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BIOGRAPHIC NOTE

- 1919 Born, Waco, Texas
- 1943 B.S., U.S. Military Academy
- 1943-1951 U.S. Army
- 1944-1946 Office of Strategic Services
- 1946-1947 Special Assistant to Executive Officer, CIA
- 1950 M.A., Yale University
- 1950-1952 Joint American Military Advisory Group, London
- 1951 Ph.D., Yale University
- 1952-1953 International Politics Branch, U.S. European
Command Headquarters
- 1953-1954 Research Fellow, Center for International Studies,
Princeton
- 1954-1955 Research Assistant, Woodrow Wilson School
- 1956-1958 Chief, Foreign Affairs Division, Legislative
Reference Service, Library of Congress
- 1957-1961 Research Associate, Washington Center for Foreign
Policy Research and Lecturer in International
Affairs, School of Advanced International Studies
- 1958 Research Associate and Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson
School and Lecturer in International Relations,
Columbia University
- 1961-1963 Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research,
Department of State
- 1963-1964 Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs
- 1964- Professor, the Institute of War and Peace Studies,
Columbia University

BIOGRAPHIC NOTE (cont.)

Author: Strategic Intelligence and National Decisions;
To Move a Nation; The Politics of Policy Making
in Defense and Foreign Affairs; The Crouching
Future:International Politics and U.S. Foreign
Policy-A Forecast; Military Policy and National
Security; Alliance Policy in the Cold War;
NATO and the American Security; and Foreign Policy
in the Sixties.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The personal papers of Roger Hilsman cover the time period of January 1961 to March 1964.

Roger Hilsman was the Director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research [INR] at the Department of State from 1961 to 1963. He was the Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs [FE] from 1963 to March of 1964. As Director of INR Hilsman was responsible for the development and implementation of a program of research and analysis for use in the department and by other federal agencies and he was in charge of all the intelligence gathering operations for the Department of State. In this position he often worked with the CIA and Department of Defense, as well as with members of the White House staff.

As Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, Hilsman was responsible for the conduct of foreign relations in that particular area of the-world. The bureau itself is divided into the Office of East Asian Affairs, Office of Southeast Asian Affairs and the Office of Southwest Pacific Affairs.

While at INR and FE Hilsman's files show that the major concerns of his office were Vietnam, Laos and the administration of the INR.

The papers are arranged in seven series as they were received: Countries file, Subject files Chronological file, Memoranda of Conversations, Memoranda of Telephone Conversations, Daily Diaries and Appointment Books. The two series, Memoranda of Conversations and Memoranda of Telephone Calls have been closed. These transcripts, summaries and stenographic notes will be reviewed as part of the Kennedy Library's general systematic review of national security classified material under agency guidelines under the provisions of Executive Order 12065. Until that time none of these files may be made available for research use.

The researcher may also be interested in looking at the James C. Thomson papers as well as Hilsman's oral history interview, both of which are located in the Kennedy Library.

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SERIES DESCRIPTION

Box Nos.

Series

1-4

Countries file, 1/61-3/64. 4 boxes.

This series reflects Hilsman's policy making role while he was at the State Department. The largest amount of material deals with Vietnam and Laos. Subseries that do not deal with the Far East are Cuba, Ghana and the USSR. The series is arranged in alphabetical order by country chronologically within each country. National security classified documents have been withdrawn and withdrawal slips placed in the folders.

5-6

Subject series, 1/61-3/64. 1.5 boxes.

The Subject series reflects the purely administrative aspect of Hilsman's job as opposed to the policy making role reflected in the Countries series. The Administrative subseries deals with tenure as head of INR and concentrates on budgets and the reorganization proposal of 1963. The subseries Intelligence deals with many of the things that are in the Administrative subseries. The subseries General deals with many different and unrelated topics, from the Attorney General's Far East Trip to the Test Ban Treaty. The subseries Speeches are either speeches Hilsman delivered or speeches he did background work on. The series is arranged alphabetically by subject. National security classified documents have been withdrawn and withdrawal slips placed in the folders.

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Chronological file, 1/61-3/64. .25 boxes.

Memoranda either received or sent by Roger Hilsman arranged in chronological order. National security classified documents have been removed and withdrawal sheets placed in the folders.

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SERIES DESCRIPTION (cont.)

- 6 Memoranda of Conversations, 1/63-1/64. .25 box
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- 7-14 Memoranda of Telephone Conversations, 1/61-3/64.
8 boxes.
CLOSED.
- 15--16 Daily Diaries, 1/61-3/64. 1.75 boxes.
Handwritten or typed versions of
of Hilsman's appointment books. Arranged
in chronological order.
- 16-17 Appointment Books, 1958-1963. 1.25 boxes.
These are Hilsman's pocket appointment
books, his desk appointment book and his
secretary's desk appointment books.

Miscellaneous Accessions

This portion of the papers of Roger Hilsman contains material which was received by the Kennedy Library at a later date and does not necessarily fit into the main body of the collection.

The material has been placed in an unnumbered box at the end of the collection and is arranged by accession number.

A list may be found on page 15.

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COUNTRIES

- 1 Cambodia
 1963-1964
 Conversation with President, 11/20/63
- China
 Planning on Mainland Operations, 3/62
 Offshore Islands Crisis, 6/62
- Communist China
 Possible Wheat Sale, 5/62
 Refugees, 5/62
 Sino-Soviet Dispute, U.S. Overt Attitude, 5/62
 Chinese Communist Intentions, 7/63
 Policy Speech, 12/13/63
- Congo
 1959-1963
- Cuba
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 Hilsman Press Backgrounder, 8/24/62
 Chronologies of Crisis, Fall, 1962
 Ex Comm Notes, 10/62-12/62
 Missile Crisis U.S.-USSR-UN Cuba Exchanges,
 10/24/62-10/28/62
 1963
- Ghana
 12/7/62
- India
 Sino-Indian Border Clash, 1962
 Sino-Indian Border Clash, 1962, Chinese Cease-
 Fire Proposal
 Sino-Indian Border Clash, 1962, Chronology
 Sino-Indian Border Clash, 1962, Implications
 Analysis
- 2 Harriman Mission, 11/ 62
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3	Philippines Macapagal Visit, 11/63 Thailand 3/62-4/62 USSR 5/62 Vietnam Notes, 11/11/61 1/62-2/62 A Strategic Concept for South Vietnam, 2/2/62 3/1/62-7/27/62 7/28/62-1/31/63 Hilsman Trip, 12/62-1/63, Basic Report and "Eyes Only" Annex Hilsman Trip, 12/62-1/63, Memoranda for the Record Hilsman Trip, 12/62-1/63, Related Documents 2/1/63-8/21/63 R.K.G. Thompson Memoranda, 3/63 "Oppositionists," 6/63 Newsclippings, 6/63-10/63 8/22/63-8/26/63, 8/27/63

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COUNTRIES (cont.)

- 3 Vietnam (cont.)
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 8/29/63 (2 folders)
 8/30/63-8/31/63 and undated (2 folders)
- 4 9/1/63-9/10/63
 Krulak Trip Report, 9/10/63
 9/11/63-9/20/63 (3 folders)
 Action Plan, 9/16/63 (4 folders)
 9/21/63-9/26/63
 9/27/63-9/30/63
 Proposal for a U.S. Policy in South Vietnam, 9/30/63
 Undated [9/63]

SUBJECTS

- 5 Administration
 FE [Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs, Department
 of State], 5/8/63-2/25/64
 INR [Bureau of Intelligence and Research,
 Department of State] Budget FY64, Policy
 Research Studies Program
 INR Budget/FY 64, Tables
 INR Budget FY 64, Talking Paper and Notes,
 9/62-10/62
 INR, General, 8/2/62-10/19/62
 INR, Staff Lists, 1/63
 Regional Bureaus, Reorganization Proposal, 1963, General
 Attorney General's Far East Trip, 1/64
 Counterinsurgency, Fred Greene Study (PRS-1), 11/20/61
 Baguio Conferencet 3/62 [1]
 National Security, Comments on BNSP Paper, 3/62
 National Securitys Hilsman Summary of President's
 Views, 1/22/63
 Outside Contacts, Memo to White House, 3/61
 Presidential Far East Trip, Plans, 1963
 Test Ban Treaty, 7/63

[1] Baguio Conference: annual meeting of U.S. Ambassadors to countries of the Far Eastern Region, held at Baguio, Republic of the Philippines.

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5 (cont.)	Intelligence INR Personnel Considered for Transfer to CIA, 5/61 INR, Scientific Role, 1/16/63 Intelligence Methods, Proceedings of the Second Conference on, 10/15/62-10/19/62 [2] FIAB [President's Advisory Board on Foreign Intelligence, formerly Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board], Hilsman Notes, 1/25/63 Reorganization. Hilsman-Acheson Talk, 6/28/61 [3] Reorganization, Hilsman Briefing [undated] Reorganization, Hilsman Memo [undated 6/61?] Reorganization Memoranda, 6/28/61-1/2/62 Reorganization, State-CIA Relationship 5/11/61-10/19/62 USIB [United States Intelligence Board] Membership, 1962
6	Speeches Armed Forces Staff College, 5/16/63 [Tape recording only] Communist Exploitation of Violence in Transitional Societies, 8/10/62 Communist Insurgency in the Far East, 5/62 Counterinsurgency, 6/22/62 Pacific Defense Perimeter, Notes, 2/64-3/64 President's State Department Talk, 3/62 Rusk Speech for Japan, 1963, Draft Material Southeast Asia and U.S. Policy, 12/2/63 [Tape recording only] Soviet Economy, 12/11/62

CHRONOLOGICAL FILE

1961 fragment
1/62-2/62

[2] The Second Conference on Intelligence Methods was held in Washington, D.C., and was sponsored by the Joint Intelligence Bureaus of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom, and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. The first such conference was held at Manyung, the Australian Administrative Staff College at Mt. Eliza, near Melbourne, in November 1958.

[3] See also COUNTRIES, Laos, 4/62: item of 4/14/62, memorandum of telephone conversation between Roger Hilsman and Michael V. Forrestal, including discussion of U.S. intelligence reorganization plans.

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7 MEMORANDA OF TELEPHONE CALLS

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11	1/63-3/63 4/63-5/63
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15	DAILY DIARIES 1961 [fragment] 7/62 8/62 9/62 10/62 11/62 12/62 1/63 2/63 3/63 4/63 5/63 6/63 7/63 8/63 9/63

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MS 95-11	Hilsman Address at Air University War College, 9/29/94, on the Kennedy Presidency.