Cord Meyer Papers
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Collection Summary
Title: Cord Meyer Papers
Span Dates: 1922-2000
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1982-1989)
Creator: Meyer, Cord, 1920-2001
Extent: 2,900 items
Extent: 8 containers plus 2 oversize and 1 classified
Extent: 3.6 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm91080957
Summary: Internationalist, intelligence officer, and writer. Correspondence, academic papers, newspaper columns, articles, speeches, lectures, newspaper clippings, photographs, and scrapbooks relating to Meyer's activities promoting one-world government after World War II and to his writing career.

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
Angleton, James, 1917-1987--Correspondence.
Meyer, Katharine Thaw--Correspondence.
Meyer, Mark, 1950--Correspondence.
Meyer, William B., 1924--Correspondence.
Pinchot, Ruth P.--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States. Central Intelligence Agency.
United World Federalists (U.S.)

Subjects
Internationalism.
Journalism--United States.

Titles

Occupations
Intelligence officers.
Internationalists.
Journalists.

Provenance
The papers of Cord Meyer, internationalist, intelligence officer and author, were given by Meyer to the Library of Congress in 1991. Additions were received from Meyer, 1992-2000.

Processing History
The papers of Cord Meyer were arranged and described in 1992. Additional material received in 1999 and 2000 was incorporated into the collection in 1999 and 2001.
Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Cord Meyer is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of Cord Meyer 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 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, Cord Meyer Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<tr>
<td>1920, Nov. 10</td>
<td>Born, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1927-1933</td>
<td>Attended Great Neck Preparatory School, Great Neck, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1933-1939</td>
<td>St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H.</td>
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<td>1939-1942</td>
<td>Attended Yale University, New Haven, Conn; received B.A., 1942</td>
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<td>1942-1945</td>
<td>Served in United States Marine Corps</td>
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<td>1945</td>
<td>Married Mary Eno Pinchot (divorced circa 1959)</td>
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<tr>
<td>1947</td>
<td>Published <em>Peace or Anarchy</em> (Boston: Little, Brown. 233 pp.)</td>
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<td>1947-1949</td>
<td>President, United World Federalists</td>
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<td>1951-1977</td>
<td>Intelligence officer, Central Intelligence Agency</td>
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<td>1958</td>
<td>Son Michael killed by car, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>1964</td>
<td>Mary Pinchot Meyer murdered, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>1966</td>
<td>Married Mary Starke Patterson Anderson</td>
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<td>1978-</td>
<td>Nationally syndicated newspaper columnist</td>
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<td>1982-1988</td>
<td>Lecturer, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.</td>
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Scope and Content Note
The papers of Cord Meyer, Jr. (1920-2001) span the years 1922-2000, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1982-1989. A participant in the founding of the United Nations and an advocate of one-world government, Meyer spent almost three decades (1951-1977) with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), becoming one of its highest-ranking officers. His papers, however, bear little reference to his CIA career except in clippings from published sources. They relate
more fully to his activities on behalf of one-world government after World War II and document in great detail many facets of his personal and family life. The collection consists of six series: Correspondence, Writings, Miscellany, an Addition, Oversize, and Classified.

The Correspondence series in these papers is organized chronologically and includes letters to and from Meyer. Principal correspondents include his mother, Katharine Thaw Meyer, youngest son, Mark Meyer, and brother and business partner, William B. Meyer. Less frequent correspondents include his CIA colleague and personal friend, James Angleton, and mother-in-law, Ruth P. Pinchot. Several newspaper clippings and draft book contracts are attached to cover letters. Primary subjects include family matters, United World Federalists, and Meyer's book Facing Reality.

The Writings consist of items authored by Meyer, including scholarly papers, articles, a journal, newspaper columns, a playscript, a short story, and speeches and lectures. The journal contains entries dated 1945-1965 and complements the correspondence in documenting personal matters.

The Miscellany consists of newspaper clippings and articles regarding Meyer or aspects of his work with the United World Federalists and the CIA. A number of these items are pasted in scrapbooks in approximate chronological order; others are unbound.


Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in six series:

- Correspondence, 1934-1989
- Writings, 1939-1989
- Miscellany, circa 1922-1986
- Addition, 1990-2000
- Oversize, 1945-1950
- Classified, 1965-1969
### Description of Series

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<td>BOX 5-6</td>
<td><strong>Writings, 1939-1989</strong></td>
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<td>BOX 6-7</td>
<td><strong>Miscellany, circa 1922-1986</strong></td>
<td>Newspaper clippings, publications, and scrapbooks containing information about Meyer's career. Arranged by format and thereunder chronologically with the exception of the clippings, which are unarranged.</td>
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<td>BOX 8</td>
<td><strong>Addition, 1990-2000</strong></td>
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<td>BOX OV 1-OV 2</td>
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<td>Scrapbooks containing information about Meyer's career and photographs of Meyer. Arranged and described according to the series, folders, and containers from which the items were removed.</td>
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Arranged chronologically. |
| BOX 1     | May 1934-Dec. 1970 *See also Classified*  
(12 folders) |
| BOX 2     | June 1971-Dec. 1982  
(11 folders) |
(7 folders) |
(7 folders) |
| BOX 5-6   | **Writings, 1939-1989**  
Academic papers, personal journal, newspaper columns, playscript, poetry, short story, and speeches and lectures by Meyer.  
Arranged by type of material and thereunder chronologically. |
| BOX 5     | Academic papers, circa 1940-1942  
Articles, 1942-1948  
(2 folders)  
Journal, 1945-1967  
Miscellaneous book reviews and untitled manuscripts, undated  
Newspaper columns  
1978-1982 |
| BOX 6     | 1983-1989  
(4 folders)  
Playscript, "A Question of Innocence," undated  
Poems, 1940-1957, undated  
Short story, "A Long Night," circa 1948  
Speeches and lectures, 1939-1957, undated |
| BOX 6-7   | **Miscellany, circa 1922-1986**  
Newspaper clippings, publications, and scrapbooks containing information about Meyer's career.  
Arranged by format and thereunder chronologically with the exception of the clippings, which are unarranged. |
| BOX 6     | Daily calendars, 1978-1984  
Material regarding columns, contracts, and awards, 1943-1986, undated |
| BOX 7     | Newspaper clippings, 1946-1983, undated  
(3 folders)  
Photographs of Meyer and his family, circa 1922-1986 *See also Oversize* |
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|           | (2 folders) |
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| BOX OV 1  | Miscellany  
|           | Photographs of Meyer and his family, circa 1948 (Container 7) |
| BOX OV 2  | Scrapbooks (Container 7)  
|           | Apr. 1945-Oct. 1947  
|           | Nov. 1947-July 1948  
|           | May 1948-Oct. 1950 |
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| BOX CL 1  | Correspondence (Container 1)  
|           | 1969 |