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### Description

This collection consists of the papers of Dillon Anderson, including correspondence, speeches and documents, an interview transcript, newspapers, and other miscellaneous materials. Most focus on the Eisenhower Administration, especially the National Security Council and national security policy during his administration.

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World War II, WWII, Army Specialist Corps, Legion of Merit, National Security Council, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Soviet Union, national security policy

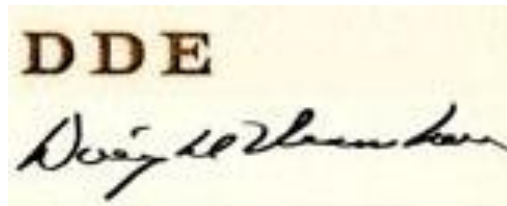
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**Guide to the  
Dillon Anderson Papers**



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(7 boxes, 1.89 cubic feet)

Inclusive Dates: 1950-1980

Bulk Dates: 1956-1962

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### **Biography**

Dillon Anderson was born to Joseph and Besnie (Dillon) Anderson on July 14, 1906, in the town of Prosper, Texas. He was the first of three Anderson sons, growing up with his family in McKinney, Texas. He stayed in Texas for his first year at college, attending Texas Christian University, but he transferred to the University of Oklahoma, graduating in 1928. He went immediately to Yale Law School and after a year of study was awarded a law degree and passed the Texas Bar. He was employed at Baker, Botts, Parker, and Garwood of Houston. His diligent work there earned him partnership by 1940.

Following America's entrance in the Second World War, Anderson entered the Army Specialist Corps as a Major. He was on the Justice staff until September of 1943, when he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and worked out of Egypt managing logistics, particularly oil, for the Allied Powers. For his efforts, he was awarded the Legion of Merit. Following his discharge in 1945 as a full colonel, Anderson returned to Baker and Botts as a managing partner.

Anderson participated as a consultant for the National Security Council, which Eisenhower was preparing to utilize. Following the departure of Benjamin Cutler as Special Assistant to the President for National Security, the de facto operator of the NSC, Anderson was selected to fill that role. As special assistant to the President, he held meetings, gathered intelligence, and was one of the delegates at the Geneva Summit with the Soviet Union. Due to illness and his substantial workload, Anderson stepped down in 1956, but continued to serve as a consultant, most notably touring through Indochina to report back on Foreign Aid in the late 1950's.

In addition to his service to the country and his work as a lawyer, Dillon Anderson wrote regularly in *Atlantic Monthly*, two good-hearted rogues traveling through an idyllic Texas. These stories were collected in the early 1950's in the collections *I and Claudie* and *Claudie and His Kinfolk*. He would later write of another character in a collection entitled *The Billingsley Papers*. He was successful in the business world, being made a senior partner at Baker and Botts upon his return from Washington, and director at Federated Department Stores, Monsanto Company, Champion International, Westinghouse Electric Company, and Chairman of the Texas National Bank. He was involved in other organizations as well, becoming a Trustee of the Brookings Institute, the Foley Brothers Foundation, and the Carnegie Institute for International Affairs. He received Honorary Degrees in Law from Texas Christian University and Allegheny College, and was a member of the Independence Historical Society and the Texas Philosophical Society.

He retired to his home of Bug Hill with his wife Lena Carter Carol, with whom he had had three daughters with throughout the years. He died at the age of 67, on January 28, 1974.

## **Scope and Content**

The papers of Dillon Anderson consist of seven boxes arranged in five series. The series are organized by the type of material which they consist of: Series I is correspondence, Series II is speeches and documents, Series III is an interview, Series IV is miscellaneous materials, and Series V is newspaper articles. The collection is generally useful for researchers investigating the Eisenhower Administration, especially National Security Policy under his administration, and the National Security Council.

## **Series Description**

### ***Series I: Correspondence:***

- ***Sub-Series A:*** Consists of Approximately 118 typed letters and 2 telegrams either between Dillon Anderson and Dwight D. Eisenhower or between either Dillon Anderson or Dwight Eisenhower with some third party that is somehow of interest to the other.
- ***Sub-Series B:*** Consists of a folder containing correspondence between Dillon Anderson and the family of Dwight D. Eisenhower upon his death.
- ***Sub-Series C:*** Consists mainly of letters between Lena Anderson and other parties concerning her husband, Dillon, with the exception of letter to Lena and Dillon's daughter Jill from another party.
- ***Sub-Series D:*** Consists of letters between Anderson and his friends or business associates concerning Dillon Anderson's literary career.
- ***Sub-Series E:*** Consists of three letters involving government areas pertaining to Dillon Anderson not sent to Anderson himself.

### ***Series II: Speeches and Writing***

- ***Sub-Series A:*** Consists of 3 government documents written by Dillon Anderson.
- ***Sub-Series B:*** Consists of 9 speeches or documents by Dillon Anderson concerning law and policy.
- ***Sub-Series C:*** Consists of 5 speeches or addresses concerning Eisenhower given by Dillon Anderson.
- ***Sub-Series D:*** Consists of 9 speeches given by parties other than Dillon Anderson concerning the Re-election of Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- ***Sub-Series E:*** Consists of 5 speeches or discussions by Dwight D. Eisenhower, from both during and after his presidency
- ***Sub-Series F:*** Consists of 17 speeches given by Dillon Anderson given in Texas, most about Texas. Multiple copies of several speeches.
- ***Sub-Series G:*** Consists of 10 poems or short stories written by Dillon Anderson.
- ***Sub-Series H:*** consists of 2 introductions to speakers given by Dillon Anderson

***Series III:*** consists of an interview given by James Luter, December 30 and 31, 1969.

### ***Series IV: Miscellaneous***

- ***Sub-Series A:*** Consists of assorted papers, such as Dillon Anderson's book list of 1954 or his Curriculum Vitae.

- **Sub-Series B:** Consists of bound materials, such as pamphlets, and a bound oversized document removed to vertical filing.
- **Sub-Series C:** Consists of a packet of photographs from what appears to be a trip later in Dillon Anderson's life.
- **Sub-Series D:** Consists of a scrapbook compiling newspaper articles on Dillon Anderson during his tenure as Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.
- **Sub-Series E:** Consists of used envelopes and postcards.

**Series V: Newspaper Articles**

- **Sub-Series A:** Consists of 5 folders of newspaper articles concerning Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- **Sub-Series B:** Consists of 5 folders of material covering Anderson's tenure with the National Security Council.
- **Sub-Series C:** Consists of 4 folders of articles concerning Anderson's writing career.
- **Sub-Series D:** Consists of a folder of articles concerning Anderson's business positions.
- **Sub-Series E:** Consists of 3 folders of articles concerning Anderson's community activities.
- **Sub-Series F:** Consists of two folders of articles on Anderson's death.
- **Sub-Series G:** Consists of 3 folders of articles relating to Houston affairs.
- **Sub-Series H:** Consists of a folder of miscellaneous articles.

**Box 1**

**Series I: Correspondence**

**Sub-Series A:** Correspondence between Dillon Anderson and Dwight D. Eisenhower

- 1/1: 1950-1951 Correspondence
- 1/2: 1952 Correspondence
- 1/3: 1953 Correspondence
- 1/4: 1954 Correspondence
- 1/5: 1955 Correspondence
- 1/6: 1956 Correspondence
- 1/7: 1957 Correspondence
- 1/8: 1958 Correspondence
- 1/9: 1959 Correspondence
- 1/10: 1960 Correspondence
- 1/11: 1961 Correspondence
- 1/12: 1962 Correspondence
- 1/13: 1963 Correspondence
- 1/14: 1964-1965 Correspondence
- 1/15: 1966-1967 Correspondence
- 1/16: 1968 Correspondence

**Sub-Series B:** Correspondence concerning Dwight D. Eisenhower's Death

1/17: 1969 Correspondence, concerning communication with Mamie and John Eisenhower

**Sub-Series C:** Correspondence between Anderson family and other parties

- 1/18: Correspondence between Lena Anderson, Ammi Cutter, and *Atlantic Monthly*
- 1/19: Letter from Paul Wolkin to Lena Anderson, February 22, 1974, on Behalf of Judge Ammi Cutter, w/Judge Cutter's minutes concerning Dillon Anderson
- 1/20: Letters from various companies Dillon Anderson was involved in to Lena Anderson
- 1/21: Letter from Robert Moore to Jill Kyle (b. Jill Anderson), February 3, 1974
- 1/22: Correspondence between Lena Anderson and Thomas Anderson, w/enclosed letter to The Houston Rotary Club, January 8, 1980

**Sub-Series D:** Correspondence Concerning Dillon Anderson's Writing Career

- 1/23: Letter from Simon and Schuster to Dillon Anderson, September 7, 1961
- 1/24: Letter from Edith Dunham Webber, recipient, date, unknown
- 1/25: Letter from Dillon Anderson to Ed and Pegeen Fitzgerald, September 14, 1961, w/transcript of their Radio Show
- 1/26: Correspondence between Dillon Anderson and Jean Winkler (Possibly his Literary Agent), 1972
- 1/27: Letter from Dillon Anderson to Robert J. Manning, Editor of *Atlantic Monthly*, March 27, 1973, w/enclosed copy of "To Hell with Hofuf," by Dillon Anderson
- 1/28: Letter from John Fischer to Dillon Anderson, August 7, 1973, w/enclosed copy of "A Little Birthday Music Please," by Dillon Anderson
- 1/29: Letter from Robert J. Manning to Dillon Anderson, September 7, 1973, w/enclosed copy of "To Hell with Hofuf," by Dillon Anderson

**Sub-Series E:** Government Correspondence not written by Dillon Anderson

- 1/30: Letter from Lamar Fleming to Gabriel Hague and Ezra Benson, September 13, 1956, w/enclosed report on Cotton
- 1/31: Letter from Robert Klerberg to Lamar Fleming, April 29, 1958, w/enclosed copy of a letter from Klerberg to Eisenhower concerning Russian Treaty Strategy
- 1/32: Letter from "R.C" (Possibly Robert Cuttler) to unknown (Presumably Dillon Anderson), October 29-30, year unknown, probably 1958 or 1959

**Box 2**

**Series II: Speeches and Writing**

**Sub-Series A:** Government Documents Written by Dillon Anderson

- 2/1: Memorandum to the Honorable Robert B. Anderson, May 1958 (2 Copies)
- 2/2: Reports of the Effect of Mutual Aid Treaties on Burma, the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, February 27, 1959

2/3: Statement Relating to Southeast Asian Counties Visited, March 3, 1958

**Sub-Series B: Law and Policy Speeches by Dillon Anderson**

- 2/4: St. John's Commencement, May 27, 1955 (2 Copies)
- 2/5: "The Formulation of National Security Policy," September 30, 1955
- 2/6: American Law Institute Address, May 24, 1957
- 2/7: Georgia Bar Address, December 5, 1958
- 2/8: Law Day Address, April 24, 1959
- 2/9: "The Honorable Richard K. Billingsley," August 25, 1959 (3 Drafts)
- 2/10: "Our Foreign Aid Program- Some Hindsight and an Approach to Some Foresight," April 28, 1960 (2 Copies)
- 2/11: Speech on Foreign Aid to the Chicago Bar Association, with note that it was to be delivered April 28, 1960
- 2/12: Regional Integration Movements Conference on Trade Policy, May 1960

**Sub-Series C: Speeches of Eisenhower's Re-election given by Dillon Anderson**

- 2/13: TV Talk by Dillon Anderson, October 30, 1956 (2 copies)
- 2/14: TV Talk by Dillon Anderson, October 31, 1956
- 2/15: TV Talk by Dillon Anderson, November 2, 1956 (3 copies)
- 2/16: Democrats for Eisenhower Rally by Dillon Anderson, November 5, 1956
- 2/17: Two Addresses in 1972 by Dillon Anderson about Service under Eisenhower

**Sub-Series D: Speeches on Eisenhower's Reelection by Other Parties**

- 2/18: Speech on Foreign Policy by William H. Jackson, date unknown
- 2/19: "Accomplishments of the Eisenhower-Republican Administration United States Information Agency," September 24, 1958
- 2/20: "Programs for Older People," September 25, 1956
- 2/21: "Vocational Rehabilitation," September 27, 1956
- 2/22: "Education," by Secretary Folsom, October 1, 1956
- 2/23: "Small Business," by Sherman Adams, October 4, 1956
- 2/24: "Power for Peace," by Lewis Strauss, October 11, 1956
- 2/25: Governor Allan Shivers Address, October 24, 1956
- 2/26: Governor Allan Shivers Address, November 5, 1956

**Box 3**

**Sub-Series E: Eisenhower Speeches and Discussions**

- 3/1: Quotes from the President's Address at Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, September 25, 1956
- 3/2: Quotes from the President's Address at Lexington, Kentucky, October 2, 1956
- 3/3: Hydrogen Bomb Tests Speech, October 5, 1956



- 3/4: Quotes from the President's Speech in Pittsburgh, PA, October 9, 1956
- 3/5: Handwritten notes by Dillon Anderson on talk he had with Eisenhower on February 9, 1968
- 3/6: Final typed notes of February 9, 1968 discussion between Anderson and Eisenhower

**Sub-Series F: Texas Speeches by Dillon Anderson**

- 3/7: "From Law to Literature," by Dillon Anderson November 9, 1954 (4 copies)
- 3/8: Untitled Speech at National Conference of Christians and Jews, by Dillon Anderson April 9, 1956
- 3/9: Address at Medical Research Foundation of Texas at Austin, by Dillon Anderson, October 5, 1956 (4 Copies)
- 3/10: International Friendship Luncheon, by Dillon Anderson, November 10, 1956 (4 copies)
- 3/11: "Nation Conference of Christians and Jews," by Dillon Anderson April 1, 1957 (5 copies)
- 3/12: "Look Up- Address at Houston Industrial Forum," by Dillon Anderson April 17, 1958 (5 copies)
- 3/13: "What Makes Those People Write About Texas the Way They Do? Or Maybe we Ask for It," by Dillon Anderson, October 2, 1958
- 3/14: "A Little Touch of Texas History," by Dillon Anderson November 12, 1958
- 3/15: Untitled Dillon Anderson Speech, April 25, 1960
- 3/16: "From Law to Literature, May 11," by Dillon Anderson 1961
- 3/17: Untitled Dillon Anderson Speech, February 14, 1962
- 3/18: Untitled Dillon Anderson Speech, December 3, 1962 (2 copies)
- 3/19: "Oil; Unguent or Irritant?" by Dillon Anderson, December 6, 1962
- 3/20: Washington County Chamber of Commerce Speech, by Dillon Anderson January 19, 1963 (2 copies)
- 3/21: Law Day Address at Houston Rotary Club, by Dillon Anderson, April 29, 1965
- 3/22: Untitled, undated Dillon Anderson address about the Port of Houston
- 3/23: Various undated, untitled materials

**Box 4**

**Sub-Series G: Dillon Anderson's Literary Writings**

- 4/1: Book Review by Dillon Anderson of "The Old Man's Boy Grows Older," by Robert Ruark, May 2, 1961
- 4/2: "Encampment's End," by Dillon Anderson (3 copies)
- 4/3: "Tell Me Not in Mournful Numbers," by Dillon Anderson
- 4/4: "Stare Decisis," by Dillon Anderson (2 copies)
- 4/5: "The Decision" by Dillon Anderson (2 copies; June 27, 1961, and March 29, 1967)
- 4/6: "The Honorable Richard K. Billingsley," by Dillon Anderson
- 4/7: "Billingsley's Bondage," by Dillon Anderson, June 1961 (2 copies)
- 4/8: "A Little Birthday Music Please," by Dillon Anderson, September 7, 1966
- 4/9: "Chip off the Old Block," by Dillon Anderson, February 23, 1967

4/10: "To Hell with Hofuf," by Dillon Anderson

**Sub-Series H: Introductions Given by Anderson**

4/12: Introduction to a Speech given in El Paso on April 14, 1961 (2 copies)

4/13: Introduction to Lewis L. Strauss Speech, undated

**Series III: Interview given by James Luter, December 30-31, 1969**

4/14: Interview #1 with Dillon Anderson given by James Luter, December 30, 1969

4/15: Interview #2 with Dillon Anderson given by James Luter, December 31, 1969

**Series IV: Miscellaneous**

**Sub-Series A: Assorted Papers**

4/16: Dillon Anderson Booklist, 1954

4/17: President Eisenhower's Handwritten Notes on his Open Skies Proposal at the Geneva Summit, 1955

4/18: Biographical Data on Officers and Directors of Federated Department Stores, inc. from Who's Who in America, February 12, 1956

4/19: Agricultural Letter, September 7, 1956

4/20: Texas National Bank Newsletter, October 22, 1956

4/21: Dillon Anderson C.V, September 1, 1957

4/22: Deed of J.H Freeman, October 8, 1957

4/23: Monsanto Chemical Company Biographical Sketch of Dillon Anderson, June 1961

4/24: William Kirkland's Writing on the Death of Dillon Anderson, untitled and undated

4/25: Council of American Law Institute Retrospective

4/26: Notice to Land Owners Near Power Lines

**Box 5**

**Sub-Series B: Pamphlets and Boarded Materials**

5/1: 1956 Eisenhower Campaign Kit, Containing Speeches and Campaign Strategy

5/2: The Freeman: Ideas on Liberty, November 1959

5/3: Legal Pad #1, Rough Draft of Untitled Book

5/4: Legal Pad #2. Storyline Ideas

5/5: Memorial Record for Dillon Anderson

5/6: Philosophical Society of Texas Proceedings, 1973

5/7: Federated Department Stores Yearly Report

5/8: Resolution by Monsanto Company expressing sympathy to the Anderson family upon Dillon Anderson's death, removed to VFM #320

**Box 6**

**Sub-Series C: Photographs**

6/1: Collection of Photos

**Sub-Series D: Scrapbook**

6/2: Scrapbook of Newspaper articles concerning Dillon Anderson's tenure as Special Assistant to the President for National Security, labeled G-28

**Sub-Series E: Irregular Papers**

6/3: Assorted Invitations and Speech Programs  
6/4: Assorted Envelopes

**Series V: Newspapers**

**Sub-Series A: Eisenhower-related Articles**

6/5: Eisenhower-related Articles #1  
6/6: Eisenhower-related Articles #2  
6/7: Eisenhower-related Articles #3  
6/8: Eisenhower-related Articles #4  
6/9: Eisenhower-related Articles #5

**Sub-Series B: National Security Council Articles**

6/10: NSC-related Articles #1

**Box 7**

7/1: NSC-related Articles #2  
7/2: NSC-related Articles #3  
7/3: NSC-related Articles #4  
7/4: NSC-related Articles #5

**Sub-Series C: Anderson's Writing-related Articles**

7/5: Anderson's Writing-related Articles #1  
7/6: Anderson's Writing-related Articles #2  
7/7: Anderson's Writing-related Articles #3  
7/8: Anderson's Writing-related Articles #4

**Sub-Series D: Business Articles**

7/9: Anderson's Business-related Articles

**Sub-Series E: Community Activities**

7/10: Anderson's Community Activities #1

7/11: Anderson's Community Activities #2

7/12: Anderson's Community Activities #3

**Sub-Series F: Anderson's Death Articles**

7/13: Anderson's Death Articles #1

7/14: Anderson's Death Articles #2

**Sub-Series G: Houston Articles**

7/15: Houston Articles #1

7/16: Houston Articles #2

7/17: Houston Articles #3

**Sub-Series H: Miscellaneous**

7/18: Miscellaneous Articles