Collection Summary

Title: Cord Meyer Papers
Inclusive Dates: 1865-2000
Bulk Dates: 1982-1989
Creator: Meyer, Cord, 1920-2001
Extent: 2,900 items
Extent: 11 containers plus 1 classified and 3 oversize
Extent: 6 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English, with Japanese
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm91080957
Summary: Internationalist, intelligence officer, and writer. Correspondence, scholarly papers, newspaper columns, articles, books, speeches, lectures, clippings, photographs, legal documents, and scrapbooks pertaining to Meyer's work as an advocate for one-world government, career with the Central Intelligence Agency, and personal life.

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.
Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955--Correspondence.
Meyer, Katharine Thaw, 1893-1991--Correspondence.
Meyer, Mark, 1950--Correspondence.
Meyer, William B., 1925-1986--Correspondence.

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

Subjects
Governmental investigations--United States.
Internationalism.
Journalism--United States.
Nuclear arms control.
World politics--20th century.

Places
United States--Foreign relations--20th century.

Titles

Occupations
Authors.
Intelligence officers.
Internationalists.
Acquisition Information
The papers of Cord Meyer were given to the Library of Congress by Meyer in 1991. Multiple additions were given by Meyer between 1992 and 2000. An addition was given by Mary Starke Patterson Anderson Meyer in 2003.

Processing History
The papers of Cord Meyer were arranged and described in 1992 by Bradley E. Germand. An addition was processed by John R. Monagle in 1999. Material was incorporated into this addition by Brian McGuire in 2001. An addition was processed and the finding aid revised by Rachel McNellis in 2024.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Cord Meyer is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting.

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

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
Date          Event
1920, Nov. 10  Born, Washington, D.C.
1927-1933     Attended Great Neck Preparatory School, Great Neck, N.Y.
1933-1939     Attended St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H.
1942          B.A., English and philosophy, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1942-1945     Served in United States Marine Corps; awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star
1945          Married Mary Eno Pinchot (divorced circa 1959)
               Assistant to Harold E. Stassen, United States delegate, San Francisco Conference on International Organization
1946          Awarded O'Henry Prize for "Waves of Darkness," The Atlantic
1947-1949     President, United World Federalists
1951-1977     Intelligence officer, Central Intelligence Agency; assistant to the Deputy Director of Plans, 1967-1973
1958  Michael Meyer (son) killed by car, Washington, D.C.
1964  Mary Pinchot Meyer (former wife) murdered, Washington, D.C.
1966  Married Mary Starke Patterson Anderson
1978-1998  Nationally syndicated newspaper columnist
1982-1988  Lecturer, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Cord Meyer span the years 1922-2000, with the bulk of the material dating from 1982 to 1989. The collection pertains chiefly to his work as an advocate for a one-world government and writings on international affairs, with a smaller amount related to his twenty-six-year career with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and tenure as one of its highest-ranking officers. His personal life and family matters are also heavily documented. The collection is organized into seven series: *Correspondence*, *Writings*, *Miscellany*, 2001 *Addition*, 2024 *Addition*, National Security Classified Information, and *Oversize*.

The *Correspondence* series 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. Other correspondents include his CIA colleague and friend, James Angleton, and mother-in-law, Ruth P. Pinchot. Newspaper clippings and draft book contracts are attached to several cover letters. Primary subjects include family matters, United World Federalists, and Meyer's book *Facing Reality: From World Federalism to the CIA*.

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

The *Miscellany* consists of newspaper clippings and articles pertaining primarily to Meyer's work with the United World Federalists and the CIA. Many of these items are pasted in scrapbooks in approximate chronological order.


The 2024 *Addition* contains awards, clippings, correspondence, lectures, legal papers, photographs, writings, and a scrapbook. A substantial amount documents Meyer’s defense against accusations of communist activities brought against him by the FBI and his subsequent suspension from the CIA. Notable writings include drafts of an unpublished book titled "Development of the U.S. Policy of Containment" and an essay on the 1946 Japanese American evacuation, with attached responses from Charles E. Wyzanski Jr., a United States district judge, and Dillon S. Myer, president of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs. A signed 1946 letter from Albert Einstein, written in response to one of Meyer's articles and critiquing the Acheson-Lilienthal report on the international control of atomic weapons, is also noteworthy.

The remaining series contain *Oversize* and National Security Classified Information.

**Arrangement of the Collection**

This collection is arranged in seven series:

- *Correspondence*, 1934-1989
- *Writings*, 1939-1989
- *Miscellany*, 1922-1986
- 2024 *Addition*, 1865-1997
- National Security Classified Information, 1965-1969
- *Oversize*, 1945-1950

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Description of Series

**Container**

**Box 1-4**
- **Correspondence, 1934-1989**
  - Letters to and from family and business associates concerning personal matters and Meyer's interests in world federalism, politics, and current events.
  - Arranged chronologically.

**Box 5-6**
- **Writings, 1939-1989**
  - Academic papers, personal journal, newspaper columns, playscript, poetry, short story, speeches, and lectures by Meyer.
  - Arranged by material type and therein chronologically.

**Box 6-7**
- **Miscellany, 1922-1986**
  - Newspaper clippings, publications, and scrapbooks containing information about Meyer's career.
  - Arranged by format and therein chronologically. Clippings are unarranged.

**Box 8**
- **2001 Addition, 1990-2000**
  - Correspondence and copies of newspaper columns written for the *Washington Times*.
  - Arranged by material type and therein chronologically.

**Box 9-11**
- **2024 Addition, 1865-1997**
  - Articles, awards, book draft, clippings, correspondence, lectures, photographs, printed matter, and a scrapbook.
  - Arranged alphabetically by material type or subject.

**Box CL 1**
- **National Security Classified Information, 1969**
  - National security classified material.
  - Arranged and described according to the series, folders, and containers from which the items were removed.

**Box OV 1-OV 3**
- **Oversize, 1945-1950**
  - 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.
### Container List

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Letters to and from family and business associates concerning personal matters and Meyer's interests in world federalism, politics, and current events. Arranged chronologically. |
| BOX 1     | 1934, May-1970, Dec. See also Container CL 1, Correspondence (12 folders) |
| BOX 3     | 1983, Jan.-1986, Aug. (7 folders) |
| BOX 4     | 1986, Sept.-1989, Dec., undated (7 folders) |
| BOX 5-6   | **Writings, 1939-1989**  
Academic papers, personal journal, newspaper columns, playscript, poetry, short story, speeches, and lectures by Meyer. Arranged by material type and therein chronologically. |
| BOX 5     | Academic papers, circa 1940-1942 |
| BOX 5     | Articles, 1942-1948 (2 folders) |
| BOX 5     | Journal, 1945-1967 |
| BOX 5     | Miscellaneous book reviews and untitled manuscripts, undated |
| BOX 5     | Newspaper columns |
| BOX 5     | 1978-1982 |
| BOX 6     | 1983-1989 (4 folders) |
| BOX 6     | Playscript, "A Question of Innocence," undated |
| BOX 6     | Poems, 1940-1957, undated |
| BOX 6     | Short story, "A Long Night," circa 1948 |
| BOX 6     | Speeches and lectures, 1939-1957, undated |
| BOX 6-7   | **Miscellany, 1922-1986**  
Newspaper clippings, publications, and scrapbooks containing information about Meyer's career. Arranged by format and therein chronologically. Clippings are unarranged. |
| BOX 6     | Daily calendars, 1978-1984 |
| BOX 6     | Material regarding columns, contracts, and awards, 1943-1986, undated |
| BOX 7     | Newspaper clippings, 1946-1983, undated (3 folders) |
| BOX 7     | Photographs of Meyer and his family, circa 1922-1986 See also Container OV 1 |
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## Miscellany, 1922-1986

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| BOX 7     | Publications by others, 1945-1982, undated  
  (2 folders) |
  See Container OV 1 |
| BOX 8     | **2001 Addition, 1990-2000**  
  Correspondence and copies of newspaper columns written for the *Washington Times*.  
  Arranged by material type and therein chronologically. |
| BOX 8     | Correspondence, 1990-2000 |
  (3 folders) |
| BOX 9-11  | **2024 Addition, 1865-1997**  
  Articles, awards, book draft, clippings, correspondence, lectures, photographs, printed matter,  
  and a scrapbook.  
  Arranged alphabetically by material type or subject. |
| BOX 9     | Announcement of Abraham Lincoln's assassination, *Montana Post*, 1865 |
| BOX 9     | Articles, 1946-1950, 1973, undated  
  (2 folders) |
| BOX 9     | Awards and citations, 1942-1947 |
| BOX 9     | CIA 50th Anniversary Trailblazer Awards, 1997 |
| BOX 9     | CIA suspension and reinstatement defense, 1953  
  (5 folders) |
| BOX 9     | Clippings, 1942-1953, undated |
| BOX 10    | Correspondence, 1946-1956, undated |
| BOX 10    | "Development of the U.S. Policy of Containment" (book drafts), 1950  
  (5 folders) |
| BOX 10    | "A Loaded Weapon," paper for Judge Charles E. Wyzanski Jr. on the 1942 Japanese American  
  evacuation, 1950 |
| BOX 10    | Lowell Fellowship lectures, Harvard University, 1951, undated |
| BOX 11    | *New York Herald Tribune* Forum for High Schools, "Problems of Europe: Confronting the  
  World We Want," 1948 |
| BOX 11    | *Peace and Anarchy*, published Japanese translation, undated |
| BOX 11    | Photographs, 1948, undated |
| BOX 11    | Rollins College Conference on World Government, 1946 |
| BOX OV 3  | Scrapbook, 1947-1948  
  See Container OV 3, same heading |
| BOX 11    | *Voice of America* radio interview, 1981 |
| BOX 11    | *World Federalist Bicentennial Reader*, 1987 |
| BOX CL 1  | **National Security Classified Information, 1969**  
  National security classified material.  
  Arranged and described according to the series, folders, and containers from which the items  
  were removed. |
| BOX CL 1  | Correspondence |
1969 (Container 1, 1934, May-1970, Dec.)

**BOX OV 1-OV 3**

**Oversize, 1945-1950**

Scrapbooks containing information about Meyer's career and photographs of Meyer.
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**BOX OV 1**

Miscellany

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Photographs of Meyer and his family, circa 1948 (Container 7, same heading)

**BOX OV 2**

Scrapbooks

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1947, Nov.-1948, July

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**BOX OV 3**

2024 Addition

**BOX OV 3**

Scrapbook, 1947-1948