

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 ; 8 containers plus 2 oversize and 1 classified ; 3.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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 Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Angleton, James, 1917-1987--Correspondence.

Meyer, Cord, 1920-2001.

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

Washington times (Washington, D.C. : 1982)

Occupations

Intelligence officers.

Internationalists.

Journalists.

Administrative Information

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Cord Meyer is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1920, Nov. 10	Born, Washington, D.C.
1927-1933	Attended Great Neck Preparatory School, Great Neck, N.Y.
1933-1939	St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H.
1939-1942	Attended Yale University, New Haven, Conn; received B.A., 1942
1942-1945	Served in United States Marine Corps
1945	Married Mary Eno Pinchot (divorced circa 1959) Assistant to United States delegate, United Nations founding convention, San Francisco, Calif.
1946-1947	Society of Fellows, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1947	Published <i>Peace or Anarchy</i> (Boston: Little, Brown. 233 pp.)
1947-1949	President, United World Federalists
1949-1951	Society of Fellows, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1951-1977	Intelligence officer, Central Intelligence Agency
1958	Son Michael killed by car, Washington, D.C.
1964	Mary Pinchot Meyer murdered, Washington, D.C.
1966	Married Mary Starke Patterson Anderson
1978-	Nationally syndicated newspaper columnist

1980	Published <i>Facing Reality: From World Federalism to the CIA</i> (New York: Harper & Row. 433 pp.)
1982-1988	Lecturer, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
2001, Mar. 13	Died, Washington, D.C.

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.

The [Addition](#) includes correspondence regarding issues of foreign affairs and columns Meyer wrote for the *Washington Times*, 1990-1997.

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

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-4	<p><u>Correspondence, 1934-1989</u></p> <p>Letters to and from family and associates concerning family matters and Meyer's interests in world federalism, politics, and current events. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 5-6	<p><u>Writings, 1939-1989</u></p> <p>Academic papers, personal journal, newspaper columns, playscript, poetry, short story, and speeches and lectures by Meyer. Arranged by type of material and thereunder chronologically.</p>
BOX 6-7	<p><u>Miscellany, circa 1922-1986</u></p> <p>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.</p>
BOX 8	<p><u>Addition, 1990-2000</u></p> <p>Correspondence and copies of newspaper columns written for the <i>Washington Times</i>. Arranged by type of material and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX OV 1-OV 2	<p><u>Oversize, 1945-1950</u></p> <p>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.</p>
BOX CL 1	<p><u>Classified, 1969</u></p> <p>National security classified material. Arranged and described according to the series, folders, and containers from which the items were removed.</p>

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1-4	Correspondence, 1934-1989 Letters to and from family and associates concerning family matters and Meyer's interests in world federalism, politics, and current events. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 1	May 1934-Dec. 1970 <i>See also Classified</i> (12 folders)
BOX 2	June 1971-Dec. 1982 (11 folders)
BOX 3	Jan. 1983-Aug. 1986 (7 folders)
BOX 4	Sept. 1986-Dec. 1989, undated (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 <i>See also Oversize</i>

Miscellany, circa 1922-1986

Container

Contents

Publications by others, 1945-1982, undated
(2 folders)
Scrapbooks *See Oversize*

BOX 8

Addition, 1990-2000

Correspondence and copies of newspaper columns written for the *Washington Times*.
Arranged by type of material and chronologically therein.

BOX 8

Correspondence, 1990-2000
Newspaper column, *Washington Times*, 1990-1997
(3 folders)

BOX OV 1-OV 2

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.

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

BOX CL 1

Classified, 1969

National security classified material.

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were removed.

BOX CL 1

Correspondence (Container 1)

1969