

Guide to the Walter Bedell Smith Papers

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Collection Overview

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TITLE: Walter Bedell Smith papers

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SUMMARY: Correspondence and writings of Walter Bedell Smith, relating to *My Three Years in Moscow*, a book published in 1950.

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Administrative Information

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Walter Bedell Smith Papers (MS 388). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 5, 1895, Walter Bedell Smith graduated from various military schools before graduating from Army War College in 1937. He was an army officer from 1910 to 1945, becoming major general in 1945 and later, general. He served with General Staff Corps in 1940 and was secretary for the U.S. Combined Chiefs of Staff and U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1941 and 1942. He was Chief of Staff for the Allied Force Headquarters in North Africa between 1942 and 1944. Between 1946 and 1949, he served as U.S. ambassador to the U.S.S.R. He was then director of the Central Intelligence Agency between 1950 and 1953, then becoming Undersecretary of State until 1954. He was also a member of the boards of several corporations. Smith died on August 9, 1961, and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence and writings of Walter Bedell Smith, relating to *My Three Years in Moscow*, a book published in 1950.

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| b. 1 | Correspondence with the Department of State relating to clearance for publication | 1949 August-November |
| b. 1 | Miscellaneous correspondence, and list of Army officers | 1949 July-Dec, 1950 September |
| b. 1 | [Early notes and drafts] English | |
| b. 1 | Audiograph dictating discs | 1949 |
| b. 1 | Typed notes with MS corrections, some transcribed with dictating discs | 1949 |
| b. 1 | Typed notes with MS corrections: miscellaneous numbered drafts | 1949 |
| b. 1 | [First complete draft?] English | |
| b. 1 | Chapters I-XII: corrected typescript | 1949 |
| b. 2 | Articles: manuscripts, typescripts, and research material for quotations [some of this series may be out of order] | 1949 |
| b. 2 | Introductory material, Articles I-VIII | 1949 |
| b. 3 | Articles IX-XII | 1949 |
| b. 3 | [Final draft?]: typescript English | |
| b. 3 | Chapters I-XII (2 copies) | 1949 |
| b. 3 | Articles I-VII | 1949 |
| b. 4 | Articles VIII-XII | 1949 |

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.

Geographic Names

Soviet Union -- Description and travel
United States -- Foreign relations
United States -- Officials and employees in
foreign countries

Subjects

Diplomats

Names

Smith, Walter Bedell, 1895-1961

Corporate Body

United States. Department of State