Collection Summary

Title: Benjamin S. Loeb Papers
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Creator: Loeb, Benjamin S., 1914-
Extent: 6,000 items
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Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mmc00084718
Summary: Economist, author, and government official. Research files containing journal excerpts, correspondence, memoranda, cables, reports, minutes, interview transcripts, writings, speeches, newspaper clippings, and printed matter compiled by Loeb concerning Glenn Theodore Seaborg's chairmanship of the Atomic Energy Commission from 1961 to 1971. Loeb assisted Seaborg in writing several books on his chairmanship which feature Seaborg's efforts to promote arms control and peaceful uses of nuclear power.

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
Bundy, McGeorge--Correspondence.
Bundy, McGeorge--Interviews.
Harriman, W. Averell (William Averell), 1891-1986--Correspondence.
Loeb, Benjamin S., 1914-
Seaborg, Glenn Theodore, 1912-
Shapiro, Zalman M. (Zalmon Mordecai), 1920-
Sorensen, Theodore C.--Correspondence.
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Organizations

Subjects
Arms control.
Espionage, Israeli--United States.
Nuclear energy--Government policy--United States.
Political crimes and offenses--Investigation--United States.
Uranium enrichment.

Occupations
Authors.
Economists.
Public officials.

Provenance

The papers of Benjamin S. Loeb, economist, author, and government official, were given to the Library of Congress by Loeb in 2000.
Transfers

Audio cassette recordings have been transferred to the Library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Related Material

The Loeb Papers complement the Glenn Theodore Seaborg Papers also located in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress. The General Correspondence and Writings series in the Seaborg Papers contain large quantities of correspondence between Seaborg and Loeb concerning their collaborative efforts.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Benjamin S. Loeb in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.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

Security Classified Documents

Government regulations control the use of security classified material in this collection. Manuscript Division staff can furnish information concerning access to and use of classified items.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Benjamin S. Loeb Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1914, Mar. 5</td>
<td>Born, Brooklyn, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1935</td>
<td>A.B., Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1939-1942</td>
<td>Analyst, Security and Exchange Commission</td>
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<td>1942-1945</td>
<td>Economist and statistician, War Production Board</td>
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<td>1948</td>
<td>M.B.A., New York University, New York, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1948-1951</td>
<td>Research economist, National Security Resources Board</td>
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<td>1951-1953</td>
<td>Statistician, Defense Electric Power Administration</td>
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<td>1953-1955</td>
<td>Instructor in management and retailing, Columbia University and City College of New York, New York, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1955-1960</td>
<td>Writer, Atomic Energy Commission</td>
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<td>1958</td>
<td>Ph.D., Columbia University, New York, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1960-1962</td>
<td>Editorial specialist on nuclear power, Division of Public Information, International Atomic Energy Commission</td>
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1964  Published with John Lawrence and Bernard Manowitz *Radioisotopes and Radiation* (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co. 131 pp.)
1970-1971  Conducted special research and writing projects for Glenn Theodore Seaborg, chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
1971-1974  Speech writer, Atomic Energy Commission
1974-1976  Editor, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1977-  Writer and consultant
1981  Assisted Glenn Theodore Seaborg in writing *Kennedy, Khrushchev and the Test Ban* (Berkeley, Calif.: University of California Press. 320 pp.)
1987  Assisted Glenn Theodore Seaborg in writing *Stemming the Tide: Arms Control in the Johnson Years* (Lexington, Mass.: Lexington Books. 495 pp.)

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Benjamin S. Loeb (1914- ) span the years 1945-1999, with the bulk of the material dating from 1961 to 1971. The papers concern Loeb's collaboration with Glenn Theodore Seaborg on several books concerning Seaborg's chairmanship of the Atomic Energy Commission from 1961 to 1971. The books, each of which focuses on a presidential administration, explore Seaborg's efforts to promote arms control and peaceful uses of nuclear power. The collection consists of research files containing excerpts from Seaborg's journal, correspondence, memoranda, cables, reports, minutes, interview transcripts, writings, speeches, newspaper clippings, and printed matter. The files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

A large portion of Loeb's research files consists of material culled from the Seaborg Papers located in this division. Loeb relied heavily on Seaborg's journal which contains diary-like entries supplemented by copies of correspondence, memoranda, reports, minutes, and printed matter. Loeb's files provide topical access to the chronologically-arranged journal on issues such as arms control and test ban treaties, the environment, fast breeder reactors, multilateral force, peaceful nuclear explosions, plowshare programs, and uranium enrichment. Many of the photocopied documents contain Loeb's annotations.

Loeb augmented his use of Seaborg's papers with research at the John F. Kennedy Library in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Lyndon B. Johnson Library in Austin, Texas, and the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C. Files relating to the Limited Test Ban Treaty of 1963 include copies of State Department cables secured by Loeb through Freedom of Information Act requests. Also included in the collection are Loeb's correspondence and interviews with prominent former government officials including McGeorge Bundy, W. Averell Harriman, and Theodore C. Sorensen.

Featured in the collection is Loeb's investigation into allegations that Zalman Shapiro, president of the Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation of Pennsylvania, provided Israeli associates with nuclear secrets and enriched uranium in the 1960s. Included are copies of Federal Bureau of Investigation memoranda and reports attained by Loeb through the Freedom of Information Act.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic.
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