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Collection of documentation on official visits by heads of government and foreign ministers to the United States and on major international conferences attended by the Secretary of State for the period 1955–1958, as maintained by the Executive Secretariat of the Department of State.

Durbin Files, Lot 68 D 404

Miscellaneous files of Ambassador Elbridge Durbin covering the years 1934–1965, as retired by the Foreign Service Institute.

FE Files, Lot 60 D 90

Files maintained by the Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs for the year 1958, including country files, letters, and memoranda of conversation.

FE Files, Lot 61 D 6

Files maintained by the Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs for the year 1959, including country files, letters, memoranda of conversation, and conferences and visits.

FE Files, Lot 62 D 26

Files maintained by the Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs for the year 1960, including country files, letters, memoranda of conversation, and conferences and visits.

FE–VN Files, Lot 66 D 193

Subject files of the Vietnam Working Group dealing with political, military, economic, aid, and administrative affairs for the years 1955–1962.
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G/PM Files, Lot 64 D 359

Miscellaneous subject files maintained by the Combined Policy Staff of the Office of Politico-Military Affairs for the years 1953–1962.

INR–NIE Files

Files retained by the Bureau of Intelligence and Research containing copies of National Intelligence Estimates and Special National Intelligence Estimates, including NIE's and SNIE's for the 1958–1960 period.

OCB Files, Lot 62 D 430

Master files of the Operations Coordinating Board for the years 1953–1960, as maintained by the Executive Secretariat.

Phnom Penh Embassy Files, Lot 62 F 30 and
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Secretary’s Memoranda of Conversation, Lot 64 D 199

Chronological collections of the Secretary of State’s memoranda of conversation and the Under Secretary of State’s memoranda of conversation for the years 1953–1960, as maintained by the Executive Secretariat.

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Chronological collection of the minutes of the Secretary of State’s staff meetings during the years 1952–1960, as maintained by the Executive Secretariat.

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Microfilm reels of messages to and from CINCPAC and CINCPACFLT to July 1, 1959.

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Dulles Papers


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Includes the following elements: OCB Central Files, PSB Central File, NSC registry, OCB Secretarial Series, Executive Secretary’s Subject File, Planning Coordination Group, Special Staff File, Executive Secretary’s Chronological File, Miscellaneous Staff Files, and Disaster File.

Special Assistant for National Security Affairs Records


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Lansdale Papers

Papers of Major General Edward G. Lansdale, United States Air Force, pertaining to his entire career.

Williams Papers

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Fishel Papers


Hannah Papers


Vietnam Project Archive

General Records of the Michigan State Vietnam Advisory Group, including summary reports and reports of components in public administration, economics, and police administration.

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