeated by Eisenhower, this time by a larger margin.

Despite his two defeats, Stevenson remained enormously popular with the American people. Early in 1957, Stevenson resumed law practice with associates W. Willard Wirtz, William McC. Blair, Jr. and Newton Minow. He also accepted an appointment on the new Democratic Advisory Council, with other prominent Democrats, including Harry S. Truman, David L. Lawrence, and John F. Kennedy. He continued to serve on the board of trustees of the Encyclopedia Britannica and to act as their legal counsel.

Prior to the 1960 Democratic National Convention, Stevenson announced that he was not seeking the Democratic nomination for president, but would accept another draft. Because he still hoped to be a candidate, Stevenson refused to give the nominating address for relative newcomer John F. Kennedy, a cause for future strained relations between the two politicians. Once Kennedy won the nomination, Stevenson – always an enormously popular public speaker – campaigned actively for him. Due to his two presidential nominations and previous United Nations experience, Stevenson perceived himself as an elder statesman and a natural choice for Secretary of State, an opinion shared by many.

In December 1960, Kennedy offered Stevenson the position of United States Ambassador to the United Nations. Stevenson refused to accept or decline the ambassadorship until Kennedy named the Secretary of State, deepening the rift between them. After Kennedy appointed Dean Rusk as Secretary of State, Stevenson accepted the U.N. ambassadorship. Although he was initially insulted by the offer, once he accepted the appointment, Stevenson devoted himself wholeheartedly to his responsibilities. He served as president of the Security Council and advocated arms control and improved relations with the new nations of Africa. He established residency in an apartment at the Waldorf Astoria, and threw himself into the busy social scene of the

city.

In April 1961, Stevenson suffered the greatest humiliation of his career. After an attack against Fidel Castro's communist forces at the Bay of Pigs, Stevenson unwittingly disputed allegations that the attack was financed and supported by the Central Intelligence Agency, claiming instead that the anti-Communist forces were supported by wealthy Cuban emigres. When Stevenson learned that he had been misled by the White House, and even supplied with CIA-forged photographs, he considered resigning the ambassadorship, but was convinced not to do so. During the summer of 1961, Stevenson toured Latin America, trying to convince leaders that Castro was a threat to all of Latin America as well as to the United States. Just a year later, in October 1962, Stevenson demonstrated his seasoned statesmanship during the Cuban Missile Crisis. After the United States discovered offensive nuclear weapons in Cuba, Stevenson confronted Soviet Ambassador Valerian Zorin in an emergency meeting of the Security Council, challenging him to admit that the offensive weapons had been placed in Cuba and that he was prepared to wait "until Hell freezes over" for Zorin's answer.

In 1964, increasingly disillusioned with his inability to participate in the formulation of policy at the United Nations, Stevenson considered running for the U. S. Senate from New York, and was also regarded as a possible running mate for President Lyndon B. Johnson. In late 1964 and 1965, Stevenson and Secretary General U Thant began to discuss opening negotiations to end the war in Vietnam, although Stevenson publicly backed Johnson's Vietnam policies. Amid much speculation that he was considering resigning his post, Stevenson addressed the Economic and Social Council in Geneva in July 1965. During a stop in London, Stevenson died suddenly on July 14, 1965. Following memorial services in Washington, D.C. and Springfield and Bloomington, Illinois, Stevenson was interred in the family plot in Evergreen Cemetery, Bloomington, Illinois.

### Description

The Adlai E. Stevenson Papers contain correspondence, speeches, writings, campaign materials, United Nations materials, subject files, personal files, scrapbooks, travel materials, photographs, and audiovisual materials. The correspondence is a particularly rich resource for documenting all aspects of Stevenson's life and career. Stevenson's two presidential campaigns and service to the United Nations in both the 1940s and early 1960s are also well-documented in the appropriate series. The subject files illuminate Stevenson's career and civic activities prior to his election of governor of Illinois and also show his commitment to Chicago's benevolent institutions. The papers do not include materials from his governorship of Illinois which may be found at the Illinois State Historical Society in Springfield, Illinois.

## Series 1: Correspondence, 1919-1965

### Subseries 1A: Office Correspondence, 1919-1965 (bulk 1952-1965)

Subseries 1A: Office Correspondence, is arranged alphabetically by the last name of correspondent and chronologically within each folder. The correspondence provides rich documentation for Stevenson's political activities during the 1950s and his involvement in international affairs in the 1950s and first half of the 1960s. Stevenson's enormous popularity with people of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds is evidenced in his letters. He was generally quite candid in his correspondence and sometimes embarrassingly honest and self-effacing.

Stevenson corresponded sporadically with a legion of individuals, including former Princeton classmates, friends and business associates from Bloomington and Chicago, people he met on his travels, distant relatives, individuals who worked on his political campaigns, Democratic politicians, and many others. They discussed a wide variety of topics, including national and local politics, international relations, and fellow acquaintances. The correspondence reveals the

ebb and flow of many of his personal relationships. He may have corresponded on a weekly basis with an individual for a year or so, then only annually thereafter. Many leading lights of the Democratic Party are represented in the correspondence, including Eleanor Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Jacob Arvey, the Kennedys, J. William Fulbright, Stephen Mitchell, Edmund G. Brown, and many others. Their correspondence reveals Stevenson's role as the titular head of the Democratic Party for most of the 1950s, as well as his tireless support and interest in Democratic officeholders and candidates throughout the country.

By the same token, some of this correspondence is not particularly enlightening. For example, Stevenson's correspondence with Lyndon B. Johnson and John F. Kennedy is very formal, revealing little of the disagreements he had with both Presidents during his tenure as ambassador to the United Nations. In contrast, Stevenson's correspondence with his political advisors is often very insightful, particularly that with Agnes Meyer, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., and Barbara Ward. The Agnes Meyer correspondence is particularly significant because it includes Stevenson's handwritten letters to her, making this correspondence more revealing than his correspondence with others.

Correspondence with certain individuals, most notably Stephen Mitchell, Barry Bingham, and William McC. Blair, Jr., is largely related to his political campaigns. This correspondence includes not only Stevenson's correspondence with each, but also their correspondence with others involved with the campaigns. Because Stevenson was drafted for the 1952 Democratic presidential nomination, correspondence pertaining to the 1952 campaign dates only from late July, while later correspondence shows that Stevenson began preparing for the 1956 campaign in 1955, if not almost immediately after his defeat in 1952.

Included among those individuals with whom Stevenson corresponded frequently are George Ball, William Benton, Barry Bingham, William McC. Blair, Jr., Chester Bowles, John Brademas, Stuart Gerry Brown, Harlan Cleveland, Ewing Cockrell, Norman Cousins, Richard J. Daley, J. Edward Day, Jane Warner Dick, Ruth Field, Thomas K. Finletter, Clayton Fritchey, J. William Fulbright, Lloyd Garrison, Deborah Glassford, Seymour E. Harris, Hubert Humphrey, Elizabeth Stevenson Ives, Gerald Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Estes Kefauver, John F. Kennedy, Mary Lasker, Agnes Meyer, Newton Minow, Stephen Mitchell, Richard L. Neuberger, Alicia Patterson, Sam Rayburn, Eleanor Roosevelt, James Roosevelt, W. W. Rostow, Dean Rusk, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Albert Schweitzer, Lady Mary Spears, John Steinbeck, Adlai E. Stevenson III, Ellen Borden Stevenson, John Fell Stevenson, Nancy Anderson Stevenson, Benjamin H. Swig, Maurice Tempelsman, Harry S. Truman, James P. Warburg, Barbara Ward, Conrad Wrzos, Wilson Wyatt, Jean Wylie, and Robert Yoakum.

Much of the correspondence is routine and includes congratulatory letters on Stevenson's two presidential nominations and appointment as United States ambassador to the United Nations, letters of regret following his two defeats, commentaries on contemporary political issues, and general social correspondence. Because of the large volume of correspondence that Stevenson received, his responses are often quite brief, almost cursory, while the incoming correspondence is generally more loquacious. During Stevenson's frequent absences from his office and during periods of especially heavy correspondence, replies were often written by Stevenson's aides, law partners, and secretaries, particularly his executive assistant William McC. Blair, Jr., and long-time secretaries Carol Evans and Roxane Eberlein. These replies were sometimes acknowledged to have been written on Stevenson's behalf by others, but were often signed over Stevenson's name.

Although most of the correspondence pertains to Stevenson's political career, some personal correspondence is also included. Stevenson's correspondence with his three sons, Adlai III, Borden, and John Fell, shows his close relationship and involvement in their lives. Stevenson's correspondence with his ex-wife, Ellen Borden Stevenson, includes letters she wrote to him while he served in his various government posts in the 1930s and 1940s, as well as considerable correspondence and documentation pertaining to the court appointment of a conservator to look after her financial affairs in 1961. Clearly devoted to his family, Stevenson demonstrated remarkable patience in dealing with his ex-wife's erratic behavior and helping his sons cope with her financial demands, as shown through the correspondence. Stevenson also remained very close to his ex-wife's family after their divorce and continued his affectionate correspondence with his mother-in-law, sister-in-law, and others.

Stevenson accumulated many friends and acquaintances through the years who were not afraid to ask him for favors, jobs, and introductions to foreign dignitaries, and Stevenson generally cheerfully complied. Nor was Stevenson shy about asking his friends for favors, and this sort of exchange also is documented in the correspondence. His tireless

socializing is illustrated in the correspondence, which contains countless exchanges setting up meetings and parties, thank you letters, and references to past social engagements. While he was serving at the United Nations, Stevenson opened his apartment at the Waldorf Towers to all friends and acquaintances visiting New York. The correspondence also reveals the high regard and affection many held for Stevenson.

In addition, Stevenson's flirtatious personality and his genuine kindness are evident in the correspondence. Stevenson developed close relationships with many of his friends' children, particularly Adele Dunlap Smith, Elizabeth Graham Weymouth, and Frances FitzGerald, and provided guidance and advice to them as they grew into adulthood. He also scrupulously kept in touch with his older relatives, and corresponded with a number of "pen pals," most notably Jean Wylie and Edith Gifford, with whom he established close friendships, despite infrequent meetings. Stevenson's public image as an intellectual, charming gentleman attracted many women, some of whom imagined relationships with Stevenson that did not exist. Several file folders, labelled "Eccentrics," contain love letters, gifts, and nuisance letters that Stevenson received.

### **Subseries 1B: Sampled Correspondence, 1952-1965**

Subseries 1B: Sampled Correspondence, consists of a sample of letters and clippings received by Adlai E. Stevenson during and following his two unsuccessful presidential campaigns, as well as during his tenure as U.N. ambassador. The bulk of the correspondence is arranged chronologically by year, then alphabetically by the last name of the correspondent. Some of the correspondence pertaining to his presidential campaigns has been arranged by state. State files are arranged by the correspondent's state of residence, then alphabetically within each folder. The sampled correspondence, primarily letters received from the general public, was reduced by ninety percent by employing standard statistical sampling methods. The majority of the letters were written by supporters, including loyal Democrats, those who identified with Stevenson, female admirers, and young fans. Stevenson's responses range from personalized to form letters, with the majority taking the latter form. The responses were often written and signed by staff members such as Carol Evans or William McC. Blair, Jr., although some were signed by the Governor himself.

### **Series 2: Speeches and Statements, 1936-1965**

Series 2: Speeches, includes drafts, reading copies, final copies, newspaper clippings, press releases and published versions of speeches, statements, and interviews given by Stevenson. Although some speeches predate Stevenson's political career, the majority date from his election as Governor of Illinois (1948) and cover the subsequent seventeen years of his public and political life. Speeches are particularly numerous for those years in which he was campaigning for the presidency (1952 and 1956) or actively seeking the party nomination (1955).

Stevenson's speeches address a variety of issues and topics including education, civil rights, party politics, agriculture, housing, labor, taxes and international relations, particularly the spread of Communism and the Cold War. Subject access to the speeches is provided by the "Adlaipedia," a subject index for speeches from 1936 to 1959 (Boxes 197-201). There are also chronological lists for campaign speeches, giving the date of the speech and where it was given. A card index lists speeches given from 1952 to 1956 chronologically by date and alphabetically by the city where it was delivered (Box 196).

While many of Stevenson's speeches were given for campaign purposes, he also frequently gave commencement addresses, eulogies, dedications, opening speeches, and acceptance speeches for many honorary degrees. Stevenson eulogized such notables as Eleanor Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Winston Churchill, as well as friends and neighbors in Illinois. As a leading voice for the Democratic Party throughout the 1950s, Stevenson spoke at political fundraisers and campaigned for others seeking political office, most notably John F. Kennedy in 1960. Also of note are the speeches and addresses given by Stevenson as United States Ambassador to the United Nations, including his infamous dressing down of Valerian Zorin in the Security Council on October 23, 1962 during the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Interestingly, Stevenson's reading copy of this speech was initially torn in half and discarded by a secretary, who later retrieved it when she

realized it might be important. During his tenure at the United Nations, Stevenson co-hosted a biweekly television show, *Adlai Stevenson Reports*, produced by Arnold Michaelis and Stanley Frankel. Transcripts and Stevenson's preparatory notes for this show are included.

The speeches reveal not only Stevenson's ideas on issues but also the assistance he received from various business and political associates, including Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Archibald MacLeish, William McC. Blair, Jr., Newton Minow, Willard W. Wirtz, and Clayton Fritchey, all of whom often drafted speeches for him. Speech drafting began as early as several months prior to the event. The reading copies of the speeches reveal that Stevenson continued editing until the very last moment.

### **Series 3: Writings, 1917-1965**

Series 3: Writings, is arranged chronologically and includes drafts, background materials, galley proofs, and reviews of articles and books that Stevenson wrote during his career. Published versions of newspaper and magazine articles are included. The topics Stevenson addressed vary, but primarily include state and national politics, social services, campaign reform, the Soviet Union, and his travels. Stevenson's writings prior to 1952 were published in local magazines and newspapers, including the *Chicago Sun*, *Illinois Law Review*, and *Illinois Policeman and Police Journal*. As Stevenson gained national prominence, his articles reached wider audiences through publications such as *Look*, *The New York Times Book Review*, and *Life*. This series also includes position papers Stevenson prepared for his 1956 presidential campaign on a variety of topics, including senior citizens, education, and natural resources. Many of his speeches were adapted into articles, or were simply reprinted in *Vital Speeches* and alumni magazines of the various colleges and universities at which he gave commencement addresses. The numerous drafts of Stevenson's articles reveal not only his tenacity when preparing written work, but also the heavy editorial assistance he received from his law associates and friends in publishing, such as Cass Canfield and William Benton.

### **Series 4: Campaign Materials, 1952-1960**

Series 4: Campaign Materials, is arranged into three subseries: 1952 Presidential Campaign; 1956 Presidential Campaign; and 1960 Presidential Campaign. These papers include correspondence, financial materials, state files, public relations materials, reports, statements, and personnel files. The campaign materials document the activities of the staff and volunteers on behalf of Stevenson and clearly demonstrate the extent to which Stevenson was removed from the administration of his own campaigns. Only in rare instances do these papers provide insight into the decision-making aspect of the campaign.

#### **Subseries 4A: 1952 Presidential Campaign, 1952-1954**

Subseries 4A: 1952 Presidential Campaign, is divided into two subgroups: Presidential Campaign Staff and Volunteers for Stevenson, following the administrative separation of these two groups. These papers include correspondence, public relations materials, state files, reports, schedules and itineraries, financial materials, and other items documenting Stevenson's 1952 presidential campaign. These papers reveal the lack of advance organizational planning and the ad hoc nature of his first national campaign.

#### **Subseries 4B: 1956 Presidential Campaign, 1955-1957**

Subseries 4B: 1956 Presidential Campaign, is divided into two subgroups: Presidential Campaign Staff and Volunteers for Stevenson-Kefauver. These papers include correspondence, public relations materials, state files, and financial materials documenting Stevenson's 1956 campaign. Unlike the 1952 campaign materials, these materials reflect a high level of campaign planning.

## **Subseries 4C: 1960 Presidential Campaign, 1960**

Subseries 4C: 1960 Presidential Campaign, includes campaign materials, correspondence, Democratic National Convention materials, newspaper clippings, press releases, schedules, speeches, and state files, as well as papers collected independently by Stuart Gerry Brown concerning efforts to draft Stevenson. The Stuart Gerry Brown files have been arranged following the other campaign records.

For obvious reasons, the 1960 campaign records differ significantly from the 1952 and 1956 records and are much smaller in volume. The campaign materials were generated entirely by independent, mainly regional, groups, and include reprints of newspaper articles and Stevenson speeches, solicitations, and newsletters. The correspondence is arranged following the original order and includes general correspondence with individuals such as Agnes Meyer and Eleanor Roosevelt who persisted in urging Stevenson's candidacy despite his repeated refusals to actively seek the nomination, letters from the general public encouraging Stevenson to run, offers of assistance, suggestions for Kennedy's campaign and Stevenson's campaign speeches, comments on the religion issue, and campaign contributions.

Items from the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles include lists of delegates, a copy of the platform, itineraries, invitations, and Stevenson's handwritten notes. The last are particularly significant. Stevenson summarized his conversations with various political leaders concerning the candidate they were supporting for the nomination, what their opinions of Kennedy were, and so forth. These notes suggest that despite his public statements that he was not seeking the nomination, Stevenson was nurturing some hopes of being drafted in 1960.

During the campaign, Stevenson undertook an aggressive speaking tour on Kennedy's behalf. Both Stevenson's and Kennedy's schedules are included with the itineraries. The state files primarily predate the convention and include correspondence from individuals and local Stevenson for President committees. Overall, the 1960 campaign materials clearly illustrate Stevenson's ambivalence toward a third presidential nomination. His responses to correspondents state quite clearly that he was not seeking the nomination, yet his handwritten notes suggest that he hoped he would be drafted.

The Stuart Gerry Brown files are arranged in numerical order by the number assigned by Brown to each file folder. A calendar guide, contained in the first file folder, provides a folder listing for this distinct group of papers. These papers include interview transcripts, correspondence, memoranda, newsclippings, financial materials, and other items documenting the efforts to draft Stevenson in 1960.

## **Series 5: United Nations, 1945-1965**

Series 5: United Nations, has been arranged in four subseries: Conference on International Organization; United Nations Preparatory Commission; General Assembly; and United States Ambassadorship to the United Nations. These materials document two diverse periods: Stevenson's involvement in the organization of the United Nations immediately following World War II; and his service to the United Nations as United States ambassador from 1961 until his death in 1965.

### **Subseries 5A: Conference on International Organization, 1945**

This subseries is arranged alphabetically by subject and includes the charter, Dumbarton Oaks proposals, meeting materials, and statements and press releases. These materials document the conference on international organization held in San Francisco, California in April 1945 following the Dumbarton Oaks conference calling for a general international organization. Materials pertaining to the charter include guides to anticipated questions, information concerning the ratification process, various chapters of the charter, and the final printed version. The Dumbarton Oaks Proposals are the recommendations calling for the conference in San Francisco.

The meeting materials include memoranda, amendments regarding procedure, agendas, and Stevenson's notes, documenting meetings of both the "Big 5" (the United States, United Kingdom, China, Soviet Union, and France) and the United States Delegation to the conference. Both groups determined procedure for the United Nations, and the Big

5 also established various committees. The statements and press releases were generated primarily by Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., Secretary of State and Chairman of the U. S. Delegation, reporting on the progress of the Conference to the American public and recommending adoption of the charter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. A draft statement by Stevenson and future Secretary of State John Foster Dulles regarding voting in the Security Council is also included, but this statement was never released.

### **Subseries 5B: U. N. Preparatory Commission, 1945-1946**

This subseries is arranged alphabetically by form and includes diaries, materials regarding the establishment of permanent headquarters, invitations, executive committee materials, and records of meetings. The Preparatory Commission was held in London from the autumn of 1945 until early 1946. Stevenson went to London as deputy delegate, but when Stettinius' illness compelled him to return to the United States, Stevenson acted in his stead. Stevenson kept his diary from September 4, 1945 until September 19, 1945 and recorded both his comments on the progress of the Preparatory Commission and personal observations and notes. Stevenson's datebook from January until March 1946, recording appointments and occasional comments, is also included. The controversy and debate concerning the location of the United Nation's permanent headquarters is illustrated in the correspondence, statements, memoranda, criteria, and lists of suggested areas.

Materials pertaining to the Executive Committee include reports to the Secretary of State, directories, and provisional rules of procedure. Invitations, arranged chronologically, reflect the extent of socializing among participants in the fledgling international organization. The records of meetings were published as official documents and are arranged by committee name, including General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Committee, Trusteeship, Legal Questions, Administrative and Budgetary, League of Nations, and General questions.

### **Subseries 5C: General Assembly, 1946-1947**

This subseries documents the first part of the first session of the General Assembly, held in London immediately following the Preparatory Commission, and the second part of the first session, held some months later in New York. These papers include Stevenson's calendar and diary, committee material, organization and procedural guidelines, reports, and statements. Most of the materials do not make a clear distinction between the first and second parts of the session. Stevenson's calendar and diary both date from 1946, with the diary covering October 17, 1946 through November 2, 1946. As in other diaries, Stevenson chronicles both his professional and personal activities. The Committee materials are arranged numerically by committee number and include reports of activities and research, statements, background books containing information on specific issues and concerns, position papers, agreements, reports, correspondence, and memoranda. The organizational and procedural material includes staff assignments, provisional and amended provisional rules, and the agreement between the United Nations and the United States regarding the placement of the U. N. headquarters in the United States. Press release versions of statements by Stevenson, President Truman, and Warren R. Austin are included. The statements summarize the activities of the General Assembly for the general public and appeal for financial assistance with specific programs, such as the U. N. Appeal for Children. Stevenson's statements to various committees, issued as press releases, are also included.

### **Subseries 5D: United States Ambassador to United Nations, 1960-1965**

This subseries includes correspondence, subject files, statements, meeting notes, memoranda, and briefing notes illuminating the crises and issues that Stevenson addressed during his tenure as ambassador to the United Nations. These papers are arranged alphabetically by folder title and show Stevenson's involvement with the Cuban Missile Crisis, Cyprus, Congo, Israel, and Vietnam. Previously classified documents, released in 1987 by the State Department, are fully integrated into this subseries. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by last name of the correspondent. Much of this correspondence is with Assistant Secretary of State Harlan Cleveland and other State Department officials. Chronological files of outgoing correspondence, most of which is duplicated in the correspondence series, is arranged chronologically, with Stevenson's personal correspondence arranged first. Additional correspondence written in response to specific events, such as Stevenson's exchange with Zorin during the Cuban Missile Crisis, is included with the files pertaining to those events.

Particularly significant are Stevenson's handwritten notes, taken during meetings with the Secretary General, President, and the Security Council. In cases where the meeting was devoted to a single issue, the notes are arranged in the appropriate subject file; however, the majority of the meetings addressed a variety of issues. Because these notes are in Stevenson's hand and contain his unique abbreviations, they are in some cases difficult to decipher.

The files on United Nations financing document both fundraising through bond issues and the Article 19 controversy. By 1963, the Soviet Union had fallen into arrears due to their refusal to pay their allocation for U. N. peacekeeping efforts which they did not support. According to the U. N. charter, the Soviet Union could have voting rights in the General Assembly rescinded if they did not meet their financial obligations. Another major issue during Stevenson's tenure, the possible admission of Communist China to the United Nations, was protested by the American public; Stevenson received petitions signed by individuals opposing Chinese representation.

These papers also deal with the administrative side of the United States Mission, including personnel matters, budget, and appointment of officials. The protocol reports document the important social aspects of Stevenson's position.

## **Series 6: Subject Files, 1931-1965**

Series 6: Subject Files, includes correspondence, reference materials, newsclippings, meeting minutes, agendas, and other materials documenting those aspects of Stevenson's professional life not addressed in other series, including his governorship of Illinois, service on the boards of trustees for various companies and philanthropic organizations, his law career, government service during the New Deal and World War II, and political activities outside his presidential campaigns. These files are arranged alphabetically by subject.

Stevenson served on the boards of trustees for a number of organizations, including the Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation, Encyclopedia Britannica, Hull House, *Daily Pantagraph*, and the Field Foundation. Papers documenting Stevenson's organizational affiliations, such as the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, Chicago Bar Association, and the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, are also included. Clearly illustrated throughout this series is Stevenson's high level of involvement with a variety of organizations, ranging from social service to political groups. Stevenson's devotion to Chicago's institutions, well after he became a nationally – and internationally – prominent figure, is shown.

Stevenson's memoranda to president-elect John F. Kennedy, advising him on his first important actions as President (most notably appointing a Secretary of State) are particularly interesting.

## **Series 7: Personal Files, 1861-1990**

Series 7: Personal Files, is arranged into fourteen subseries. Subseries have been designated for: appointments/schedules; awards and honorary degrees; biographical materials; clippings; diaries; financial materials; invitations; law school notes; memberships; memorabilia; memorials; portraits and photographs; religion; and sponsorships.

### **Subseries 7A: Appointments/schedules, 1936-1965**

Subseries 7A: Appointments/Schedules, is arranged chronologically and includes Stevenson's desk calendars and daily schedules. The desk calendars were kept by Stevenson himself and include handwritten comments and notes, but are not always complete. Beginning when he was governor, Stevenson's secretaries prepared daily schedules, listing his appointments and other commitments. These schedules were kept consistently from 1949 until he left office, and sporadically in subsequent years. From 1957 until early 1961, when Stevenson was associated with the law firm Stevenson, Rifkind, and Wirtz, his secretaries maintained thorough documentation for his appointments, lunch engagements, and telephone calls. During his U.N. ambassadorship, daily schedules, such as those kept when he was governor, were again maintained. These schedules provide thorough documentation for the time Stevenson spent in his

office, but provide little or no insight into his personal life or activities while he was away from the office. Particularly poignant is Stevenson's final schedule, in his briefcase at the time of his death, listing his appointments and engagements through the end of August 1965.

### **Subseries 7B: Awards, 1936-1965**

Subseries 27B: Awards/Honorary Degrees, is arranged chronologically and includes diplomas, awards, correspondence, newsclippings, and programs documenting the events at which Stevenson was honored. The majority of his awards were honorary degrees received from colleges and universities.

### **Subseries 7C: Biographical Materials, 1913-1990**

Subseries 7C: Biographical Materials, includes biographies, press releases, correspondence, official documents, and narrative biographies written by individuals close to Stevenson. The biographical materials are arranged alphabetically, with general biographical materials first. The general biographical materials include official biographies prepared for Stevenson's political campaigns, speech introductions, and entries into *Who's Who* and other biographical anthologies. The correspondence primarily includes requests from students writing reports on Stevenson. A small amount of genealogical information, family reminiscences, and newspaper articles on Stevenson's accidental shooting of Ruth Merwin in 1913 are also included.

Stevenson's "black book" provides comprehensive information on his family, education, and affiliations. Included are lists of awards and honorary degrees, books by and about him, biographical information on his ancestors and three sons, lists of donations and memberships, and medical history. This book was presumably kept by Stevenson's secretaries as a reference tool.

The documents include copies of his birth certificate, passports and immunization records, Navy discharge, and various other official documents issued by state or federal agencies. Two transcripts of oral history interviews, conducted with Harriet Welling, Stevenson's longtime Chicago friend, and Margaret Munn, one of his secretaries while he served as governor of Illinois, are included. Writings about Stevenson include magazine and journal articles, master's theses, and remembrances of Stevenson's friends. Elizabeth Stevenson Ives' commentaries on biographies written about her brother are included. Ironically, she found John Bartlow Martin's 1976 biography, the official biography endorsed by the family, egregiously inaccurate and wrote a lengthy rebuttal.

### **Subseries 7D: Clippings, 1896-1968**

Subseries 7C: Clippings, includes clippings from Illinois and national newspapers, primarily predating his first nomination as Democratic candidate for president. Most of the early newsclippings document the social activities of Stevenson and his family, and later, his wife and her family. Copies of articles that Stevenson wrote in the mid-1920s while on the staff of the *Daily Pantagraph* are particularly notable. Clippings from 1947 and onward primarily document Stevenson's political and professional activities. The majority of the post-1952 newsclippings have been discarded; those retained are from local newspapers. In particular, clippings from the late 1950s and 1960s were collected by Princetonians and are drawn from the *Daily Princetonian*, *Princeton Packet*, and *Princeton Alumni Weekly*.

### **Subseries 7E: Diaries, 1943-1964 (bulk 1943-1947)**

Subseries 7E: Diaries, includes handwritten and transcribed copies of Stevenson's diaries. These diaries are in no way comprehensive and primarily document the first few weeks of each of Stevenson's new endeavors in the 1940s. The 1943 diary documents his trip to the Pacific theatre while serving in the Department of the Navy, while the others document his early service to the United Nations. A single entry for November 25, 1957 provides an introduction to his role in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and a final diary records his 1964 trip to Jane Dick's house in Jamaica. Stevenson's diary entries are very forthright and revealing; unfortunately, he kept them very sporadically.

### **Subseries 7F: Financial Materials, 1925-1969**

Subseries 7F: Financial Materials, includes correspondence, receipts, invoices, and statements documenting Stevenson's finances. This documentation primarily includes income tax returns and investment information. Stevenson's investments were predominantly in communications, including the *Daily Pantagraph* and the Bloomington Broadcasting Company, gas and oil speculation, and farms. From the late 1950s until his death, Stevenson was involved in a number of joint investments with his three sons, primarily oil wells. His farm investments were primarily inheritances from his parents that he shared with his sister, Elizabeth Stevenson Ives. The one exception to this generalization was his farm in Libertyville, Illinois that he maintained as his primary residence even when he spent the majority of his time in Chicago and New York. The correspondence with the caretakers and local tradespeople reveals his devotion to this property.

Documentation concerning the settlement of the estates of his parents, Helen D. Stevenson and Lewis G. Stevenson, as well as his own estate, is also included. During the 1930s, Stevenson's father-in-law, John Borden, experienced a series of financial setbacks that necessitated financial support from his children, spouses, and ex-wives. Stevenson assumed primary responsibility for coordinating Borden's financial affairs, and this activity is documented through correspondence. Unfortunately, Stevenson's experiences with his father-in-law would be a grim foreshadowing of his sons' experiences with their own mother in the early 1960s. Stevenson's income tax returns document his income, primarily from investments, as well as his charitable donations. Stevenson's frugality is well-documented in other areas of the papers, but the financial materials indicate not only that he was financially secure throughout his life, but also that he was quite generous with his family.

### **Subseries 7G: Invitations, 1952-1965**

Subseries 7G: Invitations, includes printed invitations, correspondence, newsclippings, and programs documenting Stevenson's social activities during this time period. Stevenson attended only a fraction of the events to which he was invited. The invitations he accepted reveal the types of functions which he was obligated or chose to accept.

In the 1950s, Stevenson attended numerous luncheons and dinners with politically influential people. These dinners were especially numerous in 1952 and 1953, where often, Stevenson would give speeches. During these years Stevenson declined invitations to many functions sponsored by various associations and religious groups. In addition, many schools and universities invited him to speak. Most of these invitations were regretted, although he did accept a few. Later in 1954 and 1955, in preparation for the next election year, Stevenson gave numerous speeches in various states such as Mississippi, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and accepted many invitations to speak in his home state of Illinois. Also in 1954, he travelled to Princeton to address the senior class banquet and accept an honorary degree at commencement. In preparation for the 1956 Presidential campaign, he accepted invitations in 1955 to various radio discussion programs and meetings with Democratic groups such as the Young Democrats Convention. At this time he declined many invitations to give speeches at colleges. In the late 1950s, he appeared on various television programs discussing political issues.

In the final years of his life, as ambassador to the United Nations, Stevenson attended numerous receptions held for representatives of other delegations, and most of the invitations that he accepted were in conjunction with his ambassadorial responsibilities. These functions included engagements with the political leaders of the world. In contrast to the bulk of his invitations in the 1950s, at which he was the speaker or honored guest, Stevenson was merely another invited guest at cocktail receptions and dinner parties.

### **Subseries 7H: Law School Notes, 1922-1926**

Subseries 7H: Law School Notes, includes Stevenson's handwritten lecture notes from his law school attendance at both Harvard University and Northwestern University. The notes are arranged chronologically and include examinations, as well as notes. Several of the notebooks are not dated and contain no identification other than the name of the course.

### **Subseries 7I: Memberships, 1942-1965**

Subseries 7I: Memberships, is arranged alphabetically by the name of the organization. These papers include correspondence and membership cards for social, political, and benevolent organizations to which Stevenson belonged. He frequently wrote letters of support for his friends and associates who sought membership in some of the clubs to which he belonged. His affiliations with some of the organizations, such as Hull House, Century Association, and Onwentsia Club, spanned most of his adult life. He belonged to other organizations, particularly those which gave him honorary memberships, for only a short period of time.

### **Subseries 7J: Memorabilia, 1861-1965**

Subseries 7J: Memorabilia, includes invitations, programs, place cards, magazine covers, keys to cities, and other items that Stevenson designated for inclusion in his scrapbooks, but never were. As with other materials, these items reflect his rapid ascendancy in prominence. Early in his public career, he tended to save more items; as he gained greater prominence he clearly was not as easily impressed with the recognition and adulation he received. The memorabilia also includes guest lists, invitations, and toasts from his birthday parties, thrown annually by his wide circle of friends beginning with his fiftieth birthday. A guest book records visitors to Stevenson's various residences, including the Illinois governor's mansion, Libertyville farm, and his suite in the Waldorf Astoria. Clearly, the guest book was not signed by every visitor; however, it does give a flavor of his guests over the years.

### **Subseries 7K: Memorials, 1965-1970**

Subseries 7K: Memorials, reflects Stevenson's immense popularity. This series includes condolence letters, eulogies, newsclippings, resolutions and proclamations, and papers documenting the planning of his funerals. Four official memorial services were held for Stevenson: Washington, D. C., July 17, 1965; Springfield, Illinois, July 18, 1965; Bloomington, Illinois, July 19, 1965 (including his interment); and United Nations, New York, July 19, 1965. Due to Stevenson's eminence, the services in Washington, Bloomington, and the U. N. were by invitation only. Memorial services were also held in Geneva, Switzerland; Princeton, New Jersey, and various other locales. Papers documenting the services include lists of invited individuals, telegrams, schedules and itineraries, programs, and memoranda. Bloomington mobilized quickly for the huge influx of mourners, with Illinois State University, the *Daily Pantagraph*, and State Farm Insurance Company providing administrative assistance.

The condolence letters are arranged by the writer. The majority were answered by Stevenson's eldest son, Adlai III, on behalf of the family. Several form letters were composed to acknowledge letters and telegrams received from social acquaintances, business and political associates, and lifelong friends. Numbered copies of the form letters are in the first file folder; Stevenson's secretaries indicated which form letter was used, by number, on each condolence. If a unique letter were written, the carbon was retained. The Department of State, United States Mission to the United Nations, and the Secretary General of the United Nations also received condolences from U. N. member nations. These condolences are arranged according to the organization which received and acknowledged them.

Eulogies include those delivered at the four memorial services discussed above, statements by Adlai III, Willard Wirtz, and other of Stevenson's long-time associates, and addresses given on the anniversary of his death. In addition to the memorial services held for Stevenson, he was honored in many other ways after his death. Numerous schools, libraries, lecture series, and roadways were dedicated to and/or named for him. Stevenson's friends and family attempted to consolidate all the memorial efforts into one central institution, the Stevenson Institute of International Affairs at the University of Chicago. Resolutions and proclamations honoring Stevenson and expressing sympathy to his family were adopted by many organizations and city, county, and state governments.

### **Subseries 7L: Portraits and Photographs, 1951-1961**

Subseries 7L: Portraits and Photographs, includes correspondence and promotional materials received by Stevenson and his staff from artists who sought to create works depicting Stevenson. Several portraits, photographs, and busts of Stevenson were commissioned over the years and these papers provide documentation for many of them.

### **Subseries 7M: Religion, 1952-1969**

Subseries 7M: Religion, includes correspondence, newsclippings, and a narrative report by Reverend Robert G. Andrus regarding Stevenson's religious affiliation. Although Stevenson belonged to the Unitarian church, he occasionally attended Presbyterian services, particularly while residing in Libertyville, which lacked a Unitarian church. In 1955, he joined the First Presbyterian Church in nearby Lake Forest, Illinois, while professing to maintain his Unitarianism. When this information received negative public response, prominent leaders in both denominations issued a statement affirming that Stevenson's formal affiliation with both churches did not marginalize his membership in either church. Both Stevenson and Reverend Andrus, minister of the First Presbyterian Church and one of the signatories of the statement, received numerous letters from both prospective voters and religious leaders expressing concern or approval for Stevenson's dual affiliations. Some Stevenson critics interpreted this issue as further proof of Stevenson's indecisiveness. In 1969, Andrus wrote a report revealing his interpretation of the events of 1955; this narrative is included.

#### **Subseries 7N: Sponsorships, 1952-1965**

Subseries 7N: Sponsorships, contains correspondence documenting requests of institutions and organizations for Stevenson to serve on boards of trustees, advisory committees, and as a spokesperson. Stevenson's institutional affiliations remained consistent throughout his life, although he would generally accept honorary appointments that did not require significant time investments.

#### **Series 8: Scrapbooks, 1922-1962 (bulk 1952-1962)**

Series 8: Scrapbooks, is arranged chronologically and includes microfilm copies of Stevenson's 108 scrapbook volumes, containing newsclippings and memorabilia documenting his personal and political activities. Beginning in 1952, many of the scrapbooks were compiled by Edith Gifford, a Stevenson supporter who worked for a clipping service. Thus, the post-1952 scrapbooks are uniform in size and arrangement, primarily documenting Stevenson's public activities. Earlier scrapbooks contain clippings about Stevenson's family and social activities. The scrapbooks reflect Stevenson's abrupt elevation in stature; the first four volumes cover the years 1922-1951, while later volumes each cover one or two months. A few of the volumes are devoted to specific events or topics, such as Conservation in Illinois (Volume 4, 1951) and the Cuban Missile Crisis (Volumes 105-107, 1962).

#### **Series 9: Travel Materials, 1953-1965**

Series 9: Travel Materials, is arranged chronologically by the year of Stevenson's voyage, then alphabetically by country or region he visited. The travel materials include correspondence, notes, newspaper clippings, itineraries, background information, and memorabilia, such as invitations and place cards. The bulk of the material documents his 1953 world tour which started in March and ended in August. During this trip, Stevenson established many of the contacts he cultivated through the remainder of his public career. Subsequent trips were taken both for pleasure and for business. He made his 1957 trip to Africa as a representative of legal clients Reynolds Metals and Maurice Tempelman, while his 1958 trip to the Soviet Union was a goodwill, fact-finding tour. His written impressions of Russia were syndicated by the North American Newspaper Alliance and later published as *Friends and Enemies*.

The correspondence primarily documents the planning of his trips, but also includes thank-you notes to United States ambassadors, airline representatives, and local politicians and dignitaries, all of whom either expedited the planning of his trips or hosted him in the countries he visited. The files for those years in which he was ambassador to the United Nations, 1961-1965, include official statements made upon his arrival as well as copies of speeches he delivered. Stevenson sometimes kept notebooks recording his impressions of the places he visited; however, he was not always diligent in keeping the notebooks for the whole trip. These notebooks, some of which were later transcribed by his secretaries, are generally found at the beginning of materials documenting the trip. Stevenson received a tremendous amount of press coverage wherever he travelled and

saved newsclippings from the local newspapers. These materials primarily document those trips that Stevenson undertook in some public capacity and although he usually incorporated some personal sightseeing into these trips, his purely personal vacations are not represented here.

Stevenson's entourage generally included William McC. Blair, Jr., one or more of his sons, translators and area experts, professional writers and photographers, and quite often, one or more of his female companions. Materials generated or collected by his travelling companions have been placed at the end of Stevenson's files for the appropriate trip. These materials include transcripts of Walter Johnson's recorded notes on the 1953 world tour, Robert Tucker's notes from the 1958 trip to Russia, and William Benton's notes and articles on the 1960 Latin American trip.

### **Series 10: Photographs, 1892-1965 (bulk 1949-1965)**

Series 10: Photographs, is arranged by subject and chronologically within each subject designation. The photographs are primarily black and white 8"x10" with some negatives and color photos. They document various aspects of Stevenson's political career as well as his family life. There are some photographs of Stevenson's early years and his private life with his wife, his sister and his children. For the most part, however, these photographs document various political events and Stevenson's extensive travels as governor of Illinois, presidential nominee, and United Nations Ambassador.

The photographs are arranged in roughly the same manner as the rest of the Adlai Stevenson Papers: Portraits, Family, Stevenson with Individuals, Photographs of Individuals, Gubernatorial Years, Presidential Campaigns (1952 and 1956), United Nations, Travels, and Public Appearances (including commencements). This last category, Public Appearances, consists of photographs from the 1950s and 1960s which do not fit into any other category.

There are several oversized and several small boxes in the collection, including one box of small miscellaneous negatives. Many of the photographs are copies from papers like the *Chicago Sun Times* and various Associated Press services, as well as the snapshots taken by Stevenson's volunteers, staff and family. Many of the photographs, particularly from the 1956 presidential campaign and Stevenson's travels, were taken by his youngest son, John Fell Stevenson. Several photograph albums document Stevenson's world tour in 1953 and voyage to the Soviet Union in 1958.

### **Series 11: Audiovisual Materials, 1952-1965**

Series 11: Audiovisual Materials, includes audio tapes, films, phonograph records, and video tapes. The materials are arranged by genre, and chronologically within type of material. Primarily documenting Stevenson's presidential campaigns and service to the United Nations, these materials also record his commencement addresses and appearances on television programs, including *Meet the Press* and *Face the Nation*.

#### **Subseries 11A: Audio Tapes**

#### **Subseries 11B: Films**

#### **Subseries 11C: Phonograph Records**

## Arrangement

The Adlai E. Stevenson Papers are divided into eleven series and are arranged as follows.

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##### Subseries Description

Subseries 1A: Office Correspondence, is arranged alphabetically by the last name of correspondent and chronologically within each folder. The correspondence provides rich documentation for Stevenson's political activities during the 1950s and his involvement in international affairs in the 1950s and first half of the 1960s. Stevenson's enormous popularity with people of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds is evidenced in his letters. He was generally quite candid in his correspondence and sometimes embarrassingly honest and self-effacing.

Stevenson corresponded sporadically with a legion of individuals, including former Princeton classmates, friends and business associates from Bloomington and Chicago, people he met on his travels, distant relatives, individuals who worked on his political campaigns, Democratic politicians, and many others. They discussed a wide variety of topics, including national and local politics, international relations, and fellow acquaintances. The correspondence reveals the ebb and flow of many of his personal relationships. He may have corresponded on a weekly basis with an individual for a year or so, then only annually thereafter. Many leading lights of the Democratic Party are represented in the correspondence, including Eleanor Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Jacob Arvey, the Kennedys, J. William Fulbright, Stephen Mitchell, Edmund G. Brown, and many others. Their correspondence reveals Stevenson's role as the titular head of the Democratic Party for most of the 1950s, as well as his tireless support and interest in Democratic officeholders and candidates throughout the country.

By the same token, some of this correspondence is not particularly enlightening. For example, Stevenson's correspondence with Lyndon B. Johnson and John F. Kennedy is very formal, revealing little of the disagreements he had with both Presidents during his tenure as ambassador to the United Nations. In contrast, Stevenson's correspondence with his political advisors is often very insightful, particularly that with Agnes Meyer, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., and Barbara Ward. The Agnes Meyer correspondence is particularly significant because it includes Stevenson's handwritten letters to her, making this correspondence more revealing than his correspondence with others.

Correspondence with certain individuals, most notably Stephen Mitchell, Barry Bingham, and William McC. Blair, Jr., is largely related to his political campaigns. This correspondence includes not only Stevenson's correspondence with each, but also their correspondence with others involved with the campaigns. Because Stevenson was drafted for the 1952 Democratic presidential nomination, correspondence pertaining to the 1952 campaign dates only from late July, while later correspondence shows that Stevenson began preparing for the 1956 campaign in 1955, if not almost immediately after his defeat in 1952.

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Included among those individuals with whom Stevenson corresponded frequently are George Ball, William Benton, Barry Bingham, William McC. Blair, Jr., Chester Bowles, John Brademas, Stuart Gerry Brown, Harlan Cleveland, Ewing Cockrell, Norman Cousins, Richard J. Daley, J. Edward Day, Jane Warner Dick, Ruth Field, Thomas K. Finletter, Clayton Fritchey, J. William Fulbright, Lloyd Garrison, Deborah Glassford, Seymour E. Harris, Hubert Humphrey, Elizabeth Stevenson Ives, Gerald Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Estes Kefauver, John F. Kennedy, Mary Lasker, Agnes Meyer, Newton Minow, Stephen Mitchell, Richard L. Neuberger, Alicia Patterson, Sam Rayburn, Eleanor Roosevelt, James Roosevelt, W. W. Rostow, Dean Rusk, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Albert Schweitzer, Lady Mary Spears, John Steinbeck, Adlai E. Stevenson III, Ellen Borden Stevenson, John Fell Stevenson, Nancy Anderson Stevenson, Benjamin H. Swig, Maurice Tempelman, Harry S. Truman, James P. Warburg, Barbara Ward, Conrad Wrzos, Wilson Wyatt, Jean Wylie, and Robert Yoakum.

Much of the correspondence is routine and includes congratulatory letters on Stevenson's two presidential nominations and appointment as United States ambassador to the United Nations, letters of regret following his two defeats, commentaries on contemporary political issues, and general social correspondence. Because of the large volume of correspondence that Stevenson received, his responses are often quite brief, almost cursory, while the incoming correspondence is generally more loquacious. During Stevenson's frequent absences from his office and during periods of especially heavy correspondence, replies were often written by Stevenson's aides, law partners, and secretaries, particularly his executive assistant William McC. Blair, Jr., and long-time secretaries Carol Evans and Roxane Eberlein. These replies were sometimes acknowledged to have been written on Stevenson's behalf by others, but were often signed over Stevenson's name.

Although most of the correspondence pertains to Stevenson's political career, some personal correspondence is also included. Stevenson's correspondence with his three sons, Adlai III, Borden, and John Fell, shows his close relationship and involvement in their lives. Stevenson's correspondence with his ex-wife, Ellen Borden Stevenson, includes letters she wrote to him while he served in his various government posts in the 1930s and 1940s, as well as considerable correspondence and documentation pertaining to the court appointment of a conservator to look after her financial affairs in 1961. Clearly devoted to his family, Stevenson demonstrated remarkable patience in dealing with his ex-wife's erratic behavior and helping his sons cope with her financial demands, as shown through the correspondence. Stevenson also remained very close to his ex-wife's family after their divorce and continued his affectionate correspondence with his mother-in-law, sister-in-law, and others.

Stevenson accumulated many friends and acquaintances through the years who were not afraid to ask him for favors, jobs, and introductions to foreign dignitaries, and Stevenson generally cheerfully complied. Nor was Stevenson shy about asking his friends for favors, and this sort of exchange also is documented in the correspondence. His tireless socializing is illustrated in the correspondence, which contains countless exchanges setting up meetings and parties, thank you letters, and references to past social engagements. While he was serving at the United Nations, Stevenson opened his apartment at the Waldorf Towers to all friends and acquaintances visiting New York. The correspondence also reveals the high regard and affection many held for Stevenson.

In addition, Stevenson's flirtatious personality and his genuine kindness are evident in the correspondence. Stevenson developed close relationships with many of his friends' children, particularly Adele Dunlap Smith, Elizabeth Graham Weymouth, and Frances FitzGerald, and provided guidance and advice to them as they grew into adulthood. He also scrupulously kept in touch with his older relatives, and corresponded with a number of "pen pals," most notably Jean Wylie and Edith Gifford, with whom he established close friendships, despite infrequent meetings.

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Stevenson's public image as an intellectual, charming gentleman attracted many women, some of whom imagined relationships with Stevenson that did not exist. Several file folders, labelled "Eccentrics," contain love letters, gifts, and nuisance letters that Stevenson received.

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**Series 2: Speeches, 1936-1965 (Boxes 123-201)****Series Description**

Series 2: Speeches, includes drafts, reading copies, final copies, newspaper clippings, press releases and published versions of speeches, statements, and interviews given by Stevenson. Although some speeches predate Stevenson's political career, the majority date from his election as Governor of Illinois (1948) and cover the subsequent seventeen years of his public and political life. Speeches are particularly numerous for those years in which he was campaigning for the presidency (1952 and 1956) or actively seeking the party nomination (1955).

Stevenson's speeches address a variety of issues and topics including education, civil rights, party politics, agriculture, housing, labor, taxes and international relations, particularly the spread of Communism and the Cold War. Subject access to the speeches is provided by the "Adlaipedia," a subject index for speeches from 1936 to 1959 (Boxes 197-201). There are also chronological lists for campaign speeches, giving the date of the speech and where it was given. A card index lists speeches given from 1952 to 1956 chronologically by date and alphabetically by the city where it was delivered (Box 196).

While many of Stevenson's speeches were given for campaign purposes, he also frequently gave commencement addresses, eulogies, dedications, opening speeches, and acceptance speeches for many honorary degrees. Stevenson eulogized such notables as Eleanor Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Winston Churchill, as well as friends and neighbors in Illinois. As a leading voice for the Democratic Party throughout the 1950s, Stevenson spoke at political fundraisers and campaigned for others seeking political office, most notably John F. Kennedy in 1960. Also of note are the speeches and addresses given by Stevenson as United States Ambassador to the United Nations, including his infamous dressing down of Valerian Zorin in the Security Council on October 23, 1962 during the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Interestingly, Stevenson's reading copy of this speech was initially torn in half and discarded by a secretary, who later retrieved it when she realized it might be important. During his tenure at the United Nations, Stevenson co-hosted a biweekly television show, *Adlai Stevenson Reports*, produced by Arnold Michaelis and Stanley Frankel. Transcripts and Stevenson's preparatory notes for this show are included.

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The speeches reveal not only Stevenson's ideas on issues but also the assistance he received from various business and political associates, including Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Archibald MacLeish, William McC. Blair, Jr., Newton Minow, Willard W. Wirtz, and Clayton Fritchey, all of whom often drafted speeches for him. Speech drafting began as early as several months prior to the event. The reading copies of the speeches reveal that Stevenson continued editing until the very last moment.

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**Series Description**

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**Subseries 4A: 1952 Presidential Campaign, 1952-1954 (Box 213-247)****Subseries Description**

Subseries 4A: 1952 Presidential Campaign, is divided into two subgroups: Presidential Campaign Staff and Volunteers for Stevenson, following the administrative separation of these two groups. These papers include correspondence, public relations materials, state files, reports, schedules and itineraries, financial materials, and other items documenting Stevenson's 1952 presidential campaign. These papers reveal the lack of advance organizational planning and the ad hoc nature of his first national campaign.

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## Presidential Campaign Staff

The 1952 Presidential Campaign Staff primarily included members of Stevenson's Illinois gubernatorial staff, including William McC. Blair, Jr., Wilson Wyatt, Carl McGowan, Newton Minow, Carol Evans, and Clayton Fritchey, all of whom undertook additional duties after his nomination as the Democratic presidential candidate. Others involved with the campaign were long-time associates of

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Stevenson, including Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Ernest Ives, and Elizabeth Ives. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by staff member's last name, and alphabetically by the last name of the correspondent within each file. Much of this correspondence is from the general public regarding campaign issues, speeches, campaign suggestions, and offers of support. Some of the correspondence is interoffice communication that deals with such administrative matters as reporting contributions, referrals of key contact people, and more mundane subjects, such as renting office furniture. In the correspondence, as well as in the papers in general, the lack of organizational planning is evident, as there is no clear division of duties among the staff.

Subject correspondence is arranged alphabetically by the issue and includes correspondence pertaining to Stevenson's Alger Hiss deposition, comments on Stevenson's speeches, and a large amount of correspondence regarding political contributions, particularly the Stevenson Fund and Richard M. Nixon's "Checkers" speech. In 1949, when Hiss was on trial for perjury, Stevenson served as a character witness for him, based on his acquaintanceship with Hiss in Washington during the 1930s and 1940s. Asked what Hiss's reputation for honesty was at that time, Stevenson replied "good." This deposition was offered as proof of Stevenson's softness on Communism. Correspondents both condemned Stevenson for his leniency and praised him for his honesty. Most often, they simply asked for clarification of his position.

Political contributions became another significant campaign issue after it was revealed that Republican vice-presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon had accepted \$18,000 in private contributions from wealthy Californians while serving as Senator. Nixon defended himself in late September in his so-called "Checkers" speech, in which he admitted that one contribution he refused to give up was his daughters' dog, Checkers. Shortly thereafter, Stevenson was questioned about the Stevenson Fund, composed of leftover gubernatorial campaign funds and additional contributions. The Stevenson Fund, amounting to approximately \$80,000, was used primarily to increase the salaries of underpaid state employees, many of whom had sacrificed more lucrative positions in order to work in Stevenson's administration. Queries and comments from prospective supporters were answered by form letter. A sample form letter is included at the front of the first folder; others were discarded.

The reports reflect data-gathering on the part of staff members and volunteers, including media reports listing pro-Stevenson newspapers and tracking favorable editorials. State reports, used for preparation of speeches and campaign visits and arranged alphabetically by state, provide background information, such as local issues, politicians, demographics, key contact people, and voting records.

The speeches are arranged alphabetically by the last name of the person giving the speech and include those given on Stevenson's behalf by staff and volunteers, including George Ball, Jane Dick, and Wilson Wyatt, by leading Democrats, such as Harry S. Truman, Maury Maverick, Estes Kefauver, and Stevenson's running mate, John Sparkman, and general speeches, presumably gathered for reference purposes. Copies of "sample" speeches sent to state organizations for local supporters to use as a guideline in preparing their own speeches are included, as are

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copies of Eisenhower's campaign speeches.

The correspondence in the Volunteers for Stevenson records is similar in scope to that of the staff. Correspondence with the state and local committees is arranged chronologically and documents the referral of volunteers to local groups, reports of local activities, and suggestions. The financial materials are arranged with general financial materials first, followed by records of contributions. The general financial materials include summary reports prepared for the Senate and House of Representatives in accordance with the Federal Corrupt Practices Act of 1925, filed under receipts and disbursements. In addition to correspondence with donors, the contribution materials include fundraising information for specific drives, such as the Radio/TV Fund, New York Post Trust Funds, and fundraising events. The state financial files document the transfer of funds from state and local committees to the national committee.

Public relations material, arranged alphabetically, includes the correspondence of Porter McKeever, publicity director, and Robert Hind, assistant publicity director, regarding the placement of advertisements, offers of volunteer assistance, suggestions, and the organization of special committees. Press releases, newsletters, and state files containing advance materials are also included.

The reports include a master plan for managing the campaign, prepared by Edward L. Bernays, as well as post-election voting analyses and reports of the organization of local committees and an analysis of their effectiveness. Volunteers for Stevenson mobilized various groups of people to generate additional support for Stevenson among special interest groups, including minorities, labor representatives, lawyers, business leaders and doctors. The National Advisory Committee for Stevenson, an honorary group of prominent individuals, was also organized. The organization of the special groups is documented through lists of individuals recruited, telegrams of acceptance and refusal, and notes of organization. Papers documenting the Springfield Conference, held in early October for leaders of Volunteers for Stevenson groups throughout the country to coordinate the work of the committees for the last month of the campaign, include schedules, planning materials, and lists of attendees.

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Subseries 4B: 1956 Presidential Campaign, is divided into two subgroups: Presidential Campaign Staff and Volunteers for Stevenson-Kefauver. These papers include correspondence, public relations materials, state files, and financial materials documenting Stevenson's 1956 campaign. Unlike the 1952 campaign materials, these materials reflect a high level of campaign planning.

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**Subseries Description**

The Presidential Campaign Staff records include the director's files, correspondence, public relations materials, reports, speeches, and statements. The director's files include chronological correspondence, post-convention correspondence, special issues correspondence, regional reports, subject files, and materials pertaining to the presidential primaries generated by the campaign director, James A. Finnegan. The chronological correspondence documents the early planning of the campaign, while the post-convention correspondence is arranged alphabetically by state and documents contributions, suggestions, local activities, and offers of support. The special issues correspondence is arranged alphabetically by issue, then alphabetically by the correspondent's last name. Among the issues discussed were civil rights, Richard Nixon, highways, social security, vice presidential candidates, Harry S. Truman, senior citizens, and the Middle East. The regional reports include responses to questionnaires on issues of the campaign, centered on various regions of the country. The subject files are arranged alphabetically by subject, including civil rights, Dollars for Democrats, election data, Estes Kefauver, Israel, and the Speaker's Bureau. The material in Finnegan's subject files complements materials pertaining to these issues and activities located elsewhere in the subseries.

The staff correspondence is arranged alphabetically by last name of the correspondent, with many of the same staff members as the 1952 campaign, including William McC. Blair, Jr., Newton Minow, John Bartlow Martin, and Carol Evans. The staff correspondence does not differ significantly in content from the director's correspondence. The files on Stevenson's primary opponents Averell Harriman and Estes Kefauver include newsclippings, campaign materials, and biographical sketches. Because Kefauver was considered to be a more serious rival, the staff gathered more information on him, including press releases from his campaign headquarters and his attendance and voting records in Senate. The public relations materials include materials generated by the national committee, local committees and the Democratic National Committee. The materials distributed by

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the Democratic National Committee include brochures and the party's newsletter, *The New America*, addressing specific topics, such as health reform, education, and senior citizens.

The reports include both public opinion surveys and state reports, providing profiles of local politicians, demographics, and influential local organizations. The speeches and statements are arranged alphabetically by the name of the speaker, including both prominent Democratic politicians and lesser-known, local Stevenson supporters. The state files include correspondence pertaining to the primaries for states with particularly significant primary elections, such as California, Florida and Minnesota. Much of this correspondence predates the organization of a formal campaign structure and was answered by Blair, Evans, or Stevenson himself. A planning meeting was held in July 1955 among political leaders and Stevenson supporters to plan his campaign; correspondence and notes from this meeting are included in the strategy file, as are a review of the shortcomings of the 1952 campaign and materials from subsequent planning meetings in the autumn of 1955.

The Volunteers for Stevenson-Kefauver records include correspondence, financial materials, meeting minutes, public relations materials, reports, and a large amount of documentation concerning special groups of Stevenson supporters. Much of the correspondence is between the Volunteer leaders, Archibald Alexander (director), Barry Bingham (co-chair), and Jane Dick (co-chair), and individuals in their geographic areas of responsibility. Bingham corresponded frequently with Edward McDougal concerning contributions and the recruitment of leaders for state and local volunteer committees. The correspondence of John Horne, who served as a liaison with politicians in Washington, D. C. prior to the convention, shows the extent of pre-convention politicking undertaken by the Volunteers. Horne also corresponded with state politicians, labor leaders, and campaign officials regarding the organization of regional campaign offices.

Materials from the Democratic National Convention includes lists of delegates, convention committees, and correspondence regarding hotel arrangements. The financial materials include contribution acknowledgements, payroll information, budgets, correspondence of finance committee leaders John S. Graham, Mitzi Harrison, Louis Kohn, George McGhee, and Desmond Meehan, and documentation for the Shoe Pin Division. Volunteers in California initiated an enormously successful fundraising drive by selling sterling silver pins in the shape of a shoe, with (of course) a hole in the sole. These pins were sold in bulk to state committees who then sold them at a profit to raise funds for both the local and national committees.

The early planning of the campaign is documented through meeting minutes and the records of the National Committee for Stevenson, the pre-convention predecessor group of the Volunteers. These records include the precis of organization, meeting minutes, and memoranda between the principal members, Dick, Bingham, and Alexander. The public relations materials include newsletters, pamphlets, press releases, publicity kits, state files, and documentation of the use of various media, including radio, television, newspaper, and audio recordings. Files of the principal public relations staff members, Chloe Fox, Lemoine Skinner, and Don Pryor, are also included.

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Following the convention and just prior to the commencement of the official campaign, the Volunteers held a series of regional conferences to coordinate the efforts of the state committees. Telegrams, schedules, and correspondence concerning these regional meetings are included. The special groups, more numerous in 1956 than 1952, included conservationists, educators, physicians, lawyers, minorities, business people, speakers' bureau, and students. Chapters of Students for Stevenson, administered by Jane Dick's daughter Letitia, were organized on college and university campuses throughout the country in an effort to win the support of first-time voters. Documentation for the Students for Stevenson groups and the mock conventions they held consist of correspondence, questionnaires, newspaper clippings, and telegrams.

The voluminous state files are arranged alphabetically by state name, with organizational information and interoffice memoranda arranged chronologically and correspondence arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent. These files reflect the relative zeal of Stevenson supporters in various states, many of whom had well-organized state committees prior to the primaries, but some of whom never organized state committees. The state files also show the loyalty of Stevenson supporters as many local organizers from 1952 utilized their experience in 1956. The New York state files also include the files of publisher Cass Canfield who spearheaded fundraising efforts in New York, and organized additional special groups, including the Committee for the Arts and New York Businessmen for Stevenson.

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Materials from the Democratic National Convention includes lists of delegates, convention committees, and correspondence regarding hotel arrangements. The financial materials include contribution acknowledgements, payroll information, budgets, correspondence of finance committee leaders John S. Graham, Mitzi Harrison, Louis Kohn, George McGhee, and Desmond Meehan, and documentation

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for the Shoe Pin Division. Volunteers in California initiated an enormously successful fundraising drive by selling sterling silver pins in the shape of a shoe, with (of course) a hole in the sole. These pins were sold in bulk to state committees who then sold them at a profit to raise funds for both the local and national committees.

The early planning of the campaign is documented through meeting minutes and the records of the National Committee for Stevenson, the pre-convention predecessor group of the Volunteers. These records include the precis of organization, meeting minutes, and memoranda between the principal members, Dick, Bingham, and Alexander. The public relations materials include newsletters, pamphlets, press releases, publicity kits, state files, and documentation of the use of various media, including radio, television, newspaper, and audio recordings. Files of the principal public relations staff members, Chloe Fox, Lemoine Skinner, and Don Pryor, are also included.

Following the convention and just prior to the commencement of the official campaign, the Volunteers held a series of regional conferences to coordinate the efforts of the state committees. Telegrams, schedules, and correspondence concerning these regional meetings are included. The special groups, more numerous in 1956 than 1952, included conservationists, educators, physicians, lawyers, minorities, business people, speakers' bureau, and students. Chapters of Students for Stevenson, administered by Jane Dick's daughter Letitia, were organized on college and university campuses throughout the country in an effort to win the support of first-time voters. Documentation for the Students for Stevenson groups and the mock conventions they held consist of correspondence, questionnaires, newspaper clippings, and telegrams.

The voluminous state files are arranged alphabetically by state name, with organizational information and interoffice memoranda arranged chronologically and correspondence arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent. These files reflect the relative zeal of Stevenson supporters in various states, many of whom had well-organized state committees prior to the primaries, but some of whom never organized state committees. The state files also show the loyalty of Stevenson supporters as many local organizers from 1952 utilized their experience in 1956. The New York state files also include the files of publisher Cass Canfield who spearheaded fundraising efforts in New York, and organized additional special groups, including the Committee for the Arts and New York Businessmen for Stevenson.

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**Subseries 4C: 1960 Presidential Campaign, 1960 (Boxes 328-335)**

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**Subseries Description**

Subseries 4C: 1960 Presidential Campaign, includes campaign materials, correspondence, Democratic National Convention materials, newspaper clippings, press releases, schedules, speeches, and state files, as well as papers collected independently by Stuart Gerry Brown concerning efforts to draft Stevenson. The Stuart Gerry Brown files have been arranged following the other campaign records.

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For obvious reasons, the 1960 campaign records differ significantly from the 1952 and 1956 records and are much smaller in volume. The campaign materials were generated entirely by independent, mainly regional, groups, and include reprints of newspaper articles and Stevenson speeches, solicitations, and newsletters. The correspondence is arranged following the original order and includes general correspondence with individuals such as Agnes Meyer and Eleanor Roosevelt who persisted in urging Stevenson's candidacy despite his repeated refusals to actively seek the nomination, letters from the general public encouraging Stevenson to run, offers of assistance, suggestions for Kennedy's campaign and Stevenson's campaign speeches, comments on the religion issue, and campaign contributions.

Items from the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles include lists of delegates, a copy of the platform, itineraries, invitations, and Stevenson's handwritten notes. The last are particularly significant. Stevenson summarized his conversations with various political leaders concerning the candidate they were supporting for the nomination, what their opinions of Kennedy were, and so forth. These notes suggest that despite his public statements that he was not seeking the nomination, Stevenson was nurturing some hopes of being drafted in 1960.

During the campaign, Stevenson undertook an aggressive speaking tour on Kennedy's behalf. Both Stevenson's and Kennedy's schedules are included with the itineraries. The state files primarily predate the convention and include correspondence from individuals and local Stevenson for President committees. Overall, the 1960 campaign materials clearly illustrate Stevenson's ambivalence toward a third presidential nomination. His responses to correspondents state quite clearly that he was not seeking the nomination, yet his handwritten notes suggest that he hoped he would be drafted.

The Stuart Gerry Brown files are arranged in numerical order by the number assigned by Brown to each file folder. A calendar guide, contained in the first file folder, provides a folder listing for this distinct group of papers. These papers include interview transcripts, correspondence, memoranda, newsclippings, financial materials, and other items documenting the efforts to draft Stevenson in 1960.

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**Series 5: United Nations, 1945-1965**

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**Series Description**

Series 5: United Nations, has been arranged in four subseries: Conference on International Organization; United Nations Preparatory Commission; General Assembly; and United States Ambassadorship to the United Nations. These materials document two diverse periods: Stevenson's involvement in the organization of the United Nations immediately following World War II; and his service to the United Nations as United States ambassador from 1961 until his death in 1965.

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**Subseries 5A: Conference on International Organization, 1945-1965 (Boxes 335-336)**

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**Subseries Description**

This subseries is arranged alphabetically by subject and includes the charter, Dumbarton Oaks proposals, meeting materials, and statements and press releases. These materials document the conference on international organization held in San Francisco, California in April 1945 following the Dumbarton Oaks conference calling for a general international organization. Materials pertaining to the charter include guides to anticipated questions, information concerning the ratification process, various chapters of the charter, and the final printed version. The Dumbarton Oaks Proposals are the recommendations calling for the conference in San Francisco.

The meeting materials include memoranda, amendments regarding procedure, agendas, and Stevenson's notes, documenting meetings of both the "Big 5" (the United States, United Kingdom, China, Soviet Union, and France) and the United States Delegation to the conference. Both groups determined procedure for the United Nations, and the Big 5 also established various committees. The statements and press releases were generated primarily by Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., Secretary of State and Chairman of the U. S. Delegation, reporting on the progress of the Conference to the American public and recommending adoption of the charter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. A draft statement by Stevenson and future Secretary of State John Foster Dulles regarding voting in the Security Council is also included, but this statement was never released.

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This subseries is arranged alphabetically by form and includes diaries, materials regarding the establishment of permanent headquarters, invitations, executive committee materials, and records of meetings. The Preparatory Commission was held in London from the autumn of 1945 until early 1946. Stevenson went to London as deputy delegate, but when Stettinius' illness compelled him to return to the United States, Stevenson acted in his stead. Stevenson kept his diary from September 4, 1945 until September 19, 1945 and recorded both his comments on the progress of the Preparatory Commission and personal observations and notes. Stevenson's datebook from January until March 1946, recording appointments and occasional comments, is also included. The controversy and debate concerning the location of the United Nation's permanent headquarters is illustrated in the correspondence, statements, memoranda, criteria, and lists of suggested areas.

Materials pertaining to the Executive Committee include reports to the Secretary of State, directories, and provisional rules of procedure. Invitations, arranged chronologically, reflect the extent of socializing among participants in the fledgling international organization. The records of meetings were published as official documents and are arranged by committee name, including General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Committee, Trusteeship, Legal Questions, Administrative and Budgetary, League of Nations, and General questions.

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**Subseries Description**

This subseries documents the first part of the first session of the General Assembly, held in London immediately following the Preparatory Commission, and the second part of the first session, held some months later in New York. These papers include Stevenson's calendar and diary, committee material, organization and procedural guidelines, reports, and statements. Most of the materials do not make a clear distinction between the first and second parts of the session. Stevenson's calendar and diary both date from 1946, with the diary covering October 17, 1946 through November 2, 1946. As in other diaries, Stevenson chronicles both his professional and personal activities. The Committee materials are arranged numerically by committee number and include reports of activities and research, statements, background books containing information on specific issues and concerns, position papers, agreements, reports, correspondence, and memoranda. The organizational and procedural material includes staff assignments, provisional and amended provisional rules, and the agreement between the United Nations and the United States regarding the placement of the U. N. headquarters in the United States. Press release versions of statements by Stevenson, President Truman, and Warren R. Austin are included. The statements summarize the activities of the General Assembly for the general public and appeal for financial assistance with specific programs, such as the U. N. Appeal for Children. Stevenson's statements to various committees, issued as press releases, are also included.

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**Subseries Description**

This subseries includes correspondence, subject files, statements, meeting notes, memoranda, and briefing notes illuminating the crises and issues that Stevenson addressed during his tenure as ambassador to the United Nations. These papers are arranged alphabetically by folder title and show Stevenson's involvement with the Cuban Missile Crisis, Cyprus, Congo, Israel, and Vietnam. Previously classified documents, released in 1987 by the State Department, are fully integrated into this subseries. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by last name of the correspondent. Much of this correspondence is with Assistant Secretary of State Harlan Cleveland and other State Department officials. Chronological files of outgoing correspondence, most of which is duplicated in the correspondence series, is arranged chronologically, with Stevenson's personal correspondence arranged first. Additional correspondence written in response to specific events, such as Stevenson's exchange with Zorin during the Cuban Missile Crisis, is included with the files pertaining to those events.

Particularly significant are Stevenson's handwritten notes, taken during meetings with the Secretary General, President, and the Security Council. In cases where the meeting was devoted to a single issue, the notes are arranged in the appropriate subject file; however, the majority of the meetings addressed a variety of issues. Because these notes are in Stevenson's hand and contain his unique abbreviations, they are in some cases difficult to decipher.

The files on United Nations financing document both fundraising through bond issues and the Article 19 controversy. By 1963, the Soviet Union had fallen into arrears due to their refusal to pay their allocation for U. N. peacekeeping efforts which they did not support. According to the U. N. charter, the Soviet Union could have voting rights in the General Assembly rescinded if they did not meet their financial obligations. Another major issue during Stevenson's tenure, the possible admission of Communist China to the United Nations, was protested by the American public; Stevenson received petitions signed by individuals opposing Chinese representation.

These papers also deal with the administrative side of the United States Mission, including personnel matters, budget, and appointment of officials. The protocol reports document the important social aspects of Stevenson's position.

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Series 6: Subject Files, includes correspondence, reference materials, newsclippings, meeting minutes, agendas, and other materials documenting those aspects of Stevenson's professional life not addressed in other series, including his governorship of Illinois, service on the boards of trustees for various companies and philanthropic organizations, his law career, government service during the New Deal and World War II, and political activities outside his presidential campaigns. These files are arranged alphabetically by subject.

Stevenson served on the boards of trustees for a number of organizations, including the Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation, Encyclopedia Britannica, Hull House, *Daily Pantagraph*, and the Field Foundation. Papers documenting Stevenson's organizational affiliations, such as the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, Chicago Bar Association, and the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, are also included. Clearly illustrated throughout this series is Stevenson's high level of involvement with a variety of organizations, ranging from social service to political groups. Stevenson's devotion to Chicago's institutions, well after he became a nationally – and internationally – prominent figure, is shown.

Stevenson's memoranda to president-elect John F. Kennedy, advising him on his first important actions as President (most notably appointing a Secretary of State) are particularly interesting.

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**Series Description**

Series 7: Personal Files, is arranged into fourteen subseries. Subseries have been designated for: appointments/schedules; awards and honorary degrees; biographical materials; clippings; diaries; financial materials; invitations; law school notes; memberships; memorabilia; memorials; portraits and photographs; religion; and sponsorships.

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**Subseries 7A: Appointments/Schedules, 1936-1965**

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**Subseries Description**

Subseries 7A: Appointments/Schedules, is arranged chronologically and includes Stevenson's desk calendars and daily schedules. The desk calendars were kept by Stevenson himself and include handwritten comments and notes, but are not always complete. Beginning when he was governor, Stevenson's secretaries prepared daily schedules, listing his appointments and other commitments. These schedules were kept consistently from 1949 until he left office, and sporadically in subsequent

**Subseries 7A: Appointments/Schedules, ... (Continued)**

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years. From 1957 until early 1961, when Stevenson was associated with the law firm Stevenson, Rifkind, and Wirtz, his secretaries maintained thorough documentation for his appointments, lunch engagements, and telephone calls. During his U.N. ambassadorship, daily schedules, such as those kept when he was governor, were again maintained. These schedules provide thorough documentation for the time Stevenson spent in his office, but provide little or no insight into his personal life or activities while he was away from the office. Particularly poignant is Stevenson's final schedule, in his briefcase at the time of his death, listing his appointments and engagements through the end of August 1965.

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**Subseries 7B: Awards/Honorary Degrees, 1936-1965**

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**Subseries Description**

Subseries 27B: Awards/Honorary Degrees, is arranged chronologically and includes diplomas, awards, correspondence, newsclippings, and programs documenting the events at which Stevenson was honored. The majority of his awards were honorary degrees received from colleges and universities.

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**Subseries 7C: Biographical Materials, 1913-1990**

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**Subseries Description**

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Subseries 7C: Biographical Materials, includes biographies, press releases, correspondence, official documents, and narrative biographies written by individuals close to Stevenson. The biographical materials are arranged alphabetically, with general biographical materials first. The general biographical materials include official biographies prepared for Stevenson's political campaigns, speech introductions, and entries into *Who's Who* and other biographical anthologies. The correspondence primarily includes requests from students writing reports on Stevenson. A small amount of genealogical information, family reminiscences, and newspaper articles on Stevenson's accidental shooting of Ruth Merwin in 1913 are also included.

Stevenson's "black book" provides comprehensive information on his family, education, and affiliations. Included are lists of awards and honorary degrees, books by and about him, biographical information on his ancestors and three sons, lists of donations and memberships, and medical history. This book was presumably kept by Stevenson's secretaries as a reference tool.

The documents include copies of his birth certificate, passports and immunization records, Navy discharge, and various other official documents issued by state or federal agencies. Two transcripts of oral history interviews, conducted with Harriet Welling, Stevenson's longtime Chicago friend, and Margaret Munn, one of his secretaries while he served as governor of Illinois, are included. Writings about Stevenson include magazine and journal articles, master's theses, and remembrances of Stevenson's friends. Elizabeth Stevenson Ives' commentaries on biographies written about her brother are included. Ironically, she found John Bartlow Martin's 1976 biography, the official biography endorsed by the family, egregiously inaccurate and wrote a lengthy rebuttal.

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**Subseries 7C: Clippings, 1896-1968**

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**Subseries Description**

Subseries 7C: Clippings, includes clippings from Illinois and national newspapers, primarily predating his first nomination as Democratic candidate for president. Most of the early newsclippings document the social activities of Stevenson and his family, and later, his wife and her family. Copies of articles that Stevenson wrote in the mid-1920s while on the staff of the *Daily Pantagraph* are particularly notable. Clippings from 1947 and onward primarily document Stevenson's political and professional activities. The majority of the post-1952 newsclippings have been discarded; those retained are from local newspapers. In particular, clippings from the late 1950s and 1960s were collected by Princetonians and are drawn from the *Daily Princetonian*, *Princeton Packet*, and *Princeton Alumni Weekly*.

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**Subseries 7E: Diaries, 1943-1964 (bulk 1943-1947)**

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**Subseries Description**

Subseries 7E: Diaries, includes handwritten and transcribed copies of Stevenson's diaries. These diaries are in no way comprehensive and primarily document the first few weeks of each of Stevenson's new endeavors in the 1940s. The 1943 diary documents his trip to the Pacific theatre while serving in the Department of the Navy, while the others document his early service to the United Nations. A single entry for November 25, 1957 provides an introduction to his role in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and a final diary records his 1964 trip to Jane Dick's house in Jamaica. Stevenson's diary entries are very forthright and revealing; unfortunately, he kept them very sporadically.

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**Subseries 7F: Financial Materials, 1925-1969**

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**Subseries Description**

**Subseries 7F: Financial Materials, 19 ... (Continued)**

Subseries 7F: Financial Materials, includes correspondence, receipts, invoices, and statements documenting Stevenson's finances. This documentation primarily includes income tax returns and investment information. Stevenson's investments were predominantly in communications, including the *Daily Pantagraph* and the Bloomington Broadcasting Company, gas and oil speculation, and farms. From the late 1950s until his death, Stevenson was involved in a number of joint investments with his three sons, primarily oil wells. His farm investments were primarily inheritances from his parents that he shared with his sister, Elizabeth Stevenson Ives. The one exception to this generalization was his farm in Libertyville, Illinois that he maintained as his primary residence even when he spent the majority of his time in Chicago and New York. The correspondence with the caretakers and local tradespeople reveals his devotion to this property.

Documentation concerning the settlement of the estates of his parents, Helen D. Stevenson and Lewis G. Stevenson, as well as his own estate, is also included. During the 1930s, Stevenson's father-in-law, John Borden, experienced a series of financial setbacks that necessitated financial support from his children, spouses, and ex-wives. Stevenson assumed primary responsibility for coordinating Borden's financial affairs, and this activity is documented through correspondence. Unfortunately, Stevenson's experiences with his father-in-law would be a grim foreshadowing of his sons' experiences with their own mother in the early 1960s. Stevenson's income tax returns document his income, primarily from investments, as well as his charitable donations. Stevenson's frugality is well-documented in other areas of the papers, but the financial materials indicate not only that he was financially secure throughout his life, but also that he was quite generous with his family.

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**Subseries 7G: Invitations, 1952-1965****Subseries Description**

Subseries 7G: Invitations, includes printed invitations, correspondence, newsclippings, and programs documenting Stevenson's social activities during this time period. Stevenson attended only a fraction of the events to which he was invited. The invitations he accepted reveal the types of functions which he was obligated or chose to accept.

In the 1950s, Stevenson attended numerous luncheons and dinners with politically influential people. These dinners were especially numerous in 1952 and 1953, where often, Stevenson would give speeches. During these years Stevenson declined invitations to many functions sponsored by various associations and religious groups. In addition, many schools and universities invited him to speak. Most of these invitations were regretted, although he did accept a few. Later in 1954 and 1955, in preparation for the next election year, Stevenson gave numerous speeches in various states such as Mississippi, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and accepted many invitations to speak in his home state of Illinois. Also in 1954, he travelled to Princeton to address the senior class banquet and accept an honorary degree at commencement. In preparation for the 1956 Presidential campaign, he accepted invitations in 1955 to various radio discussion programs and meetings with Democratic groups such as the Young Democrats Convention. At this time he declined many invitations to give speeches at colleges. In the late 1950s, he appeared on various television programs discussing political issues.

In the final years of his life, as ambassador to the United Nations, Stevenson attended numerous receptions held for representatives of other delegations, and most of the invitations that he accepted were in conjunction with his ambassadorial responsibilities. These functions included engagements with the political leaders of the world. In contrast to the bulk of his invitations in the 1950s, at which he was the speaker or honored guest, Stevenson was merely another invited guest at cocktail receptions and dinner parties.

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**Subseries 7H: Law School Notes, 1922-1926****Subseries Description**

Subseries 7H: Law School Notes, includes Stevenson's handwritten lecture notes from his law school attendance at both Harvard University and Northwestern University. The notes are arranged chronologically and include examinations, as well as notes. Several of the notebooks are not dated and contain no identification other than the name of the course.

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**Subseries 7I: Memberships, 1942-1965**

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**Subseries Description**

Subseries 7I: Memberships, is arranged alphabetically by the name of the organization. These papers include correspondence and membership cards for social, political, and benevolent organizations to which Stevenson belonged. He frequently wrote letters of support for his friends and associates who sought membership in some of the clubs to which he belonged. His affiliations with some of the organizations, such as Hull House, Century Association, and Onwentsia Club, spanned most of his adult life. He belonged to other organizations, particularly those which gave him honorary memberships, for only a short period of time.

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**Subseries 7J: Memorabilia, 1861-1965**

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**Subseries Description**

Subseries 7J: Memorabilia, includes invitations, programs, place cards, magazine covers, keys to cities, and other items that Stevenson designated for inclusion in his scrapbooks, but never were. As with other materials, these items reflect his rapid ascendancy in prominence. Early in his public career, he tended to save more items; as he gained greater prominence he clearly was not as easily impressed with the recognition and adulation he received. The memorabilia also includes guest lists, invitations, and toasts from his birthday parties, thrown annually by his wide circle of friends beginning with his fiftieth birthday. A guest book records visitors to Stevenson's various residences, including the Illinois governor's mansion, Libertyville farm, and his suite in the Waldorf Astoria.

**Subseries 7J: Memorabilia, 1861-1965 ... (Continued)**

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Clearly, the guest book was not signed by every visitor; however, it does give a flavor of his guests over the years.

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**Subseries 7K: Memorials, 1965-1970**

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**Subseries Description**

Subseries 7K: Memorials, reflects Stevenson's immense popularity. This series includes condolence letters, eulogies, newsclippings, resolutions and proclamations, and papers documenting the planning of his funerals. Four official memorial services were held for Stevenson: Washington, D. C., July 17, 1965; Springfield, Illinois, July 18, 1965; Bloomington, Illinois, July 19, 1965 (including his interment); and United Nations, New York, July 19, 1965. Due to Stevenson's eminence, the services in Washington, Bloomington, and the U. N. were by invitation only. Memorial services were also held in Geneva, Switzerland; Princeton, New Jersey, and various other locales. Papers documenting the services include lists of invited individuals, telegrams, schedules and itineraries, programs, and memoranda. Bloomington mobilized quickly for the huge influx of mourners, with Illinois State University, the *Daily Pantagraph*, and State Farm Insurance Company providing administrative assistance.

The condolence letters are arranged by the writer. The majority were answered by Stevenson's eldest son, Adlai III, on behalf of the family. Several form letters were composed to acknowledge letters and telegrams received from social acquaintances, business and political associates, and lifelong friends. Numbered copies of the form letters are in the first file folder; Stevenson's secretaries indicated which form letter was used, by number, on each condolence. If a unique letter were written, the carbon was retained. The Department of State, United States Mission to the United Nations, and the Secretary General of the United Nations also received condolences from U. N. member nations.

**Subseries 7K: Memorials, 1965-1970 ... (Continued)**

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These condolences are arranged according to the organization which received and acknowledged them.

Eulogies include those delivered at the four memorial services discussed above, statements by Adlai III, Willard Wirtz, and other of Stevenson's long-time associates, and addresses given on the anniversary of his death. In addition to the memorial services held for Stevenson, he was honored in many other ways after his death. Numerous schools, libraries, lecture series, and roadways were dedicated to and/or named for him. Stevenson's friends and family attempted to consolidate all the memorial efforts into one central institution, the Stevenson Institute of International Affairs at the University of Chicago. Resolutions and proclamations honoring Stevenson and expressing sympathy to his family were adopted by many organizations and city, county, and state governments.

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Subseries 7L: Portraits and Photographs, includes correspondence and promotional materials received by Stevenson and his staff from artists who sought to create works depicting Stevenson. Several portraits, photographs, and busts of Stevenson were commissioned over the years and these papers provide documentation for many of them.

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**Subseries Description**

Subseries 7M: Religion, includes correspondence, newsclippings, and a narrative report by Reverend Robert G. Andrus regarding Stevenson's religious affiliation. Although Stevenson belonged to the Unitarian church, he occasionally attended Presbyterian services, particularly while residing in Libertyville, which lacked a Unitarian church. In 1955, he joined the First Presbyterian Church in nearby Lake Forest, Illinois, while professing to maintain his Unitarianism. When this information received negative public response, prominent leaders in both denominations issued a statement affirming that Stevenson's formal affiliation with both churches did not marginalize his membership in either church. Both Stevenson and Reverend Andrus, minister of the First Presbyterian Church and one of the signatories of the statement, received numerous letters from both prospective voters and religious leaders expressing concern or approval for Stevenson's dual affiliations. Some Stevenson critics interpreted this issue as further proof of Stevenson's indecisiveness. In 1969, Andrus wrote a report revealing his interpretation of the events of 1955; this narrative is included.

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**Subseries 7N: Sponsorships, 1952-1965**

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**Subseries Description**

Subseries 7N: Sponsorships, contains correspondence documenting requests of institutions and organizations for Stevenson to serve on boards of trustees, advisory committees, and as a spokesperson. Stevenson's institutional affiliations remained consistent throughout his life, although he would generally accept honorary appointments that did not require significant time investments.

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Series 8: Scrapbooks, is arranged chronologically and includes microfilm copies of Stevenson's 108 scrapbook volumes, containing newsclippings and memorabilia documenting his personal and political activities. Beginning in 1952, many of the scrapbooks were compiled by Edith Gifford, a Stevenson supporter who worked for a clipping service. Thus, the post-1952 scrapbooks are uniform in size and arrangement, primarily documenting Stevenson's public activities. Earlier scrapbooks contain clippings about Stevenson's family and social activities. The scrapbooks reflect Stevenson's abrupt elevation in stature; the first four volumes cover the years 1922-1951, while later volumes each cover one or two months. A few of the volumes are devoted to specific events or topics, such as Conservation in Illinois (Volume 4, 1951) and the Cuban Missile Crisis (Volumes 105-107, 1962).

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Series 9: Travel Materials, is arranged chronologically by the year of Stevenson's voyage, then alphabetically by country or region he visited. The travel materials include correspondence, notes, newspaper clippings, itineraries, background information, and memorabilia, such as invitations and place cards. The bulk of the material documents his 1953 world tour which started in March and ended in August. During this trip, Stevenson established many of the contacts he cultivated through the remainder of his public career. Subsequent trips were taken both for pleasure and for business. He made his 1957 trip to Africa as a representative of legal clients Reynolds Metals and Maurice Tempelman, while his 1958 trip to the Soviet Union was a goodwill, fact-finding tour. His written impressions of Russia were syndicated by the North American Newspaper Alliance and later published as *Friends and Enemies*.

The correspondence primarily documents the planning of his trips, but also includes thank-you notes to United States ambassadors, airline representatives, and local politicians and dignitaries, all of whom either expedited the planning of his trips or hosted him in the countries he visited. The files for those years in which he was ambassador to the United Nations, 1961-1965, include official statements made upon his arrival as well as copies of speeches he delivered. Stevenson sometimes kept notebooks recording his impressions of the places he visited; however, he was not always diligent in keeping the

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notebooks for the whole trip. These notebooks, some of which were later transcribed by his secretaries, are generally found at the beginning of materials documenting the trip. Stevenson received a tremendous amount of press coverage wherever he travelled and saved newsclippings from the local newspapers. These materials primarily document those trips that Stevenson undertook in some public capacity and although he usually incorporated some personal sightseeing into these trips, his purely personal vacations are not represented here.

Stevenson's entourage generally included William McC. Blair, Jr., one or more of his sons, translators and area experts, professional writers and photographers, and quite often, one or more of his female companions. Materials generated or collected by his travelling companions have been placed at the end of Stevenson's files for the appropriate trip. These materials include transcripts of Walter Johnson's recorded notes on the 1953 world tour, Robert Tucker's notes from the 1958 trip to Russia, and William Benton's notes and articles on the 1960 Latin American trip.

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The photographs are arranged in roughly the same manner as the rest of the Adlai Stevenson Papers: Portraits, Family, Stevenson with Individuals, Photographs of Individuals, Gubernatorial Years, Presidential Campaigns (1952 and 1956), United Nations, Travels, and Public Appearances (including commencements). This last category, Public Appearances, consists of photographs from the 1950s and 1960s which do not fit into any other category.

There are several oversized and several small boxes in the collection, including one box of small miscellaneous negatives. Many of the photographs are copies from papers like the *Chicago Sun Times* and various Associated Press services, as well as the snapshots taken by Stevenson's volunteers, staff and family. Many of the photographs, particularly from the 1956 presidential campaign and Stevenson's travels, were taken by his youngest son, John Fell Stevenson. Several photograph albums document Stevenson's world tour in 1953 and voyage to the Soviet Union in 1958.

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**Series Description**

Series 11: Audiovisual Materials, includes audio tapes, films, phonograph records, and video tapes. The materials are arranged by genre, and chronologically within type of material. Primarily documenting Stevenson's presidential campaigns and service to the United Nations, these materials also record his commencement addresses and appearances on television programs, including *Meet the Press* and *Face the Nation*.

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