Papers of

STEPHEN T. EARLY

1933-1951

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Stephen T. Early Papers

Stephen Tyree Early (August 27, 1889-August 11, 1951) met
Franklin D. Roosevelt while covering the 1912 Democratic Convention
as a reporter for the United Press. From 1913 to 1917 Early was
the Associated Press correspondent covering the Navy Department,
during which time his acquaintance with Roosevelt and Louis Howe
grew. After serving in World War I with an Infantry Regiment and
the <u>Stars and Stripes</u> he returned to the United States and was
asked by Roosevelt to be the advance man for the 1920 Vice Presidential campaign.

After the election Early returned to the Associated Press, and in 1927 became the Washington representative of Paramount News.

After the election of 1932, Franklin Roosevelt asked him to serve as one of the White House Secretaries, and be responsible for press relations. Early held that post throughout the Roosevelt years, leaving government service June 1, 1945 to become Vice President of Pullman, Inc. He returned to the government as Under Secretary, later Deputy Secretary of Defense from April 1949 to June 1950. In December 1950 Early was briefly Press Secretary to President Truman, filling in after the sudden death of Charles G. Ross.

The papers of Stephen T. Early cover primarily the Roosevelt Presidency and reflect his activities as Press Secretary. The material relates predominately to press and radio matters, but also includes some political correspondence, personal correspondence,

and his work with Pullman and the Department of Defense. The papers are organized into 10 series, as follows:

1. <u>Correspondence</u>: 22 boxes, arranged alphabetically by surname of correspondent.

This material consists of incoming and outgoing letters and memoranda, and is cross referenced, both to President Roosevelt's papers and other series of the Early papers. Cross references to "Mr. Early's file downstairs" or "Mr. Early's Confidential File" are references to Early's Subject File. (See entry 3, below). Notations "Sent to Grace" indicate the material is in the President's Official File or the President's Personal File. Material which had significance to Early personally was withdrawn and pasted in the scrapbooks. These usually included letters of congratulations, birthday and Christmas cards, etc. In most cases, copies were made of significant letters withdrawn, and the copy left in the files.

2. <u>Memoranda</u>: 2 boxes, arranged alphabetically by surname of correspondent.

This material consists of incoming and outgoing inter-office memoranda with other members of the White House staff and the President. These deal mostly with the routine functions of the staff.

3. Subject File: 15 boxes, arranged alphabetically by subject.

This material consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence, clippings, and processed material. While at the White House, these files were retired to an area outside Early's office, and thus were not considered essential for day-to-day operations or non-current.

4. Addresses and Articles: 2 boxes, filed chronologically.

This material consists of drafts, reading copies, background material and correspondence relating to speeches or articles by Early or about him.

- 5. <u>Press Conferences by S.T. Early</u>: 3 boxes, filed chronologically.

 This material consists of transcripts of press conferences given
 by Early (but not those where the President was present) between 1939
 and 1945.
- Press Releases: 10 boxes, arranged chronologically.

 This material consists of bound copies of press releases issued by the White House during the Roosevelt Administrations.
- 7. <u>Diaries</u>: 4 loose leaf volumes, arranged chronologically.

 These daily diaries reflect Early's activities as they related to President Roosevelt and the White House Staff between March 4, 1934 and December 31, 1939.
 - 8. Scrapbooks: 24 volumes, arranged chronologically.

These volumes contain letters, postcards, telegrams, photographs, newsclippings and memorabilia. The letters have been withdrawn from the files, and are cross referenced in the correspondence files. The first volume covers Early's military career during World War I and newspaper career during the 1920's. A special volume is devoted to the "Sloan Incident," and the last three volumes cover his career after leaving the White House.

9. Files--Pullman, Inc.: 2 boxes, arranged by subject.

This material consists of Mr. Early's personal correspondence, speeches and articles while Vice President of Pullman, Inc., between June, 1945 and April, 1949, and again between July, 1950 and August, 1951.

10. <u>Files--Department of Defense</u>: 9 boxes, 1 bound volume, arranged by subject.

This material consists of personal correspondence, speeches and articles while Under Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, and material relating to Early's service on the American National Red Cross Board of Governors and the President's Advisory Committee on Management Improvement. Also included is material relating to Mr. Early's death and burial.

In addition to the papers, a large photograph collection is available. Photographs removed from the files will be found in The Early photograph collection.

Literary property rights in the papers have been assigned to the United States Government.

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