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PERSONAL PAPERS OF CHESTER L. COOPER

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Creator: Cooper, Chester Lawrence, 1917-2005

Biographical sketch:

Chester Lawrence Cooper was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on January 13, 1917. He earned degrees from New York University and American University. He served as Assistant Deputy Director at Central Intelligence Agency from 1947 to 1962, and held senior posts at the National Security Council, State Department, Institute for Defense Analyses, and several organizations that focused on environmental and energy issues. He also worked with Japan's government on environmental questions. He died in Washington, D.C., on October 30, 2005.

Scope and content note:

This collection consists of speeches, articles, and research files pertaining to the Vietnam War created by Chester L. Cooper during his career as a diplomat and authority on Vietnam and Cold War policy. The series includes articles from leading American journals and newspapers, research files from his 1971 book, *The Lost Crusade: America in Vietnam*, handwritten notes, and book drafts from unpublished works.

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| 1 | Missed Opportunities?: Former U.S. and Vietnamese Leaders Reexamine the Vietnam War, 1961-68 [1997] |
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| 1 | Speech Material |
| 1 | Vietnam Speech 2/15/01 |
| 1 | The Quarterly Journal of Military History, Autumn 1998, Volume 11, No.1 |
| 1 | Hanoi Meeting 6/19-24/1997 |
| 1 | Kennedy and Vietnam |
| 2 | Missed Opportunities [corrected version] |
| 2 | Ibid. |
| 2 | Vietnam – White Oak 12/99 |
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| 2 | Vietnam |
| 2 | Vietnam Source Material |
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| 3 | Pilgrimage to Hanoi, Washington Post 6/29/97, NYT McNamara |
| 3 | Bellagio [Italy] VN 7/27-31/98 |
| 3 | White House-Intelligence-Vietnam, April 1996 |
| 3 | White House Trip with Bundy, Saigon, Feb. 1965 |
| 3 | Vietnam General |
| 3 | China-Vietnam Relations |
| 3 | Vietnam Feb. 7-8, 1998 |
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| 3 | [loose documents] |
| 4 | Vietnam, June 1997, Feb. 1998 |
| 4 | The Johnson Years: A Vietnam Roundtable |
| 4 | Pennsylvania to Paris.... |
| 4 | [loose documents] |
| 4 | Vietnam Lecture (Overheads) |
| 5 | Vietnam Retro Hanoi, Correspondence, Admin., June 1997 |
| 5 | Vietnam Retro – Harvard, 9-13-1996 |
| 5 | CIA Documents, Declassified - 1954 |
| 5 | CIA Documents, Declassified – 1961-65 |
| 5 | CIA Documents, Declassified – 1966-67, 1998 |
| 5 | JFK/Vietnam Ms |
| 5 | Ending War in Vietnam, Jan. 1971, unpublished |
| 6 | Missed Opportunities |
| 6 | [Frederik Logevall's Choosing War and A.J. Langguth's "Our Vietnam: The War 1954-1975"] |
| 7 | Speech, [China and World Security] – China Symposium, New York: Mar., '69 |
| 7 | Speech, [Vietnam and After] – University of Indiana: May, '68 |
| 7 | Speech, [Vietnam – Reflections Through a Bloodshot Eye] – Overseas Writers: Mar., '68 |
| 7 | Speech, [The Policy Maker and Mainland China] – CFR: 6/10/66 |
| 7 | Speech, [SEA as Seen from Penn. Ave.] – IDA: April, '66 |
| 7 | Speech, [US Military Policy in Viet Nam] – GWU, April, '66 |
| 7 | Run, Henry! Letter to Washington Post: 27 Feb 1978 |
| 7 | Keep Chasity at Home – Washington Post: 6/14/89 |
| 7 | Washington Post: 4/21/75 Asylum for Thieu? |
| 7 | Washington Post: 1/22/78 – Hubert Humphrey |
| 7 | Peace or Disengage Washington Post: Nov '72 |
| 7 | "Ultra" Washington Post Nov 29, 74 |
| 7 | New York Times Travel Pieces |
| 7 | Foreign Policy – Gents in Waiting |

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| 7 | Foreign Policy – May, 1975 - Regrets |
| 7 | Foreign Policy – Aug '75 Jet Lag |
| 7 | Kissinger Outlook, Washington Post: 3/18/79 |
| 7 | International Energy Speech "Malaise" – Washington Post: 12/30/79 |
| 7 | "Dreams of the China Trade" – Washington Post: Feb 26, '79 |
| 7 | Foreign Policy – March, 77 "Ou Sont les Plumes de Détente" |
| 8 | "CIA and Policy" – Foreign Affairs: [January, 1972] |
| 8 | Vietnam: The Complexities of Negotiation – Foreign Affairs 4/68 |
| 8 | [The Washington Monthly: March, 1971] |
| 8 | Speech - Wingspread (SEA) SEP '65 [The Challenging Issues in SE Asia] |
| 8 | Speech, [The Complexities of Negotiation] – CFR Dec '67 |
| 8 | Speech, [A Reappraisal of Strategic Issues] – Carleton College: Dec 1968 |
| 8 | Speech – World Affairs Forum Dec, '71 |
| 8 | Speech, America and Asia in the '70s – World Affairs Forum: 12/2/71 |
| 8 | "Sarajevo – 1965?" – Washington Post 12/11/75 |
| 8 | Articles - Published |
| 8 | Surplus Children of VN NYT 11 July '73 |
| 8 | American US Policy re Covert Intell – Commission on Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy (Nov. 1974) |
| 8 | Travel pieces – [Scotland, Highland England, Great Slave Lake] |
| 8 | Nuclear Hostage – Foreign Policy (Fall 1978) |
| 8 | "Malaise" – Foreign Policy (Winter 1979) |
| 8 | "Electoral Options Vietnam" NY Times OpEd (March 1971) |
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| 8 | NY Times – Sept 8 1975 Geneva – First in War, Peace, Vermouth (also Herald Tribune) |
| 8 | Pilgrimage to Hanoi Washington Post Outlook, 29 June 1997 |
| 8 | HHH & Bombing NY Times 3 Feb 72 |
| 8 | New Republic – America's Achilles Heel (Apr 1975) |
| 8 | Letters to Editor, NYT – Washington Post |
| 8 | Billions for the Few, NY Times (4 Apr. 1974) |
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| 8 | Nightmare/Persian Gulf (9 Sept 1987) NY Times Letter – There'll Always be an England |
| 8 | POWs – Washington Post, Oct, '72 |
| 8 | Senate Foreign Relations Test 3/72 |
| 9 | Iona – NY Times – Duke of Argyll's Chutzpah: Mar 20, 1979 |
| 9 | IIASA "Oasis in the Desert" |
| 9 | The Shah |
| 9 | Cosmos Article |
| 9 | Unpublished Articles |
| 9 | Kissinger and Subponeas L.A. Times, Nov 21, 1975 |
| 9 | Vietnam Chapter, Orbis book, 1975 |
| 9 | Negots – Baltimore Sun 4/68 |
| 9 | L.A. Times VN Postlude May 4, '75 |
| 9 | Who Blew What, When? Christian Science Monitor 9/72 |
| 9 | Washington Post – Fly Now, Pay Later Sept 7, 1975 |
| 9 | Speeches, Lectures |
| 9 | Smithsonian Lecture 5/12/76 "Constraints – Not Limits" |
| 9 | UN Day Speech, OR Nov 3, '77 |
| 9 | Speech - Presbyterian Church VN Apr, '71 |
| 9 | Speech – Auburn, Ala Nov, '72 – Growth |
| 9 | Speech – Airlie House Nov, '71 |
| 9 | Speech - CFR Nov '78 |
| 9 | Speech – CIA April '66 |
| 9 | Speech – Overseas Writers May '66 |
| 10 | [Correspondence, 1954, 1966-1979] |
| 10 | [Notes for book, maps, photographs] |
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| 11 | "CRS, Cooper Interview Re Vietnam 1986" |
| 11 | [Various loose materials, related to Vietnam] |
| 11 | [Loose materials inserted into notebook "The Lost Crusade"] |
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