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REEL 1

File 1

Photostat copies of **Eisenhower** correspondence arranged in roughly chronological sequence. Includes Alexander Arnold, Bedell Smith, Bracken, Bradley, Brooke, Butcher, Churchill, M.W. Clark, A. Cunningham, Gault, de Gaulle, de Guingand, Devers, Ismay, C.D. Jackson, Leahy, Littlejohn, Marshall, Montgomery (including his directives), Morgan, Mountbatten, Patton (miscellaneous), Portal, Somervell, Spaatz, Stark, Stimson, Strong, Tedder, O. Ward, Wedemeyer, Wilson, Winant. From DDE library (and occasionally from other sources).

REEL 2

File 2

A roughly chronological series of Photostat copies of documents extracted from the following **National Archives** files of the American staffs:

RG-59: Records of State Dept., Boxes 13-17: Office of European Affairs.

RF-160: Records of Headquarters, Army Service Forces. For General Somervell's trip, 1943-1944: see file 27.

RG-165: Records of American-British Conferences (ABC files). Prefaced by a draft listing of these files. Some photo-copied items include: criticism of Eisenhower's plans, January 1945; the suspected Alpine Redoubt; Nazi atrocities against Allied prisoners; keeping records for Combined operations; JIC report on German generals' morale, May 7 1945.

RG-218: Records of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, including a draft listing of important files in the series "JCS 1942-5, Geographic Index" and "JCS Central Decimal Files 1942-5"; selected CCS meetings including London, June 1944; extracts from the JCS and CCS Argonaut conference at Malta, January 30, 1945; the safety of Rome; prisoner exchanges; JIC authentication of SOE's notorious "Handbook of Modern Irregular Warfare"; 1945 reinforcements for Eisenhower; Eclipse; use of war weary planes as pilotless bombers; strategic bombing of Balkan targets; planning for rapid German defeat; Octagon conf, Quebec, September 1944; Sextant conf, Teheran, November -December 1943;.

NB: Record Group RG-218 includes the official files of Fleet Admiral William D. **Leahy**, Chief of Staff to Roosevelt. Copied here: A listing; and selected documents, including material on death of 130 German P/W's, March 1945; the 1944 British Ljubljana gap strategy; V-weapon damage to

Antwerp; Churchill/Leahy phone conversation, transcript, May 7, 1945; Matchbox and Aspidistra plans for broadcast psychological warfare 1945; non-fraternization; abandoning the race to Berlin; minutes and aftermath of Tedder/Stalin meeting, January 15, 1945; Russian refusal to repatriate US prisoners, March 1945.

RG-319: Records of the Army Staff: Bodyguard, ABC 6 Aug 43; Overlord; Anvil; COSSAC plans and the OVERLORD directives; selected JCS and CCS conferences; the “leapfrog” controversy on post-war demarcation lines and occupation policy; the Pointblank air-offensive; political aspects of US bombing of Balkan targets; liaison with Red Army; Overlord; foreign ministers’ conference in Moscow, October 20, 1943 (see also FRUS 1943, I, pp.583ff); Crossbow (V-weapons); Allied bombing of Auschwitz, and of French and Belgian railway targets; Intelligence estimates of enemy capabilities and intentions; usage of poison gas and bacterial warfare; Octagon (Quebec) conf., September 1944; eviction of Tito forces from Venezia-Giulia, Italy; planning documents for Argonaut conference, Malta-Yalta, 1945; JCS recommendation that USA abrogates Geneva Convention on prisoners of war, February 8, 1945 extracts from COSSAC plan, Overlord, July 15, 1943; non-fraternization; Octagon conf, September 1944; control of strategic bomber forces; a thick series of documents giving the history of British-American controversy over Anvil/Dragoon, January-August 1944.

RG-331: Records of Allied Operational and Occupation Headquarters WWII. Includes important series of JIC assessments of German appreciation of Allied intentions (based on Ultra and similar sources.); progress of Overlord; operations of SOE in Overlord; casualties and equipment losses; Braddock sabotage device; Churchill visits; the Josef Kramer (Buchenwald) case; German counter offensive, December 1944; alleged German killing of American P/W’s; control of Dragoon (Anvil) forces from mid-September 1944; transcript of Eisenhower’s press conference, August 30, 1944 (see also file 3 on this film, Butcher diary, pp1645ff); Cadillac for Eisenhower; 210-file on Eisenhower, including a word portrait.

RG-457: Records of the National Security Agency. A small number of selected Magic diplomatic summaries (see also File 24).

REEL 3

File 3

Photocopies of extracts from the original typescript diary of naval aide, Harry C. **Butcher**. These differ substantially from his book, My Three Years with Eisenhower, and include all pages deleted for security or other reasons. The diary is interleaved with some key documents, and frontline journey narratives by John Eisenhower and L Col James Gault. Folder is prefaced by material on the revealing 1941 diary kept by Eisenhower, which he vainly requested Butcher to destroy. Also includes selected materials from Butcher file: Gordon Gaskill article, “Are we Allies or Aren’t We?”; Experience of a Replacement with a Veteran Combat Unit (1st US Inf Div); (anonymous:) Notes on Berlin Surrender, May 1945; includes a few minor press clippings from papers of Michael McKeogh, Eisenhower’s valet, and press reviews of Eisenhower’s book Crusade in Europe.

File 4

Extracts from the files of General Mark Wayne **Clark**, in The Citadel, Charleston, SC: primarily copies of his letters to his mother, Eisenhower, etc. 1944-5; to Eisenhower, on operations in Italy (including destruction in Naples; casualty figures); on C.L. Sulzberger's article on weapons failures in Italy; leaflet for dropping on German lines: "Tatsachen Sber die V-1" (Facts on the V-1 flying bomb); 12pp British data sheet (1945) on German tanks, self propelled and assault guns, guns, bazookas, small arms and grenades and mines; data and statistics (2pp) on Italian campaign August 1943-October 1944; citation for M.W.C.'S Distinguished Service Cross; psychiatric casualties, January-October 1944.

File 5

A select file of documents on relations between the Allies and General Charles **de Gaulle**, 1942-1945. (See also items in Butcher diary, file 3). Includes State dept documents on the Free French torture headquarters at No. 10 Duke Street, London.

File 6

A composite file of agendas and minutes of SCAF (Eisenhower) and other staff **conferences** January 21, 1944- July 1944; mostly pre-invasion, but some scattered items afterwards up to May 1945 includes some duplicates and related telegrams and Montgomery's harangues to officers.

File 7

Minor items from Henry L. **Stimson** papers at Yale University, including report on post-Overlord France by Col. W.H. Sterling Wright, and diary of his inspection of Britain and Normandy battlefields, May 26-July 8, 1944; Robert A. Lovett report on Roosevelt Cabinet of August 18, 1944; typed transcript of Stimson's handwritten account of July 1944 trip to Europe; note on meeting with Roosevelt, December 31, 1944.

REEL 4

File 8

Extracts from Walter **Bedell Smith** files at DDE library: including biography; pre-Bulge (December 1944) G-2 summaries; his June 1945 affidavit on his controversial role in handling for Marshall at the time of Pearl Harbor; useful listings of principle cables exchanged between Eisenhower and Pentagon officials, 1943-1945, especially on Sey-Inquart negotiations, and Karl Wolff (Crossbow) affairs; Tedder/Stalin conference, January 15, 1945; death of McNair; Bedell Smith analysis (February 22, 1945) of Eisenhower/Montgomery controversy, January-August 1944 (13pp).

File 9

A composite file of documents relating to General George S. **Patton** Jr.: correspondence with Stimson, Eisenhower, Beatrice Patton, Marshall. Includes catalogue lists of Library of Congress on the Papers of George S. Patton Jr., which "may be consulted only by special permission" (of the

family). Also items on the “slapping incident” (August 1943), the Hammelburg Raid (March 1945) and postwar internal correspondence of Pentagon on these controversies; a Patton press conference transcript of June 14, 1945, and a Bedell Smith press conference transcript of September 26, 1945.

File 10

Typescript of Diary of General George S. **Patton** Jr., January 26-September 1, 1945, 104pp. (Substantially more material than published in Martin Blumenson, The Patton Papers).

File 11

Extracts from Brigadier General Norman D. (“Dutch”) **Cota** papers at DDE library: including especially extracts from combat narratives by Jack Shea, on D-Day operations and the Battle of the Bulge, December 1944; book review in Judge Advocate Journal, No.26, of W.B. Huie’s “The Execution of Private Slovik”.

File 12

Extracts from papers of Major General H.R. (“Pink”) **Bull** (GSC, Ac of S, G-3), including draft manuscript: “Normandy Invasion”, and notes (June 27, 1944) on Churchill’s suggestion that more American troops be put into combat divisions; gas conventions and the use of phosphorus shells; and papers of Major General H.S. **Aurand**, Deputy Chief of Ordnance, including “History of Normandy Base Section”. (20pp)

File 13

David Irving’s (or other’s) **interviews** of personalities: General Mark W. Clark; Major General Bruce Matthews (Canadian army, 2nd Inf Div.); General Christopher Vokes (Canad.); Dr. Forrest Pogue; Buel F. Weare (speaking for Major General Robert M. Littlejohn); General J. Lawton Collins; SS-Colonel Walter Harzer; Brigadier F.D. Lace (Canad.); Joseph P. Hobbs; press interview of Omar Bradley; also DDE library oral interviews of Henry A. Aurand; General John W. Leonard (re Remagen bridge); General William H. Simpson, and Ms. Jacqueline Cochran.

REEL 5

File 14

Composite file of papers concerning General Everett S. **Hughes**, Eisenhower’s “eyes and ears” in North Africa and ETO. Includes War Dept. biography of Hughes, letters relating to his assignment in ETO, a sample of the handwritten diaries, 1945, and a draft typed transcript (328pp) commissioned by David Irving of Everett Hughes’ voluminous handwritten diary, January 1, 1944-June 8, 1945. (NB. The Handwritten diaries commence in 1940. Some items removed to File 21, Kay Summersby, and File 9, George Patton).

File 15

Selected papers copied or extracted at US Navy Classifies Archives, Washington DC (the papers of Admiral Allen G. Kirk and Adm. Ernest King); includes transatlantic telephone conversation, Bedell Smith/Pentagon; SOE/SO operations; shooting of German prisoners; German beach defences; the sinking of two LST's during Exercise TIGER, April 1944; Braddock incendiaries; Fortitude and other deception plans; suicide of Admiral Don Moon, USN, naval officer in charge, Utah beach; aid to Warsaw insurgents, August 1944; SHAEF command arrangements, August 22, 1944; death of Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy and another in robot plane mishap, August 12, 1944.

REEL 6

File 16

Selected extracts from papers of Rt Hon Sir James **Grigg**, KCB, KCSI, MP, Secretary of State for War. Churchill College, Cambridge University. Transcripts of handwritings.

File 17

Miscellaneous: digest of biography of Lightning Joe (General J Lawton Collins); rough transcripts by a third person of notes dictated by David Irving from Eisenhower library files; a note on the Ira Eaker papers at Library of Congress; pages from Register of Chequers (British premier's official residence) guests kept by G.W. Scott (police officer there) listing Eisenhower's visits; major newspaper obituaries of Montgomery, Eisenhower, de Guingand; Congressional Record, of Mamie Eisenhower; review of William Frye, Marshall: Citizen Soldier; extracts dictated from papers of Admiral Andrew B. Cunningham.

File 18

A small file of extracts from the typescript diaries of the Hon James V. **Forrestal**, Secretary of the Navy: 1944-July 1945, including especially references to Pearl Harbor investigations. (Substantial material on these is also in the Stimson papers at Yale, which may not be reproduced on these films.)

File 19

Selected documents from the Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa: including a lengthy report by General A.G.L. **McNaughton** on talks with Major General G.G. Simonds, May 30, 1943; with Montgomery, May 31, 1943; with Colonel Ralston and General Paget, November 1943; with Mackenzie King on June 16, 1945, and with Field Marshal Alexander (new Governor General of Canada) on April 14, 1946. And selected items from papers of Lieutenant General Henry **Crerar**: including morale of German troops at Caen; bomber casualties; self-inflicted injury statistics; RAF bombing of Canadian forces on August 14, 1944; Canadian battle casualties June 1944-February 1945; German alleged war crimes against Canadian personnel; reinforcements for 1st Polish Armed Division; 1945 lectures by Brigadier C.C. Mann on the "breakout", August 7, 1944, on the campaign in Normandy, and on the campaign in NW Europe.

File 20

Typescript copy of Kay **Summersby**'s diary June 1, 1944-April 30, 1945. (Preceded by a 3pp abstract of some Churchill reference in the diary.)

File 21

Selected documents relating to Kay **Summersby**, including Eisenhower's correspondence with and about her, the New York Times obituary on her 1975 death; David Irving's recent correspondence with her family in an attempt to locate the original of the diary and Everett Hughes: "Notes on a much discussed subject". (See also especially the Hughes diary, File 14).

File 22

Sample of captured German documents (diaries and letters) in Daniel **Lerner** (PWD) papers of Hoover Library: Diary of life in the Etappe, by a German NCO on western front, January 31-September 19, 1944.

File 23

Major General LeRoy **Lutes**, (Director of Plans and Operations, ASF) report on inspection of SHAEF theatre, December 4, 1944-January 13, 1945, related letters and diary of trip.

File 24

Composite file on **Ultra**, decoding of enemy and neutral messages: includes, top secret signal from Admiralty to all British commanders in chief on Ultra security procedures, codewords, designations, etc. in British navy, August 28, 1944; also Postwar (1945) reports on effectiveness of Ultra Intelligence in American armies: First U.S. Army; 12th Army Group; SHAEF Air Intelligence; Third (U.S.) Army; Sixth U.S. Army Group; Seventh Army; First Allied Airborne Army; Tactical Air Force; First Tactical Air Force; Eighth Air Force; Ninth Air Force; Twenty-Ninth Tactical Air Command; ETOUSA, Paris; National Archives listings of NSA-released material (RG-457), as of April 30, 1981; SRH-051: Interview of Mr Ralph T. Briggs, January 13, 1977: SRH-037:/British report/The Use of 'U' in the Mediterranean and Northwest African Theaters of War; Report on Assignment with Third US Army 15 August-September 1944; Magic Diplomatic Extracts, July 1945; related extracts from Forrestal diaries (and see File 18); David Irving correspondence with Ultra-personnel; extracts from Ernest L. Bell's excellent survey, "An initial View of Ultra as an American Weapon," (MS, 1977), based on a British document ("Use of CX/MSS Ulrta by the United States War department"); paper by Dr Jsrge Rohwer, "Ultra, xB-Dienst und Magic" in Marine Rundschau, October 1979, pp.637-48.

REEL 7

File 25

Extracts from papers of Lieutenant-General John C.H. **Lee**, US Army retired: pp.87-96 of typescript service memoirs. For more material on the controversial Lee, see Hughes diary file 14) and Lutes reports (file 23).

File 26

Important documents copies from **Montgomery** and de Guingand files in the Public Record Office, London, June 12, 1944-April 8, 1945. (14pp). (See also file 16.)

File 27

Diary of Lieutenant General Brehon **Somervell's** trip, August 8-27, 1944, with Robert B. Patterson and others to European theater. PP.1, and 12-18, and Patterson diary pp.10-22. (August 14-26, 1944).

File 28

Typescript diary of Major General Hoyt **Vandenberg**, Commander, US Ninth Air Force, March 24, 1944-April 3, 1945. Also 2pp summary of some topics.

File 29

Extracts from diaries and papers of General Carl F. **Spaatz**. Includes item-by-item listing of 1943-1945 contents of Spaatz collection at Library of Congress.

Selected documents on tactical and strategic bombing policy include these topics: decision not to bomb Auschwitz and Birkenau extermination camps; growth of German air-force despite air offensive; Overlord meetings; photographic reconnaissance; French rail targets controversy; Pointblank, Crossbow (V-weapons) and Overlord; Spaatz thinks Overlord superfluous; arrest and dismissal of Major General Henry F. Miller for security breach; attack of oil targets; killing civilians on occupied countries; shuttle bombing operations to Russia; aircrew morale; rivalry over statistics with RAF Bomber Command; leafleting; raiding Berlin; Normandy battlefield support, Cobra (St-Lo) and post-mortem; visit by Morgenthau; air drops to Warsaw insurgents, August 1944; conf with Harry Hopkins, September 7, 1944; attack on German Civilian morale; control of strategic airforces in Europe; Allied troop morale, November 1944, war weary US planes as pilotless bombers; strategic bombing ahead of advancing ground forces; Montgomery's desire to command all ground forces; worries about German jet fighters; 1p summary of Clarion, February 1945; controversy over US bombing civilian morale (Berlin, Dresden); accidental bombing of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, and Basel, March 4, 1945; letter of March 13, 1945 about bombing a "special target" probably the uranium works at Oranienburgh; incidents with Russians, 1945; Bedell Smith analysis (February 22, 1945) of Eisenhower/Montgomery controversy, January-August 1944 (13pp); oral interview of Spaatz about command of airforces, 1944.

File 30

Selected **Eisenhower** personal correspondence with his family, primarily with wife Mamie, son John, and brothers. Preceded by draft extracts by David Irving, and by 7pp narrative by John Eisenhower, "Dad took me to Moscow" (August 2-15, 1945).

File 31

Personal Diary of Brigadier N.Elliott **Rodger**, Chief of Staff, II (Canadian) Corps, February 10, 1944-June 26, 1945: handwritten.

File 32

Personal Diary of airforce General H.H. (Hap) **Arnold**. Trip to Sextant, November 11-December 15, 1943. Trip to England, June 8-June 21, 1944. Trip to Quebec Conf. September 11-16, 1945.

File 33

War Department **biographies** of leading American generals in European Theater: from RG-319, Records of the Army Staff; and from RG-407, Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1917-, 201 file of P&H Branch (Precedent & History Branch).

Includes: L.A. Allen, O.N. Bradley, M.W. Clark, J.L. Collins, N.D. Cota, L.A. Craig, W.D. Crittenberger, G.H. Davidson, J.L. Devers, J.M. Devine, M.S. Eddy, D.D. Eisenhower, J.M. Gavin, C.H. Gerhardt, L.T. Gerow, R.W. Grow, A.M. Gruenther, W.H. Haislip, D.O. Hickey, C.H. Hodges, C.R. Huebner, (for Everett S. Hughes see File 14), S.LeR. Irwin, P.V. Kane, W.B. Kean, F.A. Keating, J.W. Leonard, H.J. Maloney, A.C. McAuliffe, H.L. McBride, G.C. Marshall, P. Menohr, W.M. Miley, R.G. Moses, A.S. Nevins, L.E. Oliver, E.P. Parker, R.C.F.L. Parks, Partridge, (for G.S. Patton see File 9), R.E. Porter, J.K. Rice, M.B. Ridgway, W.M. Robertson, W.R. Schmidt, E.B. Seabee, W.H. Simpson, A.L. Singleton, LeC.H. Slocum, A.C. Smith, F.H. Smith, H.A. Smith, J.P. Smith, T.L. Smith, W.B. Smith, C. Spaatz, D.A. Stroh, G.V. Strong, I.P. Swift, D.I. Sultan, J.P. Sullivan, M.D. Taylor, H.L. Twaddle, J.A. Van Fleet, W.H. Walker, LeR.H. Watson, I.D. White.

File 34

Extracts from Major General Raymond W. **Barker** (GSC D/COSSAC) papers at DDE library. Includes: draft of Eisenhower's proposed pre-Overlord message; directive to SCAF and discussions thereof; discussions of Overlord planning; correspondence with Handy; press obituaries on Leigh-Mallory and Ramsay; part of oral history; report of Judge Advocate General on ETO, April 1942-April 1946; operations of No.13 Amplifier Unit in Cherbourg, June 26-27, 1944; US supplies of landing craft, 1942.

REEL 8

File 35

Typescript diary of First U.S. Army (Courtney H. **Hodges**) June 2, 1944-March 7, 1945. Approx. 250pp. (Preceded by 6pp draft evaluation made by David Irving.)

File 36

Official **reports** on Overlord (Neptune) operations.

- (a) "Amphibious Operations" by U.S. Fleet CinC, Oct 1944. Includes maps and charts.
- (b) JCS file copy of Eisenhower's "Report on Operations in North West Europe 6 June 1944-8 May 1945." (119pp)
- (c) Montgomery: "21st (British) Army Group in the Campaign in North-West Europe 1944-45" (Lecture to the Royal United Service Institution, London, London, October 1945); and discussion of this by an angry SHAEF G-3; pp1-13;
- (d) Historical Record of G-2 Section, Headquarters V U.S. Corps: "Operation Neptune. /I.e. Overlord, June-July 1944."
- (e) Overlord: SAC Dispatch: 5pp summary.

File 37

A small file of **correspondence** of David Irving with British, American and Canadian generals, 1979-80. Also address lists of American and Canadian generals, and some acid comments of former WAC's on passages in Irving's book about them.

File 38

A file of American and other documents giving accurate **names and ranks** of officers in ETO. These include a February 1945 Eisenhower evaluation of top 38 American officers; April 1944 Roster of General Officers in ETO, including date of rank and assignment; handwritten list of names and 1978 addresses of officers holding principal positions in Canadian Army in NW Europe, 1945/45; a May 1944 List of SHAEF officers who have complete knowledge of Overlord; a list of American officers billeted at Hotel George V in Paris, March 1945; an ETOUSA, June 1945; lists of senior U.S. navy and army officers assigned to North Africa, June 1943; 24 SHAEF names on set of china presented to Eisenhower, November 1945; SHAEF telephone directory, June 1944; ETO Order of Battle, January 1944; Joint Chiefs of Staff and secretariat listed.

File 39

A small file of materials from the papers of Air Marshal J.M. **Robb**, including a diary of January 20, 1945, with a vivid pen picture of SHAEF life.

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