

## COLLECTION DETAILS and FOLDER TITLE LIST

### Collection: Papers of George Ball, 1963 - 1975 [NAID 35300981]

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## PERSONAL PAPERS OF GEORGE W. BALL

**For list of folder titles, see page 3.**

**Creator:** Ball, George W. (George Wildman), 1909-1994

### **Biographical sketch:**

George Wildman Ball (1909-1994) graduated from Northwestern University in 1930, and received his J.D. in 1933. He was admitted to the Illinois bar the following year. Ball began his career of government service working in the General Counsel's Office of the U.S. Department of Treasury from 1933 to 1935. As a government official, he also served in the Lend Lease Administration, which later became the Foreign Economic Administration, from 1942 to 1944). From 1944 to 1945, he was Director of the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey in London, England, and briefly following World War II, served as General Counsel for the French Supply Council in Washington, D.C., from 1945 to 1946. Ball became the Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs in 1961, and from 1961 to 1966, served as the Under Secretary of State. He also served as permanent U.S. representative to the United Nations.

### **Scope and content note:**

The Papers of George Ball consist of notes of his telephone conversations while Under Secretary of State during the Johnson presidency, 1963-1966. The notes reflect Ball's involvement in many of the major foreign policy issues of the Johnson presidency, including Vietnam, the Dominican intervention, the Cyprus crisis, and foreign economic policy. Included are notes from conversations with President Johnson, National Security Advisor McGeorge Bundy, journalist James Reston, and numerous State Department and other agency officials. In addition, as noted below, one folder contains notes made during the Kennedy presidency.

Box 7 consists entirely of notes of Ball's telephone conversations dealing with Vietnam. It was opened for research on August 14, 1992, with the exception of the first folder in box 7, which includes notes dating from the Kennedy presidency. This folder was opened for research on June 24, 1993.

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The material in box 7 was not included with the collection when it was originally donated to the library by Mr. Ball, nor was there any other file of Vietnam telephone conversations in the collection. Other evidence, however, such as David DiLeo's footnotes in his book, *George Ball, Vietnam and the Rethinking of Containment*, suggested that such a file existed.

Discussions with Professor James Bill of William and Mary College, who wrote a biography of Mr. Ball, revealed that he had seen some Vietnam telephone conversations while conducting research at Mr. Ball's home. When he next visited Mr. Ball's home, Professor Bill was able to locate the Vietnam telephone conversations among Mr. Ball's papers in his basement, and, with Mr. Ball's approval, Professor Bill shipped them to the library.

The Vietnam telephone conversations were contained in two three-ring binders titled "Vietnam I" and "Vietnam II." The first portion of "Vietnam I" consisted of telephone conversations dated prior to November 22, 1963. The originals of these telephone conversations were shipped to the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. Copies have been made available at the Johnson Library.

In addition to the material in box 7, the following telephone conversations in Ball's papers include references to Vietnam and Southeast Asia and are not duplicated in box 7. The "Misc." folder is a particularly rich source on Vietnam. Included in it are notes of several of Mr. Ball's telephone conversations about the war with James Reston.

- Date range of collection: 1963-1975
- 2 linear feet, 11 linear inches
- Available for research. (Open 10/24/91)
- 1 series

# FOLDER TITLE LIST

Box Number	Folder Title	Date Range
1	AID	[12/16/63 - 10/7/65]
1	Africa: general	[6/17/64 - 8/9/66]
1	Agriculture I (including beef)	[12/19/63] - 7/31/64
1	Agriculture II	[8/3/64 - 11/20/65]
1	Algeria	[6/18/65 - 1/25/66]
1	Alliance for Progress	[5/11/64]
1	Argentina	[7/2/64 - 6/28/66]
1	A-Tests	[8/1/66]
1	Australia	[1/24/64 - 7/11/66]
1	GB: Departure	[5/4/66]
1	Balance of Payments, II	[12/4/63 - 9/26/66]
1	Beef	[1/3/64 - 8/18/64]
1	Belgium	[5/19/66 - 8/17/66]
1	Bilderberg	[12/17/63 - 1/27/65]
1	Bolivia	[12/12/63]
1	Brazil	[3/30/64 - 4/21/66]
1	Britain II	[12/2/63] - 11/23/64
1	Britain III	11/24/64 - 12/31/65
1	Britain IV	1/1/66 - [9/28/66]
1	British Guiana	[3/2/64]
1	Bulgaria	[4/19/66]
1	Burma	[3/23/66 - 9/10/66]
1	Burundi	[2/1/65]
1	Business Interests - See also Trade, Commercial Policy	[4/9/64]
1	Cambodia	[12/9/63 - 6/26/66]
1	Canada I	[12/12/63 - 12/15/64]
1	Canada II	[1/6/65 - 8/19/66]
2	Ceylon	[7/27/65]
2	Chile	[5/12/64 - 11/18/65]
2	China (Peking)	[1/21/64 - 7/22/66]
2	China (Taiwan)	[1/21/64 - 5/25/66]
2	Colombia	[4/16/64 - 8/25/66]
2	Commercial Policy	[4/16/64 - 1/19/65]
2	Common Market II	[4/9/64 - 2/15/66]
2	Congo II	[6/1/64 - 11/6/64]
2	Congo III	[11/7/64 - 3/17/66]
2	Congress II	[12/5/63] - 7/31/64
2	Congress, etc. III	8/3/64 - 10/8/65
2	Congress, etc. IV	[10/22/65 - 9/8/66]
2	Costa Rica	[7/10/64]
2	Cuba II	[12/12/63 - 5/30/66]
2	Cyprus Pre-Cyprus Trip	[1/25/64 - 2/8/64]
3	Cyprus I	[2/16/64 - 5/29/64]
3	Cyprus II	[6/1/64 - 12/29/64]
3	Cyprus III	[3/6/65 - 11/19/65]
3	Disarmament	[4/18/64 - 8/16/66]
3	Dominican Republic	[4/28/65 - 6/25/65]
3	Dominican Republic II	[9/15/65 - 7/11/66]
3	East West Trade	[1/23/64 - 7/12/66]
3	EFTA	[11/3/64 - 4/18/66]
3	Ethiopia	[12/19/64]
3	Export - Import Bank	[1/21/64 - 8/16/66]
3	Foreign Aid (DLF)	[1/21/64 - 8/16/66]
3	France I	[1/21/64] - 6/1/64
3	France II	6/1/64 - [9/15/66]
4	GATT	[12/17/64]
4	General I	[12/2/63 - 12/22/64]
4	General II	[1/12/65 - 9/22/66]
4	Germany (E.)	[12/29/64]

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4	Germany, West II	[11/24/63 - 9/28/66]
4	Ghana/Volta Project	[7/31/64 - 4/2/66]
4	Greece	[1/64 - 4/19/66]
4	Haiti	[5/3/65 - 10/8/65]
4	Honduras	[12/12/63]
4	Hungary	[4/9/64 - 6/20/66]
4	ILO	[6/1/66 - 6/22/66]
4	IMF	[5/9/64 - 4/28/65]
4	India	[5/27/64 - 8/16/66]
4	Indonesia	[4/12/64 - 11/10/65]
4	Iran	[2/14/65 - 4/26/66]
4	Israel	[5/1/64 - 9/29/65; 6/20/75]
4	Italy	[12/6/63 - 9/14/66]
4	Japan	[12/3/63 - 12/31/65]
4	LBJ First Steps	[11/23/63 - 12/14/63]
4	Jordan	[4/14/64 - 3/12/65]
4	Kennedy, John F., Funeral Arrangements	11/23/63-11/25/63
4	Kennedy Round	[4/30/64 - 8/3/66]
4	Kenya	[1/26/64]
4	Laos	[4/19/64 - 11/12/65]
4	Latin America	[12/2/63 - 7/5/66]
4	Libya	[6/17/64 - 1/28/65]
4	Malaysia	[2/8/65 - 8/23/65]
4	Misc.	[1/10/64 - 9/22/66]
4	MLF	[12/2/63 - 12/64]
4	MLF II	[1/8/65 - 4/8/66]
4	NATO I	[3/19/64 - 12/2/63]
4	NATO II	1/65 - [8/3/66]
4	New Zealand	[1963 - 1964]
4	Nigeria	[1/20/65]
4	OAU (Organization for African Unity)	[9/23/64]
4	OECD	[8/4/65 - 11/19/65]
4	Oswald, Lee Harvey	11/23/63 - 10/2/64
4	Outer Mongolia	[7/18/66]
5	Pakistan	[4/1/64 - 8/16/66]
5	Panama	[12/17/63 - 7/7/66]
5	Peace Corps	[1/4/64 - 1/18/66]
5	People and Positions II	[11/27/63 - 12/6/64]
5	People and Positions III	2/18/64 - 3/17/66
5	People and Positions IV	[3/18/66 - 9/28/66]
5	Philippines	[11/16/65 - 9/22/66]
5	Poland	[1/23/64 - 4/26/66]
5	Portugal	[6/29/64 - 6/3/66]
6	Presidential Telcons	[1/17/65 - 6/25/66]
6	Rumania	[5/9/64 - 7/29/65]
6	S. Rhodesia	[10/2/65 - 5/10/66]
6	Saudi Arabia	[12/17/63 - 6/24/66]
6	Singapore	[9/15/65 - 9/23/65]
6	South Africa	[2/5/64 - 7/12/66]
6	Spain	[1/26/64]
6	Tanzania	[9/2/64 - 6/15/65]
6	Textiles II	[12/7/63 - 12/1/65]
6	Thailand	[5/19/64 - 9/13/66]
6	Trade II (including oil in general, textiles removed to own file)	[12/19/63 - 1/4/66]
6	Trade Legislation, etc. III	[12/3/63 - 8/3/65]
6	Tunisia (Bizerte)	[3/17/65 - 5/25/66]
6	Turkey	[1/1/64 - 6/3/66]
6	UAR	[2/20/64 - 2/2/66]
6	UN; see also under subject and country files, particularly Congo	[12/12/63 - 7/18/66]

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6	(General) US and Europe	[11/24/63 - 5/31/66]
6	USSR II	[11/24/63 - 10/29/64]
6	USSR III	[1/21/65 - 9/22/66]
6	Venezuela	[12/5/63 - 6/7/66]
6	Yemen	[4/9/64 - 2/23/66]
6	Yugoslavia	[11/27/63 - 3/24/65]
6	Zambia	[9/24/64 - 11/20/65]
6	Zanzibar	[2/19/64]
7	Vietnam I	[1/15/62 - 10/04/63]
7	Vietnam I	[12/9/63 - 12/15/64]
7	Vietnam I	[1/5/65 - 5/24/65]
7	Vietnam II	[5/26/65 - 10/30/65]
7	Vietnam II	[11/2/65 - 12/30/65]
7	Vietnam II	[1/3/66 - 3/22/66]
7	Vietnam II	[4/4/66 - 9/28/66]