

The Allard K. Lowenstein Papers

1924

A Guide to the Collection

Allard K. Lowenstein

THE PAPERS

The Allard K. Lowenstein papers have been arranged into ten series of records, with each series divided further into a number of subseries.

Series 1 Correspondence

- Subseries 1 General
 2 Routine

Series 2 Activities Files

- Subseries 1 Ethical Culture School
 2 Horace Mann School for Boys
 3 University of North Carolina
 4 Encampment for Citizenship
 5 Frank P. Graham legislative assistant
 6 U.S. National Student Association
 7 Yale University
 8 United States Army
 9 Collegiate Council for the United Nations
 10 Hubert H. Humphrey foreign policy assistant
 11 South West Africa
 12 Stanford University
 13 North Carolina State University
 14 Civil rights movement
 15 Americans for a Reappraisal of Far Eastern Policy
 16 Committee on Free Elections in the Dominican Republic
 17 National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy
 18 Southern Christian Leadership Conference
 19 South Vietnam elections
 20 City College of New York
 21 Post-congressional teaching positions
 22 Americans for Democratic Action
 23 Democratic National Committee
 24 Robert F. Kennedy assassination study
 25 Edmund G. Brown, Jr. political consultant
 26 United Nations appointments
 27 Zimbabwe Rhodesia
 28 Law offices
 29 Other activities and organizations

Series 3 Political Campaigns

- Subseries 1 Students for Stevenson
 2 Young Democrats
 3 New York Reform Democrats
 4 Ryan for Mayor
 5 New York 19th Congressional District
 6 "Dump Johnson"
 7 New York 5th C.D., 1968
 8 New York 5th C.D., 1970
 9 "Dump Nixon"
 10 New York 14th C.D.

- 11 United States Senate
 - 12 New York 5th C.D., 1974
 - 13 New York 5th C.D., 1976
 - 14 New York 18th C.D.
 - 15 Other campaigns
- Series 4 United States Congress**
- Subseries 1 Personal correspondence
 - 2 Constituent correspondence
 - 3 District files
 - 4 Committee files
 - 5 House bills
 - 6 Press files
 - 7 Administrative files
- Series 5 Writings**
- Subseries 1 By Lowenstein
 - 2 About Lowenstein
- Series 6 Research Files**
- Subseries 1 Pre-congressional
 - 2 Post-congressional
- Series 7 Public Appearances**
- Subseries 1 Promotional material
 - 2 Correspondence
 - 3 Speeches
 - 4 Interviews and other appearances
- Series 8 Scheduling Files**
- Subseries 1 Daily schedules
 - 2 Appointment books
 - 3 Addresses and telephone messages
 - 4 Invitations and programs
- Series 9 Personal Papers**
- Subseries 1 Biographical material and testimonials
 - 2 Family papers
 - 3 Financial and administrative records
 - 4 Diaries and scrapbooks
 - 5 Miscellaneous
- Series 10 Audio-Visual Material**
- Subseries 1 Pictures
 - 2 Sound recordings
 - 3 Videotapes and films

The Lowenstein papers were housed originally in over six hundred cubic-foot boxes. Some of the papers had undergone preliminary arrangement, such as United Nations records (Subseries 2.26), congressional papers (Series 4), and several of the campaign and research files (Series 3 and 6, respectively). The vast majority of these

records, however, were in no apparent order. Materials within most of the boxes were disordered and were unrelated to one another. Several had been damaged by water, mold, and overall lack of care. For these reasons, the arrangement described above was imposed on the papers. Series of records that had already been arranged to some degree were kept in their original order and incorporated into the above series and subseries.

The records in each series of the Lowenstein papers are interrelated with those in other series. Documentation of Lowenstein's role in the antiwar movement, for example, can be found in every series of the collection. The series and subseries descriptions which follow clarify the various ways in which the contents of materials throughout the collection are interconnected.

Approximately 280 cubic feet of records have been removed from the original collection of Lowenstein's papers. A great majority of these are duplicate materials. Also discarded were materials that are widely available in research libraries, such as complete issues of the *New York Times* and other newspapers, *Life* and *Look* magazines, and U.S. Government documents. Further, newspaper clippings that were unrelated to Lowenstein's activities were removed from the collection. All constituent case files were removed from Lowenstein's congressional papers. Several files of Gregory Stone, Lowenstein's administrative assistant, were removed (for those that were kept in the collection, see Subseries 6.2). Some materials were found to be more suitable for other libraries and archives. Finally, several boxes of Lowenstein's personal belongings have been removed from the original collection.

Approximately four cubic feet of records have been placed under restriction. Included among the restricted materials are letters of recommendation, resumes, security-classified materials, records on the Robert Kennedy assassination study, and a few items which contain confidential or personal information on living individuals. For further information on restricted materials, the researcher should consult the following series and subseries descriptions, as well as the more comprehensive inventory to the Allard K. Lowenstein papers.

The inventory, which elaborates on information contained in this guide and includes a complete container list for the Lowenstein papers, is available for research use at the Southern Historical Collection.

- Boxes 34-36** **Subseries 2.22. Americans for Democratic Action, 1947-1957; 1966-1980;**
2.5 cu. ft. (ca. 2,000 items)
- Correspondence, memoranda, minutes, publications, and other records relating to Lowenstein's work on behalf of ADA. Lowenstein first became involved in the organization—especially the student group called Students for Democratic Action—at the time of its formation in 1947. Most of Subseries 2.22, however, dates from after 1966, when Lowenstein became a vice-chairman and member of ADA's national board. Much of this subseries deals with Lowenstein's term as ADA national chairman from 1971-1973.
- This subseries documents policy priorities of ADA from the mid-1960s through the early 1970s, such as the Vietnam War, the "Dump Johnson" movement, civil rights, economic policy, Democratic Party reform, the registration of young voters, the McGovern presidential campaign of 1972, and the Middle East.
- Box 36** **Subseries 2.23. Democratic National Committee, 1972-1976**
ca. 200 items
- Lists, correspondence, memoranda, minutes, and newsletters relating to Lowenstein's tenure on the Democratic National Committee, and his participation in the New Democratic Coalition.
- Boxes 36-40** **Subseries 2.24. Robert F. Kennedy assassination study, 1975-1976**
4.25 cu. ft. (ca. 3,400 items)
- Drafts and final copies of writings, reports, memoranda, correspondence, press clippings, affidavits and other legal records, and notes pertaining to the efforts of Lowenstein and others to reopen the investigation into the assassination of Robert Kennedy. Approximately half the records in Subseries 2.24, including drafts of a book Lowenstein and others were planning to publish, are restricted, but may be used with the permission of the donor.
- Box 41** **Subseries 2.25. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. political consultant, 1975**
ca. 200 items
- Memoranda, office lists, correspondence, and reports on Lowenstein's involvement during the Summer of 1975 in the political and legislative activities of newly-elected California Governor Jerry Brown.
- Boxes 41-49** **Subseries 2.26. United Nations appointments, 1977-1978**
8.75 cu. ft. (ca. 7,000 items)
- Correspondence; memoranda and reports; official U.N. and U.S. Government documents such as press releases, telegrams, reports, and memoranda; telephone messages and rough notes; and foreign press clippings on Lowenstein while he served as an American representative to the United Nations during the Carter Administration.
- These U.N. files, which shed a great deal of light on Lowenstein's role in President Carter's human rights initiatives, have been kept in their original order. The files fall under the following broad categories: