



Rusk (Dean) papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	Rockefeller Archive Center
Creator:	General Education Board. (New York, N.Y.)
Creator:	Rockefeller Foundation
Creator - aut:	Rusk, Dean
Creator - ctb:	Acheson, Dean
Creator - ctb:	Kissinger, Henry
Creator - ctb:	Fosdick, Raymond B. (Raymond Blaine)
Creator - ctb:	Flanders, Ralph E. (Ralph Edward)
Creator - ctb:	Stevenson, Adlai E. (Adlai Ewing)
Creator - ctb:	Roosevelt, Eleanor
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Date [bulk]:	bulk
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Biographical/Historical note

David Dean Rusk was born on February 9, 1909, in Cherokee County, Georgia, the fourth of five children of Robert Hugh Rusk and Francis Clotfelter Rusk. In 1931 he graduated from Davidson College.

In 1934, as a Rhodes Scholar at St. John's College at Oxford University, Mr. Rusk earned a master's degree in politics, economics, and philosophy.

Mr. Rusk then worked at Mills College in Oakland, California, from 1934 to 1940, teaching government and international relations and serving as dean of faculty while also studying law at the University of California at Berkeley. During the Second World War Mr. Rusk, an Army Reserve officer, served on active duty from 1940 until 1946, rising to the rank of colonel.

Mr. Rusk joined the State Department in 1946 as assistant chief of the division of international security affairs and was later appointed Special Assistant to the Secretary of War. From 1947 to 1949, he was head of the State Department's United Nations desk. From 1949 to 1951, in succession, Mr. Rusk became an Assistant Secretary of State, a Deputy Under Secretary of State, and Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs.

In March 1952 Mr. Rusk left the State Department to succeed Chester I. Barnard as president of The Rockefeller Foundation. During his eight years with the Foundation, Mr. Rusk oversaw the distribution of about \$250,000,000 for various projects, including aid to underdeveloped nations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Mr. Rusk also gave numerous speeches to various organizations and institutions and published several articles on U. S. foreign policy, diplomacy, and the role of philanthropy in American society.

On December 12, 1960, President-elect John F. Kennedy designated Mr. Rusk to be Secretary of State. On January 21, 1961, Mr. Rusk was sworn in to head the State Department. He served in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations until 1969. In 1970 Mr. Rusk returned to Georgia and taught international law at the University of Georgia at Athens until his retirement in 1984.

Mr. Rusk married Virginia Foisie in 1937. They had three children, David, Richard, and Peggy Smith.

Mr. Rusk died December 20, 1994, at his home in Athens, Georgia.

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Scope and Contents note

The Dean Rusk Papers document the non-official professional activities of Dean Rusk (1909-1994), carried out during his tenure as president of the Rockefeller Foundation from 1952 to 1961. There are no personal papers in this small collection.

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Arrangement note

The collection is organized in four series:

Series 1 - Subject Files

Series 2 - Published Articles

Series 3 - Speeches

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

This small collection complements the Rusk material that is maintained as part of the archives of The Rockefeller Foundation. The Foundation archives contain a relatively brief officer's diary kept by Rusk, and correspondence by and to him. The most substantive correspondence appears in numerous grant administration (Record Group 1) and program and policy (Record Group 3) files. This documentation shows the Foundation's president in many respects functioning as a first among equals, often actively exchanging views with division officers and then making a final decision. Mr. Rusk's Secretary of State records are housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Public welfare
- Philanthropy
- Taxation -- Law and legislation -- United States
- International relations -- United States -- 1950-1960.
- General Education Board. (New York, N.Y.)
- Rockefeller Foundation
- Rusk, Dean
- Acheson, Dean
- Kissinger, Henry
- United States. Congress. House. Select Committee to Investigate Tax-Exempt Foundations and Comparable Organizations
- Fosdick, Raymond B. (Raymond Blaine)
- Flanders, Ralph E. (Ralph Edward)
- Stevenson, Adlai E. (Adlai Ewing)

- Roosevelt, Eleanor

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Materials requiring specialized equipment for access (film, audio, video, slides) may be closed to research dependent on availability of the applicable equipment

Brittle or damaged items, or materials otherwise in need of preservation care, may be closed to researchers at the discretion of the RAC Head of Archival Services/Head of Reference.

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Collection Inventory

Subject Files, 1950-1969

Arrangement note

This series is arranged alphabetically and by correspondent.

Scope and Contents note

Series 1 contains five folders of correspondence (1950-1969) between Rusk and various academic, political, and philanthropic leaders, including Henry Kissinger, Dean Acheson, Eleanor Roosevelt, Adlai Stevenson, Senator Ralph E. Flanders, and Raymond Fosdick. The correspondence covers such topics as meetings to discuss the defense of Europe, the implications of the Korean War, operation of the United Nations, foreign affairs, and Rusk's opinions on his colleagues' writings on foreign policy.

Also present in Series 1 is correspondence (1958-1960) relating to the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Policy, which was chaired by Senator Henry Jackson, to study the effectiveness of existing national security policy in regard to communism. Rusk's correspondence with Senator Jackson reveals Rusk's thoughts and advice on the study.

Title/Description	Instances	
Clippings and Articles, 1952-1962	box 1	folder 1
Correspondence (A-D), 1952-1960	box 1	folder 2
Correspondence (E-F), 1950-1960	box 1	folder 3
Correspondence (G-J), 1952-1960	box 1	folder 4
Correspondence (K-R), 1952-1969	box 1	folder 5
Correspondence (S-Z), 1952-1960	box 1	folder 6
Name Lists, 1953, n.d.	box 1	folder 7
Notes, 1952, 1958, n.d.		

	box 1	folder 8
Souvenirs, 1956-1960	box 1	folder 9
Trip to Indonesia, August-September 1957	box 1	folder 10
United States Government - National Academy of Sciences - Academy of Public Affairs, 1958-1959	box 1	folder 11
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Published Articles, 1953-1962

Arrangement note

This series is arranged chronologically by date of publication.

Scope and Contents note

Most of the articles in this series discuss U.S. foreign policy and diplomacy during the 1950's at the height of the Cold War.

Title/Description	Instances	
International Organization, UN Charter (Possible Article), 1953-1954	box 2	folder 14
Statement Before Investigative Committee - 83rd Congress - Rockefeller Foundation (RF) and General Education Board (GEB), 1954	box 2	folder 15
"Communication of Political Ideas" - Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni, 1955	box 2	folder 16
"Parliamentary Diplomacy" - World Affairs Interpreter, Summer 1955	box 2	folder 17
"Building a Professional Staff" - New York University Institute on Federal Taxation, October 1955	box 2	folder 18
Hearings - Committee on Foreign Relations, Technical Assistant Programs, 1955-1956	box 2	folder 19
"Tax Exemption and the Public Purse" - Junior Chamber of Commerce, January 25, 1956	box 2	folder 20
"Can We Break the Stalemate with Russia?" - Herald Tribune, March 16, 1958	box 2	folder 21
Harvard Law School Address, April 24, 1958	box 2	folder 22

"United States Readiness for War" - Industrial College of the Armed Forces, 1958-1959	box 2	folder 23
"Neighborhood and Frontiers" - Arizona Business and Economic Review, May 1959	box 2	folder 24
The University and World Affairs (The Ford Foundation), 1960	box 2	folder 25
"Common Interest and Marginal Hostility" - American College of Surgeons Bulletin, January-February 1960	box 2	folder 26
"The Past and the Future" - The Texas Quarterly, Spring 1960	box 3	folder 27
"The President" - Foreign Affairs, April 1960	box 3	folder 28
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Speeches, 1951-1961

Arrangement note

This series is arranged chronologically by the date of the speech. The series also includes an index of speeches given between 1951 and 1960; the index is located at the beginning of the series in folder 32.

Scope and Contents note

Series 3, Speeches, which represents nearly three-quarters of the collection, contains copies of the speeches Rusk gave to various organizations and institutions from 1951 to 1961, together with notes and correspondence.

Among the central themes of Rusk's speeches are foreign policy and the promotion of American democracy, particularly with regard to the Soviet Union, Korea, Japan, and the operation of the United Nations. Folder 36 contains a copy of the unofficial text of the Security Treaty between the U.S. and Japan (1952). In folder 88 there is correspondence from Harry S. Truman (1960), in which Truman responds to Rusk's recently published article "The President" in "Foreign Affairs" (1960).

Other speeches concern the role of philanthropy, the importance of public and social welfare, and the contributions of The Rockefeller Foundation. Two folders in particular address this theme in a political context. Folders 53 and 54 contain material on the Reece Committee (1954) that was formed to investigate tax-exempt foundations, including The Rockefeller Foundation and the General Education Board, and to decide if legislation should be passed that would affect foundations. Folder 53 contains the combined statement of The Rockefeller Foundation and the General Education Board to the Reece Committee (1954). Present in folder 54 is the text of Rusk's remarks (1954) to the staff of The Rockefeller Foundation concerning the Reece Committee and Rusk's reactions to allegations that philanthropy supported something of a left-wing influence in American society.

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Canadian Society of New York, March 7, 1952	box 3	folder 37
Aid Refugee Chinese Intellectuals, Inc., April 28, 1952	box 3	folder 38
Agnes Scott College Commencement, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2, 1952	box 4	folder 39
Southern Resource Development Foundation, September 18, 1952	box 4	folder 40
English-Speaking Union, New York City, November 6, 1952	box 4	folder 41
Water Resources, 1952-1953	box 4	folder 42
"Higher Education", 1953-1958	box 4	folder 43
Relations with United Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR), 1953	box 4	folder 44
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