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Allen W. Dulles Papers: Digital Files Series, 1939-1977: Finding Aid

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Abstract:	Allen W. Dulles (1893-1969), though a diplomat and lawyer, was renowned for his role in shaping United States intelligence operations, including the longest service as director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The Allen W. Dulles Digital Files contain scanned images of professional correspondence, reports, lectures, and administrative papers, declassified and released by the CIA in 2007. The collection spans Dulles's time as Chief of the Office of Strategic Services office in Bern, Switzerland during World War II, his work at the Central Intelligence Agency, and his retirement.

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Biography of Allen W. Dulles

Allen W. Dulles (1893-1969), though a diplomat and lawyer, was renowned for his role in shaping United States intelligence operations, including the longest service as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Born in Watertown, New York, and a Princeton University graduate (BA, Class of 1914; MA 1916), Dulles was the nephew of Robert Lansing, Woodrow Wilson's Secretary of State, and attended the peace negotiations to end the First World War as a member of the American Commission. During his stint in the diplomatic corps, he served in Vienna (1916), Berne (1917), Berlin (1919) and Constantinople (1920) before becoming Division Chief for Near Eastern Affairs (1922). While serving in Washington, D.C., Dulles studied law at night at George Washington University. In 1925, he served as an American delegate to the International Conference on Arms Traffic in Geneva. After earning his LL.D in 1926, Dulles joined the Wall Street law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, where his brother John Foster was a managing partner. But Dulles did not practice law so much as utilize his knowledge of government processes and officials to assist the firm's corporate clients conduct business. (In fact, Dulles would not pass the bar until 1928.) However, diplomacy would always be Dulles's primary interest and in 1927, he spent six months in Geneva as legal adviser to the Naval Armament Conference.

In New York, Dulles joined the Council on Foreign Relations, eventually was named a director and enjoyed the friendship of fellow Princetonian Hamilton Fish Armstrong '16, the editor of the Council's journal, *Foreign Affairs*. Together they authored two books (*Can We Be Neutral?* (1936) and *Can America Stay Neutral?* (1939)). He also continued to serve the United States government in diplomatic capacities, including representing the United States at a League of Nations arms conference in 1932-1933.

During the Second World War, Dulles took a step that changed his life and ultimately American history. He joined the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the intelligence service, serving as chief of the Bern, Switzerland office. From there he established himself as a highly successful intelligence gatherer and operator, penetrating the German Foreign Ministry Office as well as the "July 1944" anti-Hitler conspirators. He also played a role in the events that led to the surrender of the German Army in northern Italy.

In 1948, Dulles's reputation led to his being named chairman of an intelligence review committee that faulted the organization of the then fledgling Central Intelligence Agency. In 1950, he was named Deputy Director of Plans of the CIA, the covert operations arm of the agency; in 1951 he became the number two person in the organization. After Eisenhower's election in Nov 1952, Dulles was appointed to the CIA's directorship. His brother, John Foster Dulles, served as Eisenhower's Secretary of State, and the two men would work closely during their joint service.

The CIA under Dulles's leadership established the dual policy of collecting intelligence through a wide variety of means, as well as taking direct action against perceived threats. In the former category fell such notable achievements as the U-2 spy plane program, the cooptation of Soviet Lieutenant General Pyotr Popov, and the tapping of a sensitive East Berlin phone junction by tunneling under the Berlin Wall.

The CIA's efforts in the area of direct action during Dulles tenure were notable for both their successes and failures. CIA operatives orchestrated the overthrow of the government of Iran in 1953 and Jacob Arbenz's regime in Guatemala in 1954. However, efforts to oust Castro from Cuba following his rise to power consisted of a series of failures culminating in the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion in April 1961. Though John F. Kennedy had asked Dulles to remain at CIA, after the invasion and the political fallout, Dulles, already past retirement age, resigned.

In retirement, Allen Dulles wrote books (including two autobiographical works) about his career in intelligence and appeared on numerous television programs to discuss foreign policy. He was called to public service once again, in 1963, when he was named to the Warren Commission. His connection to the CIA and its activities in Cuba would fuel later speculation about possible government complicity in Kennedy's assassination.

Dulles married Martha Clover Todd (known as Clover) of Baltimore, Maryland in 1920. She died in 1974. They had three children, Clover Todd (known as Toddy), Joan, and Allen Macy. Dulles's son sustained a near-fatal head wound while serving with the Marines in Korea, relegating him to supervised care for life.

Description

The Allen W. Dulles Digital Files contain scanned images of professional correspondence, reports, lectures, and administrative papers. The Agency culled these documents from Dulles's home office immediately after his death in 1969 and they continue to maintain the originals. The Agency redacted the documents and provided PDF scans to Princeton University in Spring 2007. The collection spans Dulles's time as Chief of the Office of Strategic Services office in Bern, Switzerland during World War II, his work at the Central Intelligence Agency, and his retirement.

While the collection is comprised of more than 7,800 digital objects, most areas are not covered in depth as the files are scattered over more than 30 years. The collection does provide a fair amount of correspondence and narrative statements documenting Dulles's activities during World War II, especially relating to the work of individuals involved in the war effort in Europe. The files also include more than 1,000 war telegrams from the OSS office to Washington. Documents from the 1950s and 1960s deal almost exclusively with the Cold War. While there are documents occasionally dealing with Senator Joseph McCarthy and the Communist threat in the United States, most materials focus outwards on intelligence and the Soviet Union.

Items relating to Dulles' time with the CIA have been heavily redacted, obscuring the names of correspondents as well as individuals and events mentioned in reports and letters, greatly reducing the research potential of these materials.

Please see series descriptions in contents list for additional information about individual series.

Series 1: Agendas, Itineraries, and Programs, 1950-1964

The Agendas, Itineraries, and Programs series contains documents listing various event schedules, such as business and defense committee meetings, seminars, and occasionally itineraries of visiting military and diplomatic individuals.

Series 2: Calendars, 1942-1967

The Calendar series is comprised of engagement and standard calendar pages which provide minimal information about Dulles' schedule. The calendars are not continuous, as large gaps exist between dates.

Series 3: Clippings and Articles, 1939-1967

The Clippings and Articles series includes newspaper clippings, cartoons, and published articles. Clippings collected from the 1940s deal with World War II and include topics such as Mussolini, the Ciano Diaries, and

Hitler and the Nazis. In the late 1940s the subjects transition to the Cold War and secrecy and security, focusing more on public statements by Dulles and articles relating to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Subseries 3A: Danish, 1961

Subseries 3B: English, 1939-1967

Subseries 3C: French, 1943-1961

Subseries 3D: German, 1940-1963

Subseries 3E: Italian, 1943-1946

Subseries 3F: Norwegian, 1955

Subseries 3G: Spanish, undated

Series 4: Correspondence, Memoranda and Communications, 1939-1974

The Correspondence and Memoranda series is comprised of an assortment of different communication types as well as administrative records relating to communication. Most messages relate to the World War II intelligence gathering activities, especially among the non-English correspondence.

Subseries 4A: Appointment and Call Diaries, 1945-1968

The Appointment and Call Diaries subseries provides secretarial summaries of phone calls to Dulles as well as lists of his appointments. The diaries are most plentiful from 1962-1967; while gaps exist, the diaries do provide detailed information about Dulles' daily communication.

Subseries 4B: Exhausted Number Lists, 1943-1945

The Exhausted Number Lists subseries holds lists of exhausted numbers used to identify communications during World War II.

Subseries 4C: File Lists, 1943-1951

Description: The File Lists subseries includes two lists of the "Personal Files of Allen W. Dulles, 'Edda Ciano Diaries,'" descriptions of the contents of Dulles' file cabinet, and a note on destroyed memoranda.

Subseries 4D: General, English, 1942-1974

The General English Correspondence and Memoranda subseries is the largest of the collection. During the 1940s, correspondence focuses on World War II intelligence and generally relates to the war activities of others as opposed to that of Dulles himself.

Portions of the correspondence written after the war have been redacted by the Central Intelligence Agency, and

consequently much of what remains unclassified is routine or administrative in nature. While correspondents include Presidents, senators, and notable individuals, there is little ongoing correspondence, and topics are generally not explored in depth. Post-World War II topics include events relating to the Soviet Union and the Cold War, books written about the CIA, the U-2 spy plane incident, and the 1962 book *CIA: The Inside Story* by Andrew Tully.

The value of the correspondence is greatly diminished by the above-mentioned redaction as well as the date order filing structure, which makes it difficult to determine follow-up to any particular letters. In addition, some files appear to have been dated incorrectly by the CIA. These files may be found in the "Miscellaneous and Incorrect Dates" file grouping.

Subseries 4E: General, French, 1940-1966

The bulk of the General French Correspondence and Memoranda subseries consists of telegrams from an individual identified as "Iris" with specific intelligence information during World War II. The series also includes letters from individuals to Dulles.

Subseries 4F: General, German, 1943-1945

The General German Correspondence and Memoranda subseries consists of correspondence sent during World War II.

Subseries 4G: General, Italian, 1944-1945

The General Italian Correspondence and Memoranda subseries consists of correspondence sent during World War II.

Subseries 4H: Legibility Lists, 1939-1944

The Legibility Lists subseries holds monthly notes kept by Dulles during World War II of legible, illegible, and missing letters identified by number.

Subseries 4I: Name Keys, 1943-1944

The Name Keys subseries provides lists of individuals and their code names used in correspondence.

Subseries 4J: Phone Calls, 1943-1945

The Phone Calls subseries is comprised of texts of telephone calls (probably by Dulles) providing updates on various European countries relating to World War II. In some documents, events are described broadly, while others include analysis of situations.

Subseries 4K: Telegrams d'etat, 1942-1945

The Telegrams d'etat subseries provides a substantial collection of telegrams from Bern to Washington and American legations during World War II.

Series 5: Guest Lists, 1954-1962

The Guest Lists series is comprised of documents naming individuals attending or invited to events such as parties, meetings, and seminars.

Series 6: Illegible and Unavailable Documents, 1943-1960

The Illegible and Unavailable Documents series holds scanned images that are unreadable as well as PDFs with the text "Image Temporarily Not Available."

Series 7: Lectures, Speeches, and Talk Notes, 1946-1961

The Lectures, Speeches, and Talk Notes series contains outlines of remarks given by Dulles, sometimes including handwritten additions and corrections. The lectures are often focused on United States intelligence and the Soviet Union and were presented to war colleges, business councils, and defense committees.

Series 8: Maps, 1943-1945, 1959

The Maps series consists of hand drawn maps of German bunkers, regions of France and Italy, and a 1959 map of Mediterranean oil fields.

Series 9: Miscellaneous, 1943-1960

The Miscellaneous series is comprised of unidentifiable scraps of paper with various handwritten names or numbers written on them.

Series 10: Notes, 1940-1960

The Notes series holds mostly handwritten notes by Dulles that appear to be rough first drafts of reports or correspondence relating mainly to World War II activities.

Series 11: Personal Information, 1951-1961

The Personal Information series contains a small assortment of documents relating to Dulles, such as a medical history, a personnel form, and a personal history.

Series 12: Photographs, 1943-1964

The Photographs series is a small collection of miscellaneous, generally unidentified photographs which are of very poor quality due to scanning. The series includes a photograph of Dulles at the 1957 graduation of the Strategic Intelligence School and photographs of a ceremony including President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Series 13: Press, 1943-1969

The Press series is comprised mainly of radio bulletins, news flashes, and press releases from World War II along with later statements made by Dulles, as well as miscellaneous press from the United States government regarding the Cold War and the Soviet Union.

Series 14: Receipts and Finances, 1939-1962

The Receipts and Finances series consists of miscellaneous financial statements including deposit slips from the

Guaranty Trust Company of New York in 1939, records regarding annual salaries, and reimbursement calculations regarding postage.

Series 15: Reports, 1939-1977

The Reports series is a broad series that comprises most written documents that could not be distinguished as correspondence. Most of the non-English materials, as well as many of the English records, document intelligence missions of the Office of Strategic Services during World War II. They include narratives of spies and resistance workers. The reports created in the 1950s and 1960s focus on the Cold War and foreign policy in regards to the Soviet Union. This series also contains book chapters from Dulles' writings as well as other authors.

Subseries 15A: English, 1943-1977

Subseries 15B: French, 1939-1950

Subseries 15C: German, 1943-1960

Subseries 15D: Italian, 1943-1945

Series 16: Transcripts, 1953-1965

The Transcripts Series includes transcripts from various sources including television shows and government proceedings; only a portion of the transcripts include Dulles.

Arrangement

The filing notations on many of the scanned documents as well as the organizational structure of the paper records of the Dulles collection suggest that in their original form, the materials were organized by subject or correspondent. The electronic records retain no original order and instead are reduced solely to the item level, with each file named by date and a sequential number.

The PDF files have been arranged into series based on material type, such as correspondence, calendars, and reports. The series are very loosely defined because the context which often identifies records is missing from the electronic files.

Organized into the following series:

Files are arranged chronologically within series.

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Access and Use

Access

Collection is open for research use.

Restrictions on Use and Copyright Information

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Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

The Allen W. Dulles Digital Files are available to researchers in PDF format. Users must have access to a portable document format reader, such as Adobe Acrobat Reader (available for free download at: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>) to view these files.

Other Finding Aid(s)

The Allen W. Dulles Digital Files form part of the Allen W. Dulles Papers. The full finding aid for the Allen Dulles Papers is available online: <http://arks.princeton.edu/ark:/88435/736664491>.

Acquisition and Appraisal

Custodial History

The papers of Allen W. Dulles were donated by Mrs. Clover Todd Dulles in 1973. The Central Intelligence Agency removed documents determined to be federal records pursuant to Title 44 of the U.S. Code and/or requiring protection from public disclosure pursuant to Executive Order or statute. In 2007, papers declassified under the Freedom of Information Act were provided in electronic form. The originals remain with the CIA. Those wishing to seek further declassification of any documents should contact the CIA.

Provenance and Acquisition

The electronic images of the Allen W. Dulles papers were transferred to the Mudd Manuscript Library on three compact discs from the Central Intelligence Agency in 2007.

Appraisal

Appraisal has been conducted in accordance with Mudd Library guidelines. No material has been separated from the files during processing in 2007.

Related Materials

Location of Originals

The originals of the Allen Dulles Papers Digital Files are held by the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Encoding

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Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Subject Headings

These materials have been indexed in the [Princeton University Library online catalog](#) using the following terms. Those seeking related materials should search under these terms.

- United States. Central Intelligence Agency -- History.
- United States. Foreign Service.
- United States. Office of Strategic Services.
- Intelligence officers -- United States -- 20th century.
- Intelligence service -- United States -- 20th century.
- Spies -- United States -- 20th century -- Correspondence.
- World War, 1939 - 1945 -- Secret service -- United States.
- United States -- Foreign relations -- Soviet Union -- 20th century.
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