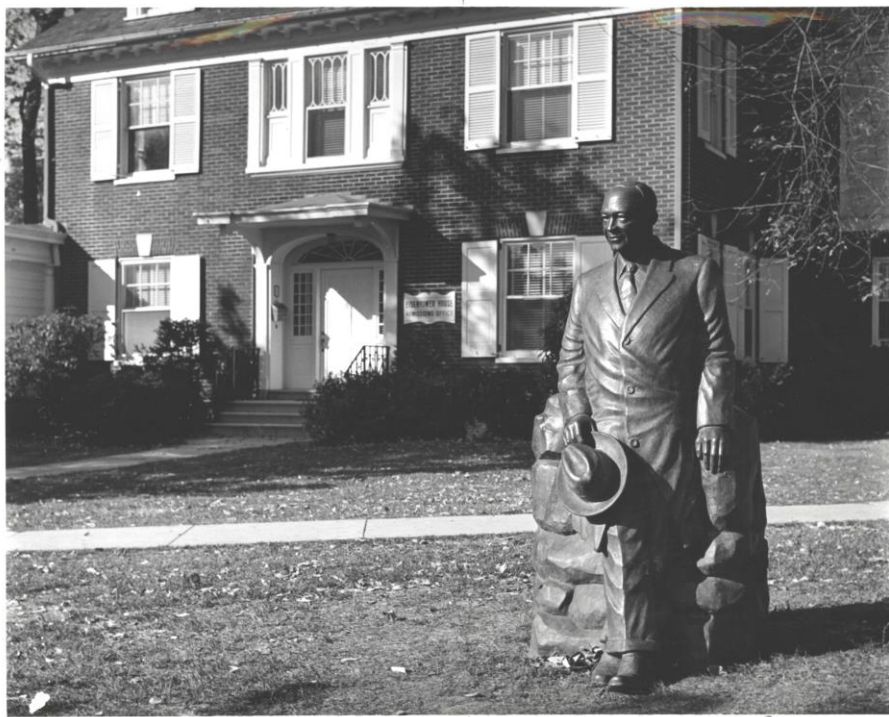


**Guide to the
Dwight D. Eisenhower
Appointment Books 1961-1967**



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MS –109: Dwight D. Eisenhower Appointment Books 1961-1967

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Provenance: Copies acquired from National Archives (Presidential Libraries): File Folder DDE Appointment Book Series, Papers of Dwight David Eisenhower, Post-Presidential, 1961-1969

Agency History: At the end of his presidency, Dwight D. Eisenhower retired to his farm near Gettysburg but remained engaged in American politics and in matters of world affairs. During this period, Gettysburg College leased a campus building at 300 Carlisle Street to the General Service Administration for Eisenhower to use as his post-presidential office. While occupying this facility, he wrote several books; released statements on national and international issues; and meet with American and world leaders, with friends and family, and with many groups of young people.

Scope and Content Notes: The Dwight David Eisenhower Appointment Books series consists of copies of 1311 pages which cover the period from April 1961 to October 1967 during which time he occupied an office on the campus of Gettysburg College. This series includes appointment volumes dated for years 1961 through 1967, and is arranged chronologically. These appointment records document Eisenhower's meetings and telephone conversations with numerous individuals during the period covered. Most prospective Republican presidential candidates met with Eisenhower in 1964 and afterwards, including Barry Goldwater, Richard Nixon, Nelson Rockefeller, George Romney, William Scranton, and during 1966-67, Ronald Reagan. Some of Eisenhower's contacts with the Johnson Administration are recorded here as are many of his meetings with personal friends, political associates, media representatives, and former Administrative officials. Some of these individuals include Robert Anderson, Milton Baker, Milton Eisenhower, Andrew Goodpaster, Freeman Gosden, James Hagerty, Bryce Harlow, Jim Lemon, Barry Leithead, Aksel Neilsen, Floyd and Jackie Odlum, Cliff Roberts, Lewis Strauss, and Walter Thayer.

The appointment book dated 1961 consists entirely of printed appointment schedules with intermittent penciled entries. The second volume dated 1962 includes only a few typed lists of scheduled or potential events and the January through March schedule but with no specific appointments listed.

The third volume, dated 1963, consists of a full year of appointment entries. Pages for the first four months of the year bear sketchy typed or handwritten annotations. Beginning in May, however, more detailed appointment schedules were prepared. These sometime list not only individuals meeting with President Eisenhower but topics

discussed as well. A few summaries of conversations also appear among the 1963 entries.

The volume dated 1964 is the most detailed and includes summaries of numerous conversations as well as appointment schedules. It constitutes an important source of information on General Eisenhower's participation in the 1964 presidential campaign. The appointment volumes for 1965, 1966, and 1967, though less detailed than the 1964 volume, nevertheless contain information on several of President Eisenhower's meetings. The 1965 volume ends November 10, 1965. Republican politics is the main topic but information on other subjects is present too, including international affairs, especially Vietnam and the Middle East, Dwight D. Eisenhower's opinions of the Lyndon Johnson Administration, civil rights, and Eisenhower's health.

Ms. Lillian "Rusty" Brown apparently prepared these appointment records when she served as President Eisenhower's confidential secretary from October 1962 to October 1967. The earlier sketchy records were presumably maintained by Mrs. Ann C. Whitman, who served as President Eisenhower's secretary during 1961 and early 1962.

Literary rights in these papers are retained by President Eisenhower's son, Mr. John S. Eisenhower. This series was reviewed under the provisions of the instrument of gift which Dwight D. Eisenhower signed on April 13, 1960. Portions of 75 pages were closed while three documents totaling five pages were closed in their entirety. Portions of six more documents, containing national security information, have also been withheld from research use. Copies of those pages with the closed or national security portion excised have been placed in the open. All document copies with portions excised have been annotated to clearly indicate those portions which have been closed under the instrument of gift or withheld because of national security.

Box 1

1-1 Finding Aid and Agency Information

1-2 DDE Appointment Book 1961

1-3 DDE Appointment Book 1962 January-March and a few brief listings of other events

1-4 DDE Appointment Book 1963 January-June

1-5 DDE Appointment Book 1963 July-December

1963 topics of interest: politics, civil rights, European alliance, DeGaulle, test ban treaty, 1964 campaign, filming of D-Day Plus Twenty Years, Charles Percy's campaign, comments on Kennedy Administration, Tito, George Romney, Kennedy assassination, Lyndon Johnson and fiscal policy

Box 2:

2-1 DDE Calls and Appointments 1964 January-July

2-2 DDE Calls and Appointments 1964 August-December

1964 topics of interest: Republican candidates for president, 1964 campaign, politics in general, Southeast Asia, civil rights, the President and nuclear weapons, comments on Lyndon Johnson, allegations of morals case in Eisenhower Administration, Reagan's speech, Robert Anderson and Lyndon Johnson, Braceros in California

2-3 DDE Calls and Appointments 1965 January-June

2-4 DDE Calls and Appointments 1965 July-November 10

1965 topics of interest: Winston Churchill's death, Lyndon Johnson, Vietnam, Dominican Republic, People-to-People, Freedoms Foundation, Barry Goldwater and Republican politics, Panama Canal, Loyalty oath for students and teachers, Jerry Ford, NATO, John F. Kennedy and Cuba, Republican white paper on Vietnam, Milton Eisenhower and South America

Box 3:

3-1 DDE Calls and Appointments 1966 January-June

3-2 DDE Calls and Appointments 1966 July-December

1966 topics of interests: 19 year olds should be permitted to vote, health, politics, DeGaulle, NATO, Ronald Reagan, Vietnam, Eisenhower College

3-3 DDE Calls and Appointments 1967 January-October 17

1967 topics of interest: possible visit to South Africa, Richard Nixon, politics, George Romney, Lyndon Johnson, Vietnam, Middle East, Robert Anderson and Panama Canal Treaty, Ronald Reagan, prisoners of war, J. Edgar Hoover, Omar Bradley on Patton, Eisenhower College, health