

Finding Aid for the New York State Governor W. Averell Harriman Pre-Gubernatorial Files series.

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Online Finding Aid Record:

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Overview of Records

Repository:

New York State Archives

Summary:

This series documents W. Averell Harriman's business and political endeavors between 1950 and 1954 leading up to his candidacy for governor of New York State. Records include articles, speeches, correspondence, reports, and campaign material.

Creator:

New York (State). Counsel to the Governor.

Title:

New York State Governor W. Averell Harriman pre-gubernatorial files

Inclusive Dates:

1950-1954

Series Number:

B2342

Arrangement:

Unarranged.

Administrative History:

Before W. Averell Harriman became the governor of New York, he held a variety of positions both domestically and internationally. He was a businessman in the banking industry and worked as Vice-President and then Director of the Union Pacific Railroad in the United States. He also went on to represent the United States as a minister and ambassador to Great Britain and to the Soviet Union. He worked as a special assistant to President Harry Truman for two years from 1950-1951, and was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President in 1952.

Scope and Contact Note:

This series documents W. Averell Harriman's business and political endeavors between 1950 and 1954 leading up to his candidacy as governor of New York State. The records include printed copies of articles written and speeches delivered by Harriman during 1952 and 1953; correspondence and documents relating to the Thomas K. Finletter study and policy group, 1953-1954; correspondence with Leon H. Keyserling and copies of Mr. Keyserling's speeches and reports, 1953-1954; correspondence with the Council of Foreign Relations, Inc., of which Harriman was a director, 1953-1954; and campaign material, sample ballots, newspaper clippings, and "Harriman for President" press releases relating to the 1952 Washington, D.C. presidential primary.

Use of Records:

Access Restrictions:

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

Related Information:

Related Materials:

Series B1947, Campaign records of Governor W. Averell Harriman, contains related records.

Other Finding Aids:

Folder list is available at the repository.

Access Terms:

Subjects:

- Governors--New York (State)

New York State Archives - <http://www.archives.nysed.gov>

- Presidential campaigns
- Political campaigns
- Governors

Corporate Names:

- New York State Archives

Personal Names:

- Harriman, W. Averell (William Averell), 1891-1986.
- Keyserling, Leon H. (Leon Hirsch), 1908-1987.
- Finletter, Thomas K. (Thomas Knight), 1893-1980.

Genres:

- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Articles
- Speeches
- Reports
- Correspondence
- Press releases

Geographic Names:

- New York (State)
- New York (State)--Politics and government

Functions:

- Campaigning

Detailed Description:

Contact repository for copy with container list information.