



# **Guide to the Arthur F. Burns Papers, 1911-2005, bulk 1940-1987**

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Arthur F. Burns papers, 1911-2005, bulk dates 1940-1987

**Creator:**

Burns, Arthur F. (Arthur Frank), 1904-1987

**Source:**

Economists' Papers Archive

**Abstract:**

Arthur Burns (1904-1987) was a former chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and economic advisor to six US presidents. This collection primarily documents his professional life through his correspondence. It forms part of the Economists' Papers Archive.

**Extent:**

18.5 Linear Feet (17 boxes and one oversize folder.)

**Language:**

Material in English.

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

This collection documents Burns's career as an economic advisor, particularly to Republican administrations, chair of the Federal Reserve, and ambassador to Germany.

Topics of interest in this collection include but are not limited to: the United States economic system and fiscal policies; the Federal Reserve Board and related committees; recessions, unemployment, and inflation; the world economy and finance; the US presidency during the time period; the Nixon presidency in particular, including the Watergate affair; presidential campaigns and elections; and diplomacy. There is a small amount of research and teaching material, chiefly from the 1920s-1930s. The most significant component of the collection is the correspondence between Arthur Burns and Presidents Eisenhower, Nixon, Kennedy, Ford, Carter, Reagan, and George H. W. Bush, as well as substantial exchanges with economists Milton Friedman and Wesley Clair Mitchell.

The most substantial and notable papers are found in the Correspondence series, which contains letters and memoranda written from 1911-1997 both to and from Burns and/or his wife, Helen. The series is organized into three subseries, Correspondence by Individual, Correspondence by Topic, and Correspondence to Mrs. Helen Burns. The majority of the exchanges in the first subseries are letters written to or by presidents or vice presidents (Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Spiro Agnew, Hubert Humphrey, and Nelson Rockefeller). Burns's correspondence with presidents Eisenhower and Nixon is particularly extensive and reveals the making of crucial policy decisions. Also included is Burns's correspondence with economists Wesley Clair Mitchell, Milton Friedman, and George Stigler.

The Correspondence by Topic subseries contains letters and attachments primarily related to Burns's work in academia, politics, and the private sector. Finally, the Correspondence to Mrs. Helen Burns subseries contains letters written by prominent figures such as Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and Mamie Eisenhower to Burns's wife, Helen, both during his life and after his death.

The other series house papers and memorabilia documenting Burns' career, including photocopies of two handwritten journals (1969-1974) kept by Burns during the Nixon Administration; several folders of early research and teaching materials; honors and awards received by Burns; personal correspondence, clippings, and other materials; lectures, speeches, and articles from Burns's career as economist and ambassador; photographs of Burns, his wife Helen, and political figures and celebrities attending events; publicity items such as news clippings, interviews, and articles about Burns; and program materials for the Arthur F. Burns Fellowship, an exchange program for German and US media professionals.

The great majority of the Burns papers are in English, but there are roughly ten items in German and a few items in French and Russian (Cyrillic script).

National security classified materials were reviewed and declassified by the Information Security Oversight Office of the National Archives in 2015. Declassified documents are clearly marked as such.

## **Biographical/Historical**

Arthur Frank Burns (1904-1987) was a white Austrian-American government and academic economist who was born into an Austro-Hungarian Jewish family in Stanislau, Galicia (now part of Ukraine). His family immigrated to the US in 1914 and settled in New Jersey. He received an AB and AM degrees in 1925 and a PhD in 1934 (under the supervision of Wesley Clair Mitchell), all in economics and from Columbia University. He taught at Columbia and Rutgers University between 1926-1944.

Burns' economic thought was inspired by Keynes, yet he believed that the Keynesian model was simplistic and totalistic, as each industry had its own cycle, hence government intervention should be taken selectively and upon detailed statistical analysis. He joined the National Bureau of Economics as Research Associate in 1930; in later years he served as the Director of Research (1945-1953), President (1957-1967), and Chairman (1967-1968) of this institution.

Burns's political involvement with the Republican Party began with his support for Eisenhower in 1952. He acted as Chairman of the Council of Advisors to the President (1953-1956), Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Small Business (1956), and as member of US Advisory Council on Social Security Financing (1957-1958).

Burns was also an economic advisor to Nixon's 1968 presidential campaign and acted as the White House economic advisor from 1969-1970. He was appointed Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve on 31 January 1970 and held the position until March 1978. Meanwhile, he also served as the Head of the Committee on Interest and Dividends (1971-1974), a committee founded as part of Nixon's Economic Stabilization Program; as the US Alternate Governor to the International Monetary Fund (1973-1978); and as a member of Emergency Loan Guarantee Board (1971-1978). The Nixon administration took over an economy in crisis, and Burns proposed a recovery program, which in the early days seemed to be effective. This period and his reactions to its crises are well-documented in the correspondence and personal journals found.

Between 1977-1981 and 1985-1987, Burns served as a distinguished scholar at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy, where he taught and wrote. In 1981, Ronald Reagan appointed him US Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, a position he held until 16 May 1985.

He passed away on 26 June 1987 in Baltimore, Maryland. Burns's theories have inspired many economists, including his student Milton Friedman.

### Selected Publications:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
1934	Production Trends in the United States Since 1870
1946	(with Wesley Mitchell) Measuring Business Cycles
1952	Wesley Clair Mitchell: the Economic Scientist
1957	Frontiers of Economic Knowledge Prosperity without Inflation
1967	(with Paul Samuelson) Full Employment: Guideposts and Economic Stability
1969	Business Cycle in a Changing World
1978	Reflections of an Economic Policy Maker: Speeches and Congressional Statements, 1969-1978

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## Arrangement

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The Arthur F. Burns papers are arranged into seven series: Correspondence, Honors and Awards, Journals, Personal, Photographs, Printed Material, and Research and Teaching.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Access Restrictions**

Access restricted. Originals of high-value correspondence (ex., signed by presidents) are stored separately and restricted for use except under direct staff supervision. Photocopies of these items are available in boxes 1-3, and they can also be requested for digitization. Contact Research Services for access.

### **Acquisition Information**

The Arthur F. Burns papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library as gifts between 2006-2012.

### **Processing Information**

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## Related Materials

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### Related Material

Arthur Burns papers, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Audiocassettes
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- Diaries
- Elections -- United States -- History
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- Government economists -- United States -- Correspondence
- Inflation (Finance) -- United States
- Monetary policy -- United States
- Photographic prints
- Presidents -- United States -- Correspondence
- Recessions -- United States
- Unemployment -- Effect of inflation on -- United States
- United States -- Economic conditions -- 1945-
- United States -- Economic policy
- United States -- Foreign relations
- United States -- History -- 1945-
- United States -- Politics and government -- 1945-1989
- Watergate Affair, 1972-1974
- Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (U.S.)
- Burns, Arthur F. (Arthur Frank), 1904-1987
- Bush, George, 1924-2018
- Carter, Jimmy, 1924-
- Council of Economic Advisers (U.S.)
- Economists' Papers Archive
- Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969
- Ford, Gerald R., 1913-2006
- Friedman, Milton, 1912-2006
- Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973
- Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963
- Mitchell, Wesley C. (Wesley Clair), 1874-1948

- Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994

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## Collection Inventory

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### Correspondence, 1911-1997, bulk 1940-1987

#### Access Restrictions:

Although high-value correspondence can be accessed in several formats, the papers housed in boxes 1-3 are the only complete record of exchanges. These boxes contain photocopies of high-value correspondence along with their original attachments, originals of other correspondence (including originals signed by mechanical means), and original onion-skin paper copies of Burns's out-going correspondence. Originals of high-value correspondence, without the corresponding attachments, are housed separately in boxes 13 and 15, and are closed to use.

#### Scope and Contents

The correspondence is organized into three subseries. The Correspondence by Individual subseries contains correspondence and memoranda between Burns and presidents, vice-presidents, politicians, and prominent economists. The Correspondence by Topic subseries contains letters and attachments primarily related to Burns' work in academia, politics, and the private sector. Finally, the Correspondence to Mrs. Helen Burns subseries contains letters written by figures such as Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and Mamie Eisenhower to Burns's wife, Helen, both during his life and after his death.

### Correspondence by Individual, 1911-1985, bulk 1953-1981

#### Scope and Contents note

Organized alphabetically by correspondent and then chronologically, the bulk of this subseries documents Burns's work with several presidential administrations. Correspondents include Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Spiro Agnew, Nelson Rockefeller, and Hubert Humphrey. The subseries also includes correspondence with his mentor, Wesley Clair Mitchell, and with his students, economists Milton Friedman and George Stigler. Burns's correspondence with presidents Eisenhower and Nixon constitute the most significant part of the subseries. These exchanges cover domestic economic matters such as recession, monetary and fiscal policies to regulate inflation and unemployment; international political and economic matters; and domestic political issues such as elections and party politics.

### Moses Abramovitz, 1942 and undated

**Physical Description:** 2 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Abramovitz's correspondence to Burns discusses the editing of Abramovitz's monograph, his impressions of Washington, and the work of the War Planning Board.

1942 Apr. 5	Box 1
Undated	Box 1

**Spiro Agnew, 1972-1973**

**Physical Description:** 3 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Agnew's correspondence to Burns consists of routine notes expressing thanks for Burns's support and for having sent materials.

1972 Aug. 11	Box 1
1972 Dec. 13	Box 1
1973 Oct. 25	Box 1

**James A. Baker III, 1981-1985**

**Physical Description:** 2 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Baker's correspondence to Burns consists of routine notes expressing thanks for Burns's support and advice.

1981 Sept. 29	Box 1
1985 Feb. 20	Box 1

**George H. W. Bush, 1979-1987**

**Physical Description:** 12 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Bush's correspondence to Burns consists of routine notes expressing thanks for Burns's support and for having sent materials. Barbara Bush's handwritten well wishes are affixed to one note.

1979 Sept. 10	Box 1
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1980 June 23	Box 1
1980 Aug. 4	Box 1
1980 Nov. 5	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Congratulations from Burns to Bush upon becoming Vice President-elect.	
1980 Nov. 15	Box 1
1981 Feb. 3	Box 1
1981 May 5	Box 1
1982 Feb. 6	Box 1
1983 Mar. 2	Box 1
1983 June 30	Box 1
1983 July 30	Box 1
1987 June 22	Box 1

### **Jimmy Carter, 1976-1981**

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Burns continued to be the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board during the first year of the Carter administration. This correspondence documents Dr. Burns's work with the new administration especially on the matter of tax reform, along with budgetary issues and policies regarding OPEC. Burns presented his resignation to Jimmy Carter in January 1978. Included in the collection is a January 13, 1978 letter in which Carter accepts Burns's and expresses his appreciation of Burns's leadership of the Federal Reserve over the past eight years. The letters after January 1978 address non-economic issues such as Burns's receipt of the America's Democratic Legacy Award of the Anti-Defamation League and Carter's appreciation of Burns's support for his efforts in human rights. Two letters from Rosalynn Carter are also included.

### **From Carter to Burns, 1976-1981**

**Physical Description: 14 letters**

1976 Nov. 8	Box 1
1976 Nov. 26	Box 1
1977 Apr. 12	Box 1
1977 May 22	Box 1
1977 Sept. 20	Box 1
1977 Oct. 19	Box 1
1977 Dec. 12	Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

From Rosalynn Carter to Burns.

1977 Dec. 28	Box 1
1977 Dec. 28	Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

From Rosalynn Carter to Burns.

1978 Jan. 13	Box 1
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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns's resignation as Chairman.

1978 Feb. 2	Box 1
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**Scope and Contents note**

Executive order appointing Burns Acting Chairman.

1978 Feb. 6	Box 1
1978 May 18	Box 1
1981 Mar. 3	Box 1
1982 Oct. 29	Box 1

**From Burns to Carter, 1976-1978**

**Physical Description:** 33 letters

1976 Sept. 24 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

News clipping from The New York Times re: Role of Federal Reserve in Carter-Ford debate.

1976 Nov. 3 Box 1

1976 Nov. 12 Box 1

1976 Nov. 23 Box 1

1977 Feb. 1 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Memo re: Carter.

1977 Feb. 4 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: Statement to House Banking Committee.

1977 Feb. 23 Box 1

1977 Feb. 28 Box 1

1977 Mar. 2 Box 1

1977 Mar. 8 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Memo re: conversation with Carter and Mondale regarding disagreement about state of the economy and press coverage of Burns's comments during Congressional hearings.

1977 Mar. 23 Box 1

1977 Mar. 24 Box 1

1977 Mar. 31 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: Memo on proposal to reduce inflation.

1977 Apr. 12	Box 1
1977 Apr. 14	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Memo re: Carter attaching clipping.	
1977 Apr. 15	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
President's statement on inflation.	
1977 May 13	Box 1
1977 May 15	Box 1
1977 May 25	Box 1
1977 June 14	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Attached: Memo on conversation with Vladimir Alkhimov, 1977 June 9.	
1977 June 22	Box 1
1977 July 27	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Stephen S. Gardner to Burns. Attached: 3 items. Carter memo re: Civil Rights Act, 1977 July 20. Carter memo re: handicapped people, 1977 July 21. Memo from Gardner, 1977 July 26.	
1977 July 28	Box 1
1977 Aug. 12	Box 1
1977 Sept. 13	Box 1
1977 Sept. 19	Box 1
1977 Oct. 17	Box 1
1977 Oct. 25	Box 1
1977 Nov. 2	Box 1

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1977 Nov. 28 Box 1

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1977 Nov. 28 Box 1

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1978 Jan. 12 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns's resignation as Chairman.

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1978 Mar. Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

President's remarks at swearing in of G. William Miller as Chairman of the Federal Reserve.

### **Dwight David Eisenhower, 1953-1968 and undated**

**Physical Description:** 17 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Burns acted as the Chairman of the Council of Advisors to the President (1953-1956), Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Small Business (1956), and a member of U.S. Advisory Council on Social Security Financing (1957-1958) during the Eisenhower Administration. He played an especially crucial role in steering the implementation of anti-recession policies. Even after he resigned from the Council of Economic Advisors, he continued to counsel the president on economic matters.

Topics in the correspondence include economic issues such as how to combat recession/depression and inflation, unemployment, budget planning, taxes, government expenditure, monetary policy, value of the dollar, and gold reserves. The letters also address U.S. domestic politics and international relations, such as the situation in Vietnam and Cuba and the Mutual Security Program. Burns's correspondence with Eisenhower continued after his term as the President ended in 1961; the topic of the correspondence shifts to personal notes and exchanges on general economic models and policies, evaluation of the Eisenhower period economic policies and assessment, and expresses criticism of economic, political and foreign policies of the administrations of the time.

### **From Eisenhower to Burns, 1953-1968**

**Physical Description:** 182 letters

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1953 Apr. 1 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Burns's appointment letter as Economic Advisor to the President.

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1953 July 15 Box 1

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1953 Aug. 8 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Order appointing Burns.

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1953 Aug. 24 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: Letter from Burns to Eisenhower, 1953 Aug. 27.

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1953 Nov. 3 Box 1

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1953 Dec. 30 Box 1

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Undated Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Charges Union Leaders Plot to Run Nation with handwritten note signed D addressing it to Burns.

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1954 Jan. 15 Box 1

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1954 Jan. 23 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Memorandum for Dr. Burns. D.D. Eisenhower submits a copy of the report regarding the overall foreign economic policy of the country and expresses his concerns about the pace of Executive Departments and Agencies in proceeding with the plan in the report.

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1954 Feb. 1 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: 3 items. Memorandum signed by Eisenhower for Burns, 1954 Feb. 1, regarding the measures that the government decided to employ to fight recession and prevent serious deflation and the role Burns is expected to play. Letter from Burns to Eisenhower, 1954 Feb. 8. Letter from True D. Morse to Burns, 1954 Feb. 1, regarding

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agricultural sector related public projects to be implemented.  
Formerly classified as SECRET and declassified by the ISOO, 2015.

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1954 Feb. 24	Box 1
1954 Apr. 19	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Attached: Letter from Burns to Eisenhower, 1954 Apr. 16.	
1954 Apr. 26	Box 1
1954 Oct. 23	Box 1
1954 Dec. 22	Box 1
1954 Dec. 22	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Attached: 2 items. Letter from Eisenhower to Ruth Caroll, 1954 Dec. 17. Letter from Ruth Caroll to Eisenhower, undated.	
1954 Dec. 29	Box 1
1955 Jan. 14	Box 1
1955 Apr. 22	Box 1
1955 Aug. 22	Box 1
1955 Sept. 9	Box 1
1955 Oct. 19	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
From Eisenhower's assistant to Burns.	
1955 Dec. 29	Box 1
1956 Mar. 10	Box 1
1956 Apr. 18	Box 1
1956 Apr. 24	Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

From Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey re: automobile industry.

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1956 Apr. 25 Box 1

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1956 May 28 Box 1

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1956 May 31 Box 1

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1956 June 1 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: Letter from Edgar Newton Eisenhower to Dwight Eisenhower, 1956 May 29, regarding the issues of budget and tax reform. Contains 2 copies of attached letter.

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1956 June 4 Box 1

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1956 June 15 Box 1

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1956 July 14 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: The steel strike.

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1956 Aug. 9 Box 1

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1956 Aug. 17 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns's meeting with Bill Martins and success in getting unanimous support for the Small Business Report.

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1956 Aug. 18 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Economic tables created by Burns.

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1956 Oct. 22 Box 1

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1956 Nov. 10 Box 1

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1956 Nov. 12 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns's resignation from public service.

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1956 Nov. 28 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns's note on the chairmanship of the Cabinet Committee on Small Business and Dr. Saulnier's appointment as the chairman.

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1956 Dec. 5 Box 1

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1956 Dec. 31 Box 1

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1957 Jan. 2 Box 1

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1957 Jan. 3 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Tax deductions.

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1957 Mar. 28 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns's statement on lowering government expenditures.

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1957 Apr. 24 Box 1

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1957 May 2 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

From Bernard M. Shanley.

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1957 May 16 Box 1

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1957 June 1 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Political support for the budget.

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1957 June 15 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: A misunderstanding between Eisenhower and Burns.

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1957 June 24	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Fighting inflation.	
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1957 Oct. 12	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Burns's note on stock market activities.	
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1957 Nov. 4	Box 1
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1957 Nov. 16	Box 1
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1957 Nov. 30	Box 1
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1957 Dec. 4	Box 1
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1958 Jan. 4	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Difficulties encountered by the members of the American Economic Association in inviting two Russians to present papers at the association's convention.	
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1958 Jan. 10	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Political support for the budget.	
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1958 Jan. 21	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
From Sherman Adams.	
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1958 Jan. 28	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
From Robert Cutler. Attached: Memo regarding Mar. 3 meeting.	
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1958 Feb. 3	Box 1
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1958 Feb. 7	Box 1
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1958 Feb. 12	Box 1

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1958 Feb. 24 [Personal]	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Request that Burns write a letter to Time Magazine against the opposition's critiques regarding the recession.	
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1958 Mar. 4	Box 1
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1958 Mar. 12 [Personal]	Box 1
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1958 Mar. 20 [Personal]	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Opinions and expectations regarding the recession.	
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1958 Mar. 24	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Tax deduction.	
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1958 Apr. 2	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Burns's suggestions on a plan required for stimulating economic recovery.	
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1958 Apr. 23	Box 1
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1958 Apr. 25	Box 1
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1958 Apr. 28	Box 1
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1958 May 7 [Personal]	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Tax reduction.	
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1958 May 8	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
From Sherman Adams.	
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1958 May 15 [Personal]	Box 1
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1958 June 6	Box 1

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<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Political support for tax reform.	
1958 June 18	Box 1
1958 June 19	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
From Assistant to the President.	
1958 Aug. 23	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Gratitude for Burns's support for the Department of Defense Reorganization Plan. .	
1958 Sept. 29	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Economic matters in the election campaign and governmental expenditures. Attached: Letter from Ezra Benson to Eisenhower, 1958 Sept. 26, regarding inflationary tendencies and budget deficit. Contains 2 copies of attached letter.	
1958 Sept. 30	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
From Eisenhower's assistant to Burns regarding disagreement between Burns and Eisenhower on economic matters.	
1958 Oct. 7	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Eisenhower's comments on non-cooperation of unions.	
1958 Oct. 27	Box 1
1958 Nov. 3	Box 1
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**Scope and Contents note**

From Gabriel Hague.

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1958 Nov. 24 Box 1

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1958 Nov. 25 Box 1

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1958 Dec. 18 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns' suggestions on the budget and encouraging individual initiatives.

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1959 Feb. 23 Box 1

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1959 Mar. 11 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: National Unemployment Insurance and state relations with the federal government.

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1959 Apr. 23 Box 1

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1959 Oct. 29 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns' conversation with a Russian economist about the United States' transition to a lower level of defense spending.

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1959 June 19 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

From Robert E. Merriam.

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1959 Dec. 29 Box 1

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1960 Mar. 17 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: 1960 election.

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1960 Apr. 2 Box 1

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1960 May 16 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

From Eisenhower's Deputy Assistant Bryce N. Harlow to Burns.  
Attached: Message dictated by Eisenhower to his Deputy Assistant  
and sent without signature to Burns because of urgency, 1960 May  
14. Eisenhower states concerns about how a possible hindrance  
regarding the budget allowed to the "Mutual Security Program"  
would threaten defense alliance structures such as NATO and SEASO.

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1960 May 23	Box 1
1960 June 8	Box 1
1960 June 9	Box 1
1960 Aug. 1	Box 1
1960 Sept. 6	Box 1
1960 Nov. 5	Box 1
1960 Dec. 26	Box 1
1961 May 11	Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Gold reserve policy and the Cuban fiasco.

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1961 May 26	Box 1
1961 June 7	Box 1
1961 June 14	Box 1
1961 June 14	Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Mrs. Luce's public letter about the Cuban failure.

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1961 June 23	Box 1
1961 July 15	Box 1
1961 Aug. 11	Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

From Eisenhower's secretary, Ann Whitman, to Burns. Attached: 2 items. Letter from Eisenhower to Felix Edgar Wormser, 1961 Aug. 10. Letter from Wormser to Eisenhower, 1961 Aug. 8, regarding the gold crisis.

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1961 Aug. 15 Box 1

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1961 Aug. 28 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

From Eisenhower's secretary, Ann Whitman, to Burns.

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1961 Sept. 18 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns' letter to Mr. Nehru.

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1961 Oct. 21 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Republican Party's financial troubles.

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1961 Nov. 1 Box 1

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1961 Dec. 15 Box 1

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1962 Jan. 30 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Organizing shadow cabinet in every state controlled by Democrats.

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1962 Feb. 4 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: 4 items. Cover note from Eisenhower's secretary, Ann Whitman, to Burns. Letter from Eisenhower to Burns, undated. Letter from Eisenhower to Andrew Baldwin. Letter from Baldwin to Eisenhower, 1962 Dec. 30, regarding plan to stabilize American industry.

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1962 Apr. 12 Box 1

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1962 Apr. 20	Box 1
1962 June 30	Box 1
1962 July 11	Box 1
1962 July 16	Box 1
1962 Nov. 30	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: The first volume of Eisenhower's memoirs.	
1963 Jan. 24	Box 1
1963 Feb. 8	Box 1
1963 Feb. 17	Box 1
1963 Mar. 30	Box 1
1963 Apr. 17	Box 1
1963 Apr. 25	Box 1
1963 Dec. 27	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Eisenhower's donation of his personal papers to the Eisenhower Library at Abilene and his request to Burns to donate his related personal papers to the same institution.	
1964 Jan. 17	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Burns' decision to donate some of his personal papers to the Eisenhower Library at Abilene.	
1964 Mar. 6	Box 1
1964 Apr. 23	Box 1
1964 May 15	Box 1
1964 July 29	Box 1

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1964 Aug. 21	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Attached: 2 items. Excerpt from Jacques Rueff's book <i>The Age of Inflation</i> . "Bulletin #503, Dollar Erosion" by M. Polyi. Contains copies of both items.	
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1964 Aug. 28	Box 1
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1964 Oct. 30	Box 1
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1964 Nov. 30	Box 1
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1964 Dec. 15	Box 1
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1965 Feb. 12	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Attached: 2 items. Letter from Eisenhower to Walter Spahr, 1965 Feb. 12. Letter from Rusty Brown to Burns, 1965 Feb. 12.	
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1965 Mar. 13	Box 1
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1965 Mar. 25	Box 1
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1965 Apr. 9	Box 1
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1965 Apr. 27	Box 1
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1965 May 6	Box 1
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1965 May 12	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Eisenhower's view that historians would have a more favorable view on the economy policies of the 1950s than the 1960s.	
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1965 Oct. 5	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Attached: Paper presentation by unidentified author, undated, regarding the problems of development in developing countries.	
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1965 Oct. 25	Box 1
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1965 Oct. 30	Box 1

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1965 Nov. 21	Box 1
1965 Dec. 30	Box 1
1966 Jan. 18	Box 1
1966 Jan. 25	Box 1
1966 Feb. 22	Box 1
1966 Feb. 23	Box 1
1966 Mar. 12	Box 1
1966 Apr. 25	Box 1
1966 June 22	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Vietnam.	
1966 Aug. 10	Box 1
1966 Sept. 21	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Attached: Article by W. L. White, "Why We Must Stop Inflation," undated.	
1966 Dec. 5	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Attached: 4 items. News clippings, "De Gaulle's Red Face," Philadelphia Inquirer, 1966 Dec. 5; "Amisted Dam-a Reminder," Philadelphia Inquirer, 1966 Dec. 5; "Unbridled Insurrection at Berkeley," Philadelphia Inquirer, 1966 Dec. 5.	
1966 Dec. 8	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Attached: Article by R. C. McCormic, "Pill Drill," undated.	
1966 Dec. 9	Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: The Vietnam War and population growth.

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1966 Dec. 14 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Telegram.

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1967 Jan. 23 Box 1

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1967 Apr. 25 Box 1

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1967 May 22 Box 1

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1967 May 31 Box 1

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1967 Sept. 21 Box 1

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1967 Nov. 24 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Eisenhower's comments on Burns' attached speech draft.  
Attached: Draft of Burns' speech, "The Defense Sector: An Evaluation of its Economic and Social Impact," with handwritten notes and comments by Eisenhower, 1967 Nov. 17.

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1967 Dec. 7 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

From Brigadier General Robert L. Schulz, Executive Assistant to Eisenhower, to Burns.

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1968 Jan. 23 Box 1

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1968 Feb. 8 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: 3 items. Letter from Eisenhower to Maurice Feldman, 1968 Feb. 8. Letter from Feldman to Eisenhower, 1968 Jan. 29. News clipping: "Eisenhower's Views on Travel Curbs," 1968 Jan. 28

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1968 Apr. 24 Box 1

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1968 May 8 Box 1

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**Scope and Contents note**

Telegram.

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1968 Oct. 17

Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Telegram.

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**From Burns to Eisenhower, 1954-1955**

**Physical Description:** 24 letters

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1954 Jan. 13

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1954 Feb. 1

Box 1

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1954 Feb. 5

Box 1

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1954 Feb. 8

Box 1

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1954 Mar. 9

Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Unemployment figures.

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1954 Mar. 23

Box 1

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1954 Apr. 16

Box 1

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1954 Apr. 29

Box 1

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1954 May 26

Box 1

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1954 July 19

Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

To Sherman Adams.

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1954 Aug. 16

Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: 1955 budget.

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1954 Aug. 17

Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

To Sherman Adams. Re: Kuykendall letter, private investment in power.

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1954 Aug. 18 Box 1

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1954 Oct. 19 Box 1

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1954 Nov. 22 Box 1

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1954 Dec. 24 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Increase in minimum wage.

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1954 Dec. 28 Box 1

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1955 Jan. 11 Box 1

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1955 Jan. 21 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Report of Cabinet Commission on Energy Supplies and Resource Policy.

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1955 Apr. 25 Box 1

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1955 Apr. 26 Box 1

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1955 May 24 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

To Sherman Adams. Re: Aircraft industry decline.

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1955 Aug. 18 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: August budget message. Attached: Historical table of political control.

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1955 Sept. 30 Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

To Major General Howard McSnyder.

### **Mamie Doud Eisenhower, 1955-1971**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Mamie Eisenhower's correspondence with Burns consists of notes of greeting, thanks, and condolence.

#### Mamie Eisenhower to Burns **Physical Description:** 3 letters

1955 Sept. 28	Box 1
1966 July 6	Box 1
1971 Dec. 15	Box 1

#### Burns to Mamie Eisenhower **Physical Description:** 1 letter

1969 Apr. 1	Box 1
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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Eisenhower's death.

### **Gerald Ford, 1974-1987**

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Burns continued to be the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board during the Ford Administration. Ford's correspondence to Burns primarily consists of routine notes of appreciation for Burns's work, for having sent materials, for his comments on economic matters, and for his donation to the Ford Library. Also included are invitations, congratulations, and notes of regret. Burns's side of the correspondence expresses ideas regarding economic matters such as the ongoing recession, Federal Reserve policies, and the Financial Reform Act.

#### **From Ford to Burns, 1974-1987**

**Physical Description:** 22 letters

1974 Aug. 9	Box 1
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**Scope and Contents note**

Memo to agencies.

1975 July 21	Box 1
1976 Feb. 2	Box 1
1976 Sept. 9	Box 1
1976 Sept. 23	Box 1
1977 Jan. 31	Box 1
1977 Feb. 9	Box 1
1977 Jun 17	Box 1
1978 June 7	Box 1
1978 July 11	Box 1
1979 Jan. 2	Box 1
1979 May 23	Box 1
1980 Feb. 27	Box 1
1981 May 22	Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: Letter from Ford to Charles Percy in support of nomination of Burns as ambassador to Germany, 1981 May 22.

1981 July 7	Box 1
1982 Aug. 26	Box 1
1984 July 20	Box 1
1985 Feb. 5	Box 1
1986 July 7	Box 1
1987 Mar. 26	Box 1
1987 Apr. 30	Box 1
1987 May 21	Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: Guest list for Gerald R. Ford Foundation's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. on June 10, 1987

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**From Burns to Ford, 1974-1982**

**Physical Description:** 49 letters

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1974 Aug. 12 Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

To Herbert Stein. Attached: Memo for President re: Economic agenda.

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1974 Aug. 22 Box 2

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1974 Aug. 27 Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Memo re: Expanded public service program.

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1974 Sept. 25 Box 2

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1974 Oct. 8 Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Address of President to Joint Session of Congress.

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1974 Oct. 10 Box 2

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1974 Oct. 16 Box 2

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1974 Nov. 27 Box 2

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1974 Dec. 6 Box 2

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1975 Jan. 30 Box 2

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1975 Feb. 7 Box 2

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1975 Mar. 2 Box 2

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1975 Mar. 19 Box 2

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1975 Mar. 28 Box 2

1975 Mar. 28	Box 2
1975 Apr. 16	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Attached: CV of Philip C. Jackson Jr.	
1975 May 1	Box 2
1975 May 7	Box 2
1975 June 3	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Confidential memo.	
1975 July 14	Box 2
1975 July 25	Box 2
1975 July 30	Box 2
1975 Aug. 28	Box 2
1975 Sept. 19	Box 2
1975 Sept. 26	Box 2
1975 Oct. 8	Box 2
1975 Oct. 21	Box 2
1975 Oct. 24	Box 2
1975 Nov. 5	Box 2
1975 Nov. 13	Box 2
1975 Dec. 12	Box 2
1976 Jan. 21	Box 2
1976 Jan. 26	Box 2
1976 Feb. 4	Box 2
1976 Feb. 21	Box 2

1976 Mar. 18	Box 2
1976 Mar. 22	Box 2
1976 Apr. 9	Box 2
1976 May 3	Box 2
1976 July 28	Box 2
1976 Sept. 28	Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: Letter from Ford to Burns, 1976 Sept. 23.

1976 Nov. 12	Box 2
1976 Nov. 19	Box 2
1977 Jan. 17	Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: News clipping.

1977 Jan. 24	Box 2
1977 May 27	Box 2
1977 June 8	Box 2
1977 Nov. 16	Box 2
1982 Sept. 28	Box 2

**Milton Friedman, 1940-1969 and undated**

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Contains correspondence with renowned economist Milton Friedman that addresses theoretical debates, reactions to other economists' publications, academic posts and publishing, politics, personal matters, and critique and evaluation of each other's work.

**From Friedman to Burns, 1940-1969 and undated**

**Physical Description: 28 letters**

1940 Sept. 22	Box 2
1940 Nov. 17	Box 2
1941 Mar. 2	Box 2
1941 May 29	Box 2
1941 Oct. 30	Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

From Frank Knight to Friedman with Friedman's handwritten note to Burns.

1942 Jan. 10	Box 2
1942 July 21	Box 2
1942 Sept. 23	Box 2
1945 Oct. 30	Box 2
1945 Dec. 19	Box 2
1946 Feb. 10	Box 2
1946 Feb. 21	Box 2
1946 Mar. 3	Box 2
1946 May 7	Box 2
1946 Aug. 15	Box 2
1948 Aug. 23	Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

From Murray N. Rothbard to Burns with Friedman's handwritten note to Burns. Attached: Professor Nagel's reply to institutionalist criticism of economic theory.

1949 Apr. 12	Box 2
1951 Feb. 1	Box 2

1951 Oct. 26	Box 2
1954 Oct. 9	Box 2
1958 Nov. 4	Box 2
1959 Feb. 19	Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: 1959 Feb. 19 Friedman letter to Al.

1963 July 3	Box 2
1969 Jan. 29	Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

From Friedman to William McChesney Martin with Friedman's handwritten note to Burns.

Undated, Sunday [c. 1963]	Box 2
Undated, Thursday [c. 1937-1940]	Box 2
Undated, Thursday	Box 2
Undated, Friday	Box 2

**From Burns to Friedman, 1954-1955 and undated**

**Physical Description:** 6 letters

1954 Oct. 15	Box 2
1955 Feb. 25	Box 2
1955 Apr. 26	Box 2
1955 May 27	Box 2
1955 Sept. 29	Box 2
Undated	Box 2

**Alexander M. Haig, Jr., 1981-1984**

**Physical Description:** 7 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Haig's correspondence to Burns consists of routine notes expressing thanks for Burns's support and for having sent materials.

1981 Sept. 30	Box 2
1982 Mar. 8	Box 2
1982 Nov. 1	Box 2
1982 Dec. 30	Box 2
1983 Mar. 28	Box 2
1983 Nov. 22	Box 2
1984 Jan. 20	Box 2

**Hubert Humphrey, 1972-1977**

**Physical Description:** 2 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Humphrey's letters to Burns are notes of thanks for condolences after electoral defeat and for attending a reception.

1972 July 26	Box 2
1977 Jan. 23	Box 2

**Lyndon Baines Johnson, 1963-1966**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

In the letters, the President expresses his gratitude for Burns' advice regarding economic issues and for backing the administration's policies in Vietnam. Mr. Burns' activities as a Member of the President's Advisory Committee on Labor-Management Policy and his resignation from the committee in April 1966 are also addressed in the correspondence.

**From Johnson to Burns, 1963-1966**

**Physical Description:** 5 letters

1963 Dec. 2	Box 2
1964 Sept. 7	Box 2

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1965 Apr. 1 Box 2

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1966 Apr. 21 Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns' resignation from the President's Advisory Committee on Labor Management Policy.

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1966 Dec. 7 Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

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**From Burns to Johnson, 1964**

**Physical Description:** 1 letter

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1964 Aug. 25 Box 2

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**John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 1961-1963**

**Physical Description:** 4 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Kennedy's correspondence to Burns consists of routine notes of thanks for sending information on economic problems and for serving on the Labor-Management Committee.

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1961 Mar. 7 Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Telegram.

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1961 June 23 Box 2

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1961 June 29 Box 2

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1963 Feb. 7 Box 2

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**Henry Kissinger, 1982-1986**

**Physical Description:** 4 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Kissinger's correspondence to Burns consists of routine notes expressing thanks for Burns's support and for having sent materials.

1982 Sept. 21	Box 2
1984 Jan. 9	Box 2
1986 May 30	Box 2
1986 Aug. 14	Box 2

**Helmut Kohl, 1982-1987**

**Physical Description:** 8 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Kohl's correspondence to Burns is entirely in German.

1982 Dec. 17	Box 2
1982 Dec. 20	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Letter from Burns to Kohl	
1982 Dec. 28	Box 2
1983 Mar. 16	Box 2
1983 Dec. 13	Box 2
1984 May 7	Box 2
1986 Jan. 31	Box 2
1987 Jan. 21	Box 2

**Teddy Kollek, 1985**

**Physical Description:** 4 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Kollek's correspondence to Burns concerns Burns' potential visit to Jerusalem and his help with rampant inflation in Israel.

1985 June 24	Box 2
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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Letter from Burns' secretary to Kollek.

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1985 Aug. 9 Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Letter from Burns to Kollek.

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1985 Aug. 28 Box 2

**Simon Kuznets, 1942-1945**

**Physical Description:** 4 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Kuznet's correspondence to Burns discusses the work of Frank Knight and Albert Wohlstetter on the War Production Board. Topics covered include the analysis of World War I output, the analysis of business cycles, and work on national income problems.

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1942 July 21 Box 2

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1942 Aug. 13 Box 2

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1943 Oct. 30 Box 2

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1945 June 4 Box 2

**Robert C. McFarlane, 1985-1987**

**Physical Description:** 3 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

McFarlane's correspondence to Burns consists of routine notes expressing thanks and a reserved optimism concerning the European economy.

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1985 June 28 Box 2

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1986 Aug. 7 Box 2

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1987 Mar. 11 Box 2

**Edwin Meese III, 1981-1984**

**Physical Description:** 4 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

McFarlane's correspondence to Burns consists of routine notes expressing thanks for sending materials.

1981 Dec. 21	Box 2
1982 Dec. 3	Box 2
1983 Feb. 17	Box 2
1984 May 23	Box 2

**Wesley Clair Mitchell, 1911-1963**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Contains correspondence with Mitchell, an American economist famous for his empirical work on business cycles and for leading the NBER in its first decades, and his wife, Lucy Sprague Mitchell. Great attention is paid by Burns and Mitchell to revising each other's drafts and economic theories. Also included are articles by Mitchell, his obituary, eulogies, and correspondence regarding the dedication of a collection in his honor. Other letters authored by Mitchell can be found in the academic career and National Bureau of Economic Research folders - both in the Correspondence by Topic Subseries.

1911 Oct. 18	Box 2
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**Scope and Contents note**

Autobiographical letter

1914 Nov.	Box 2
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**Scope and Contents note**

Reprint of Mitchell's essay "Human Behavior and Economics: A Survey of Recent Literature" from The Quarterly Journal of Economics, Vol. XXIX

1920 June 3	Box 2
1929 June 5	Box 2
1929 June 24	Box 2
1929 July 22	Box 2

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1929 Aug. 19	Box 2
1929 Dec. 19	Box 2
1942 July 15	Box 2
1942 Aug. 20	Box 2
1945 Aug. 27	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Discussion of Milton Friedman's theories	
1946	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Mitchell's hand-edited copy of the Preface to Measuring Business Cycles, in which Burns and Mitchell propose a statistic-based definition of business cycles	
1948	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Biographical memoir about Mitchell written by Burns in the Year Book of the American Philosophical Society, p. 280-285	
1948	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Eulogy of Mitchell by Burns	
1948	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Mitchell's obituary	
1948 Nov. 8	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Lucy Sprague Mitchell to Burns	
1949 Feb. 22	Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

Lucy Sprague Mitchell to Burns

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1957 Feb. 22

Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Lucy Sprague Mitchell to Burns

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1958 Oct. 28

Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Lucy Sprague Mitchell to Burns

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1962 Nov. 9

Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Booklet from the dedication of the Wesley Clair Mitchell Collection in the Bank Street College of Education library

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1963 Nov. 8

Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

John H. Niemeyer to Burns concerning the dedication of the Wesley Clair Mitchell Collection

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**Richard Milhous Nixon, 1955-1980**

**Physical Description:** 12 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Arthur Burns was the economic advisor to Nixon's 1968 presidential campaign and acted as Counselor to the President (1969) for a year after the election. He was appointed Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve in February 1970. The Nixon-Burns correspondence sheds light on the controversial years of Nixon's presidency and illustrates disagreements within the government regarding monetary policy, Burns' resistance to the politicization of the Federal Reserve, and his complaints about the White House staff. Burns' personal journals, also part of this collection, provide important and complimentary insights to the issues addressed in the Burns-Nixon correspondence.

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**From Nixon to Burns, 1957-1980**

**Physical Description:** 92 letters

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1957 Jan. 14

Box 2

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1958 June 17	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Anti-Recession plan. Attached: 2 items. Letters from J. T. Moll to Nixon, 1958 May 15 and 1958 Apr. 2, both with carbon copies.	
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1958 Sept. 10	Box 2
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1958 Oct. 25	Box 2
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1958 Dec. 15	Box 2
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1959 Oct. 28	Box 2
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1960 Apr. 18	Box 2
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1960 Apr. 26	Box 2
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1960 June 3	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Telegram.	
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1960 June 8	Box 2
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1960 Aug. 15	Box 2
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1960 Aug. 19	Box 2
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1960 Aug. 22	Box 2
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1960 Sept. 9	Box 2
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1960 Sept. 25	Box 2
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1961 Jan. 19	Box 2
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1961 Apr. 28	Box 2
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1961 June 7	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Burns's critique of the administration's economic policies	
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1961 June 8	Box 2

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1961 June 30	Box 2
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1961 Aug. 21	Box 2
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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Nixon's decision about whether or not to run for governor of California.

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1961 Sept. 11	Box 2
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1961 Nov. 8	Box 2
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1962 Jan. 19	Box 2
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1962 Aug. 27	Box 2
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1963 May 14	Box 2
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1967 Dec. 5	Box 2
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1968 Aug. 29	Box 2
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1968 Dec. 2	Box 2
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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Nixon's request for Burns to make recommendations about individuals to be recruited by the new administration.

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1969 Apr. 27	Box 2
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1969 May 7	Box 2
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**Scope and Contents note**

From Burns to Nixon expressing concern about the "official family" (some members of Staff and the Cabinet) and how harmful their leaking of stories to the media is to the Nixon administration. First page has Nixon's handwritten response at top.

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1969 Sept. 9	Box 2
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**Scope and Contents note**

From Pat Nixon to Burns.

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1969 Nov. 15	Box 2
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**Scope and Contents note**

Telegram to Thomas M. Macioce. Re: Presentation of Alexander Hamilton Medal to Burns.

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1969 Nov. 20 Box 2

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1970 Jan. 22 Box 2

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1970 Feb. 18 Box 2

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1970 Apr. 23 Box 2

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1970 May 19 Box 2

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1970 Aug. 19 Box 2

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1970 Sept. 23 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: News clipping, The New York Times, 1970 Sept. 22.

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1970 Nov. 29 Box 2

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1970 Nov. 29 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

From Nixon to Pepperdine College, honoring Burns.

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1970 Dec. 5 Box 2

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1971 Nov. 2 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

Memorandum for Connally, Burns, Shultz, McCracken, Peterson, and Flanigan. Nixon underlines that he does not want anymore speculation and leaks to public regarding important economic matters from the White House Staff. Formerly classified as SECRET and declassified by ISOO, 2015.

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1971 Nov. 4 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

[EYES ONLY] Nixon's concerns about the political implications of the tight monetary policy of the FED. Nixon calls on Burns to review this policy.

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1972 Jan. 28	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
[EYES ONLY] Nixon's admonishing message concerning Burns's/ FED's promise about the money supply. The letter has a handwritten note by Burns.	
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1972 May 4	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Burns's support concerning measures against North Vietnamese invasion of South Vietnam.	
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1972 June 8	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Nixon's visit to Moscow and enduring peace between USA and USSR	
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1972 June 27	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Telegram.	
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1972 June 30	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Burns's memorandum on price policy.	
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1972 Sept 6	Box 2
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1972 Sept. 21	Box 2
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1972 Sept. 22	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Latin American affairs.	
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1972 Nov. 27	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Election victory.	
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1972 Dec. 15	Box 2

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1973 Jan. 5	Box 2
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1973 Feb. 14	Box 2
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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Phase III of the Economic Stabilization Program and the Nixon Administration's determination to enforce the program and relevant price and wage control measures

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1973 June 4	Box 2
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1973 July 23	Box 2
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1973 Sept. 12	Box 2
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1974 Mar. 19	Box 2
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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Economic Stabilization Program.

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1974 June 3	Box 2
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1974 June 9	Box 2
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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns's visit to USSR.

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1974 Dec. 27	Box 2
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1975 Aug. 4	Box 2
1977 Jan. 19	Box 2
1980 July 7	Box 2
1981 Dec. 28	Box 2
1982 July 21	Box 2
1983 July 11	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Nixon to Helmut Kohl	
1983 Sept. 9	Box 2
1983 July 22	Box 2
1983 Oct. 10	Box 2
1984 Apr. 24	Box 2
1984 May 4	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Nixon's secretary to Burns	
1985 May 29	Box 2
1985 July 24	Box 2
1986 Feb. 14	Box 2
1986 June 23	Box 2

**From Burns to Nixon, 1955, 1970-1974**

**Physical Description:** 122 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

The correspondence from Arthur Frank Burns to Nixon covers the period during which Dr. Burns acted as the Chairman of the Federal Reserve and is comprised of letters and memoranda sent to the president. Major issues addressed in the correspondence are economic measures to be taken in order to fight inflation and recession, the monetary policy that the Federal Reserve should pursue in accordance with the Economic Stabilization Act, the issue of wage and price

controls, the gold crisis, the value of the dollar, and policies that the administration should implement concerning the international monetary situation.

The letters provide important insights into the disagreements between the Nixon Administration and Chairman Burns with regards to the issues of money supply, the extent and strictness of wage and price controls, and international monetary policy. The letters also address political matters such as Burns' opinions about domestic politics, his complaints about some White House staff, and the Watergate Scandal. International economic and political matters such as the Vietnam War, the policy of détente with the Soviet Union, and US relations with Latin American countries are also mentioned in the correspondence. Burns's handwritten journals, 1969-1974, found in the Journals Series in this collection, compliment this set of correspondence.

1955 June 29	Box 2
1970 Feb. 2	Box 2
1970 Feb. 2	Box 2
1970 Feb. 6	Box 2
1970 Feb. 11	Box 2
1970 Feb. 19	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Attached: "How the Federal Reserve System Affects the Money Supply" .	
1970 Mar. 9	Box 2
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1970 July 1	Box 2
1970 July 3	Box 2
1970 July 24	Box 2
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<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Attached: Report, "Import Shares in Nonfood Goods and the Cut-Back in Defense Expenditures," prepared by Clayton Gehman, 1970 July 22.	
1970 Aug. 28	Box 2
1970 Sept. 16	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Refusal to join Nixon for his visit to Heath in London	
1970 Oct. 15	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: The tragic impact of "irresponsible trade unions" on the construction industry in Kansas City.	
1970 Dec. 5	Box 2
1970 Dec. 9	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Attached: News clipping about the Fed's anti-inflation measures and Burns' comments on Nixon's statement reassuring "adequate money supply" in the market.	
1970 Dec. 21	Box 2
1971 Jan. 16	Box 2
1971 Jan. 18	Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: Memorandum from Geoffrey H. Moore, Commissioner of Labor Statistics regarding estimated impact of labor compensation increase on unemployment, 1971 Jan. 15.

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1971 Feb. 10 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Secretary of Treasury, John Connally.

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1971 Feb. 18 Box 2

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1971 Feb. 20 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Rowen Bart's story about his testimony in The Washington Post. Burns also complains about "well-meaning" but "ill-advised" public talks by White House officials whose statements are presented as indications of a conflict around the monetary policy between Burns and Nixon.

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1971 Feb. 26 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Suspension of the David-Bacon Act.

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1971 Mar. 10 Box 2

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1971 May 19 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

[STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL] Burns's comments on the ongoing international crisis, suggesting that if the US has to suspend gold sales and purchases, it make it appear as if the US government was forced to do so by other governments' actions; otherwise, he argues, the US would have a weaker bargaining position in post-suspension negotiations. He also advises the government to "pay out gold and other reserves in substantial amounts," before a suspension.

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1971 May 19 Box 2

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1971 May 28 Box 2

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1972 June 10 Box 2

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1971 June 22	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Opinion that the fiscal and monetary policies of the government were not as effective as expected.	
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1971 June 30	Box 2
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1971 July 22	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: China-US relations.	
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1971 July 22	Box 2
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1971 Aug. 4	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Suggestion that the "differences between us on matters of economic policy are really minor." .	
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1971 Aug. 5	Box 2
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1971 Sept. 8	Box 2
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1971 Sept. 10	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Burns's notes on meeting with the President and labor groups.	
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1971 Sept. 21	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Memorandum for the President, in which Burns details his suggestions to Nixon regarding international economic matters. Attached: Letter from Alexander P. Butterfield to Burns, 1971 Sept. 23.	
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1971 Sept. 23	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Outline of Phase II strategy of economic stabilization program, and 90-day freeze of wages and prices.	
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1971 Oct. 7	Box 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Burns's notes on inflation speech.

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1971 Oct. 8 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: Biographical summary of Carl J. Thomsen.

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1971 Oct. 14 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

[Personal and Confidential] Burns's report to the President concerning his impressions of the IMF meeting.

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1971 Oct. 22 Box 2

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1971 Nov. 1 Box 2

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1971 Nov. 5 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

Burns's notes on meeting with the president.

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1971 Nov. 8 Box 2

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1971 Nov. 13 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns's meeting with leaders of the New York financial community concerning the weakness of the stock market.

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1971 Nov. 16 Box 2

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1971 Nov. 17 Box 2

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1971 Nov. 18 Box 2

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1971 Nov. 22 Box 2

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1971 Nov. 24 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Nixon's inquiry about the money supply.

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1971 Dec. 6 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: Resolution adopted at Executive Session of the Conference of Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Federal Reserve Banks, 1971 Dec. 2.

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1971 Dec. 15 Box 2

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1971 Dec. 21 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: The figures on defense employment.

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1971 Dec. 22 Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

Burns's notes on meeting with the president.

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1972 Feb. 3 Box 3

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Nixon's concerns about the monetary policy. Burns assures him that the policy will promote economic expansion. Burns also states his doubts about estimated figures in the budget.

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1972 Feb. 4 Box 3

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1972 Feb. 9 Box 3

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1972 Feb. 25 Box 3

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1972 Apr. 17 Box 3

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns's support of the President's decision to bomb North Vietnam

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1972 May 13 Box 3

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1972 June 5 Box 3

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1972 June 22 Box 3

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns's evaluation of the Democrats' success in the recent polls and his suggestion to Nixon about what needs to be done.

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1972 June 24 Box 3

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**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: Memorandum on Price Policy, 1972 June 24.

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1972 July 8 Box 3

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1972 July 12 Box 3

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns's recent trip to Peru, Argentina, Brazil, and Venezuela. Burns addresses the economic and political situation in each country and comments on their economic and political relations with the US.

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1972 July 27 Box 3

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1972 Sept. 9 Box 3

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1972 Sept. 14 Box 3

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Senate's failure to adopt the expenditure ceiling and its likely negative financial and monetary impacts.

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1972 Oct. 18 Box 3

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1972 Nov. 13 Box 3

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1972 Nov. 28 Box 3

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1972 Dec. 4 Box 3

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Achievements of the Committee on Interest and Dividends

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1972 Dec. 7 Box 3

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1972 Dec. 28 Box 3

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Concerns about the inflationary pressures in the next year

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1973 Jan. 24 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Nixon's achievement of enduring peace in Vietnam. Also points to the rebellious mood of Congress about excessive executive powers. Burns suggests that Nixon meet with prominent Congressmen and Senators more frequently.

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1973 Jan. 29 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Concerns regarding the Phase III of economic stabilization program. Attached: Report from the Division of Research and Statistic to Burns, "Prospects for Inflation Under Phase III; a Preliminary Analysis," 1973 Jan. 23.

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1973 Feb. 1 Box 3

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1973 Feb. 8 Box 3

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1973 Feb. 20 Box 3

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1973 Mar. 6 Box 3

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1973 Mar. 8 Box 3

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1973 Mar. 30 Box 3

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1973 Apr. 2 Box 3

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1973 Apr. 13 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: 45-day freeze of a broad range of prices.

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1973 Apr. 30 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Support for Nixon regarding the Watergate incident.

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1973 May 3 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Discontent of the Vice President.

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1973 May 7	Box 3
1973 June 1	Box 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Suggestions concerning fiscal, wage, and price policies	
1973 June 5	Box 3
1973 June 9	Box 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Restrictive fiscal devices to fight inflation.	
1973 June 27	Box 3
1973 July 16	Box 3
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1973 Aug. 13	Box 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Nixon's tone in his upcoming talk regarding Watergate and expression of doubt if his or any suggestions could work at the moment.	
1973 Sept. 10	Box 3
1973 Sept. 12	Box 3
1973 Oct. 16	Box 3
1973 Dec. 5	Box 3
1973 Dec. 6	Box 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Re: Gratitude to Nixon for appointing Burns Alternate Governor of the Monetary Fund.	
1974 Feb. 21	Box 3
1974 Feb. 27	Box 3
1974 Mar. 29	Box 3

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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns's visit to Russia.

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1974 Apr. 4 Box 3

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1974 May 1 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: 3 items. 2 copies of Burns's report to Nixon, "Assistance to the Housing Industry," 1974 Apr. 30. Burns's report to Nixon, "Public Service Employment Programs," 1974 May 1.

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1974 May 2 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Statement by the President regarding combating inflation and price controls.

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1974 May 20 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Burns's visit to Russia.

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1974 May 28 Box 3

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1974 June 28 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Short-term deposits.

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1974 Aug. 7 Box 3

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1974 Aug. 13 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Nixon's address and farewell meeting.

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1974 Nov. 5 Box 3

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1983 Nov. 3 Box 3

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1985 June 24 Box 3

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**Ronald Wilson Reagan, 1980-1987**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Burns was U.S. Ambassador to Germany in the first Reagan administration; accordingly, some letters concern German-American relations. Most, however, are routine expressions of thanks or congratulations from President Reagan. Also included are briefly stated pieces of economic advice from Burns to Reagan.

**From Reagan to Burns, 1980-1987**

**Physical Description:** 19 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Reagan's correspondence to Burns begins around the 1980 presidential election and accordingly includes many notes of thanks for support and economic advice during the campaign. Also included are Reagan's authorization of Burns as ambassador to Germany and notes on the federal deficit. Birthday wishes and congratulations upon receiving Josphe Prize for Human Rights are also included.

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1980 Sept. 19	Box 3
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1984 Apr. 27	Box 3
1984 Dec. 4	Box 3
1985 Mar. 26	Box 3
1986 June 23	Box 3
1986 July 18	Box 3
1987 May 8	Box 3

**From Burns to Reagan, 1980-1985**

**Physical Description:** 10 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Burns's correspondence to Reagan consists mostly of congratulations and thanks. Of note, however, is Burns's 4-page confidential memo on the escalating tensions between the U.S. and the Federal Republic of Germany.

1980 July 21	Box 3
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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Notice of policy statement to be issued by Burns's Committee to Fight Inflation

1980 July 21	Box 3
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**Scope and Contents note**

Re: Note of congratulations upon Reagan's acceptance of the Republican nomination

1980 Sept. 11	Box 3
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1980 Nov. 5	Box 3
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1981 Feb. 10	Box 3
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1981 Aug. 31	Box 3
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**Scope and Contents note**

Confidential: Discussion of the "accumulating tensions" between the U.S. and the FRG

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1984 May 8	Box 3
1985 Apr. 16	Box 3
1985 May 10	Box 3

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**Donald Regan, 1985-1987**

**Physical Description:** 2 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Regan's letters to Burns are routine notes of thanks for support.

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1985 Apr. 4	Box 3
1987 Mar. 10	Box 3

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**Nelson A. Rockefeller, 1964-1977**

**Physical Description:** 3 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Rockefeller's letters to Burns are routine notes of thanks for friendship and sending materials.

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1964 Jan. 11	Box 3
1967 Dec. 13	Box 3
1977 Feb. 24	Box 3

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**Helmut Schmidt, 1982-1985**

**Physical Description:** 8 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Schmidt's letters to Burns are routine notes of thanks and support for cordial German-American relations.

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1982 Jan. 8	Box 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Written in German.	
1982 Mar. 5	Box 3
1982 Oct. 6	Box 3

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1983 Sept. 8	Box 3
1983 Oct. 16	Box 3
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**Scope and Contents note**

Written in German.

1985 Jan. 17	Box 3
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**Scope and Contents note**

Written in German.

**George P. Schultz, 1982-1986**

**Physical Description:** 10 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Schultz's letters to Burns are routine notes of thanks for friendship and sending materials.

1982 May 18	Box 3
1982 Nov. 8	Box 3
1982 Dec. 8	Box 3
1983 Nov. 24	Box 3
1984 Apr. 18	Box 3
1985 May 6	Box 3
1985 June 10	Box 3
1985 Aug. 7	Box 3
1985 Oct. 28	Box 3
1986 June 17	Box 3

**George Stigler, undated**

**Physical Description:** 3 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Stigler's letters to Burns discuss academic posts, other economists, Milton Friedman, and personal matters.

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**Margaret Thatcher, 1985 and undated**

**Physical Description:** 3 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Thatcher's letters to Burns are routine notes of thanks for friendship and sending materials.

1985 Feb. 27	Box 3
1985 May 21	Box 3
undated	Box 3

**Caspar Weinberger, 1981-1985**

**Physical Description:** 7 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Weinberger's letters to Burns discuss the exports of military and electronic goods to the Soviet bloc and Reagan's Strategic Defensive Initiative. Also included are notes of thanks for sending materials and for successfully intervening with German-American trade relations.

1981 Dec. 21	Box 3
1982 Jan. 18	Box 3
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1985 Jan. 11	Box 3

**Other Individuals, 1940-1985 and undated**

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondents include Bob Dole, Warren Berger, and Barbara Walters.

**To Burns, 1940-1987 and undated**

**Physical Description:** 30 letters

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1940 Jan. 28 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Dan Creamer.

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1943 May 24 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Eduardo Hornedo.

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1956 Nov. 26 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Jacob K. Javits.

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1975 Sept. 25 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Elizabeth MacDonald Manning. Attached memorandum:  
"Proposal for the Establishment of a Consultative Body in the  
Communications Area."

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1976 Sept. 21 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Bob Dole regarding his nomination as the presidential  
candidate.

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1977 Apr. 2 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From David Eisenhower.

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1978 May 12 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Bert Lance.

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1980 Mar. 16	Box 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> From Warren Berger.	
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1981 Sept. 28	Box 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> From Frederick J. Kroesen, Jr. to Burns.	
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1981 Dec. 4	Box 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> From Sam Nunn. Attached article: "Arms Control: What We Should Do"	
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1982 Jan. 19	Box 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> From Pjotr Abrassimow to Burns. Written in German	
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1982 Apr. 21	Box 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> From Charles W. Colson to Burns.	
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1982 Apr. 21	Box 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> From Theodore Hesburgh to Burns.	
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1982 June 16	Box 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> From Jeanne J. Kirkpatrick to Burns.	
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1983 Feb. 24	Box 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> From Walter J. Stoessel, Jr. to Burns.	
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1983 Apr. 7	Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Barbara Walters to Burns.

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1983 Oct. 25

Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Karl Carstens to Burns. Written in German.

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1983 Nov. 23

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**Scope and Contents note**

From Malcolm Baldrige to Burns.

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**Scope and Contents note**

Writer unknown. Written in Russian

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1984 July 8

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**Scope and Contents note**

From Berndt von Staden to Burns.

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1984 Nov. 3

Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Otto Graf Lambsdorff to Burns.

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1985 Apr. 12

Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From John J. McCloy to Burns.

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1985 May 28

Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Kenneth W. Dam to Burns.

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1985 July 12

Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Jacob K. Javits to Burns. Attached article: "Senate Resolutions 197: Resolution to agree to cooperate with the Jacob K. Javits Senate Fellowship Program"

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1986 July 2 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Raymond Barre to Burns.

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1986 Aug. 8 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Richard V. Allen to Burns.

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1986 Aug. 26 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. to Burns.

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1986 Sept. 9 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Samuel R. Pierce, Jr. to Burns.

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1987 Jan. 12 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Gunther van Well to Burns.

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1987 Mar. 13 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Howard H. Baker, Jr. to Burns.

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Undated Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

From Raymond Barre, President of France. Attached: English translation letter

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**From Burns, 1955-1985**

**Physical Description:** 4 letters

1955 July 18 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

To Reuven Shiloah in the Israeli Embassy.

1976 May 4 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

To Elliot Nathan Stone.

1985 Apr. 16 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

To Jack Velcoff. Attached: Letter from Jack Velcoff to Burns, 1985 Mar 12

1985 Oct. 31 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

To Doug Coe. Attached: Letter from Coe to Burns, 1985 Dec. 9.

**Correspondence by Topic, 1926-1981**

**Physical Description:** 9 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Mostly dating from Burns' early career as an economist, this subseries contains Burns' correspondence with other economists, university administrators, the Republican Party, and private sector businesses. Arranged alphabetically by topic and then chronologically within.

Academic career, 1928-1956, bulk 1928-1930 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Contains correspondence related to Burns' early publications, application for a post at the University of Chicago, and the possibilities of posts at Harvard and Stanford Universities. Also included are letters of recommendation written for Burns by Wesley Clair Mitchell, Frank A. Ross, and Edwin Seligman. Correspondents include F.W. Taussig, J. van Walre de Burdes, Jacob Viner, Durand Spring, Norman Lombard, W.H. Spencer, Herbert Moore, E.S. Shaw, Frank Knight, and Theodore Schultz.

Columbia University, 1926-1974, bulk  
1941-1948

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**Scope and Contents note**

Contains correspondence and other documents related to Burns' post at Columbia University, including appointment letters, salary information, and leaves of absence.

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Council of Economic Advisers, 1954-1956

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**Scope and Contents note**

Contains correspondence related to Burns' post in the Eisenhower administration. Topics include legislative proposals, economic reports, employment, taxation, and the National Highway Program. Correspondents include Sinclair Weeks, Henry O. Talle, Percival F. Brundage, Moses Abramovitz, Rowland Hughes, Bryce Harlow, Maxwell Rabbs, and Douglas R. Stringfellow.

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National Bureau of Economic Research,  
1930-1962 and undated

Box 3

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Contains correspondence about the appointment and work of Burns and other economists at the National Bureau of Economic Research. Also included are letters of recommendation written for Burns. Correspondents include Edwin F. Gay, Wesley C. Mitchell, William J. Carsous, Maurice W. Lee, Solomon Fabricant, Moses Abramovitz, and Simon Kuznets.

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New York Herald Tribune, 1930

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**Scope and Contents note**

Contains correspondence regarding columns written by Burns on various economic topics. Also includes notes, drafts, and clippings of columns. One heavily-edited draft of a column on business forecasts has been removed to Oversize Box 14.

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Private sector, 1942-1981

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**Scope and Contents note**

Contains correspondence regarding Burns' work in the private sector with companies such as Standard Oil, Salomon Brothers, Smith Barney, Calvin

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Bullock, IBM, Federated Department Stores, and Morgan Guaranty Trust. Correspondents include A.L. Williams, Henry Kaufman, Frank G. Zarb, and Fred Lazarus Jr.

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Republican Party, 1955-1964 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Contains correspondence between Burns and the Republican National Committee regarding contributions and strategy. Also included is correspondence and clippings about Jewish support for calendar reform. Correspondents include Charles P. Taft, Val J. Washington, and Chauncey Robbins.

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Rutgers University, 1927-1944, bulk  
1941-1944 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Contains correspondence and other documents related to Burns' post at Rutgers University, including appointment letters, salary information, and leaves of absence.

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**Correspondence to Mrs. Helen Burns, 1970-1997 and undated**

**Physical Description:** 13 letters

**Scope and Contents note**

Contains letters written to Burns' wife, Helen, both before and after his death. Letters of condolence and remembrance predominate. Correspondents include Mamie Eisenhower, Richard and Pat Nixon, Barbara Bush, Ronald Regan, and Gerald and Betty Ford.

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Mamie Doud Eisenhower, 1970 May 25 Box 3

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Pat Nixon, 1976 Jan. 8 Box 3

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Richard Nixon, 1976 Aug. 13 Box 3

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Hannelore Kohl (German), 1983 July 13 Box 3

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Gerald Ford 1985 June 21 Box 3

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Ronald Reagan, 1987 July 2 Box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Attached: Public statement by Reagan re: Burns' death, 1987 June 26.

Hannelore Kohl, 1987 Dec. 16	Box 3
Telegram from Betty and Gerald Ford, 1990 Apr. 16	Box 3
Sam Nunn, 1990 Dec. 27	Box 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Attached: News clipping.	
Richard Nixon, 1993 Jan. 19	Box 3
Pete V. Domenici, Richard C. Halverson, Mark Hatfield, Sam Nunn, Lloyd Ogilvie, and Doug Coe, 1995 May 3	Box 3
Trent Lott, 1997 May 30	Box 3
Gerald R. Ford, May 2	Box 3
Barbara Bush, undated	Box 3

### **Original correspondence with U.S. presidents and other notable figures**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

This box contains originals of high-value correspondence without the corresponding attachments or Burns's side of exchanges. Use copies of the letters contained in this box along with their original attachments are located in boxes 1-3.

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Milton Friedman	Box 15
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John Fitzgerald Kennedy	Box 15
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Henry Kissinger	Box 15
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Helmut Kohl	Box 15
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Simon Kuznets	Box 15
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George Stigler	Box 15
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## Honors and Awards, 1965-2000

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Burns' honorary doctoral degrees, awards, and memorials from various national and international organizations.

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Doctor of Law, University of Vermont, 1979 May 18	Box 4
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Doctor of Law, University of Vermont, 1979 May 18	Box 4
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Doctor of Humane Letters, University of Dubuque, 1984 Sept.	Box 4
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Doctor of Law, Brandeis University, 1983 Nov. 13	Oversize-box 14
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Distinguished Fellow, The American Economic Association, 1965	Box 4
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The Order of Civil Merit Mugunghwa Medal, Awarded by Park Chung Hee, President of Republic of Korea, 1970 June 26	Box 4
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Charles Waldo Haskin Award, New York University College of Business Administration, 1983 Nov. 14. Attached: four copies of invitation for dinner in Burns' Honor.	Box 4
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Miscellaneous Honorary Degrees and Awards	Box 4
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Commencement Program, Columbia University, 1970 June 2	Box 4
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 copies	
Jefferson Award for Greatest Public Service Performed by an Elected or Appointed Official, American Institute for Public Service, 1976	Box 4
Arthur F. Burns' remarks at the Honors Convocation upon Conferral of the Doctor of Public Service Degree, University of Pittsburgh, 1987 Mar. 18	Box 4
Copy of Nixon's message to the Tax Foundation's 32nd annual dinner and presentation of Award for Distinguished Public Service to Dr. Arthur Burns, 1969 Dec. 2	Box 4
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Convocations, commencements and other social gatherings, 1873-1987	Box 4
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Medal, Republic of France, undated	Box 5
Medal, Center for the Study of the Presidency, 1985 June 13	Box 5
Paperweight, Calvin Bullock Forum, undated	Box 5
Sterling Silver Box, from "His Admirers at the Calvin Bullock Forum"	Box 5
America's Democratic Legacy Award, The Anti-Defamation League, 1978 Feb. 2	Box 5
Certificate from Federal Republic of Germany, 1978	Box 5
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Key to Seoul, undated	Box 5

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George Washington Award, The American Hungarian Foundation, 1976 Dec. 6	Box 5
Two medals awarded to Burns by the Prime Minister of Japan, 1978 Apr. 20	Box 5
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Images from the award ceremony are in the Photographs Series.	
Key to Kansas City, Missouri, undated	Box 5
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The Anti-Defamation League, 1978 Feb. 2	Box 5
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## Journals, 1969-1974

### Scope and Contents

Photocopies of two notebooks handwritten by Arthur Burns between January 20, 1969 and July 25, 1974, when Burns was acting as the Chairman of the Federal Reserve during the Nixon Administration. The journals are comprised of 235 pages, are chronologically ordered in seven folders, and are accompanied by transcripts. They provide invaluable insights into the economic concerns and policies of the period as well as the personal and professional relations among Burns and the White House staff, Cabinet members, and the President. Burns describes at length his interactions with and personal opinions about prominent political figures of the time such as Richard M. Nixon, John Connally, H. Robert Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, John N. Mitchell, Spiro Agnew, Henry

Kissinger, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and George Shultz, among many others. The journals record Burns' changing opinions about President Nixon, including disagreements between Burns and the White House concerning issues such as monetary policy and wage and price controls, the Federal Reserve, and relations with international economic partners. Burns' writings also provide important insights into his and others' opinions regarding Watergate and the White House's response to it. Other topics include employment and presidential appointments. There are also entries that discuss the all-volunteer army, busing, community action programs, congressional testimony, energy, food stamps, the Headstart Program, housing, Job Corps, mass transit, malnutrition, model cities program, oil imports, revenue sharing, urban policy, welfare reform, and the Soviet immigration of Jews. There are often long time lapses between consecutive entries; however, Burns addresses the major developments during the time he did not write.

The journals in this collection are photocopied from originals housed at the Ford Library. Since Burns' handwriting is difficult to read, Ford Library staff created transcripts which were then edited by Arthur F. Burns' former secretary, Gail Veenstra. Each photocopied page is accompanied by a transcript. Some words still remain illegible and are identified with brackets; any additional editing by Duke Library Staff is in pencil.

Photocopies of journals, accompanied by transcripts

Box 6

**Physical Description:** 7 folders

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## **Personal, 1926-2003**

### **Access Restrictions:**

Access note. Some materials are fragile audiovisual/photographic formats that may need to be reformatted before use. Contact Research Services for access.

### **Scope and Contents**

Materials related to Burns' memorial service as well as personal correspondence, clippings, and other materials from his life, such as various versions of his CV, checks written to his father in the 1930s, a 1940 deposition regarding his legal name, and a two-dollar bill signed by Secretary of the Treasury William E. Simon. Also included is an audio recording of his memorial service in 1987. In original order as received.

Memorial and remembrances, 1987-2003 and undated

Box 6

Cassette recording of Burns' memorial service  
and remarks by Ronald Reagan, 1987 Box 6

**Access Restrictions:**

[Original audiovisual materials are closed to use. Digital file listening copy is available. For access to the recorded content, please contact Research Services before coming to use this collection.]

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Other personal papers, 1926-1987 and undated Box 6

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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## Photographs, 1958-1999

### Scope and Contents

1092 black-and-white and color photographs, chiefly of Arthur and Helen. The photographs come in various sizes and vary from snapshots to professional portraits; many are mounted in souvenir photograph albums. They show Arthur and Helen at social and political occasions such as service ceremonies, lectures, meeting with the US and foreign political figures, and other social gatherings. There are also images taken during trips to international locations.

Photographs, 1958-1999 and undated Box 7-9

**Processing Information:**

[Some materials removed to Oversize Box 14]

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Five photograph albums, color and black-and-white, 1978 (2), 1982, 1985 (2) Box 9-10

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## Printed Material, 1929-2005

### Scope and Contents

Composed of three subseries for writings, publicity, and materials related to the Arthur F. Burns Fellowship. The Writings subseries is arranged chronologically and includes lectures, public statements and addresses, reprints of articles, and bound volumes containing speeches he made as ambassador to Germany. The Publicity subseries contains news clippings and articles, interviews, commentaries, and pieces published after his death. The Arthur F. Burns Fellowship (AFB) is an exchange program for German and US

media professionals; folders in this subseries are organized by topic and then chronologically.

**Reprint Articles, Lectures, Statements and Addresses Subseries,  
1929-1984**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

Box 11

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- "The Geometric Mean of Percentages."  
" Journal of the American Statistical  
Association. (Sept. 1929). Box 11
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- Stock Market Cycle Research. Twentieth  
Century Fund Inc.: Boston (1930). Box 11
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- The Business Future of America, US News &  
World Report, May 6, 1955. Box 11
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- "Some Lessons of the Recent  
Recession." (Typed address, Tenth Anniversary  
Meeting of the Joint Council on Economic  
Education, the Sheraton-Park Hotel,  
Washington, D.C, Nov. 19, 1958). Box 11
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- "Progress Towards Economic Stability." The  
American Economic Review. Vol. 50, no. 1  
(Mar. 1960). Box 11
- 
- "The Basis for Lasting Prosperity." (Burns'  
speech delivered at Pepperdine College  
Los Angeles, CA, December 7, 1970). Vital  
Speeches. 37(6) pp. 162-166 (January 1, 1971). Box 11
- 
- "A Selected Bibliography." (Typed list of Books,  
Articles and Interviews by Burns). Research  
Library Board of Governors of the Federal  
Reserve System (July 1974). Box 11
- 
- "Meet the Press." Interview moderated by  
Lawrence E. Spivak. Merkle Press Inc. Vol. 19,  
no. 21 (May 25, 1975). Box 11
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- "The Future of the Free Enterprise  
System." (Reprint of award acceptance paper,  
Southwestern University, Memphis, Tennessee,  
Sept. 21, 1978). Oct. 1978. Memphis: P.K.  
Seidman Foundation. Box 11

- "The Dollar and the International Monetary System." (Reprint of keynote address, the David Horowitz Lecture, Van Veer Institute Jerusalem, Israel, Nov. 7, 1978). Dec. 1978. Washington, D.C.: American Enterprise Institute. Box 11
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- "The Condition of the American Economy." The Francis Boyer Lectures on Public Policy. 1979. Washington, D.C.: American Enterprise Institute. Box 11
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- "Inflation Must Be Stopped." (Reprint of keynote address, Chapman College, Orange, California, May 25, 1979). June 1979. Washington, D.C.: American Enterprise Institute. Box 11
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- "The Perils of Inflation." (Reprint of statement to Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, United States Senate, Mar. 14, 1980). Mar. 1980. Washington, D.C.: American Enterprise Institute. Box 11
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- "How Inflation Influences Our Lives." (Reprint of keynote address, Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, May 18, 1980). June 1980. Washington, D.C.: American Enterprise Institute. Box 11
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- "Our Inflation in Historical Perspective." (Reprint of lecture, the Business Seminar Series of the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, Oct. 14, 1980). Nov. 1980. Washington, D.C.: American Enterprise Institute. Box 11
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- "The Threat of Inflation." In Hearings before the Committee on the Budget., pp. 20-73. U.S. (Jan. 21, 1981). Government Printing Office: Washington. Box 11
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- "The Reagan Economic Program." (Reprint of lecture, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina, Mar. 31, 1981). Apr. 1981. Washington, D.C.: American Enterprise Institute. Box 11

"Regaining a Stable Price Level." (Reprint of keynote address, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 7, 1981). Aug. 1981. Washington, D.C.: American Enterprise Institute. Box 11

"The American Trade Deficit in Perspective." Foreign Affairs. No. 62502. Summer 1984. Box 11

"The Economic Sluggishness of Western Europe." (Reprint of the Dunlap Distinguished American Lecture, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, Sept. 5, 1984). 1984. Dubuque: University of Dubuque. Box 11

"The Anguish of Central Banking." Federal Reserve Bulletin. 73(5) pp. 687-698 (September 1987). Box 10

An expensive gamble to slow inflation, 1974 Box 10

**Scope and Contents**

In Business Week Number 2335. Bound copy of full issue.

Council of American Ambassadors directory, 1987 Box 12

**Speeches Subseries, 1982-1985**

**Physical Description:** 10 folders

Speeches as Ambassador, January 1985 Box 11

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

Formal Speeches, 1981-1982 Box 11

Formal Speeches, 1982-1985 Box 11

Formal Speeches, 1982-1984 Box 11

Formal Speeches, 1984 Box 11

Formal Speeches, 1985 Box 12

Speeches as Ambassador to Germany, 1983-1985 Box 11  
Box 12

**Publicity Subseries, 1974-2004**

### Scope and Contents note

Contains news clippings and articles related to Burns' career. Included are interviews, commentaries, and memorial articles and obituaries following his death. There are a few articles in German. In original order as received

Clippings, 1974-2004 Box 12

**Physical Description:** 6 folders ; 5 folders

**Processing Information:**

[Some materials removed to Oversize Box 14.]

## Arthur F. Burns Fellowship Program Subseries, 1993-2005

### Scope and Contents note

Organized by year, these materials provide general information about the program goals along with specific details about where each fellow was accommodated the previous year, and their reports and articles published in the course of their fellowship terms. Three issues of the Arthur F. Burns International Program newsletters are also included.

News clippings, 1993-1999 Box 12

Arthur F. Burns Fellowship Program  
Newsletter, 1994-2005 Box 12

News clippings about AFB Fellowship, 1998 Box 12

Annual Fellowship Program spiral-bound  
notebooks, 1993-1998 (no 1999) Box 17  
Box 12

**Physical Description:** 1-9 of 11 notebooks

Annual Fellowship Program Notebooks,  
2000-2001 Box 17

**Physical Description:** 10-11 of 11 notebooks

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## Research and Teaching, 1927-1930

### Scope and Contents

Undated syllabi and exam questions from economics courses taught by Burns and material related to Burns' research on certification and labelling standards in the late 1920s. Includes notes, correspondence responding to Burns' requests

for materials, Department of Commerce publications, news clippings, book reviews, and academic articles. In original order as received.

Exams and syllabi, undated Box 17

Research, 1927-1930 Box 17

**Physical Description:** 2 folders ; 2 folders

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### **Oversize Material, 1930-1987**

Medal awarded to Burns by the President of Federal Germany, Helmut Schmidt, 1978 June 6 Box 16

Photo album, 1978 Box 16

Presidential Communications, 1953-1978 Box 13

**Scope and Contents**

Use copies of the communications contained in this box are located in Box 1 for researcher use.

Executive Order signed by Eisenhower, 1953 Aug. 8 Box 13

Executive Order signed by Carter, 1978 Feb. 2 Box 13

Framed Executive Order signed by Nixon with attached gift pen, 1970 Jan. 31 Box 13

Telegram from Nixon, 1969 Nov. 15 Box 14

New York Herald Tribune article draft, 1930 Box 14

Oversized photographs Box 14

**Physical Description:** 7 prints

Clippings Box 14

**Physical Description:** 2 items

Certificate from Federal Republic of Germany, 1978 June 6 Box 14

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Doctor of Law, Brandeis University, 1983 Nov. 13	Box 14
Diplomas from Univ. of Pittsburgh (1987), Univ. of Maryland (1984), and the Legion of Honor, France (1976)	Oversize-folder 1
Black-and-white 3/4 sepia-toned photographic portrait of Arthur Burns with pipe, circa 1940s	Oversize-folder 1
"Black-and-white panoramic photo of testimonial dinner in honor of Simon Kuznets on the occasion of his 60th birthday, Burns seated at long table on right, Hotel Biltmore, April 28, 1961"	Oversize-folder 1
Black-and-white photograph of approx. 40 individuals (White House Cabinet and advisors?) seated at table, with Nixon on right, and Burns in immediate foreground on left, 1969 Apr. 14	Oversize-folder 1
Black-and-white photograph of Burns with Nixon in White House room with unidentified man in foreground, all seated, 1970 Dec. 15	Oversize-folder 1
Black-and-white photograph of Burns with Nixon, wife Helen, and a Chief Justice (?) at ceremony related to Burns' appointment to Chair of the Federal Reserve Board, 1970 Jan. 30	Oversize-folder 1
"Washington Pays Tribute to Arthur Burns, 1904-1987," 1987 (large photocopy of clipping)	Oversize-folder 1

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