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Collection Summary

Title: Muir Stephen Fairchild Papers

Span Dates: 1937-1950

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1948-1950)

ID No.: MSS20198

Creator: Fairchild, Muir Stephen, 1894-1950

Extent: 1,400 items

Extent: 4 containers plus 1 classified

Extent: 1.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Army and air force officer. Correspondence, reports, speeches, and articles relating to Fairchild's service as air force vice chief of staff. Includes printed matter prepared by Fairchild for the Air Corps Tactical School.

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

Fairchild, Muir Stephen, 1894-1950.

Kuter, Laurence Sherman, 1905- --Correspondence.

LeMay, Curtis E.--Correspondence.

Quesada, Elwood R. (Elwood Richard), 1904-1993--Correspondence.

Vandenberg, Hoyt Sanford, 1899-1954--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Air Force.

United States. Army. Air Corps Tactical School.

United States. Army. Air Corps.

Occupations

Air Force officers.

Army officers.

Provenance

The papers of Muir Stephen Fairchild, army and air force officer, were given to the Library of Congress in 1957 by his wife, Florence Rossiter Fairchild.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Muir Stephen Fairchild is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the papers of Hoyt S. Vandenberg, who was chief of staff of the air force from 1948 to 1953.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Muir Stephen Fairchild 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 items in this collection. Manuscript Division staff can furnish information concerning access to and use of classified material.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1894, Sept. 2	Born, Bellingham, Wash.
1918-1948	Commissioned second lieutenant, Aviation Section, Army Air Corps, advanced through the grades to general
1924	Married Florence A. Rossiter
1928-1929	Student, Air Corps Engineering School
1934-1935	Student, Air Corps Tactical School
1935-1936	Student, Army Industrial College
1936-1937	Student, Army War College
1938-1940	Instructor, Air Corps Tactical School
1942-1946	Member, Joint Strategic Survey Committee, Joint Chiefs of Staff
1945	Military adviser to the United States delegation to United Nations Conference, San Francisco, Calif.
1946	Commanding general, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
1948-1950	Vice chief of staff, United States Air Force
1950, Mar. 17	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Muir Stephen Fairchild (1894-1950), army and air force officer, span the years 1939-1950, with the bulk of the material concentrated between 1948 and 1950. The collection consists of letters received, carbons of letters sent, and reports. In addition, there are reading copies and typescripts of speeches and articles by Fairchild. A few printed items complete the collection.

The papers primarily cover the period when Fairchild was vice chief of staff of the air force, 1948-1950, reflecting the administrative affairs handled by the vice chief and illustrating the chain of command by which matters came to his attention. Fairchild's speeches and articles, as well as other papers in the collection, indicate the manner in which a vice chief may substitute for the chief of staff. Printed matter, the only material predating Fairchild's tenure as vice chief of staff, consists for the most part of material prepared by him for the Air Corps Tactical School.

Prominent correspondents include Laurence Sherman Kuter, Curtis E. LeMay, Elwood R. Quesada, and Hoyt S. Vandenberg.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

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