

# Stewart Hensley Papers

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# Collection Summary

Title: Stewart Hensley Papers

Span Dates: 1936-1975

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1942-1975)

ID No.: MSS75842

Creator: Hensley, Stewart, 1913-1976

Extent: 4,000 items; 16 containers; 6.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Newspaper correspondent. Correspondence, notebooks, transcriptions of interviews, speeches, research files, printed matter and other papers relating to Hensley's career as a reporter and chief diplomatic correspondent for the United Press Associations, later the United Press International.

## 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

Brzezinski, Zbigniew, 1928- --Correspondence.

Hensley, Stewart, 1913-1976.

Rusk, Dean, 1909-1994--Correspondence.

Ziegler, Ronald L. (Ronald Louis), 1939- --Correspondence.

### Organizations

United Press Associations.

United Press International.

United States. Dept. of State--Officials and employees--Interviews.

### Subjects

Journalism.

### Places

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

United States--Officials and employees--Interviews.

### Occupations

Journalists.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of Stewart Hensley were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Martha P. Hensley, 1976-1979. Additional items were also given by Martha P. Hensley in 1989.

### Processing History

The papers of Stewart Hensley were arranged and described in 1979. The finding aid was revised in 2010. An addition of sixteen items, 1945-1949, received in 1989 was interfiled with similar material in the Correspondence series in 2010.

## Transfers

Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Stewart Hensley Papers.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Stewart Hensley is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Stewart Hensley 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.

## Preferred Citation

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

## Biographical Note

Stewart Hensley was born in Saguache, Colorado, in 1913. Following his graduation from the University of Missouri School of Journalism in 1934, he worked on several newspapers in New Mexico and Texas and served as news chief of the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service before beginning his career with United Press Associations, later United Press International, in 1944. After a brief period on the foreign news desk in New York, he was assigned to the China-Burma-India theater as a war correspondent in 1945 and subsequently became United Press Associations manager for India. Hensley was transferred to the Washington bureau in 1947 and became chief diplomatic and State Department correspondent for United Press International in 1958, a position in which he served until his death. He reported for the United Press International from nearly fifty countries and was a familiar figure at major international conferences and on the overseas trips of American presidents from Dwight D. Eisenhower through Richard M. Nixon. Hensley received the Distinguished Service in Journalism award by the University of Missouri in 1965. He died on February 15, 1976 in Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Stewart Hensley (1913-1976) span the years 1936-1975 with the bulk of the material dated after 1942. The papers are organized into the following series: [General Correspondence](#), [Notebooks](#), [Subject File](#), [News Releases](#), and [Miscellany](#).

Although some of Hensley's correspondence in the [General Correspondence](#) series is exchanged with prominent contemporaries such as Zbigniew Brzezinski, Dean Rusk, and Ronald L. Ziegler, the remainder and largest part is of a routine nature concerning speaking engagements and personal affairs.

The [Notebooks](#) series includes spiral-bound notebooks containing Hensley's notes of interviews and conversations with State Department and other government officials, some of which were used for publication.

The [Subject File](#) and [News Releases](#) series contain reference and research files composed of newspaper articles and clippings, press kits and releases, reports, printed matter, and other items of a similar nature. The [Miscellany](#) series includes certificates, invitations, and printed matter.

# Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

- General Correspondence, 1936-1975
- Notebooks, 1970-1975
- Subject File, 1949-1974
- News Releases, 1971-1975
- Miscellany, undated

## Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1	<u>General Correspondence, 1936-1975</u> Correspondence and miscellaneous material. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 2-3	<u>Notebooks, 1970-1975</u> Notes and notebooks of interviews and conversations. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 4-7	<u>Subject File, 1949-1974</u> Newspaper clippings, reports, research and reference files, printed matter, and miscellaneous material. Arranged alphabetically by subject or topic.
BOX 8-10	<u>News Releases, 1971-1975</u> Press reviews, news releases, and miscellaneous material. Arranged alphabetically by subject and therein chronologically.
BOX 11-16	<u>Miscellany, undated</u> Certificates, invitations, newspaper clippings, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

# Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	General Correspondence, 1936-1975 Correspondence and miscellaneous material. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 1	1936, 1942-1975, undated (7 folders)
BOX 2-3	Notebooks, 1970-1975 Notes and notebooks of interviews and conversations. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 2-3	1970-1975
BOX 4-7	Subject File, 1949-1974 Newspaper clippings, reports, research and reference files, printed matter, and miscellaneous material. Arranged alphabetically by subject or topic.
BOX 4	Arms control
BOX 4	China
BOX 4	China, Korea, and Formosa
BOX 5	Far East
BOX 5	Far East Commission
BOX 5	India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan
BOX 5	International Telecommunications Satellite Organization
BOX 5	Japan
BOX 5	Economic issues and miscellaneous
BOX 5	Peace treaty
BOX 6	Nixon, Richard M., Soviet Union trip
BOX 6	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
BOX 7	Rogers, William
BOX 7	Southeast Asia
BOX 7	Soviet Union
BOX 7	Spain and the United States
BOX 8-10	News Releases, 1971-1975 Press reviews, news releases, and miscellaneous material. Arranged alphabetically by subject and therein chronologically.
BOX 8	German press review, 1971-1974
BOX 9	State department, 1971-1975

News Releases, 1971-1975

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BOX 10	Miscellaneous news releases
BOX 11-16	Miscellany, undated Certificates, invitations, newspaper clippings, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 11	Articles (2 folders)
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BOX 11	Invitations
BOX 12-14	Newspaper clippings
BOX 15-16	Printed matter