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Collection Summary

Title: Eric Sevareid Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1909-2008

Bulk Dates: 1940-1992

ID No.: MSS39495

Creator: Sevareid, Eric, 1912-1992

Extent: 51,400 items

Extent: 149 containers plus 2 oversize

Extent: 60.4 linear feet

Extent: 17 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English, with Norwegian

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Journalist, radio and television commentator, and author. Includes correspondence, fan mail, radio and television scripts, news analyses, lectures, speeches, writings, book and subject files, awards, newspaper clippings, printed matter, a diary, photographs, and other papers. Primarily consists of scripts for Sevareid's radio and television news broadcasts and analyses documenting his career with the Columbia Broadcasting System from World War II as a correspondent in Burma, China, and western Europe; as chief Washington, D.C., correspondent from 1946 to 1959; and as news analyst and essayist until his retirement from CBS News in 1977.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Allilueva, Svetlana, 1926-2011--Correspondence.
Ardrey, Robert--Correspondence.
Burger, Warren E., 1907-1995--Correspondence.
Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978--Correspondence.
Landon, Alfred M. (Alfred Mossman), 1887-1987--Correspondence.
Lindbergh, Anne Morrow, 1906-2001--Correspondence.
Maclean, Norman, 1902-1990--Correspondence.
Marshall, Belen.
Matson, Harold, 1898-1988--Correspondence.
Moyers, Bill D.--Correspondence.
Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994--Correspondence.
Sandburg, Helga--Correspondence.
Sevareid family.
Sevareid, Eric, 1912-1992.
Sheean, Vincent, 1899-1975--Correspondence.
Stevenson, Adlai E. (Adlai Ewing), 1900-1965--Correspondence.
Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972--Correspondence.
White, Theodore H. (Theodore Harold), 1915-1986--Correspondence.

Organizations

CBS Inc.
CBS News.
Columbia Broadcasting System, inc.

Subjects

Broadcast journalism--Washington (D.C.)
Broadcast journalism.
Canoes and canoeing--Canada.

Canoes and canoeing--Minnesota.
Radio scripts.
Television scripts.
World War, 1939-1945--Burma.
World War, 1939-1945--China.
World War, 1939-1945--Europe, Western.
World War, 1939-1945--Journalists.

Places

Canada--Description and travel.
Hudson Bay--Description and travel.
Minneapolis (Minn.)--Description and travel.
Minnesota--Description and travel.
United States--Politics and government--1945-1989.

Occupations

Authors.
Journalists.
News analysts.

Acquisition History

The papers of Eric Sevareid were given to the Library of Congress by Sevareid in 1958-1991. Three additions were given by Suzanne St. Pierre in 1994, 2018, and 2019. A single item was given by Mora A. Gregg in 2010.

Processing History

The papers of Eric Sevareid were arranged and described by Anita L. Nolen in 1971. Part II, comprised of several additions from Sevareid and a large donation from Suzanne St. Pierre, was processed and the finding aid revised by Karen Linn Femia, with the assistance of Scott McLemee, in 1994. Part III, consisting of two separate additions, was processed and the finding aid revised by Femia in 2018 and by Rachel McNellis in 2023.

Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Photographs taken during Sevareid's experience in Burma (now Myanmar) in 1943 and other photographs of Sevareid have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Eric Sevareid papers. A 1954 film of American diplomat John Paton Davies has been transferred to the Moving Image Section of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center. Patrons are encouraged to contact these divisions in advance of a research visit.

Related Material

The Library's Motion Picture Section holds films of some of Sevareid's CBS television broadcasts, most of which were acquired by the Library as copyright deposits.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Eric Sevareid in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Eric Sevareid are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of a portion of Part I of these papers is available on seventeen reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. *To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition*

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Roman numeral designating the Part followed by a colon and container number or reel number, Eric Sevareid Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1912, Nov. 26	Born, Velva, N.Dak.
1930	Canoe trip to Hudson Bay, Canada
1931	Copyboy and reporter, <i>Minneapolis Journal</i>
1935	A.B., University of Minnesota Married Lois Finger (divorced 1962) Published <i>Canoeing with the Cree</i> . New York: Macmillan
1936-1937	Reporter, <i>Minneapolis Star</i>
1937	Student, Alliance Française, Paris, France
1938-1939	Reporter and city editor, Paris edition of the <i>New York Herald Tribune</i>
1939	Night editor, United Press, Paris, France
1939-1977	Radio and television correspondent, Columbia Broadcasting System
1943	War correspondent, China
1944-1945	War correspondent, Western Europe
1946	Published <i>Not So Wild a Dream</i> . New York: Alfred A. Knopf
1952	Published <i>In One Ear</i> . New York: Alfred A. Knopf
1956	Published <i>Small Sounds in the Night</i> . New York: Alfred A. Knopf
1963	Married Belén Marshall (divorced 1974)
1964	Published <i>This is Eric Sevareid</i> . New York: McGraw-Hill
1977	Retired as commentator and began consultancy, CBS Television Network
1979	Married Suzanne St. Pierre
1992, July 9	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Arnold Eric Sevareid (1912-1992) span the period 1909-2008, with the bulk of the material dating from 1940 to 1992. The papers primarily document his long career with CBS radio and television as a correspondent and commentator. They contain an extensive file of his radio and television scripts, as well as correspondence, fan mail, writings, speeches, genealogical material, subject files, photographs, and a diary. The papers are organized into three parts, described separately

in the container list. There is a great deal of chronological overlap among the three parts, and researchers should search the entire container list for items of possible interest.

Part I

The papers in Part I span the period from 1930 to 1967 but cover primarily the two decades from 1940 to 1960. They consist of personal correspondence, fan mail, office files, scripts, a speech, an article and book file, and a miscellany. Scripts and fan mail constitute the majority of this part of the collection. The [Scripts](#) consist mainly of radio news analyses which were broadcast almost daily from 1946 to 1959. In these much-revised and annotated drafts, Severeid, as chief Washington correspondent for CBS News, gives capsule commentaries on the political scene and life in general. [Fan mail](#) provides insight into the impact of these broadcasts on the public and how it reacted to individual programs.

Although labeled by Severeid as [Personal Correspondence](#), the material in this series is predominantly professional in character. Most of the correspondents appear to be Severeid's personal friends, but they write about business rather than personal matters. Much of the correspondence is similar to the fan mail, but there is no family correspondence. Included, however, are copies of letters from Adlai Stevenson dated 1950-1956.

The [Miscellany](#) series contains abundant material from World War II, including scripts of Severeid's broadcasts and cables from war zones in Europe and Asia from 1939-1945, as well as speeches and writings dating after his return from Europe in 1941. A chronology of his experience in the Burma jungle after bailing out of an airplane on a flight to China in 1943 can be found among the notes he jotted down in his correspondent's book as well as in other notes, correspondence, and news clippings of the event. This series also documents a canoe trip from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Hudson Bay, Canada, that Severeid completed with his companion Walter C. Port, in 1930. Their adventure is preserved in the "log" of the trip and a scrapbook of newspaper clippings of stories they published in the Minneapolis newspaper that sponsored their trip.

The Office Files and the Speech, Article, and Book File contain material related to Severeid's professional life. The [Office Files](#) include large amounts of Columbia Broadcasting System interoffice correspondence and files with his agent, Harold Matson. The [Speech, Article, and Book File](#) contains material relating to four of Severeid's books.

Part II

The [Correspondence](#) series of Part II includes one folder of correspondence between family members or about family matters. Most of the series, however, is organized as general correspondence. Special correspondence includes material that Severeid usually had labeled as "V.I.P." or "media personalities."

The Part II [Fan Mail](#) series holds correspondence from Severeid's general viewing and reading public, usually with copies of his responses attached.

The [Subject File](#) includes correspondence with Severeid's friends and acquaintances, such as Svetlana Allilueva, Robert Ardrey, Helga Sandburg, and Vincent Sheean. The CBS Television Network news material is comprised business records, contracts, and correspondence with many CBS executives and personalities, including lengthy letters from Bill Moyers. The series also related to Severeid's awards and honors, retirement, speaking engagements, and post-retirement television and film projects.

The [Scripts](#) series of Part II contains Severeid's commentaries for the CBS Evening News and scripts from various news specials, "CBS Reports," and Severeid's many interview programs. Also present are scripts from a variety of film, documentary, and public television projects dating after his retirement from CBS in 1977.

The final series of Part II, [Speeches and Writings](#), contains the texts of articles, letters to the editor, and speeches, some with attached correspondence.

Part III

The [Part III: 2018 Addition](#) consists primarily of correspondence from prominent politicians, journalists and writers. The addition also includes genealogical material, a scrapbook from Severeid's grandparents' hometown of Etne, Norway, and items from Severeid's second marriage to and subsequent divorce from Belén Marshall. Correspondents with multiple items or letters of special interest are organized by name into individual folders. The miscellaneous correspondence is organized alphabetically by name. Also included is a file of condolence letters from prominent politicians, writers, and journalists written upon Severeid's death. Notable correspondence files in Part III include those for Svetlana Allilueva, Robert Ardrey,

Warren E. Burger, Hubert H. Humphrey, Alfred M. Landon, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Norman MacLean, Richard M. Nixon, Vincent Sheean, Adlai E. Stevenson, Harry S. Truman, and Theodore H. White.

The [Part III: 2023 Addition](#) complements other materials in the collection documenting Sevareid's activities as a news correspondent while offering greater insight into his life prior to World War II. It is comprised of newspapers and magazine articles, photographs, family correspondence, fan mail, school memorabilia, business memoranda, and awards. Sevareid's adolescent diary is especially noteworthy as it provides an account of his earliest aspirations as a journalist. The photographs, arranged chronologically, include rare images from Sevareid's childhood, 1930 canoe trip on the Mississippi River, and experience in the Burmese jungle. Others depict Sevareid participating in numerous presidential interviews, radio and television broadcasts, and press events during his lengthy career at CBS. This addition also includes material related to memorials honoring Sevareid as well as articles by other journalists regarding newscaster David Brinkley's controversial 1998 appearance in Archer Daniels Midland Company commercials.

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged in three parts composed of twelve series:

Part I:

- [Personal Correspondence, 1930-1976](#)
- [Fan Mail, 1942-1964](#)
- [Office Files, 1946-1975](#)
- [Scripts, 1939-1976](#)
- [Speech, Article, and Book File, 1934-1977](#)
- [Miscellany, 1930-1977](#)

Part II:

- [Correspondence, 1956-1991](#)
- [Fan Mail, 1965-1990](#)
- [Subject File, 1945-1992](#)
- [Scripts, 1950-1991](#)
- [Speeches and Writings, 1942-1991](#)

Part III:

- [2018 Addition, 1909-1993](#)
- [2023 Addition, 1912-2008](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX I: A1-A10 REEL 1-5	<u>Part I: Personal Correspondence, 1930-1976</u> Letters received and copies of letters sent. Arranged chronologically by year and, in some cases, alphabetically within a given chronological period.
BOX I: B1-B22 not filmed	<u>Part I: Fan Mail, 1942-1964</u> Letters received and copies of letters sent. Arranged chronologically by month and year.
BOX I: C1-C5 not filmed	<u>Part I: Office Files, 1946-1975</u> Letters received, copies of letters sent, memoranda, near-print, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.
BOX I: D1-D22 REEL 5-17	<u>Part I: Scripts, 1939-1976</u> Scripts of radio and television broadcasts. Arranged chronologically.
BOX I: E1-E20 not filmed	<u>Part I: Speech, Article, and Book File, 1934-1977</u> Correspondence and scripts relating to lectures and books. Arranged chronologically.
BOX I: F1-F6 not filmed	<u>Part I: Miscellany, 1930-1977</u> Notes, printed matter and other memorabilia. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX II: 1-4	<u>Part II: Correspondence, 1956-1991</u> Family, general, and special correspondence. Arranged chronologically.
BOX II: 4-27	<u>Part II: Fan Mail, 1965-1990</u> Letters received and copies of letters sent to viewers, listeners, and readers of Severeid's work. Arranged chronologically by year.
BOX II: 27-40	<u>Part II: Subject File, 1945-1992</u> Correspondence, biographical material, contracts, reviews, interviews, newspaper clippings, and photographs. Arranged alphabetically by name of individual, institution or topic.
BOX II: 40-56	<u>Part II: Scripts, 1950-1991</u> Scripts, some with attached correspondence, from broadcast and film appearances. Arranged chronologically by year and alphabetically therein.

BOX II: 56-59

Part II: Speeches and Writings, 1942-1991

Texts of Severeid's speeches and writings, some with attached correspondence.
Arranged by articles, letters to the editor, and speeches and chronologically therein.

BOX III: 1-2, OV 1

Part III: 2018 Addition, 1909-1993

Primarily correspondence from prominent politicians, journalists, and writers, but also includes genealogical material, condolence letters, and items from Severeid's second marriage to and subsequent divorce from Belén Marshall. The miscellaneous correspondence is organized alphabetically by name.

Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent or subject matter.

BOX III:3-5, OV 2

Part III: 2023 Addition, 1912-2008

Articles, photographs, family correspondence, fan mail, awards, business memoranda, and biographical material, including school memorabilia and Severeid's adolescent diary.

Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX I: A1-A10 REEL 1-5	Part I: Personal Correspondence, 1930-1976 Letters received and copies of letters sent. Arranged chronologically by year and, in some cases, alphabetically within a given chronological period.
BOX I:A1 REEL 1	1930-1947 (6 folders)
BOX I:A2 REEL 1-2	1948-1951 (7 folders)
BOX I:A3 REEL 2-3	1952-1953 (3 folders) 1954 A-I (2 folders)
BOX I:A4 REEL 3	J-Z (2 folders) 1955-1956 A-F (2 folders)
BOX I:A4 REEL 3-4	G-Z (7 folders)
BOX I:A6 REEL 4	1957-1959 A-O (7 folders)
BOX I:A7 REEL 5	P-Z (4 folders) Stevenson, Adlai, 1950-1956, 1962-1970
BOX I:A8 Not filmed	1962-1964 (6 folders)
BOX I:A9 Not filmed	1965-1972 (6 folders)
BOX I:A10 Not filmed	1973-1976 (7 folders)
BOX I: B1-B22 not filmed	Part I: Fan Mail, 1942-1964 Letters received and copies of letters sent. Arranged chronologically by month and year.
BOX I:B1	June 1942-Oct. 1945 (4 folders) Requests for scripts, 1945

Part I: Fan Mail, 1942-1964

Container	Contents
	Jan. 1946-June 1948 (6 folders)
BOX I:B2	July 1948-Mar. 1950 (10 folders)
BOX I:B3	May 1950-Mar. 1951 (10 folders)
BOX I:B4	Apr. 1951-Feb. 1952 (10 folders)
BOX I:B5	Mar. 1952-Mar. 1953 (13 folders)
BOX I:B6	Radio, May 1953-March 1954 (8 folders) Books, 1953-1956 Articles, 1953-1955 Television, 1953-1956
BOX I:B7	Radio Apr.-Oct. 1954 (7 folders)
BOX I:B8	Nov. 1954-Nov. 1955 (10 folders)
BOX I:B9	Dec. 1955 Sunday News, 1955-1956 Radio, Jan.-Aug. 1956 (4 folders) Convention, 1956 (2 folders) Radio Sept.-Oct. 1956 (2 folders)
BOX I:B10	Nov.-Dec. 1956 (2 folders) Articles, 1956 Radio Jan.-Nov. 1957 (6 folders)
BOX I:B11	Dec. 1957 Articles, 1957 Books, 1957 Television General, 1957 (2 folders) "Conquest," 1957-1958 Radio Jan.-May 1958 (4 folders)
BOX I:B12	June-Dec. 1958 (8 folders)

Part I: Fan Mail, 1942-1964

Container	Contents
BOX I:B13	Articles, 1958 Books, 1958-1959 Television General, 1958 (3 folders) "Conquest," Nov. 1958-Feb. 1959 Radio Jan.-Feb. 1959 (3 folders)
BOX I:B14	Mar.-Oct. 1959 (3 folders) Articles, 1959 Column, 1959-1961 Television General, Jan.-Sept. 1959 (3 folders)
BOX I:B15	"The Great Challenge," 1959 (2 folders) Radio, 1960-1964 Television, 1960-1961 Books, 1960-1963 Television, Jan.-Aug. 1962 (5 folders)
BOX I:B16	Articles, 1962 Column, Jan.-Sept. 1962 (6 folders) Television, Sept.-Dec. 1962 (2 folders)
BOX I:B17	Column, Oct.-Dec. 1962 (2 folders) Television General, 1963 (7 folders) Assassination of John F. Kennedy, 1963
BOX I:B18	Column, 1963 (5 folders) Articles, 1963-1964 General, 1964 (2 folders)
BOX I:B19	(2 folders) Television Jan.-Mar. 1964 (5 folders)
BOX I:B20	Apr.-Nov., 1964 (10 folders)
BOX I:B21	Dec. 1964 Books, 1964

Part I: Fan Mail, 1942-1964

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	Column Jan.-Sept. 1964 (6 folders)
BOX I:B22	Oct.-Dec. 1964 (2 folders) Adverse mail, 1951-1959 Crank mail, 1959 Protests re commercials, 1958-1959 Requests for advice, opinion, 1963-1964 (2 folders)
BOX I: C1-C5 not filmed	Part I: Office Files, 1946-1975 Letters received, copies of letters sent, memoranda, near-print, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.
BOX I:C1	American Bar Association, 1955 "American Week," 1954-1955 (2 folders) Aspen, Colo., Aug. 1957 Awards, 1957-1959 Background notes, circa 1957-circa 1958 <i>Better Homes and Gardens</i> , 1958-1959 Columbia Broadcasting System Correspondence 1946-1957 (4 folders)
BOX I:C2	1958-1965 (6 folders)
BOX I:C3	1966-1975 (9 folders)
BOX I:C4	Miscellaneous, 1954-1957, undated Policy, 1956-1959 Congressional fellowship program, advisory committee, 1958 "Conquest," 1957-1959 Emmy award, 1958 <i>Esquire</i> , 1958-1959 "The Great Challenge," 1959 (2 folders) Mailing list, 1957-1959 (2 folders)
BOX I:C5	"Playhouse 90," 1958-1959 Proposals Publishers, 1958-1959 (3 folders) Radio, television, films, 1957-1959 (2 folders) Radio and Television Correspondents Association, 1955-1959

Part I: Office Files, 1946-1975

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Contents

Reporter reprints, 1955-1959
Sevareid scholarship, 1959
"Small World," 1957-1958
Think, letters from Washington, 1957-1958
"World News Roundup," 1956-1957

**BOX I: D1-D22 REEL
5-17**

Part I: Scripts, 1939-1976

Scripts of radio and television broadcasts.
Arranged chronologically.

BOX I:D1 REEL 5

1939-1943, broadcasts
Aug. 1939-Mar. 1942
(16 folders)

BOX I:D2 REEL 5-6

Apr. 1942-June 1943
(15 folders)

BOX I:D3 REEL 6

1943, broadcasts and notes
China, Sept.-Oct.
(3 folders)
India
1943-1944, broadcasts, Nov. 1943-Dec. 1944
(11 folders)
1944, dispatches from Italy
1944-1945, cables to CBS Radio Network

BOX I:D4 REEL 7

1945
Broadcasts, Jan.-Apr.
(4 folders)
Broadcasts from San Francisco, Calif., Apr.-May
1945-1947, news analyses, Oct. 1945-Aug. 1947
(17 folders)

BOX I:D5 REEL 7-8

1948, broadcasts from Thomas E. Dewey campaign train
1948-1951, news analyses, Nov. 1948-Nov. 1951
(14 folders)

BOX I:D6 REEL 8

1951-1952
News analyses
Dec. 1951-Aug. 1952
(9 folders)

BOX I:D7 REEL 8-9

Sept.-Dec. 1952
(3 folders)
Eleven p.m. news
Mar.-Sept. 1952
(6 folders)

BOX I:D8 REEL 9

Oct.-Dec. 1952
(5 folders)
1953
News analyses
Jan.-May
(5 folders)

Part I: Scripts, 1939-1976

Container	Contents
BOX I:D9 REEL 10	June-Dec. (6 folders) Eleven p.m. news 1 Jan.-19 Feb. (4 folders)
BOX I:D10 REEL 10-11	20 Feb.-1 Oct. (10 folders) Special programs
BOX I:D11 REEL 11	1954 News analyses Jan.-Oct. (9 folders)
BOX I:D12 REEL 11-12	Nov.-Dec. (2 folders) "American Week" Apr.-Nov. (7 folders)
BOX I:D13 REEL 12-13	Dec. 1955-1956, "Years of Crisis" 1955 News analyses Jan.-Oct. (9 folders)
BOX I:D14 REEL 13	Nov.-Dec. (2 folders) "American Week," Jan.-June (6 folders) Sunday news, Nov. Special programs
BOX I:D15 REEL 13-14	1956 News analyses Jan.-Sept. (9 folders)
BOX I:D16 REEL 14	Oct.-Dec. (3 folders) Sunday news Jan.-June (6 folders)
BOX I:D17 REEL 14-15	July-Nov. (5 folders) "Years of Crisis" Special programs 1957 News analyses Jan.-Apr. (4 folders)

Part I: Scripts, 1939-1976

Container	Contents
BOX I:D18 REEL 15-16	May-Dec. (7 folders) "World News Roundup" Jan.-Mar. (3 folders)
BOX I:D19 REEL 16	Apr.-July (4 folders) "Conquest," 1 Dec. "Years of Crisis" Special programs 1958 News analyses Jan.-Apr. (4 folders)
BOX I:D20 REEL 16-17	May-Dec. (7 folders) "Conquest," 19 Jan. and 13 Apr. (2 folders) "Great Game of Politics," Sept.-Nov. Special programs
BOX I:D21 REEL 17	"World News Roundup," Jan.-Feb. (2 folders) "Years of Crisis" 1959, news analyses, Jan.-May (5 folders) 1960-1962, special programs
BOX I:D22 REEL 17	1976, editorials Undated Rejected scripts Undated scripts (3 folders) Notes for scripts
BOX I: E1-E20 not filmed	Part I: Speech, Article, and Book File, 1934-1977 Correspondence and scripts relating to lectures and books. Arranged chronologically.
BOX I:E1	Lectures 1941-1943, invitations and correspondence 1941-1952, scripts (4 folders) 1946-1953, invitations (7 folders)
BOX I:E2	1952-1975, lecture contracts 1953-1955 Correspondence, 1953-1955 Scripts, 1953

Part I: Speech, Article, and Book File, 1934-1977

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	Invitations, 1954-1955 (2 folders)
	1956
	Correspondence
	Invitations (2 folders)
BOX I:E3	Scripts
	1957
	Correspondence
	Invitations (2 folders)
	Scripts
	1958
	Correspondence
	Invitations (4 folders)
	Scripts
BOX I:E4	1959
	Correspondence
	Invitations
	1960, script, Gray's Inn Debating Society, London, England
	1960-1964, engagements (2 folders)
	1961-1962, correspondence (2 folders)
	1962-1963, scripts
	University of Southern California Alumni Association, 1963
	White, Paul, memorial, 1962
	1963, invitations (2 folders)
BOX I:E5	1 1963-1965, scripts, Freedom House
	1964
	Invitations (3 folders)
	Script, Peabody Award
	1965
	Invitations (3 folders)
	Scripts
	Luther College, Decorah, Iowa
	National Rural Electrification Association
BOX I:E6	1965-1967, engagements (2 folders)
	1965-1971, Edward R. Murrow Center of Public Diplomacy, Medford, Mass.
	1966
	Invitations (4 folders)

Part I: Speech, Article, and Book File, 1934-1977

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BOX I:E7	Scripts American College of Cardiology, Washington, D.C. Overseas Press Club Award "The President, the Power, and the Peace" Radio-TV Correspondents' dinner Roosevelt University, Chicago, Ill.
	1967 Invitations (6 folders)
BOX I:E8	Script, "Politics and the Press"
	1968 Accepted 20 Feb., American Association of School Administrators, Atlantic City, N.J. 31 Mar., Sunday Evening Forum, Tucson, Ariz. 18 Apr., Ball State University, Muncie, Ind. 9 May, Connecticut Public Expenditure Council, New Haven, Conn. 11 May, Business Council, Hot Springs, Va. 15 May, United States Army Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va. 26 May, Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y. 29 May, Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, Atlantic City, N.J. 18 Nov., Public Relations Society of America, Chicago, Ill. 20 Nov., Main Line Forum, Philadelphia, Pa. 6 Dec., National Business Forms, Hollywood, Fla. Invitations (5 folders) (1 folder)
BOX I:E9	Scripts and correspondence 9 Apr., speaker of the year 29 Apr., Peabody Award 2 May, President's Committee on the Handicapped, Washington, D.C. 31 May, Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute, White Sulphur Spring, W. Va. 18 Oct., Klauber Broadcast Library, New York, N.Y. Autumn, "Our President and our Prospects" 13 Nov., White House luncheon Undated, untitled
	1969 Accepted 9 Jan., Carroll College, Waukesha, Wash. 24 Jan., Institutional Investor Conference, New York, N.Y. 21 Mar., Seton Hill College, Greensburg, Pa. 28 Mar., <i>Esquire</i> roundtable, New York, N.Y. 30 Mar., World Affairs Council, Buffalo, N.Y. 11 Apr., St. Mark's School, Southborough, Mass. 15 Apr., National School Boards Association, Miami, Fla. 8 June, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, undated 26 Sept., Library Association, Bismark, undated 4 Oct., Illinois State Historical Library, Peoria, Ill.

Part I: Speech, Article, and Book File, 1934-1977

Container

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	19 Oct., Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.
	1 Nov., Jewish Community Center, Margate, N.J.
	14 Nov., Phoenix College, Phoenix, Ariz.
	9 Dec., Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, Chicago, Ill.
	Invitations
	(3 folders)
BOX I:E10	Scripts and correspondence
	19 May, Washington Journalism Center, Washington, D.C.
	29 June, "Earl Warren: A National Tribute"
	1970
	Accepted
	12 Jan., Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa
	19 Jan., National Coffee Association, Boca Raton, Fla.
	14 Feb., Brandeis University trustees, Palm Beach, Fla.
	18-21 Mar., Florida Presbyterian College, St. Petersburg, Fla.
	12 Apr., Young Presidents Organization, Paradise Island, Bahamas
	17 Apr., University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, undated
	5 June, International Business Machines Corp., Washington, D.C.
	7 June, University of Alabama, Huntsville, Ala.
	15 June, Chief Executive Forum, Minneapolis, Minn.
	22 Sept., Industrial Distribution Conference, Pittsburgh, Pa.
	23 Sept., American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, New York, N.Y.
	23 Nov., Conference of Bank Correspondents, Chicago, Ill.
	4 Dec., National Association of Manufacturers, New York, N.Y.
	Invitations
	(3 folders)
	Scripts and correspondence
	29 Apr., "Fourth Annual Elmer Davis Lecture," New York, N.Y.
	10 Dec., Gold Medal Award, National Institute of Social Sciences, New York, N.Y.
	Standard lecture
	1971
	Accepted
	21 Jan., Graphic Arts Association, Philadelphia, Pa.
	3 Mar., Beth Tfiloh Congregation, Baltimore, Md.
	18 Apr., Northwood Institute, Midland, Mich.
	19 Apr., Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind.
	4 May, Mississippi State University, State College, Miss.
	28 Sept., Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Ky.
	24 Oct., Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.
	15 Nov., National Frozen Foods Convention, New York, N.Y.
	Invitations
	(2 folders)
BOX I:E11	1972
	Accepted
	4 Feb., University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.
	6 Mar., Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Natchitoches, La.
	29 Mar., City Investment Corp., New York, N.Y.

Part I: Speech, Article, and Book File, 1934-1977

Container	Contents
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22 Apr., Tulane University, New Orleans, La.
10 June, American University, Washington, D.C.
10 June, Northern Virginia Community College, Vienna, Va.

Invitations

Scripts and correspondence

7 Mar., Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.
13 June, Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.
7 Dec., National Association of Manufacturers, New York, N.Y.

1973

Accepted

10 Feb., Jacobi Medical Society, Washington, D.C.
23-28 Mar., Jefferies and Co., Mauna Kea Beach, Hawaii
30 March, Albion College, Albion, Mich.
13 Apr., Washington State University, Pullman, Wash.
19 Oct., Southwest Missouri State Teachers' Association, Springfield, Mo.
20 Oct., Charolais Congress, Kansas City, Mo.
22 Oct., Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.
20 Nov., The Pension Group, New York, N.Y.
15 Dec., National Citizens' Symposium, Cambridge, Mass.

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22 Jan., New York State Bankers' Association, New York, N.Y.

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1974

Accepted

1 Feb., Arthritis Foundation, San Diego, Calif.
18 Feb., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Va.
22 Mar., Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
5 Apr., Tennessee Education Association, Memphis, Tenn.
9 May, Independent Bankers' Association Indianapolis, Ind.
17 May, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.
30 May, International Business Machines Corp., Bermuda, B.W.I.
8 Nov., New Jersey Education Association, Atlantic City, N.J.

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26 Apr., Better Vision Institute, Washington, D.C.
29 May, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.
14 Nov., West Side Association of Commerce, New York, N.Y.
7 Dec., Tribute to Winston Churchill at the British Embassy, Washington, D.C.

1975

Accepted

19 Feb., Temple Shalom Arts Forum, New York, N.Y.
10 May, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, N.C.
11 May, Northern Kentucky State College, Highland Heights, Ky.
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1991, "Marketplace" commentaries, American Public Radio

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Part II: Speeches and Writings, 1942-1991

Texts of Severeid's speeches and writings, some with attached correspondence.
Arranged by articles, letters to the editor, and speeches and chronologically therein.

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Articles
1942, "Where Do We Go from Here?"
1947
"Democracy's Main Street"
"Not So Wild a Dream," condensed version
"We Are Responsible to the World"
1952, untitled
1965, "The Final Troubled Hours of Adlai Stevenson"
1977
"Free Press for a Free People"

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Tribute to John J. McCloy
1978
"In Defense of TV"
Postscript to Erik Bye, *Blow Silver Wind*
1979, "Information and Society," 1978-1979
1980
"The Importance of Inventing Hazy Phrases"
"What Makes a Newspaper Great"
1981, "Return to God's River," 1980-1982
(2 folders)
1983
Introduction to Alan Barth, *The Rights of Free Men*
"Profiles and Perspectives"
"'Secret War' Has No Place in a Democracy"
Untitled essay
1985
Essay on Thanksgiving

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	Essay on Walt Disney
	Introduction to George Levison memoir
	"News Coverage 'Is a Force for Peace'"
	"Tales of the Fighting Mad"
	1986, Essay on Immigration
	1988, "Ethics of the American Press"
	1989
	"The Golf Ball and I"
	Introduction to Time-Life volume on World War II
	1990, William S. Paley obituary
	1991, "A New Stage"
	Undated
	Letters to the editor, 1960, 1972-1977, 1980-1991
	(4 folders)
	Speeches
	1977-1979
	(3 folders)
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	Primarily correspondence from prominent politicians, journalists, and writers, but also includes genealogical material, condolence letters, and items from Severeid's second marriage to and subsequent divorce from Belén Marshall. The miscellaneous correspondence is organized alphabetically by name.
	Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent or subject matter.
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	(2 folders)
	Anderson, Robert O., 1967-1970
	Ardrey, Robert, 1957-1980
	(3 folders)
	Baucus, Max, 1976, 1987
	Burger, Warren E., 1967-1972
	Clark, Joseph, 1963, undated
	Condolence letters to Suzanne St. Pierre (wife), 1992
	(2 folders)
	Cowles, Fleur, 1972-1974
	Douglas, William O., 1967-1972
	Dulles, Allen, 1961-1962
	Feiffer, Jules, 1961
	Fulbright, J. William, 1958, 1964-1969, 1976
	Genealogical material, 1909, 1952, 1975-1986
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	Gordon, Ruth, 1977
	Graham, Katharine, 1977
	Guy, William L., 1970
	Harriman, Pamela and W. Averell, 1973-1982, undated
	Holiday card with photograph from Lois Sevareid to Rosa Gregg, circa 1942
	Humphrey, Hubert H., 1956-1977 (2 folders)
	Javits, Jacob K., 1970-1977
	Johnson, Lyndon B., 1957-1959, 1965
	Kennedy, John F., 1957-1958
	Kennedy, Robert F., 1958, 1964
	Landon, Alfred M., 1966-1987
	Lindbergh, Anne Morrow, 1975-1977
	Lippmann, Walter, 1962-1965
	MacLean, Norman, 1986
	Mansfield, Mike, 1967, 1974-1977
	McKelway, St. Clair, 1975
	Miscellaneous correspondence B-F, 1959-1990 G-W, 1959-1992 (2 folders)
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	Moynihan, Daniel P., 1975-1976
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	Ramsbotham, Peter, 1976
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	Ridgway, M. B., 1959, 1977-1979
	Robertson, Nan, 1992
	Rusk, Dean, 1972
	Sandburg, Carl, 1955, undated
	Saroyan, William, 1957
	Sawyer, Diane, circa 1986-1992, undated
	Sevareid, Belén Marshall (wife), 1963-1975 (2 folders)
	Sheean, Vincent, 1968, undated
	Stevenson, Adlai E., 1950-1963
	Stern, John A., 1934-1935
	Stickney, Dorothy, 1969
	Truman, Harry S., 1957-1961
	Udall, Stewart L., 1962-1969, 1987
	Warren, Earl, 1961, 1969, 1973
	West, Rebecca, 1975
	White, Theodore H., 1958, 1982

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Widmark, Richard, 1961, 1969-1970, 1976

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Part III: 2023 Addition, 1912-2008

Articles, photographs, family correspondence, fan mail, awards, business memoranda, and biographical material, including school memorabilia and Severeid's adolescent diary. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

BOX III:3

American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, 1970

Articles about Eric Severeid, circa 1935-1944, 1959-1979, 1987

(2 folders)

Articles by Eric Severeid, 1944, 1956, 1980

Awards, 1983-1987

Birth certificate, 1912

Brinkley, David, 1998

Cartoons, 1963, 1974-1977, undated

CBS memoranda and remarks, 1970-1974, 1986

Diary, 1929

Eric Severeid Library of Journalism, University of Minnesota, 1980, 1997, 2001

Eric Severeid Memorial, Etne, Norway, 1993

Family correspondence, 1962, 1969-1978, 1987-1988

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First grade report card, circa 1920

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High school yearbook, 1930

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