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Eamon de Valera
14 October 1882 – 29 August 1975

Introduction:

‘Eamon de Valera is the most significant figure in the political history of modern Ireland. This is a statement of incontrovertible historical fact, and it does not necessarily involve a laudatory judgement…If there were no other reasons for de Valera’s importance, he was at the centre of political life in this country for forty-three years, not including the fourteen year period as President. We have here a span of political power and influence virtually unparalleled in contemporary Europe and in Irish history.’

In January 1970 President Eamon de Valera wrote his last will in which he bequeathed his ‘letters manuscripts documents memoranda pamphlets newspaper files and writings’ to the Irish Province of the Orders of Friars Minor. These papers remained in the Franciscan Library, Killiney, Co. Dublin until July 1997 when they were transferred to University College Dublin Archives Department under the terms of the UCD-OFM. Partnership Agreement.

The papers are a vital source for the study of all aspects of the history of Ireland in the twentieth-century. They are of special interest to scholars researching the foundation of the modern Irish state and offer immense possibilities for enhancing historical teaching and research at all levels.

From an early stage in his career de Valera was concerned with the historical record and the future verdict of historians. In a letter written to an unidentified Franciscan on 22 June 1923 he outlined arrangements for the safekeeping, cataloguing and provision of access to his papers, in the event of his imprisonment or death. He wrote ‘It is my hope that I may be able myself to superintend the cataloguing and annotation of these papers some day. … As you know, very many of the papers – important links in the chain – have had to be destroyed. I have endeavoured to save these in order that there may be some documentary material for the history of this period and for a proper appreciation of the motives and actions of the Republican Government and Army Executive. … I need scarcely lay stress on the necessity of keeping all the papers together. They throw light one upon another and help to make understood what in isolation might be misconstrued or be altogether unintelligible.’ (P150/1698)

De Valera’s contribution to the shaping of modern Ireland has already been the subject of much historical research. Countless articles and monographs in addition to numerous biographies have been produced. However for too long much of de Valera’s career has been researched from British, American, German and Canadian archives and from other Irish collections. The task of the archivist was to present the documents recording de Valera’s political career in a systematic and ordered fashion to aid historians in their continuing study of the movement for independence and the first fifty years of the history of the Irish state. Thanks to the foresight of de Valera himself that task has been made easier.

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Arrangement of the Collection:

Eamon de Valera is the most enduring figure in the history of twentieth-century Ireland. There are few major events in Irish political history during the period in which he was not involved. In the main, the collection documents de Valera’s early career between 1916 and 1927 with additional major sections on the various rounds of negotiations with the U.K. in the 1930s, the drafting of the 1937 Constitution and the operation of neutrality during the Second World War. It should be noted that there is relatively little ‘official’ material on Fianna Fáil’s long years in government between 1938 and 1959 – the bulk of that material is to be found in the National Archives.

The papers have been arranged chronologically for the most part, rather than thematically or by dividing de Valera’s professional life into sections such as offices held, as his career was too complicated and diverse. He held a large number of offices, often simultaneously, and it is frequently impossible to completely isolate differing functions in the documents. In addition, one can rarely draw a clear distinction even between ‘personal’ and ‘official’ material – many of his colleagues were or gradually became close friends over long years of association and this duality is reflected in the papers.

However certain thematic sections have been compiled, such as the series on de Valera’s League of Nations activities in the 1930s, a series of files relating to church relations, a general election series, a series of ‘files on persons’ compiled by de Valera and the Sinn Féin series. These however, are the exception rather than the rule and the documents have largely been arranged in the sequence of their production. Observers will note, however, that contemporary documents relating to a specific event are often juxtaposed with later comments on, or reminiscences of those events. As John Bowman has observed, de Valera, throughout his political career, was preoccupied by the verdict of history. He was sensitive to criticism and rather self-righteous about his own political record. Thus in later years he often wrote brief accounts of events that shed light on the surviving contemporary documents dealing with those events – for example a memo written in later years on the reasons why he did not go to London to head the 1921 Treaty negotiations has been kept with the contemporary 1921 documents, rather than put into a separate ‘reminiscences’ section. Often these commentaries were produced sporadically over a long number of years and it was thought more appropriate to place them in the sections dealing with the specific events to which they referred.

Files on persons compiled by de Valera have been arranged in the year in which the individual concerned died if there was a predominance of material relating specifically to the death and funeral in the file. However if the individual played a significant role at a certain time for which they are chiefly remembered, the file can be found within the context of that role e.g. Liam Pedlar, appointed military attaché to the U.S.A. in September 1924, died in December 1963, but his file can be found in the section concerning Republican Representatives in the U.S.A. 1918–25.

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Biographical articles on de Valera written for publication in various newspapers and journals have generally been placed in the year in which they were originally written as they were often produced to inform the public or shed light on de Valera’s character in view of a specific event e.g. following a success or defeat in a General Election or on the occasion of a commemorative anniversary. However long series of newspaper articles and documents concerning various published biographies have been placed in a separate ‘Biographical’ category.

**Conclusion:**

In an evaluation of his life, written a few days after the death in 1956 of Kathleen O’Connell, his faithful personal secretary for thirty-seven years, de Valera reflected ‘I have had a wonderful life. … I have not achieved the things I would have wished to achieve, but I have achieved more than I would ever have dreamed of. … I have had all the things that in a human way make for happiness. … I have had as co-workers some of the finest people that God has made – noble, devoted, loyal.’ (P150/249)

The opening of the de Valera collection in full to the public for the first time will aid historians in their continuing reassessment of various aspects of twentieth century Irish history. However the collection also reveals the humanity of a man, for example in letters to his mother, step-brother and wife, whose external image has traditionally been one of cold cerebral, unyielding rectitude. In a letter to de Valera’s personal secretary Marie O’Kelly, niece of Kathleen O’Connell, written a few days after the ‘Chief’s’ death in 1975, Seán MacEntee makes his own assessment of de Valera’s character and comments ‘He set a standard in public conduct and private behaviour that those around him were led by his example to emulate. And with it, he was so simple, so human, so merry and full of fun. It must have been a wonderful experience to have been so close to him as you were; to know his little mannerisms, peculiarities and caprices, the things he liked and the things he didn’t. You must record them all; so that posterity may know of him, not just as a historic figure, as a patriot and a statesman, but as a human being who was infinitely loveable’. Hopefully the opening of his papers will ensure that posterity will know of him in all his capacities, as patriot, soldier, scholar, statesman, loving father and son.

July 2001

The core listing of the de Valera papers was carried out between 1998 and 2001 by Helen Hewson who wrote the foregoing introduction. The descriptive list was revised and edited and the papers prepared for microfilming in 2001 and 2002.
Chronology

1882
14 October: born in Manhattan, New York, only child of Vivion de Valera, born in Spain and Catherine Coll, born in Bruree, Co. Limerick, Ireland

3 December: baptised in the Church of St. Agnes, 141 East 43rd Street, New York

1885
Following his father’s death and his mother’s return to employment, he is brought to Ireland by an uncle, Edward ‘Ned’ Coll, to live at his grandmother’s home near Bruree, Co. Limerick

18 April: arrives at Cobh, Co. Cork with Uncle Edward Coll

1888–96
7 May 1888–9 October 1896: primary education at National School, Bruree, Co. Limerick

1896–98
2 November 1896–August 1898: secondary education at Christian Brothers’ School, Charleville (later renamed Ráth Luirc), Co. Cork

1897
Death of half-sister Annie Wheelwright in U.S.A. (b. 1889)

1898
September: Scholarship to Blackrock College, Dublin

1898–1900
Blackrock College, Dublin, Junior, Middle and Senior Grade examinations

1902
June: First Arts honours examinations of the Royal University

October: Mathematical Scholarship examination

1903
Second Arts examination

September: begins teaching at Rockwell College, Cashel, Co. Tipperary (until 1905)

1904
28 October: awarded B.A. by Royal University in Mathematical Physics and Mathematics (pass)

1903–16
Teaching and lecturing in Mathematics in various institutions including Blackrock College, Co. Dublin; Rockwell College, Cashel, Co. Tipperary (1903–05); Belvedere College, Dublin (1905–06); Dominican College, Eccles Street, Dublin (1906–0[8]); Holy Cross College Clonliffe, Dublin; Loreto College, Dublin; St. Mary’s Rathmines, Dublin; Training College of Our Lady of Mercy, Carysfort, Blackrock, Co. Dublin (1906–12); Castleknock College and Clareville Road, Sandymount Passionist Fathers).

1905
[July]: appointed Lecturer in Mathematics at Belvedere College, Dublin (until 1906)
1906 September: appointed Professor of Mathematics at Carysfort Training College, Blackrock (until October 1912)

1908 Joins the Gaelic League/Cuman na nGaedheal

October: joins beginners’ class in Leinster College and meets Sinéad Flanagan

1909 Summer: attends Tourmakeady Irish College

1910 8 January: marries Sinéad Flanagan, a schoolteacher and teacher of Irish

Summer 1910–19[12]: teaches in Irish language summer school on island of Tawin, Co. Galway

29 October: awarded Higher Diploma in Education by the National University of Ireland

13 December: birth of first child Vivion de Valera

1912 13 April: birth of second child Máirín de Valera

[April]: applies for Professorship in Mathematics at University College Galway, retires before appointment is made

[October]: applies unsuccessfully for position as Junior Inspector of Schools

October: appointed temporary Head of the Mathematics Department, St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth

1913 May: unsuccessfully applies for vacant Chair of Mathematical Physics in University College Cork

11 October: birth of third child Éamonn de Valera

1913 25 November: joins the Irish Volunteers, at its inaugural meeting in the Rotunda Rink, Dublin

1914 1 May: awarded B.Sc. degree automatically after foundation of the National University of Ireland

1915 Becomes Commandant of the 3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade, Irish Volunteers

Joins the Irish Republican Brotherhood (I.R.B.)

25 July: birth of fourth child, Brian de Valera
1916

24 April: as Commandant 3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade, Irish Volunteers, takes charge of the Westland Row-Grand Canal Street area, covering the south-eastern approaches to Dublin, in the Easter Rising

30 April: obeys Patrick Pearse’s order to surrender and is taken prisoner with surviving officers and men under his command (surrenders to Captain E.J. Hitzen). Lodged first at Royal Dublin Society grounds

4 May: taken from R.D.S. grounds to Richmond Barracks for trial

8 May: sentenced to death, later commuted to life imprisonment

10–17 May: detained in Mountjoy Jail, Dublin

17 May–9 June: Dartmoor Jail, Devon

June–[October]: Maidstone Jail, Kent

November–December: Lewes Jail, Sussex

3 November: birth of fifth child, Ruairí de Valera

1917

[January–June]: Maidstone Jail and Pentonville Prison

16 June: released from prison under the general amnesty

23 June–9 July: attends campaign meetings in Limerick and Clare

10 July: polling day, East Clare By-Election

11 July: elected Sinn Féin T.D. for East Clare [re-elected as Representative for East Clare at subsequent General elections until his election as President of Ireland in 1959]

25–26 October: elected President of Sinn Féin at Sinn Féin Ard Fhéis held in the Mansion House, Dublin [remained President of Sinn Féin until 1926]

27 October: elected President of the Irish Volunteers (1917–22)

1918

18 April: member of the Mansion House Conference to arrange the anti-conscription campaign

17 May: arrested in ‘German Plot’ arrests, detained in Gloucester and Lincoln Jails

3 July: Sinn Féin, the I.R.A. and other nationalist organisations are proscribed

15 August: birth of sixth child, Emer de Valera
14 December: General Election. de Valera, still in prison, returned unopposed for East Clare and defeats John Dillon leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party, in East Mayo (1918–21). Defeated in Belfast by Joe Devlin

1919

21 January: in the Mansion House Dáil Éireann meets for the first time [many of the Sinn Féin deputies, including de Valera, being absent in prison] and adopts a Declaration of Irish Independence as a Republic, a ‘Message to the Free Nations of the World’ and a ‘Democratic Programme’

3 February: escapes from Lincoln Jail, England with the aid of Michael Collins, Harry Boland and others

20 February: arrives in Ireland

1 April: attends Dáil Éireann for the first time and is elected Príomhaire (President) of Dáil Éireann with Seán T. O’Kelly as Ceann Comhairle


1919–20

June 1919–December 1920: in United States seeking financial aid, moral support and official recognition for the Irish Republic. Attends public meetings all over the country and sets up the Republican Bond Drive. Disagrees on questions of tactics and policy with some prominent Irish-American leaders, including Judge Daniel F. Cohalan and John Devoy. Establishes the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic

1919

23 June: first public appearance in America at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York

30 June: addresses Massachusetts State Legislature at Boston

19 July: made a Doctor of Philosophy, St. Ignatius College, San Francisco, California

30 July: addresses Montana State Legislature at Helena

28 August: addresses Virginia State Legislature

[15 October]: Doctor of Philosophy, Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana

11 November: first issue of the Irish Bulletin the Sinn Féin and Dáil Éireann news-sheet

1920


2 February: addresses New Jersey State Legislature

7 February: Doctor of Law, Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts
20 March: Tomás MacCurtain, Lord Mayor of Cork, is shot dead in his home

1 April: addresses Maryland State Legislature at Annapolis

4 April: addresses Delaware State Legislature at Dover

April: tours the Southern States

17 April: Doctor of Law, Loyola, New Orleans

[8 June]: Doctor of Law, St. Joseph’s College, Mobile, Alabama

9 July: Doctor of Law, St. Paul’s University, Chicago, Illinois

18 August: Síneád de Valera visits her husband in the U.S. (returns to Ireland in October)

20 October: de Valera presents the formal petition to the U.S. Government for the recognition of the Republic of Ireland as a sovereign independent state

25 October: Lord Mayor of Cork, Terence MacSwiney, dies on the 74th day of his hungerstrike in Brixton Prison, London

1 November: Kevin Barry is executed for killing a British soldier

10 December: de Valera leaves New York for Liverpool

23 December: arrives in Dublin and resumes functions as President

1921

30 March: declares the Irish Republican Army to be a ‘regular State force’ and ‘the national army of defence’ for whose actions the Republican Government is responsible

May: General Election, elected Sinn Féin T.D. for Down

21 June: de Valera urges a meeting of the Irish Hierarchy at Maynooth to issue a statement recognising the Irish Government as the legitimate government of Ireland

22 June: arrested at Glenvar, Mount Merrion Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, where he had been staying since 18 May, and taken to Portobello Barracks, Dublin, released 24 hours later

24 June: invited to London by Lloyd George ‘to explore to the utmost the possibility of a settlement’

8 July: agrees to meet Lloyd George and to discuss with him ‘on what basis such a conference as that proposed can reasonably hope to achieve the object desired’

9 July: truce proclaimed
11 July: truce between the Irish and British armed forces comes into effect

14, 15, 18, 20 July: negotiations with Lloyd George in London

21 July: de Valera informs Lloyd George that the memorandum of British proposals for a settlement delivered late on 20 July, are unacceptable

July–October: protracted correspondence regarding the terms of reference for any formal negotiations

10 August: writes to Lloyd George confirming his judgement that British Government’s proposals are unacceptable

24 August: informs Lloyd George that Dáil Éireann has rejected proposals by a unanimous vote

26 August: offers the resignation of himself and his Ministers following the election of a new Dáil. On the motion of Deputy Seán MacEoin, seconded by Deputy Richard Mulcahy, he is unanimously re-elected as ‘President of the Irish Republic’ by the Second Dáil. Lloyd George replies to de Valera’s letter of 24 August

31 August: Robert Barton and Joseph McGrath leave for Gairloch, Scotland to deliver the Dáil Cabinet’s reply to Lloyd George’s letter of 26 August

1 September: Dáil Cabinet’s reply of 30 August presented to Lloyd George at Gairloch

7 September: Lloyd George’s reply on behalf of his Cabinet to Dáil Cabinet’s letter of 30 August

14 September: five plenipotentiaries appointed by Dáil in anticipation of conference by Lloyd George

17 September: several telegrams pass between de Valera and Lloyd George

19 September: de Valera writes to Lloyd George

29 September: after ten days delay, Lloyd George’s final note of reply to letter of 19 September is telegraphed

30 September: de Valera accepts an invitation to send delegates to a conference in London ‘with a view to ascertaining how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British Empire may best be reconciled with Irish national aspirations’

11 October–6 December: Treaty negotiations in London
November: elected to the office of Chancellor of the National University of Ireland, which he retains until his death in 1975

3 December: de Valera visits Clare and Galway and makes speeches defining his Republican position


8 December: issues public statement that he cannot recommend acceptance of the Treaty

14–22 December: Dáil Éireann Treaty debates

1922

3–10 January: Dáil Éireann Treaty debates

7 January: the Anglo-Irish Treaty is approved by the Dáil by 64 votes to 57

9 January: resigns as President of Dáil Éireann but stands for re-election

10 January: defeated in vote for Presidency by 60 votes to 58. He and all anti-Treaty deputies walk out. Arthur Griffith elected President. Dáil adjourned to 11 February

14 January: establishment of Provisional Government, with Michael Collins as Chairman

21–28 January: de Valera attends the World Congress of the Irish Race in Paris

February–11 March: confrontation in Limerick between pro- and anti-Treaty forces. The Mayor of Limerick and prominent leaders from both sides including Michael Collins, de Valera, Liam Lynch, Richard Mulcahy, Eoin O’Duffy, Frank Aiken and Oscar Traynor strive to prevent an outbreak of hostilities. Both forces evacuate the city on 11 March

15 March: Cumann na Poblachta, the anti-Treaty League of the Republic formed under de Valera’s leadership

16–18 March: de Valera includes in public speeches a warning to the effect that acceptance of the Treaty by the people would interpose an Irish Government and army between the British Government and any body of Irishmen that might subsequently desire to seek complete independence by armed force

22 March: vehemently denies suggestions that his statements of 16–18 March were an incitement to civil war

26 March: members of the I.R.A. opposed to the Treaty hold an army convention in defiance of prohibition by the new Dáil Cabinet
9 April: the anti-Treaty army convention adopts a new constitution, acknowledging no responsibility to Dáil Éireann or to any political authority, and elects an Executive including Liam Lynch, Liam Mellowes and Rory O’Connor

14 April: Four Courts, Dublin, occupied by anti-Treaty forces led by Rory O’Connor. De Valera refrains from public condemnation

April–May: Dáil Peace Committee meets a number of times before the final breakdown of talks on 16 May. De Valera attends the Mansion House Conference called by the Archbishop of Dublin Dr. Edward J. Byrne and the Lord Mayor Laurence O’Neill

20 May: Dáil Éireann approves the Collins-de Valera pact signed earlier on the same day, providing that, in the general election to be held on 16 June, a national coalition panel of candidates representing both parties (pro-Treaty and anti-Treaty) in the Dáil and in the Sinn Féin organisation be sent forward

4 June: birth of seventh child, Terry (Toirleach) de Valera

14 June: in a speech in Cork, Collins virtually repudiates the Collins-de Valera pact


22 June: assassination in London of Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, military adviser to the Government of Northern Ireland and former Chief of Staff of the Imperial General Staff, leading the British authorities to demand action from the Provisional Government

24 June: general election results: 58 pro-Treaty, 36 anti-Treaty and 34 others elected. After the election the Dáil sits to formalise transfer of authority. There is another adjournment. The Dáil is prorogued on 4 August

26–28 June: Provisional Government gives orders for the bombardment of the Four Courts. De Valera declares that ‘England’s threat of war—that, and that alone—is responsible for the present situation’. Rejoins his old unit–3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade.

30 June: Four Courts garrison surrenders

July–August: de Valera undertakes his ‘Southern Tour’ of military operations in and around Carrick-on-Shannon and Clonmel

12 August: death of Arthur Griffith

22 August: Michael Collins, Commander-in-Chief- of the National Army is shot dead in an ambush at Béal na mBláth, Co. Cork. Richard Mulcahy succeeds him
25 August: William T. Cosgrave appointed Chairman of the Provisional Government, in place of Collins

15 October: the Army Emergency Powers Bill becomes effective

25 October: at the request of the executive body of the anti-Treaty forces and of the anti-Treaty members of the second Dáil elected in May 1921, de Valera accepts appointment as ‘President of the Republic and Chief Executive of the State’ and forms a council of state of 12 members and an ‘emergency’ Republican Government


17 November: first executions under the Army Emergency Powers Act take place

24 November: Erskine Childers is executed for unlawful possession of a revolver

6 December: the Constitution of the Irish Free State (Saorstát Éireann) comes into operation. T.M. Healy becomes the first Governor-General and William T. Cosgrave becomes President of the Executive Council (Cabinet)


8 December: in reprisal for Hales’ death, Rory O’Connor, Liam Mellows, Joe McKelvey and Richard Barrett are executed

1923

1 January: de Valera announces a reorganisation of Sinn Féin (of which he has continued to be President)

March–April: de Valera meets Papal Delegate Monsignor Salvatore Luzio during his mission to Ireland to examine conditions and try to find a basis for peace

10 April: I.R.A. Chief of Staff Liam Lynch shot dead on way to attend meeting of Executive in Cork

27 April: de Valera issues proclamation declaring readiness to negotiate an immediate cessation of hostilities on the basis of certain stated principles. An accompanying order signed by I.R.A. Chief of Staff Frank Aiken directs commanding officers to ‘arrange the suspension of all offensive operations as from noon Monday, April 30th’

24 May: Cease Fire Dump Arms Order issued by Frank Aiken, with an accompanying message from de Valera

15 August: de Valera arrested by Free State troops during an election campaign rally in Ennis, Co. Clare, detained for one week in Limerick Jail, before being transferred to Arbour Hill Jail
October: transferred to Kilmainham Jail

13 October: Republican prisoners in Mountjoy Jail begin a hungerstrike which spreads to other prisons and lasts until 23 November

1924

Spring: transferred to Arbour Hill Jail

16 July: released from Arbour Hill Jail

15 August: addresses meeting at Ennis, Co. Clare, his first main public appearance since his release from jail following his arrest in Ennis exactly one year previously

24 October: goes to Newry, Co. Down for an election campaign meeting and is arrested, detained in Derry Police Barracks on 26 October, taken to Belfast, charged on 1 November and sentenced to one month imprisonment. Transferred to Crumlin Road Jail, Belfast

29 November: released from Crumlin Road Jail, Belfast

1925

9 May: de Valera sends letter to Pope Pius XI to bring to the Pope’s attention the ‘unwarranted and bitter partisan attitude of a great many of our Bishops and clergy in political matters’

14–15 November: an I.R.A. convention adopts a new constitution in which the authority of the Republican Government established in October 1922 is repudiated

6 December: de Valera denounces the agreement concerning the boundary with Northern Ireland and financial relations between the Irish Free State and Britain signed by representatives of the Free State and British Governments on 3 December

1926

9 March: Extraordinary Ard Fheis of Sinn Féin. De Valera proposes resolution ‘That once the admission oaths of the Twenty-six-County and Six-County assemblies are removed, it becomes a question not of principle but of policy whether or not Republican representatives should attend these assemblies’. Fails to secure majority approval of the declaration

11 March: de Valera resigns from Presidency of Sinn Féin

16 May: inaugural meeting of Fianna Fáil in La Scala Theatre, Dublin

24, 25 November: first annual Sinn Féin Ard Fheis held in the Rotunda, Dublin

1927

March–April: de Valera visits America to appear in the U.S. courts as a witness in the case taken by the Irish Free State Government for possession of the residue of the money collected on bond certificates in 1920-21. Follows court appearance with a tour across the continent throughout March and April
June: Fianna Fáil win 44 seats in the General Election

23 June: opening day of the new Dáil Éireann session, Fianna Fáil deputies attend Leinster House and are refused access to chamber

12 August: following the assassination of Vice-President of the Executive Council, Minister for External Affairs and Minister for Justice Kevin O'Higgins, and the introduction of a Bill requiring candidates in future Dáil elections to bind themselves in advance to take the admission oath prescribed by the Constitution, the Fianna Fáil deputies enter Dáil Éireann stating they regard the Oath of Allegiance as an empty political formula. De Valera becomes leader of the Opposition in the Dáil

25 August: dissolution of Dáil Éireann

September: Fianna Fáil wins 57 seats in the General Election


1928 April, May: organises petition under Article 48 of the Constitution, with a view to a constitutional amendment to abolish the Oath of Allegiance, presented to the Oireachtas in May

1929 5 February: arrested in train at Goraghwood Station, on way to Belfast to attend the opening of Aonach na nGaedheal, for crossing the border in contravention of the exclusion order issued against him 5 years before. Detained in Belfast Jail

6 March: released from Belfast Jail

1929–1930 December 1929–May 1930: tours the U.S.A. completing arrangements for financing the establishment of The Irish Press


1932 9 March: following the general election in which Fianna Fáil secures 72 seats out of a total of 153, de Valera becomes President of the Executive Council with the support of Labour (7 seats); also acts as Minister for External Affairs

22 March: on de Valera’s instructions Irish High Commissioner in London John W. Dulanty, conveys verbally to British Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs James H. Thomas, confirmation of the Government’s intention to abolish the Oath of Allegiance

20 April: de Valera introduces the Constitution (Removal of Oath) Bill in Dáil Éireann (enactment delayed by the opposition of Seanad Éireann until May 1933)

April–November: correspondence and conferences with the British Government on the abolition of the Oath and the withholding of the land annuities and certain
other payments. The British Government imposes penal duties on imports from the Saorstát and the Saorstát Government retaliates in kind. The ‘Economic War’ (1932–38) begins

**June:** Eucharistic Congress held in Dublin

**12 June:** death of mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright in Rochester, New York (b. 21 December 1856, married Vivion de Valera 19 September 1881; married Charles Wheelwright 1888)

**10 June–16 October:** series of meetings in London between de Valera and Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald and other members of the British Cabinet

**26 September:** as Acting President of the Assembly of the League of Nations, delivers a notable address to the League Assembly, stressing the importance of world public opinion and declaring that, regarding the League’s activities, ‘there is on all sides complaint, criticism and suspicion’

**14, 15 October:** London Conference

**1 November:** James MacNeill is removed from office as Governor-General, and after a short interval, is replaced by Domhnall Ó Buachalla

1933

**24 January:** general election. Fianna Fáil win 77 seats out of 153

**8 February:** de Valera forms his second Government

**23 April:** in a speech at the graves of the 1916 leaders, outlines a programme of constitutional changes designed to remove the Crown from the Constitution

**3 May:** Constitution (Removal of Oath) Act becomes law

**24 May–4 June:** official visit to Rome, receives the Grand Cross of the Pian Order of Pope Pius XI

**[5–8] June:** visits the Abbey of St. Colombano in Bobbio, Italy

**11 August:** in view of the activities of the Blueshirts led by General Eoin O’Duffy and of the I.R.A., the Executive Council brings into operation the special powers conferred by the Constitution (Amendment No. 17) Act and prohibits proposed demonstration in Dublin by the Blueshirts

**2 November:** Constitution (Amendment No. 20) and Constitution (Amendment No. 21) Acts become law. No. 20 transfers from the Governor-General to the Executive Council the function of recommending the purpose of the appropriation of money and No. 21 abolishes the Governor-General’s power to withhold the King’s assent to a Bill or to reserve a Bill for the signification of the King’s pleasure
16 November: Constitution (Amendment No. 22) Act, abolishing appeals to the Privy Council becomes law

1934

12 September: de Valera addresses the League of Nations Assembly and declares his willingness to support and vote for the admission of Russia to the League

18 September: addresses the League of Nations Assembly and urges the Russian Government to guarantee liberty of conscience and freedom of worship to the nationals of all countries who reside in Russia and to the Russian people

1935

5 April: Constitution (Amendment No. 26) Act becomes law, removing from Article 3 of the Constitution words which restricted Free State citizenship to the limits of jurisdiction of the Irish Free State

21 April: (Easter Sunday) de Valera unveils a statue of Cú Chulainn, the 1916 Rising Memorial, in the G.P.O., Dublin

30 April/2 May: de Valera instructs John J. Hearne, legal advisor in the Department of External Affairs, to prepare draft heads for a new Constitution

18 May: Hearne submits draft heads

1936

9 February: death of son Brian, in a riding accident (b. 25 July 1915)

March–May: lengthy stay in Zurich for specialist eye treatment by Prof. Dr. Alfred Vogt, Director of the University Eye Clinic. Dr. Eamonn de Valera stays with his father in Zurich for a period of six weeks

24 April: Constitution (Amendment No. 23) Act becomes law, abolishing university representation in Dáil Éireann with effect from the date of the next succeeding dissolution

29 May: Constitution (Amendment No. 24) Act abolishing Seanad Éireann becomes law

5 June: Executive Council authorises the President to inform King Edward VIII of the intention of the Irish Government to introduce a Bill for the purpose of establishing a new Constitution

8 June: Irish High Commissioner in London John W. Dulanty delivers a memorandum to Edward VIII outlining the intentions of the Irish Government

8 September: opens new City Hall, Cork

10 December: abdication of Edward VIII

11 December: Constitution (Amendment No. 27) Act is enacted, removing from the Constitution all remaining references to the Crown and its representatives
12 December: Executive Authority (External Relations) Act empowering the King recognised by the states of the British Commonwealth to act on behalf of the Irish Free State, on the advice of the Executive Council, in certain formal matters of external relations

1937

15 January: meeting with Dominions Secretary Malcolm MacDonald in London, en-route from Zurich following consultation with eye specialist Prof. Dr. Alfred Vogt

10 March: draft Constitution Bill formally introduced in Dáil Éireann

16 March: confidential distribution of first draft Constitution without the Article on religion, to the Cabinet and to certain members of the judiciary

1 April: first revision completed and printed

3, 5, 10 April: de Valera meets with Papal Nuncio Paschal Robinson; Cardinal Joseph MacRory, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland; Dr. Edward Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin and Presbyterian minister Dr. James A.H. Irwin to discuss the drafting of the Constitution

10 April: Preamble in final form, second revision circulated

12 April: de Valera meets Nuncio Robinson; Dr. John Gregg, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin and Dr. Irwin

13 April: de Valera meets Rev. William H. Massey, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland

14, 16 April: meets Dr. Irwin, Right Rev. F.W.S. O’Neill, Moderator of Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and his successor, the Moderator-designate who travelled from Belfast. Also meets the Nuncio

16 April: Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, sent to Vatican to seek Papal approval for draft Constitution

22 April: Walshe reports Vatican acquiescence

23 April: third revision completed

24 April: de Valera meets Nuncio Robinson and Cardinal MacRory

27 April: Executive Council discusses complete text and the printers are ordered to print 1,200 copies for distribution to clergy, judiciary, Dáil and prominent public figures abroad

30 April: broadcasts an explanatory radio address on the proposed Constitution

1 May: draft Constitution published and circulated
11 May: de Valera opens the Dáil debate (second-reading stage) on the draft Constitution

11–13 May: Second Reading in Dáil

17 May: The Irish Press reports praise for Constitution published by Osservatore Romano

25 May–3 June: Third Reading (Committee Stage)

9–14 June: Fourth Reading (Report)

14 June: draft Constitution approved by Dáil Éireann by 62 votes to 48

14 June: second explanatory radio broadcast on the amended draft of the proposed Constitution following its approval by the Dáil

1 July: Constitution enacted by plebiscite (685,105 votes in favour, 526,945 against). General Election held. Fianna Fáil win 69 seats out of 138

2 July: opens the 1937 Reading Room in Trinity College Dublin

21 July: de Valera forms a new Government

15, 17 September: discussions with Malcolm MacDonald in Geneva

24 November: de Valera suggests a meeting between representatives of the British and Irish Governments to discuss certain important matters which would arise in the event of a war

4 December: British Government agrees

29 December: new Constitution comes into operation

1938

17–19 January: discussions begin on 17 January at No. 10 Downing Street between Irish and British delegations led by de Valera and Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister

20 January: de Valera and the delegates arrive back in Dublin

21 January: de Valera gives a general report at a meeting of the Government on the matters discussed at the London conference

16 February: copy of the Constitution signed by the Taoiseach (de Valera), the chief Justice (Timothy O’Sullivan) and the Chairman of Dáil Éireann

19, 20 February: discussions in London between de Valera and Dominions Secretary Malcolm MacDonald resume

21–25 February: discussions continue
26 February: discussions adjourned until 3 March

27 February: de Valera states in press interview ‘Until Partition is ended there can be no final settlement’

2 March: negotiations resume in London

3–12 March: negotiations continue

6 March: de Valera is the guest of Malcolm MacDonald at his home at Little Waltham

13 March: Irish delegation arrive back in Dublin

22 April: simultaneous announcement made from Government Buildings and the Dominions Office that discussions have been concluded and an agreement reached

23 April: de Valera, accompanied by Minister for Industry and Commerce Seán Lemass, Minister for Finance Seán MacEntee and Minister for Agriculture James Ryan leave for London

25 April: signing of Anglo-Irish agreements covering finance, trade and abrogation of the defence clauses of the 1921 Treaty, brings the ‘Economic War’ to an end

26 April: text of the signed agreement published in the newspapers

27 April: Seanad Éireann meets for the first time

4 May: President elected

24 May: death of Uncle Patrick Coll in Co. Limerick (b. 1 May 1864)

27 May: Dáil dissolved following the Government’s defeat in a vote concerning arbitration for civil servants

25 June: with the inauguration of Dr. Douglas Hyde as the first President of Ireland, the 1937 Constitution becomes fully operative

30 June: General Election. Fianna Fáil returned to office with a clear majority (77 seats out of 138)

11 July: attends the taking over of Cobh Harbour defences and the raising of the national flag at Spike Island, Cobh, Co, Cork

30 September: Munich Agreement signed. De Valera welcomes Agreement speaking as President of the Assembly of the League of Nations at the close of the Assembly’s session
13 October: in an interview with a correspondent of the London Evening Standard (published 17 October) he initiates a campaign to inform British public opinion on Partition

1939

16 January: The I.R.A. begin a series of bombing outrages in British cities, causing many deaths, injuries and widespread destruction of property

8 February: Offences Against the State Bill introduced in Dáil Éireann

16 February: speaking in Dáil Éireann de Valera reasserts Ireland’s right to remain neutral in a war in which Britain is involved

10–19 March: visit to Rome for the coronation of Pope Pius XII on 12 March

4 May: following a public protest and private representations by de Valera, Neville Chamberlain announces that his Government has decided to exclude Northern Ireland from the scope of a Bill introducing compulsory military service

14 June: Offences Against the State Act becomes law

23 June: I.R.A. declared an unlawful organisation

1 September: Germany invades Poland

2 September: de Valera reaffirms Ireland’s policy of neutrality

2 September: all stages of the First Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1939 pass in both the Dáil and the Seanad, and the Bill is signed by the President

8 September: reorganises Government, transferring Frank Aiken to a new post of Minister for the Co-ordination of Defensive Measures and assigning Defence to Oscar Traynor and Justice to Gerald Boland

27 September: becomes Minister for Education, in addition to being Taoiseach and Minister for External Affairs

21 October: declines to afford naval facilities to Great Britain at an Irish port when approached on the matter by Sir John Maffey, newly appointed British representative to Ireland, on instructions of the British War Cabinet

1940

29 January–6 February: in communications with Anthony Eden, Dominions Secretary, and Neville Chamberlain, makes strong but unsuccessful appeals for clemency for two Irishmen sentenced to death in England for participation in 1939 bombings

12 May: protests against the German invasion of Belgium and The Netherlands in a public speech
23 May: authorises discussions between Irish military authorities and British service staff to co-ordinate plans for resistance to a German attack on Ireland

June: establishes the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies with Schools of Celtic Studies and Theoretical Physics

17, 21, 26 June: Malcolm MacDonald visits Dublin. Proposal to come in to war. Possibility of immediate German invasion strongly urged

18 June: relinquishes the office of Minister for Education

4 July: in a letter to Neville Chamberlain de Valera formally rejects a British Government plan for Ireland’s immediate entry into the war on the side the allies in exchange for a British Government declaration accepting the principle of a united Ireland

11 July: following complaints by the Irish Government concerning the landing in Ireland by parachute of a German intelligence officer Hermann Goertz, the German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, gives an undertaking that Germany will respect Ireland’s neutrality

14 July: Irish Government informed by British Legation that British Intelligence had information Germans would invade the following day

15 October: the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies begins to exercise its functions

7 November: in reply to a statement in the House of Commons on 5 November by Winston Churchill deploring Britain’s inability to use the south and west coasts of Ireland, de Valera declares in Dáil Éireann that, so long as Ireland remains neutral, there can be no question of handing over ports ‘on any condition whatsoever’

27 November: Second Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1940: introduced in Dáil Éireann

1941

27 May: proposal to extend conscription to Northern Ireland is abandoned by British Government after consideration of representations by de Valera, supported by all other party leaders and an expression of sympathy by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt

30 May: Second Amendment to the Constitution Act, 1940 signed by the President

December: de Valera declines an invitation to a personal meeting with Churchill received immediately after the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbour (7 December), but meets Lord Cranborne, British Dominions Secretary (17 December) in Dublin, with no material result
14 December: declares that, even though the U.S.A. is now involved in the war, Ireland’s policy of neutrality remains unchanged

1942

27 January: issues a statement defining Ireland’s position regarding partition, following the landing of U.S. troops in Northern Ireland

late February: receives a personal message from President Roosevelt assuring him that there is no intention of invading Irish territory or threatening Irish security

25 March: the text of the Constitution of Ireland as amended by the first two Acts to amend the Constitution prepared in accordance with Article 25 is enrolled in the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court

1943

1 July: appointed Taoiseach following General Election in June in which Fianna Fáil won 67 seats out of 138

1944

21 February: rejects formal request by the U.S. Government ‘that the Irish Government take appropriate steps for the recall of German and Japanese representatives in Ireland’

6 March: replies formally to the ‘American Note’ supported by the British, requesting the removal of Axis representatives from Ireland, stating ‘The Irish Government...are safeguarding, and will continue to safeguard, the interests of the United States, but they must in all circumstances protect the neutrality of the Irish State and the democratic way of life of the Irish people’

24 March: appeals to the Governments of the belligerent powers for measures to ensure the safety of the city of Rome

9 June: following a General election occasioned by a defeat in Dáil Éireann on a Transport Bill, is returned to office with 76 Dáil seats out of 138

25 June: attends a function to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the death of chronicler Br. Mícheál Ó Cléirigh, O.F.M. (1575–1643) ‘Chief of the Four Masters’, held in the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin

9 October: in reply to a request (21 September) by American Ambassador David Gray, for assurances that ‘Axis war criminals’ would not be given asylum in Ireland, declines to give any assurance that would preclude the Government from exercising their right to grant asylum ‘should justice, charity or the honour or interest of the nation so require’

1945

13 April: pays tribute to the late President Roosevelt (died 12 April), in a message to President Truman

30 April: pays a formal call of condolence on the German Minister in Dublin Eduard Hempel, on the death of Hitler
16 May: broadcasts an address expressing gratitude to God for the ending of the war and for Ireland’s escape from its worst effects, including a reply to certain comments on Irish neutrality made on 13 May by Winston Churchill

17 July: declares in Dáil Éireann that the Irish State possesses ‘every characteristic mark by which a republic can be distinguished or recognised’

1946

12 January: death of Uncle Edward Coll in U.S.A. (b. 6 June 1858)

29 January: receives Freedom of the City of Waterford

22 July: death of half-brother Fr. Thomas J. Wheelwright, following a car accident in U.S.A. on 19 July (b. 18 December 1890)

24, 25 July: proposes in Dáil Éireann that steps should be taken with a view to Ireland’s admission to the United Nations

5 October: receives Freedom of the City of Galway

1947

Establishes the School of Cosmic Studies in the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies

13–23 July: tours the western islands of Ireland and the Scottish Hebrides—the ‘Macha Tour’—(on the corvette L.E. Macha)


1948

18 February: Fianna Fáil Government replaced by a coalition Government led by John A. Costello, S.C., having secured only 68 seats out of a total of 147 in the General Election. De Valera becomes leader of the Opposition

23 April–June: accompanied by Frank Aiken undertakes Anti-Partition World Tour visiting the U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania and India (New Delhi, Calcutta and Bombay 14–16 June)

October–November: anti-Partition tours of Great Britain

24 November, 1 December: supports the inter-party Government’s Bill for the repeal of the Executive Authority (External Relations) Act, 1936, the application to the State of the description ‘Republic of Ireland’ and the exercise by the President, on the advice of the Government, of executive power in connection with external relations

1949

January, March: visits U.K. to attend anti-Partition rallies

10 May: seconds Dáil motion by Taoiseach John A. Costello protesting against the British Labour Government’s Bill declaring that in no event would Northern
Ireland or any part of it cease to be a part of the United Kingdom without the consent of the Parliament of Northern Ireland

1950

*February:* anti-Partition tour of Wales

*July:* attends the celebrations to mark the fourteenth centenary of the birth of St. Columbanus (Colomban) in Luxeuil, France and subsequently goes on pilgrimage to Rome (24–26 July), Athens (26, 27 July) and the Holy Land (27 July–2 August) for the Holy Year, accompanied by his sons Dr. Eamonn and Vivion de Valera. Returns via Strasbourg (2, 3 August) and Zurich and attends a European Consultative Assembly meeting

1951

13 June: returned to office as Taoiseach, with 69 Dáil members out of 147 and the support of some independent deputies, following a General Election occasioned by the dispute in the inter-party Government concerning the mother and child health scheme

14 June: Frank Aiken appointed Minister for External Affairs

15, 16 July: attends celebrations at the Carmelite Priory, Aylesford, England marking the return of the relics of its first Prior St. Simon Stock, from Bordeaux

October: attends the celebrations marking the 13th centenary of the death of St. Gall in St. Gallen, Switzerland. Consults with eye specialist Prof. Wagner in Zurich during his visit

1952

19 August – 6 December: undergoes a series of six eye operations in Utrecht

1953

September: two week private visit to the continent accompanied by Dr. Eamonn de Valera and his wife Sally and Fr. Thomas O’Doherty. Visits Paris, Lourdes, San Sebastien, Lisbon, Fatima and London. Meets Portuguese Prime Minister Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar

1954

2 June: following a General Election (in which Fianna Fáil secured 65 out of 147 seats), John A. Costello forms his second inter-party Government. De Valera again leader of the Opposition

28 June: supports the new Government’s view in Dáil Éireann, that there are serious objections to the granting of audience to Northern Ireland representatives in either the Dáil or the Seanad

October: N.B.C. records interview with de Valera as part of their ‘Wise Elders’ series. The film ‘Conversation with Eamon de Valera’ is broadcast on the N.B.C. network on 13 March 1955 and on Canadian television in [September] 1955

1956

7 April: death of Personal Secretary Kathleen O’Connell

1957

20 March: Fianna Fáil having secured 78 seats out of 147, de Valera begins his last term of office as Taoiseach
July: action previously initiated by the inter-party Government to defeat a renewed campaign of I.R.A. violence is intensified

5 July: de Valera signs a Government proclamation bringing into force Part II of the Offences Against the State (Amendment) Act, 1940, which gives special powers of arrest and detention without trial

4–12 October: visit to Rome to attend the celebrations marking the 300th anniversary of the death of Fr. Luke Wadding, O.F.M.

1958

September: visits Lourdes to attend the Marian Congress

1–9 November: attends the coronation of Pope John XXIII in Rome. Visits many Irish centres and is made an honorary member of the Carmelite Order

November: Government published a programme for economic expansion, based on a report entitled Economic Development prepared by Dr. T.K. Whittaker, Secretary of the Department of Finance. De Valera recommends to Dáil Éireann a Bill to amend the Constitution so as to abolish proportional representation in Dáil elections (rejected in a referendum held simultaneously with a Presidential Election in June 1959)

1959

17 June: elected President of Ireland (538,003 votes to 417,536 votes for rival candidate General Seán MacEoin of the Fine Gael party)

23 June: resigns from office as Taoiseach and is succeeded by Seán Lemass

25 June: inaugurated as President, in succession to Seán T. O’Kelly (1945–59)

1960

8 January: celebrates 50th (Golden) wedding anniversary

23 April: receives the Freedom of the Borough of Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

11 May: receives honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Dublin University (Trinity College Dublin)

1961

Grand Cross of the Order of Charles

17 March: de Valera attends Patrician celebrations in Armagh (1,500th anniversary of the death of St. Patrick)

10–14 June: Prince Rainier and Princess Grace of Monaco guests of the President at Aras an Uachtarán during their state visit to Ireland

31 December: broadcasts ‘Opening Message’ on Telefís Éireann

1962

1963

4–8 February: His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman guest of the President at Aras an Uachtaráin

26–28 June: state visit to Ireland by U.S. President John F. Kennedy, welcomed at airport by President de Valera

30 June–3 July: attends coronation of Pope Paul VI in Rome

August: Prince Rainier and Princess Grace of Monaco visit Aras an Uachtaráin during their private visit to Ireland

3 September: speaks at the ceremony laying the foundation stone of the new Abbey Theatre in Dublin

6 November: broadcasts radio and television tribute to the late Rev. Dr. Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne (1917–63)

[27–29] November: attends state funeral of John F. Kennedy

2 December: unveils plaque at Gate Theatre, Dublin commemorating the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Irish Volunteers

1964

9 January: made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

26–29 May: Presidential state visit to the U.S.A.

28 May: addresses both Houses of the Congress of the United States, meeting in joint session

1–3 June: official visit to Canada

16–18 July: President of Pakistan Field Marshall Mohammad Ayub Khan guest of the President at Aras an Uachtaráin during his state visit to Ireland

21–24 September: President of India Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan guest of the President at Aras an Uachtaráin during his state visit to Ireland

22–24 November: President of Zambia Dr. Kenneth David Kaunda guest of the President at Aras an Uachtaráin during his state visit to Ireland

1965

February: attends the interment of the repatriated remains of Roger Casement in Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin

1 March: address at the interment of the remains of Roger Casement in Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin

1 May: attends the blessing and opening of the new Liberty Hall, Dublin
15 August: attends the consecration of Galway Cathedral

31 October: attends the opening of Cork Opera House

1966

20–22 March: Cardinal Laurean Rugambwa guest of President de Valera at Aras an Uachtaráin

4 April: de Valera, Taoiseach Seán Lemass and former President Seán T. O’Kelly are presented with 1916 Survivors’ Medals by Minister for Defence, the first of 900 medals presented on the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising

10–30 April: official events to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising

10 April: formally opens Kilmainham Jail Historical Museum

11 April: formally opens the Garden of Remembrance in Parnell Square, Dublin

13 April: unveils statue of Robert Emmett at Iveagh House

14 April: conferral of honorary degrees by National University of Ireland upon relatives of the signatories of the Proclamation of the Republic

15 April: unveils plaque at Bolands’ Bakery

16 April: unveils statue of Thomas Davis at College Green, Dublin and attends the closing ceremony at the G.P.O., Dublin

19 April: Doctorate of the University of Louvain conferred at Iveagh House by a delegation from the University

24 April: unveils memorial plaque at Arbour Hill

19 May: receives Doctorate of the University of Louvain at a ceremony in Iveagh House

18 June: opens the new Abbey Theatre, Dublin

25 June: inaugurated President of Ireland for a second term, having defeated Thomas F. O’Higgins of Fine Gael by 558,861 votes to 548,144

July: Donnchadh Ó Dualaing’s documentary series ‘The Boy from Bruree’ broadcast on Radio Éireann. President Richard M. Nixon visits Aras an Uachtaráin

18 August: dedication of a forest park in Kafr Kanna, near Nazareth, in Israel, in honour of de Valera, by the Irish Jewish community

24–25 October: His Eminence Josef Cardinal Beran guest of the President at Aras an Uachtaráin
23 November: former President Seán T. O’Kelly dies. De Valera pays tribute to him in a radio broadcast

1967

15 May: made at Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians

12 July: opens the new Berkeley Library in Trinity College Dublin

22 September: Field Marshall the Viscount Montgomery of Alamein visits Aras an Uachtaráin

18 November: unveils Wolfe Tone Memorial at St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin

1968

Made a Fellow of the Royal Society

29 May: attends opening of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Park at Slieve Coillte, Co. Wexford, with Mrs. Edward Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Sargent Shriver

14–17 May: Their Majesties The King and Queen of the Belgians (King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola) guests of the President at Aras an Uachtaráin

11–12 July: U. Thant Secretary General of the United Nations guest of the President at Aras an Uachtaráin

9 September: transfer to the State of the Chester Beatty Library

16–17 September: President of the Federal Republic of Germany Dr. Heinrich Lübke and Mrs. Lübke guests of the President at Aras an Uachtaráin during their private visit to Ireland

1969

21 January: addresses a joint meeting of Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann in the Round Room of the Mansion House, Dublin, where the first Dáil Éireann held its first meeting on 21 January 1919

17–19 June: Former President of the Republic of France General Charles de Gaulle and Mrs. de Gaulle guests of the President at Aras an Uachtaráin during their private visit to Ireland

1970

10 January: celebrates 60th (Diamond) wedding anniversary

5 October: U.S. President Richard M. Nixon at Aras an Uachtaráin during his state visit to Ireland (3–5 November)

2 November: publication of biography entitled Eamon de Valera by Thomas P. O’Neill and Lord Longford

1971

4 April: private visit to Lourdes

14 October: receives the Freedom of the City of Wexford
1972

8 October: attends opening of the Bruree Community Centre and the de Valera Museum in Co. Limerick

14 October: celebrates 90th birthday

12 November: the Hon. John W. McCormack, former Speaker, U.S. States Congress guest at Aras an Uachtaráin

1973

11 April: the Hon. John W. McCormack, former Speaker, U.S. Congress guest at Aras an Uachtaráin

April: (Easter Sunday) private visit to Lourdes

31 May: receives the Freedom of the City of Cork

24 June: last day in office as President of Ireland. Leaves Aras an Uachtaráin to take up residence in Talbot Lodge, Linden Convalescent Home, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. On way, addresses a public meeting, for the last time, at Boland’s Mills (where he commanded his battalion during Easter Week 1916)

25 June: attends the inauguration of his successor President Erskine Hamilton Childers in St. Patrick’s Hall, Dublin Castle

1974

26 May: unveils a bust of the late Most Rev. John Charles McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin, in the foyer of Blackrock College Chapel

1975

7 January: death of Sinéad de Valera on the eve of their 65th wedding anniversary

7 March: receives the Freedom of the City of Dublin (along with John A. Costello)

1. PERSONAL

I. Birth and early childhood

2 items, 2pp each

2  16 July 1959  Holograph note to ‘Frank’ from Jim O’B[?] enclosing a black and white photograph of an 1861 print depicting a view of New York’s 2nd Avenue looking up from 42nd Street, ‘a block’ from where de Valera was born (n.d., 25cm x 20cm).
2 items

3  1897-1972  File on the Church of St. Agnes, 141 East 43rd Street, New York, where de Valera was baptised, 3 December 1882. Includes:
– souvenir postcards depicting the interior of the Parish Shrine and Mission Church of St. Agnes, East 43rd Street, New York. Views show the altar, the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and the Pieta Shrine in the church (n.d., 3 items, 14cm x 8cm each);
– newspaper cutting and notes to de Valera from Monsignor John Brew, Pastor of St. Agnes’ relating to the renovation of the church in [1967] (n.d., 3 items). Also black and white press photograph of Cardinal Francis Spellman, along with Monsignor Brew and Monsignor [Ahern], at the baptismal font, at which de Valera was baptised (©The New York Times, 25cm x 20cm);
– copies of de Valera’s Baptismal Certificate (baptised on 3 December 1882 by Fr. H.C. MacDowall; Sponsors: John Hennessy and Mary Shine) (7 March 1897, 24 April 1927, 8 April 1931; 5 November 1956 & 16 January 1961, 6 items, 1p each).
See also P150/3194 for a photograph of the baptismal fount in St. Agnes’ Church.
14 items
[c. 1882-84] Studio photographs of de Valera as a baby (in the U.S.A.):
− hand coloured [albumen] portrait, labelled on reverse ‘E de Valera as infant in America’ [in Kathleen O’Connell’s hand]. Photographer: J.F. Kraft, 216 3rd Avenue, New York (original image extremely faded). Carte de Visite (n.d., c.1882-83, 6cm x 10 cm);
− tintype portrait (n.d., c.1882-83, 6cm x 8cm);
− tintype portrait (n.d., c.1882-83, 6cm x 8cm);
− tintype portrait, sitting up in a chair (n.d., c.1883-84, 6cm x 8cm) and enlarged copy of same (printed on paper) and labelled ‘Eamon de Valera before he left America for Ireland’ (8cm x 13cm).

5 items

[c.1884–94] Studio portraits of de Valera as a small boy between the ages of two and a half and twelve.
− at two and a half years old. Mackey’s Photo Gallery, 418 Grand Street, New York City. Cabinet card (n.d., c.1884, 10cm x 16cm), also negative and two modern reproductions of same (8cm x 12cm) and (19cm x 24cm);
− at four and a half years old. Photographer: Henry O’Shea, 127 George Street, Limerick. Albumen print. Carte de visite (n.d., c.1887, 2 copies, 6cm x 10cm each) and modern enlarged reproduction of same (9 cm x 15cm). Image used in Eamon de Valera Longford and O’Neill biography (1970) under the caption ‘Aged 4 , wearing, he says, his aunt’s boots’;

7 items

n.d. Lock of fair hair labelled ‘President de Valera’s hair as a young boy’.

1 item
II. Schooldays


7  21 October 1965 –  Letter to President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly from Mary C.  
    24 February 1966;  Bromage, Assistant Professor of Written  
    17 March 1966  Communication, The University of Michigan,  
    Ann Arbor, Michigan, enclosing copies of replies from various libraries regretting they cannot help in tracing the source of an acrostic [an alphabet rhyme learned by de Valera in his childhood] sent to Professor Bromage by Marie O’Kelly. Also typescript copy of ‘Part of the Alphabet used in a Child’s Illustrated book and published in Some seventy or eight years ago’ (sic) [probably the acrostic in question].  

   7 items

8  13 September 1956  Recollections dictated by de Valera in September 1956 of his schooldays, listing the names of his teachers in Bruree National School, the Christian Brothers’ school in Charleville, Co. Cork, Blackrock College, Dublin and University College Blackrock. Also lists the various mathematics and physics courses he attended between 1905 and [1908] and refers to various athletic pursuits at Blackrock and Rockwell College.  

   2pp

9  6 August 1891;  Handwritten notes and extracts from records of Bruree National School on teachers; de Valera’s attendance (n.d. & 1952, 4 items); and the ‘Examination Roll (and Promotion Sheet) of all Pupils whose Names were on the Rolls on the last day of Month preceding examination, and who made 100 or more Attendances within the previous year’. ‘Bruree Male National School, District No. 52. Roll No. 8572, P[oor] L[aw] Union, Kilmallock, County Limerick’, Revd. E. Sheehy P.P. Manager.  

   Eight year old ‘Eddie Devalera’ is registered in Second Class as No. 441, with 171 ‘Attendances made in the year’. Signed by Teacher John Kelly (6 August 1891, 4pp).  

   5 items

10  1 December 1957  Holograph note by Rev. Dr. Patrick O’Neill, Bishop of Limerick, certifying that Eamon de Valera was confirmed by Rev. Dr. E.T. O’Dwyer in Rockhill Church on 23 May 1894.  

   See also P150/2723 for the menu accompanying the dinner following the consecration of the Most. Rev. Patrick O’Neill as Bishop of Limerick on 24 February 1946  

   1p
11 1897–99  Junior Grade and Middle Grade Examination Certificates awarded to Edward de Valera, by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland between 1897 and 1899, while de Valera was a pupil at the Christian Brothers School in Charleville [between November 1896 and summer 1898] and in Blackrock College [between September 1898 and 1900]:
- Junior Grade Certificate certifying that de Valera was awarded a Pass in Latin, English and Algebra and a Pass with Honors in Greek, Arithmetic and Euclid (1897);
- Junior Grade Certificate certifying that de Valera was awarded an Exhibition, with a Pass with Honors in Greek, Latin, English, French, Arithmetic, Euclid and Algebra (1898);
- Middle Grade Certificate certifying that de Valera was awarded an Exhibition, with a Pass with Honors in Greek, Latin, English, French, Arithmetic, Euclid and Algebra (1899).

3 items, 25cm x 36cm

12 [1890s] Documents relating to de Valera’s attendance at Charleville Christian Brothers School between 1896 and 1898. Includes:
- copybook used by ‘Edward de Valera’ during his time at Charleville C.B.S. Contains French, Latin, Greek, Mathematics and English exercises (1890s, 52pp);
- presentation folder labelled ‘Christian Schools (English, Classical and Mathematical) Charleville. Intermediate Examinations 1898’ containing a black and white photograph of a fragment of the printed sheet listing the results of the 1898 Charleville C.B.S. Intermediate Examinations – Edward de Valera is a Junior Grade Exhibitioner – ‘£20 a year, tenable for three years’ (n.d., 16cm x 21cm);
- photograph of a copy of the same printed sheet of Intermediate Exam results (n.d., 11cm x 15cm);
- photograph of Charleville Christian Brother’s School 1898 Exhibitioners and Prize Winners including de Valera (back row, 2nd from left) (1898, 15cm x 11cm). Also mounted reproduction of same with individuals named (22cm x 27cm) [used in the Irish Press ’Dev Series’];
- close-up of de Valera taken from the above (12cm x 16 cm);
- cutting from unidentified newspaper reproducing the photograph under the caption ‘De Valera And Classmates’ (post 1957, 1 item);

8 items
13  6 August 1955  Typescript transcript of a dictabelt recording made by de Valera in August 1956, concerning his grandmother’s death in 1895; beginning school at the Christian Brothers’ in Charleville, Co. Cork the following year; and his journey to Blackrock College, Dublin to begin his secondary schooling. Also includes actual dictabelt in envelope labelled ’30.6.56 Done. Incidents B’rock and Rockwell’.

4pp

b. Blackrock College:

(i)  Contemporary documents, 1898 – 1903

14  1898–1901  Handwritten list of miscellaneous documents relating to de Valera’s time in Blackrock College, 1898-1903, together with six of the items included in the list:
- printed reproduction of photographs of the Intermediate Exhibitioners and Prize Winners at Blackrock for 1898 (n.d., 1p);
- printed list of exhibitioners and prize winners [presumably at Blackrock] (n.d., 1p);
- programme for Blackrock College Athletic Sports Days. Includes holograph note by de Valera on last page detailing his study timetable for a particular day from rising at 5.45 am to 10.30pm (May 1901, 29pp);
- programme for a students’ concert in Blackrock College on 8 November 1898 (November 1898, 1p);
- programme for ‘Theatricals and Musical Entertainment’ on 21 December 1898 (December 1898, 4pp);
- programme of speeches and music on St. Patrick’s Day 1900 (1900, 1 item).
7 items

15  1905–08  Miscellaneous items relating to de Valera’s association with Blackrock College Rugby Club including postcard addressed to de Valera ‘Captain Blackrock Rugby Team’ with a hand drawn illustration of de Valera with the words ‘Alas!! Alas!! Alas!! For our blighted hopes but I told you so’ (22 March 190[6/8]).
4 items
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<td>Miscellaneous items relating to Blackrock College. Includes book containing the examination results for the Middle and Junior Grades of the College (1899, 199pp, pp.1-23 missing); de Valera’s dance card for a dance in the Café Cairo organised by Blackrock College Union, on 23 November 1909 (November 1909, 1 item) and menu for the Blackrock College Golden Jubilee celebrations in 1911 (1 item). 3 items</td>
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<td>n.d.</td>
<td>Lists of names of Blackrock College students between 1898 and 1902, referring to their position in group photographs. Photographs not included. 5pp</td>
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<td>Original taken 1898</td>
<td>Black and white reproduction of an 1898 school photo captioned ‘Edward De Valera. Retained Exhibition, £30. Book Prize, £2, Hon. Greek, Latin, French, Arithmetic, Algebra, Euclid. Pass Trigonometry’ (14cm x 16cm). Also two modern enlargements of the same (close up of face only) (14cm x 17 cm &amp; 19cm x 24cm). 3 items</td>
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<td>Original taken 1898</td>
<td>Black and white modern reproduction (31cm x 17cm) of a photograph of a group of pupils and staff of Blackrock College. De Valera is in the front row, second from right. Original photographers: O’Reilly Bros., 5 Pleasant Street. Further copy with ‘James Wynne, Fermoy, June 1952’ written on reverse (30cm x 23cm). 2 items</td>
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<td>Original dated June 1899</td>
<td>Modern black and white reproduction of the 1899 Blackrock College Intermediate Exhibitioners and Prizemen in the June examinations. Includes ‘Edward De Valera’ (3rd row from top, 3rd from left). 24cm x 35cm</td>
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<td>Original taken 1902</td>
<td>Modern copy of a black and white group photograph of Blackrock College students including de Valera, front row, 2nd from left (25cm x 20cm). Annotated on reverse ‘1902 (Feb. to July)’. Also enlarged copy of same focusing on de Valera (20cm x 25cm). [According to Fr. Seán Farragher C.S.Sp. in an article in the Blackrock College Annual (1975), ‘This print of a photograph taken in 1902 (the original of which is faded and damaged) was taken by an American student in the Castle, John Junker from Philadelphia, and he is the first student of the College on record as possessing his own camera. The Castle Group of that year shows Edward de Valera from Bruree, partly-open book in his hand, standing second from left in the front row’] 2 items.</td>
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(ii.) Continued association with the College, 1942 – 70

22  24 April 1956  Typescript transcript of a dictabelt recording made by de Valera in April 1956 in which he recalls his ‘going to Blackrock College in the Autumn of 1898’. With handwritten annotations and corrections.  4pp

23  27 April, 30 June 1956  Typescript transcripts of dictabelt recordings made by de Valera in April and June 1956, on his schooldays in Blackrock Castle; consisting of a transcript of a recording containing ‘a description of the day’s work in school’ (27 April 1956, 1p), and a further transcript entitled ‘Some Recollections of the Castle, Blackrock’ (30 June 1956, 2pp).

  2 items

24  n.d.  Undated recollections by de Valera on his time in Blackrock College. Includes typescript note dictated by de Valera on an incident in which he recited a poem in the study hall during an elocution lesson, after which Professor McHardy Flint said, ‘I didn’t think we had an O’Connell here’. Also text of the poem recited by de Valera, *The Downfall of Poland* (n.d., 2pp) and note on de Valera’s duty as secretary of the reading room in the Castle (n.d., 1p).

  3 items, 1p each

25  n.d.  Non-contemporary transcripts from printed and other sources, concerning the award of exhibitions, prizes and medals; and debates in Blackrock College, 1898-1903.  15pp

26  1942–70  Correspondence between de Valera and Blackrock College old boys and teachers. Includes:

  – holograph covering letter from de Valera to Fr. James Keawell C.S.Sp. enclosing various exam results for Exhibitioners and Prize Winners in Blackrock College between 1897 and 1900. (16 May 1942, 2 items, 1p, 2nd page missing, & 6pp);
26 contd.  
– typescript notes on the careers and places of residence of ten of de Valera’s former schoolmates, given to de Valera by Fr. Shields. The ten are: Willie Martin; Malachi Martin; Con O’Brien; Michael Smithwick; M. Kissane; C. Cullinane; B. Cullinane; Jim Sweeney; Paddy O’Brien and Joe McCarthy (July 1958, 2pp);  
– typescript letter to President de Valera from Fr. John Ryan C.S.Sp. of Blackrock College, reproducing entries in the College account books between 1900/01 and 1907/08 relating to de Valera (1 June 1966, 2pp).  
14 items

27  
26 May–5 July 1966  
Correspondence between de Valera and Patrick Harrold of Knockaderry, Co. Limerick concerning biographical details of John O’Byrne Croke, a teacher in Blackrock College, during de Valera’s time at the school.  
4 items

28  
February 1949  
Menu to accompany the Blackrock College Union Golden Jubilee Dinner held in Blackrock College on 26 February 1949.  
1 item

29  
1960  
Newspaper reports on, and commemorative booklet to accompany the centenary celebrations of Blackrock College in July 1960, attended by de Valera. Also typescript text of de Valera’s address on the occasion (4pp) and letter of thanks for his attendance from the College’s President Fr. A. Hampson (15 July 1960, 1p).  
9 items

30  
20 June 1958–May 1966  
File of newspaper articles on Blackrock College including:  
– Blackrock College, Dublin by Fr. John Ryan C.S.Sp. from the [Evening] Standard (20 June 1958, 1p);  
– Taoiseach on First 'Rock Rugby XV in Cork by T.D. Burke from the Evening Herald (6 May 1959, 1p);  
– Blackrock College, part 1 in a series on ‘Irish Schools’ by John Horgan in the Irish Times (15 April 1964, 1p);  
– The Rising was not inevitable, reporting a lecture by Prof. F.X. Martin, O.S.A. in the Thomas Davis Lecture Series, in University College Dublin, in which he refers to de Valera’s teaching career in Blackrock College (23 May 1966, 1p).  
5 items
31 1966 Articles on de Valera and his association with Blackrock College written by Holy Ghost Fathers for the fiftieth anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. Includes an extract from the *Blackrock College Annual* (pp.42–54), an article by Fr. Seán Farragher C.S.Sp. entitled ‘1916 Rockmen and the Rising’; and a copy of *Missionary Annals* (July 1966, pp.10–17) including an article by Fr. Patrick Walsh C.S.Sp. entitled ‘Back to school with the President’.

*See also* P150/3561 *for articles on the late President de Valera and the history of Blackrock College as published in the 1975 Blackrock College Annual*

2 items

III. Royal University: certificates, marks and graduation photographs, 1901 - 04

32 Autumn 1904 Royal University graduation portraits of de Valera., awarded a B.A. (pass) by the Royal University of Ireland on 28 October 1904. Includes:
– mounted studio portrait of de Valera in his graduation gown (standing). Labelled on reverse in Kathleen O’Connell’s hand ‘Autumn 1904’. Studio: Lafayette Ltd. (10cm x 14cm excluding mount, c.17cm x 22cm including mount);
– copy portrait of Valera in his graduation gown (seated). Labelled on reverse in Kathleen O’Connell’s hand ‘Conferring 1904’. Studio: Bissonnette: Columbus Ave., Boston, Massachusetts (2 copies, each 9cm x 14cm excluding mount, 20cm x 25cm including mount);
– enlarged copy of seated portrait (c.26cm x 34cm) annotated on reverse ‘Sent by Terry Coll Coar, April 1970 (Found in Kathleen Coll’s papers’ in Marie O’Kelly’s hand;
– print of the same photograph by Whites of Boston, Massachusetts (12cm x 17cm).

5 items

33 28 October 1904 Royal University of Ireland Bachelor of Arts Certificate awarded to Edward de Valera.
37cm x 53cm

34 4 May 1910 Certificate signed by National University of Ireland Registrar Joseph McGrath certifying that de Valera ‘at the time of the Dissolution of the late Royal University of Ireland was a Graduate [Bachelor of Arts] of that University, has, on his application, pursuant to Section 13 of the Irish Universities Act (1908), been this day registered as a Graduate, with the corresponding degree, viz.: Bachelor of Arts of the National University of Ireland’.

1p
Copy letter from National University of Ireland Registrar Alex A. McCarthy to de Valera listing the marks obtained by de Valera at the following examinations: Matriculation Examination, Summer 1901; First University Examination in Arts, Summer 1902; Second University Examination in Arts, 1903; B.A. Degree Examination, Autumn 1904; Mathematical Scholarship, 1902 and the Diploma in Education (Teaching), 1910.

IV. Teaching career, 1903 - 16

a. General documents and photographs

Typescript lists of schools de Valera attended and taught in, between the 1890s and 19[13]. Also typescript note on dates of de Valera’s involvement with Irish colleges and summer schools, between 1908 and 1913.

36 n.d. 3 items, 1p each

Passport photographs of de Valera as a young man [during his student/teaching career].

37 [1900-14] 2 items

Mounted studio portrait of de Valera as a young man. ‘Published in Irish Press 11/July/42’. ©: J. Cashman, Manor Place, Dublin.

Folder labelled ‘1921 Took blowing up of Four Courts’ [in Kathleen O’Connell’s hand].

38 [early 1900s] 2 items

Photograph of de Valera as a young man. Full length, wearing short overcoat and knee boots. Standing outside a front door.

39 [pre 1920s] 6cm x 8cm
b. Rockwell College

(i) Contemporary material, 1903 - 05

1904–05

Miscellaneous documents relating to de Valera’s first full-time teaching post at Rockwell College between 1903 and the summer of 1905, teaching Mathematics and Physics to the Intermediate and University classes. Includes lecture notes, letters from academics including Prof. T.J. Bromwich of Queen’s College, Galway, Prof. [G.] Chrystal of the University of Edinburgh and J.J. Reilly concerning de Valera’s queries concerning suitable books for the Royal University of Ireland course of study for the M.A., and specific mathematical problems (May–December 1904, 5 items); note to de Valera from J. Keelan “(‘Dingy’) Prefect when I was in Rockwell” on entering the Holy Ghost Fathers Novitiate [in Bath] (9 October 1904, 2pp); items relating to the celebration of the twenty fifth anniversary of the ordination of Fr. N. J. Brennan, President of Rockwell, including holograph speech by de Valera for the occasion (n.d., 1p); gun licence issued to de Valera ‘Professor of Rockwell College’ (12 November 1904, 1p) and newspaper report on a rugby match [in which de Valera played] between Rockwell and Garryowen in the Munster Cup (13 March 1906, 1p). 20 items

1903-05; 1965

Black and white photographs relating to de Valera’s teaching post at Rockwell College. Includes original prints of:

– ‘Mick Ryan and Fr. Smidh’ C.S.Sp. (n.d., 6cm x 11cm);
– two unidentified priests with bicycles and ‘Fr. M[ichael] Walsh Professor of Greek’ outside Rockwell. ‘M. Stewart’ also written on reverse (n.d., 8cm x 10cm);
– group of [masters and novices] including de Valera (n.d., 8cm x 10cm) and later print of same with individuals named on reverse. ‘Front: Messrs. Thady O’Connor & Tim Cunningham C.S.Sp. (both priests of Rockwell later) Back: 1…[Tom O’Donnell]…& 2 unknown. Eamon de Valera Mr. (afterwards Father) Dan Leen C.S.Sp. Man with moustache may be the late R.V. (Bob) Walker’ (n.d., 8cm x 11cm) *
– informal group photograph of three [novices] and two [masters] including de Valera (n.d., 10cm x 8cm);
– group of Rockwell rugby players, names on reverse as follows: ‘L. to R. Tim Cunningham C.S.Sp.. No. 2 Tom O’Donnell (v. like J[ohn]. C[harles]. McQ[uaid]?!). Dan Leen C.S.Sp.. Denis Joy C.S.Sp. (I think)’ (n.d., 11cm x 9cm) *
– formal group photograph of ‘Teaching Staff: Rockwell College, 1903’. de Valera back row, left hand side. Labelled ‘D433/4699’ on reverse (1903, 24cm x 17cm);
41 contd. — mounted photograph of de Valera holding a hunting rifle. Labelled ‘Rockwell 1904’ on reverse. [Albumen print]. Cabinet card (1904, 12cm x 16cm) and mounted copy of same (1904, 17cm x 20cm including mount, 10cm x 15cm excluding mount).
See P150/40 for the gun licence issued to de Valera dated November 1904). Also includes letter to de Valera from Mrs. Mary O’Donnell stating ‘Father Sterling of Willow Park Blackrock College has at last succeeded in getting the photos identified – if not too clearly. Since the passing of Father Mellet it was difficult to find anyone of that Rockwell period’ (28 January 1965, 1p) and letter of acknowledgement from de Valera’s Personal Secretary (2 February 1965, 1p). [The photos referred to are possibly those marked *].

12 items

42 15 August 1902– Letters to de Valera [in Rockwell College] from 7 September 1905 Louis C. Purser, Junior Bursar and other members of the academic and administrative staff in Trinity College Dublin in answer to his queries about applying for a sizarship and scholarship to the college, and about entrance fees and various Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Experimental Science lectures.

11 items

(ii) Continued association with the College, 1934 - 72


1 item

44 9 December 1947– Correspondence between de Valera and former 3 November 1972 pupils and teaching colleagues in Rockwell College or their relatives, concerning reminiscences of Rockwell. Includes correspondence with Patrick T. Cremer [former lay teacher] and Dr. J.P. Brennan [County Dublin Coroner and former Rockwell rugby player].

21 items

Also includes copy of Fr. Mellett’s book If Any Man Dare (Dublin: C.J. Fallon Ltd.), autographed by de Valera and referred to in the newspaper cuttings (1963, 126pp).

9 items


7cm x 11cm

Miscellaneous items relating to de Valera’s continuing association with and interest in Rockwell, including copies of newspaper cuttings on Rockwell rugby matches in which de Valera played; correspondence with College President Fr. J.M. Finucane C.S.Sp. (June 1959–August 1960, 6 items); and newspaper cuttings, printed material and correspondence on Rockwell College centenary celebrations in 1964.

36 items

Newspaper reports on de Valera’s attendance at the Rockwell College Union Golden Jubilee dinner held in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin on 25 February 1975.

3 items

c. Post-Rockwell College

Documents relating to de Valera’s teaching in Blackrock College in 1903. Includes photocopy of holograph text of de Valera’s paper on the ‘Irish University Problem’ delivered on 18 February 1903 (original dated February 1903, 23pp); holograph copy letter of application by de Valera for a job as a teacher in St. Wilfrid’s College [England], outlining his reasons for applying for the post and his qualifications. Letter was written while de Valera was ‘a teacher in the Intermediate Department of Blackrock College and a student in the University Depart[ment]’ (13 June 1903, 5pp). Also includes an invitation to attend the Annual Ball of the Cashel Commercial Dance Club on 7 November 1903 (October 1903, 1 item).

3 items
50

1905; 1906; 1955; 1969

Letters relating to Fr. John Keogh (187[7]-1911), a friend of de Valera’s from his school and university days. Includes:

− letter from Keogh to de Valera the day before he entered the Diocesan College in Carlow, 2 October 1905, informing de Valera of his decision to enter the priesthood and outlining reasons why de Valera should do the same (1 October 1905, 8pp);

− letter from Keogh to ‘Michael’ thanking him for his information ‘re books’ and referring to de Valera. ‘I am watching him with very curious eyes. I think a humdrum home circle will hardly ever satisfy his eager straining spirit—he might be a St. Paul in his own way if he came in’ [to the priesthood] (19 September 1906, 4pp);

− letter to de Valera from ‘S.P.’ enclosing a short account of Fr. Keogh’s life (30 April 1955, 2 items, 2pp & 4pp);

− letter to President de Valera from Fr. Patrick Lennon, Carlow providing short biographical details about Fr. John Keogh, a former science teacher who entered Carlow College in October 1906, was ordained on 12 June 1910, appointed Professor in St. Patrick’s College, Manly, the diocesan seminary in Sydney, Australia and died of tuberculosis in December 1911 (8 April 1969, 1p).

5 items

51

20 July 1905—11 September 1908

Holograph letters of recommendation written by the following individuals for de Valera in connection with various applications for teaching posts between 1905 and 1908 [but apparently not used by de Valera in any printed copies of ‘Qualifications and Testimonials’ prepared for applications, between the two dates].

• Fr. Laurence Healy C.S.Sp., Provincial, Holy Ghost Order (20 July 1905, 2 items, 2pp & 1p);

• Fr. M.J. Downey, President, University College, Blackrock, Dublin (22 July 1905 & 10 September 1908, 2 items, 1p & 2pp);

• Fr. John T. Murphy C.S.Sp., former President of Blackrock College, Dublin (24 July 1905, 2 items, 3pp & 1p);

• [?], President, St. Mary’s College, Rathmines, Dublin (27 July 1905, 2pp);

• Fr. Lambert McKenna S.J., Blackrock College, Dublin (11 September 1908, 1p).

8 items

52

n.d. & 1963

Documents concerning de Valera’s first and only appearance on stage at the Abbey Theatre in a production of a new play by McHardy-Flint, an elocution teacher [at Belvedere College, Dublin] entitled A Christmas Hamper in 1905. Includes photocopy of cutting from the Irish Times in which President de Valera recalls the story, at a reception in the Gresham Hotel in September 1963 after
he had laid the foundation stone of the new Abbey Theatre (4 September 1963, 1p); and copy of an extract from the diary of Joseph Holloway, reviewing the play and referring to de Valera’s portrayal as ‘Dr. Kelly’ (n.d., 5pp).

2 items

File relating to de Valera’s time at Carysfort College, between 1906 and October 1912. [De Valera was appointed Professor of Mathematics teaching arithmetics and mensuration at the Training College of Our Lady of Mercy, Carysfort, Blackrock, Co. Dublin in October 1906]. Includes deed appointing de Valera to the post of Professor of Mathematics (19 September 1906, 2pp); letter to the college principal [Alice Keenan/Sr. M.L. Keenan] from the Secretary of the Office of National Education, confirming approval by the Commissioners of the appointment (10 November 1906, 1p); holograph notes for lessons; sample problems and exam questions including two booklets of exam questions set by de Valera for Juniors and Seniors between 1907 and 1911[9]; copies of the privately circulated Mensuration Theory-Questions and Notes. Written for the Students of the Training College of Our Lady of Mercy, Carysfort Park, Blackrock by E. de Valera B.A. (Professor of Mathematics) (2 copies, 1 incomplete and heavily annotated, 20pp & 44pp); and postcard photograph of Mother Gonzaga, head of the College (1915, 13cm x 10cm).

20 items

File relating to de Valera’s association with Carysfort College in later years. Includes black and white photographs of de Valera, Mrs. Sinéad de Valera and three nuns, taken in summer 1961 during a visit by de Valera to the college (1961, 2 items, 14cm x 9cm each); correspondence between de Valera and former pupils of his from Carysfort College, Lucy Brent (née Conway) and Celia McNamara (October 1962–March 1966, 5 items) and text of a speech introducing de Valera to an audience assembled in Carysfort College for his lecture (n.d., 2pp).

9 items

Holograph letters to de Valera from his former student Thomas Roche [Tomás de Róiste] of St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth. De Valera gave Roche grinds for the Scholarship examination. Also mounted studio portrait of ‘Fr. Tom Roche’. ©: Brooke Hughes, Cork (n.d., c.6 x 9cm (oval print)).

3 items
56  n.d.  Typescript note listing the names of five of ‘President de Valera’s pupils in Eccles Street’ [Dominican College, where he gave lectures for the Royal University first and second arts examinations in Mathematics, Mathematical Physics and Experimental Physics, before the founding of the National University of Ireland in 1909].  1p

57  20 January– 26 February 1959  Correspondence between de Valera and Lady Mary M. Whittaker, widow of Professor Edmund Whittaker of Trinity College Dublin, relating to de Valera’s remembrance of his former Professor of Astronomy and Royal Astronomer of Ireland. [de Valera attended Professor Whittaker’s lectures on Spectroscopy, Astrophysics and Electro-Optics between 1906 and 1908].  3 items

58  1909–12  File of documents in connection with de Valera’s applications for various posts, while Professor of Mathematics in the Training College, Carysfort, Blackrock. Includes:

– printed copies of his ‘Qualifications and Testimonials’ in relation to applications for the post of Junior Inspector of Schools (c. October 1912, 12pp) and the Chair of Mathematics in University College Galway (April 1912, 14pp);

– holograph letters to de Valera from Seaghán P. Mac Éinrí [Dr. McHenry, former Principal of Coláiste Laighean in Dublin] containing advice on canvassing for the Chair of Mathematics in University College Galway (17 & 24 April 1912, 2 items, 2pp each).

Original (mostly holograph) letters of recommendation (1905–12, 11 items) written for the above applications by:

• J.J. Haugh B.A., formerly Professor of Mathematics, University College, Blackrock, Dublin (1905, 2pp);

• Sr. M. L. Keenan, Principal of the Training College of Our Lady of Mercy, Carysfort College, Blackrock, Co. Dublin (September 1908 & 18 April 1912, 2 items, 3pp each);

• Joseph Darlington M.A., F.R.U.I., Dean of Studies, University College Dublin (10 September 1908, 3pp);

• Thomas J. Fogarty, President, Blackrock College, Dublin (10 September 1908, 2pp);

• Sr. M. A. Clinchy, Priorress, Dominican Convent, Eccles Street, Dublin (11 September 1908, 3pp);

• Rev. Thomas Corcoran S.J., Professor of Education, University College Dublin (29 March 1912, 1p)

• Arthur W. Conway M.A., D.Sc., Professor of Mathematical Physics, University College Dublin (31 March 1912, 2pp);
• William Magennis M.A., Professor of Metaphysics in University College Dublin (April 1912, 3pp);
• H.C. McWeeney M.A., Professor of Mathematics, University College Dublin (2 April 1912, 2pp);
• J.J. Canon Dunne, President, Clonliffe College, Dublin (15 April 1912, 3pp).  

Various literary pieces by de Valera, including romantic verse, prose and a ‘Plot for a tragedy’.  

Holograph lecture and study notes relating to the Higher Diploma in Education taken by de Valera in 1910.  

Higher Diploma in Education Certificate awarded to Edward de Valera by the National University of Ireland.  

National University of Ireland Schedule issued by Registrar Joseph McGrath of the marks allotted to Edward de Valera in the 1910 Diploma in Teaching Examination [Higher Diploma in Education].  

Documents relating to de Valera’s involvement with the Association of Secondary School Teachers [during 1910].  

Holograph letter to de Valera from Dr. Daniel Mannix, President of St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth informing him of the resignation of Henry Kennedy, lecturer in Maths and Physics and inviting him to send in his testimonials if he is interested in the post, as ‘the Bishops at their meeting here next week will probably have under consideration the appointment of a Lecturer in his place’ (2 October 1912, 4pp).
64 contd. Also copy letter from de Valera to Peter Kilroy, Editor of \textit{The Standard}, recalling the circumstances of the first meeting between de Valera and Archbishop Daniel Mannix, following Dr. Mannix’s letter to de Valera of October 1912 inviting him to apply for the lectureship in Mathematics (12 March 1962, 1p); and article from \textit{The Standard} reproducing the substance of de Valera’s letter (12 October 1962, 1p). 
See P150/2909 for file on Rev. Dr. Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne (1917–63)  
3 items

65 May–July 1913 Covering letter and qualifications and testimonials associated with de Valera’s application for the Professorship of Mathematical Physics in University College Cork, during his time as lecturer in Mathematical Physics and Mathematics in St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth (May 1913, 2 items, 1p & 14pp). Also telegrams and letters relating to the application.  
8 items

66 18 October 1913 Holograph letter to de Valera from J.F. Hogan, St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth asking de Valera if he will act as temporary Professor of Mathematics and Mathematical Physics in place of Dr. Browne who will ‘be absent in Germany for the coming year’.  
2pp

67 1 May 1914 Certificate for the degree of Bachelor of Science Degree awarded to Edward de Valera by the National University of Ireland.  
38 x 53cms

68 [January] 1916 Copybook containing mathematical problems and equations labelled on cover ‘Questions begun Jan 1916’.  
22pp

69 March 1916 Conjoint Board in Ireland of the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Surgeons Irish Preliminary Examination paper. Examiner ‘Éamon de Bhaléara B.A., B.Sc.’.  
4pp
d. Irish language, 1903 – 59

70 June 1907 & May 1909 Coláiste Laighean Irish language exam papers including Dr. MacÉnri’s papers for beginner and higher level students (June 1907, 2 items), papers for intermediate and higher level students (May 1909, 2 items) and a phonetics paper (May 1909, 1p). 5 items

71 June 1910 Circular covering letter sent to de Valera by Seoirse Ó Muanáin enclosing tables of marks as presented by the Examiners at the June 1910 Coláiste Laighean Examinations. 4 items

72 December 1910 Documents relating to a testimonial dinner in the Gresham Hotel given in honour of Dr. Henry [Dr. Seán P. MacÉnri] the first Principal of Coláiste Laighean [Leinster College, Rutland Square, Dublin], on the occasion of his departure for Galway. Includes holograph notes by de Valera on the occasion (10pp); page containing the autographs of many of those who attended (1p) and de Valera’s sums relating to the ticket receipts (6 items). See also P150/58 for letters from Dr. MacÉnri to de Valera relating to de Valera’s application for the Chair of Mathematics in University College Galway in 1912 13 items

73 10 December 1909 Postcard from Joseph Dolan of Ardee, Co. Louth to Rev. T. Gogarty, Termonfecken, Drogheda, requesting him to attend a meeting of the Coiste Ceanntair of the Gaelic League of South Louth to be held in the Mayoralty Rooms, Drogheda, on 13 December 1909. 1 item

74 1910 Certificate awarded to de Valera during the 1910 Dublin Feis 1p
75 [1911–13]; 1953 File on Tawin Irish language summer school. De Valera was Director of the Irish language summer school on the island of Tawin, Co. Galway, between 19[10] and 19[12]. Sir Roger Casement was Patron of the school and visited it in summer 1912. Includes copies of letters to de Valera from Casement, following his visit to Tawin (originals dated 14 August & 1 September 1912, 2 items, 4pp each); handbook produced for the 1913 session of the school (1913, 16pp); holograph draft report by de Valera to the Committee on the past session of the school, the present situation at Tawin, its advantages and disadvantages as a place to host a summer school and the changes necessary to make the school a viable commercial concern (n.d., 5pp); timetable for classes (n.d., 1p); newspaper cuttings on the death of E.R. McClintock Dix, co-founder of the school, Taoiseach de Valera’s visit to Tawin in August 1953 and on the connection between Tawin and Sir Roger Casement (n.d. & 19–25 August 1953, 4 items). Also includes black and white photographs of de Valera with boatmen on the beach at Tawin (1911/12, 2 copies, 13 cm x 8 cm and mounted reproduction 31cm x 25cm including mount, 21 cm x 15 cm excluding mount); mounted reproductions of de Valera with groups of [students] and locals outside a cottage on Tawin (1911/1912, 2 items, 20 cm x 15 cm excluding mount, 31 cm x 24 cm including mount each) and group of [students] including de Valera probably taken on Tawin (n.d., 8cm x 6cm).

See also P150/3604 for a file of photocopied correspondence, mainly consisting of holograph letters to and from Sir Roger Casement, 1904-16, and later correspondence involving family members, presented by President de Valera to the National Library of Ireland in 1965, including correspondence of Sir Roger Casement with ‘Mrs. O’Beirne of Tawin and to her son Dr. O’Beirne’

18 items

76 n.d.; 1911; 1913 Miscellaneous holograph Irish language notes by de Valera on grammar, syntax etc. used in various lessons. Includes ‘Notes of O’Rahilly’s lectures from memory’ (4 October 1913, 4pp). 26 items

77 1913–19[58] Miscellaneous documents relating to Conradh na Gaeilge [the Gaelic League]. Includes:
– Córughadh Chonnachta na Gaedhilge do réir mar do learuigh an Árd-Fheis i mí Iúil, 1913, è (The Constitution of the Gaelic League, as amended by the Ard-Fheis, July, 1913). Autographed twice by de Valera (19[13], 19pp);
– Conradh na Gaedhilge. An Córù do réir mar do glacadh leis ag an gComhdáil a tionóladh Seachtain na Cásga, 1925. Autographed by de Valera (19[25], 14pp);
77 contd. – black and white mounted photograph, originally found in envelope marked ‘Original Gaelic League Organisers with Mr. de Valera at Galway 19/5/56’ (19 May 1956, 20cm x 15cm excluding mount, 25cm x 20cm including mount);
– typescript notes on the establishment of various Irish colleges, between 1904 and 1910 including Coláiste na Mumhan in 1904 and Coláiste Chonnacht Tuar mhic Éadaigh in 1905 (n.d., 1p);
– typescript extract from An Claidheamh Soluis of the text of an address of welcome to Dr. MacÉnrí to Coláiste Chonnacht (original dated August 1905, 2pp);
– article from The Irish Times on the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Coláiste na Mumhan (27 November 1956, 1p);
– notes on the early history of Conradh na Gaeilge from its foundation in 1893 to 1897 (n.d., 1p);
– Conndh na Gaedhilge. Bunreacht agus Rialacha (1958, 19pp);
– draft address by de Valera at the opening of Conradh na Gaeilge Headquarters (n.d., 3pp).

10 items

78 1908; 1925; 1941–59 Documents relating to de Valera’s Presidency of the Ard Craobh of Conradh na Gaeilge and his election as Patron in 1959. Also includes An Árd-Chraobh de Chonnradh na Gaedhilge Clár na h-Oibre 1907-09 [when Dr. Douglas Hyde was President] (1908, 24pp) and holograph texts of de Valera’s lectures to Cumannn Staire Ard Chraobh (n.d., 3 items).

14 items

79 31 May 1944 Cutting from the Irish Press on the dinner and céilí held in Barry’s hotel, Dublin on 30 May 1944, to honour the twenty-fifth anniversary of de Valera’s election as President of the Ard Craobh of the Gaelic League.

1p

80 n.d. Rough notes and undated speeches by de Valera on the revival of the Irish language.

10 items

81 n.d. Reel to reel sound recording labelled Mass (part) in Irish. Philips, 8cm/3 inch spool, 65m/210 feet, Longplay.

1 item
V. Bruree, Co. Limerick

a. Correspondence with natives of the village, 1943 - 73

Personal correspondence between de Valera and natives of his home village of Bruree, Co. Limerick, containing reminiscences of Bruree and information about the various families in the neighbourhood. Includes correspondence with the following Bruree people (or their relatives, such as sons and daughters in the U.S.A.):

- Jonathon Ryan;
- Daniel J. Hickey and his son John J. Hickey;
- Mrs. Bridget O’Brien;
- James, Byrdie, Mary and Daniel Sheahan;
- Victor Duane;
- Mrs. Bridget J. Farrell (née O’Connell);
- Michael E. Nolan;
- Seán Ua Laoghaire;
- John J. Savage;
- David T. Dwane;
- Mrs. Jean Keegan;
- Michael Supple;
- Professor C.K. Byrnes;
- Patrick Leeney;
- Danny Fitzgerald;
- Mrs. Frances P. Owens;
- James Coleman;
- John Ryan;
- Mrs. Nora Long;
- Mary Ellen Jones;
- Con O’Shea;
- John Joseph Carey;
- Miss Alice C. Hannan;
- Miss Kittie Moloney;
- Patrick O’Malley (Snr.);
- Sr. Felicitas O’Rourke;
- James L. Liston;
- John McGrath;
- Mrs. Hannah Buckley;
- John Crowley and
- John P. Lyons.

113 items
21 September 1954– 9 July 1975

Correspondence between de Valera and Mainchín Seoighe (Mannix Joyce) of Tankardstown, Bruree, Co. Limerick on the boycotting of John Gubbins in Bruree in the late 1880s and the role of Fr. O’Shea; Joyce’s writings and research on various topics including research on Bruree and surrounding townlands, their history, inhabitants, customs and language; Charles Ormsby of Athlacca Court; school roll books containing references to various members of the Coll family and de Valera (‘Eddie Develera’); ‘The Colls of Clogher & Maidstown’; his book Cois Máighe na gCaor on the Maigue district; de Valera’s visit to Bruree in July 1966; Joyce’s role in Bruree’s celebrations to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising and de Valera’s visit to Bruree on 8 October 1972 to open the museum dedicated to him and located in the former National School.

44 items

16 July– 26 September 1968

Personal correspondence between de Valera and Ted Connelly, Chicago, Illinois, concerning Connelly’s organisation of a celebration ‘to honour the son of the O’Mahoney of Bruree, the Rev. James J. Mahoney S.J.’ and ‘a letter of greetings and good wishes’ from de Valera to Fr. O’Mahoney. Fr. Mahoney’s grandfather was James J. O’Mahoney, a neighbour of de Valera’s grandmother in Knockmore, Co. Limerick.

See also P150/219 for a letter to de Valera from James J. Mahoney of Chicago, Illinois, 1922, referring to de Valera’s family background

10 items

May 1972–February 1974; 3 May 1975

File on de Valera’s visits to Bruree, Co. Limerick on 15 & 16 August 1972 and his return visit on 8 October 1972 for the opening of a museum dedicated to him in his former National School, part of a community centre to be completed at a later date and named ‘Aras de Valera’. Includes mainly newspaper cuttings and promotional literature for the community centre project by the Bruree-Rockhill Development Association. Also includes:

– article by Peggy Hickey in The Nationalist on the ‘De Valera Museum in Bruree’ (3 May 1975, 1 item);

– black and white photographs of Rockhill Church, the church in which de Valera made his first Communion (n.d., 2 items, 8cm x 6 cm each); de Valera standing in the church grounds (n.d., 8cm x 6 cm) and of Bruree Castle (n.d., 2 items, 8cm x 6cm each);

– colour photographs of de Valera in the doorway of the house at Knockmore, Bruree, in which he was reared (n.d., 8cm x 12cm & negative of same); de Valera, Mrs. de Valera, his cousin Lizzie Meagher [née Coll, daughter of his uncle Patrick Coll] and [her husband Henry Meagher?] standing in the doorway of the cottage at Knockmore (n.d., 12cm x 8cm) and de Valera,
Mrs. de Valera, their grandchildren Ann and Eamon [children of de Valera's oldest son Vivion], the President's Aide-de-Camp and three unidentified men in a field in Bruree, Co. Limerick (n.d., 8cm x 12cm).

See also P150/214 for correspondence between de Valera and his cousin Mrs. Elizabeth (‘Lizzie’) Coll Meagher and her husband Henry Meagher, of Kilmallock, Co. Limerick

[March 1957]–May 1966    Personal correspondence between de Valera and Sr. Mary Frances [‘Baby’ or ‘Babe Finlay’, (1885–1964)] a Sister of Charity in Baltimore, Maryland, native of Bruree and childhood friend of de Valera. Also includes correspondence between de Valera and Sr. Frances’ confrère, Sr. Marie José [Downey], following Sr. Frances’ death on 27 January 1964. She is writing a biography of Sr. Frances. Includes a copy of the biography (mid 1960s, 89pp).

b. History and recollections of Bruree, 1954 - 61

n.d.; 1954 & 1956    Various recollections by de Valera of his childhood in Bruree, Co. Limerick and miscellaneous notes on Bruree. Includes:

– transcripts of a dictabelt recording on recollections of his arrival in Ireland, his home and schooldays (recording made 4 July 1954, 7pp);
– typescript notes dictated by him in June 1956 headed ‘Recollections of Riding Horses, etc.’, ‘An Earlier Occasion’, ‘Followed by a Little Bird’, ‘Superstitions’, ‘Falling off the Cart in my Sleep’, ‘Excursion to Mitchelstown’ and ‘Excursion to Killarney’ (June 1956, 4pp);
– typescript dictated on 20 August 1956 headed ‘Various Incidents and Recollections of Bruree’ (1p), ‘Country life in Bruree district when Chief was young’ (2pp), ‘Trades and Positions held by People in Bruree’ (1p) and ‘Families in the Houses on the Various Roads’ (1p);
– handwritten list [by Henry Meagher] of inhabitants of Bruree Lane, Railway Lane and surrounding area (n.d., 2pp);
– notes on his earliest political recollections (n.d., 3pp).

April 1947    Copy of the Irish Digest containing an article (pp.13–16) by J. Doran O’Reilly entitled ‘The Boyhood of De Valera’, condensed from the Sunday Chronicle.

1 item
89  September–December 1956 & [January] 1957 Typescript draft texts of lectures by de Valera on the history of the village of Bruree, Co. Limerick (dictated by him on 7 September 1956, 5pp) and on his recollections of the feast day of St. Munchin, the patron saint of the parish and diocese, the various priests, including the parish priest Fr. Sheehy, and the history of the parish. The latter lecture entitled ‘Bruree and it’s Neighbourhood’ was given by de Valera in Bruree on 2 January 1957 ([January] 1957, 5 items). Also includes associated correspondence between de Valera and members of Bruree Fianna Fáil Cumann, the organisers of the lecture (12 November–21 December 1956, 8 items). 13 items


91  29 July & August 1961 Holograph letter to President de Valera from Tadhg J. Smalle enclosing a “special tribute to the late Frank Roche Elton, Knocklong, Gaelic Scholar and Musician, as published in the Limerick Leader by ‘An Mangaire Sugach’ on 29 July 1961”. 3 items

92  11 June 1972 Poem in Irish by An tAthair Pádraig Ó Fiannachta entitled Préamhacha. ‘D’Eamon de Valera agus dá théarma ar Scoil Bhrú Rí.’ (three verses. 26 lines), with handwritten note in Irish stating that the poem was written by An tAthair Ó Fiannachta after a visit to Bruree in June 1972, during which he was asked to write a poem for a booklet about the village, to be published in the same year. 1p
VI. Chancellor of the National University of Ireland: appointment and functions, 1921 – 71

2 July 1921 – 11 September 1975

File concerning de Valera’s appointment as Chancellor of the National University of Ireland. Divided into seven sections, with the following titles:

– ‘General Note re Chancellorship’. Includes notes concerning the process of appointment; notes on the last Chancellor of the Royal University of Ireland, Lord Castletown, and the first Chancellor of the National University of Ireland, Dr. William J. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin (1921–62, 3pp);
– ‘Election of Mr. E. de Valera, 1921 (Originals and Copies of letters)’. Includes:
  • holograph letter to de Valera from J.C. Swift MacNeill, Clerk of Convocation, N.U.I. about de Valera’s nomination as a candidate for election as Chancellor, on 19 December 1921. Also typescript copy of same (2 July 1921, 2 items, 2pp & 1p);
  • holograph letter to de Valera from Michael F. Cox, Chairman of Convocation, N.U.I., notifying him of his election as Chancellor. Witnessed by Fr. Timothy Corcoran S.J. Professor of Education, U.C.D.. Also typescript copy of same (20 July 1921, 3pp);
  • de Valera’s reply to the Chairman of Convocation, National University of Ireland accepting his election to the honorary office of Chancellor of the N.U.I. (20 July 1921, 1p);
  • text of de Valera’s reply to an address presented by the students assembled in the Central Hall of the University at the reception at which de Valera formally took his place as Chancellor (20 November 1921, 2pp);
– ‘Newspaper accounts of Election of E. de Valera as Chancellor’, including cuttings from Irish Life of photographs of the ceremony (25 November 1921, 1p);
– ‘Letters of Congratulations’. Including congratulations from Fr. Timothy Corcoran S.J., Eoin MacNeill and his wife, and Sr. Scolastica, Ursuline Convent, Sligo;
93 contd.  – ‘Dail Eireann Parliamentary Question’ containing typescript ‘Extract from Official Report of Debates in Dáil Éireann. Vol. 172, No. 8...27th January, 1959’ concerning the position of Chancellor of the N.U.I. as an honorary one. ‘The Chancellor has never received any salary or other remuneration or expenses’ (27 January 1959, 1p);
– ‘Re Successor as Chancellor’ containing press cuttings relating to a rumour of de Valera’s resignation as Chancellor on becoming a candidate for the Presidency in January 1959 (18, 21 January 1959, 2 items, 1p each) and cutting from the Evening Herald on the process of appointing a new Chancellor, following de Valera’s death (11 September 1975, 1p);
Also includes recollection by de Valera headed ‘My Selection as Chancellor’ (n.d., 1p). 38 items

94  26; 30 November 1922  Letter in Irish to Chancellor de Valera from Muiris Mac Ionraic, Editor of An Result, journal of the U.C.D. branch of An Cumann Gaedhlach, asking de Valera to write ‘rud beag éigin’ for the journal and de Valera’s reply regretting he cannot write an article and stating ‘Tá dlúthbhaint...(ag Teanga na hÉireann agus sean-fhód ár sinnsear)...ach má leaghnann an Teanga oraínn tá sí caillte chothromagain: ní hionann san agus fearann Gaedhal, mar dá gcáilltidhe san ní bheadh a bhac oraínn e bhaint amach athuair’.
2 items, 2pp & 1p

95  7 April 1937  Holograph notes by de Valera in his capacity as N.U.I. Chancellor, headed ‘Verbal Report. Ap. 7 meeting, 1937’ on a meeting of a Standing Committee established by University College Dublin on the question of the vacant Registrarship in the college. 1p

96  [late 1930s?]  Black and white photograph of de Valera in his robes as Chancellor of the N.U.I. on the steps of an unknown building with unknown cleric, Dr. Denis J. Coffey, President of University College Dublin (1908–40), [Agnes O’Farrelly] and an unknown man [following the conferral of honorary degrees on the latter two]. 21 x 16cm
[1940s-70s] Portraits of de Valera in the robes of the Chancellor of the National University of Ireland. Includes:

– n.d. (10cm x 15cm);
– ‘Taken with P. de Brun, Oct. 1959’ (October 1959, 16cm x 21cm);
– series of prints taken in de Valera’s office–sitting (3 items, 19cm x 24cm each); full-length, standing, holding ceremonial cap (3 items, 15cm x 23cm, 18cm x 24cm & 19cm x 25cm) and full-length, standing, holding scroll (4 items, 19cm x 24cm);
– mounted colour print, labelled ‘Photo by Duncan. Presented to President on his 77th birthday by Peter Kilroy, on behalf of Management, Irish Times Ltd.’ (1959, 17cm x 23cm excluding mount, 30cm x 38cm including mount);
– colour photograph (1970s?, 12cm x 17cm), with note (1p) attached stating that Fr. Paul, O.F.M. thinks that this photograph was published a short time before de Valera’s death in a pamphlet entitled *Eamon de Valera and Ollscoil na hÉireann.*

14 prints & 1p

1954–71 File on the National University of Ireland and de Valera’s role as Chancellor, between the years 1954 and 1971, including:

– cuttings from newspapers and journals, and correspondence between de Valera in his capacity as Chancellor of the N.U.I. and various individuals, on the conferral of honorary degrees by the University including Robert Frost (D.Litt. 1957); Basil O’Connor (LL.D. 1958); Prof. J.V. Downes (LL.D. 1958); M.J. Smyth (M.D. 1958); Rev. Dr. J.F. Norton, Bishop of Bathurst, N.S.W. (LL.D. 1958); Sir David K. Henderson (M.D. 1958); C.K. Mills (D.Sc. 1958); Rev. Dr. Richard Cushing, Archbishop of Boston (LL.D. 1958); Rev. Dr. William Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster and Cardinal-designate (LL.D. 1958); Prof. M. O’Brien, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (D.Litt.Celt. 1958); The Earl of Longford (D.Litt. 1958); Sir Phillip Morris, Vice-Chancellor, University of Bristol (LL.D. 1958); Prof. Kenneth H. Jackson, Edinburgh University (D.Litt. Celt. 1958); Major Eugene Kinkead (LL.D. 1958); Sir Hugh E.C. Beaver (D.Econ.Sc. 1959); Prof. Harlow Shapley (D.Sc. 1959); Seán Mac Giollarnáth (LL.D. 1959); Prof. A.F. Burstall (D.Sc. 1959); Christopher A. Cusack (LL.D. 1959); Prof. M.G. O’Malley (M.Ch. 1959); Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. McDonald, Rector of the Catholic University of America; Professor William McCausland Stewart (D.Litt., 1963) and the Rt. Hon. A.A. Calwell, Australian House of Representatives, (1957–67, 9 items);
– commemorative booklet published for the centenary celebrations of the founding of the Catholic University of Ireland in 1854 (1954, 32pp) and text of an address by Chancellor de Valera on the opening of the centenary celebrations on 20 July 1954;
– newspaper cuttings on de Valera’s attendance at the inaugural meeting of the U.C.D. Agricultural Science Society (1957–59, 2 items);
98 contd. – newspaper cuttings on the unveiling of a plaque by Taoiseach de Valera commemorating the discovery of quaternion theory by Sir William Rowan Hamilton at Rowan Hamilton Bridge, formerly Broome Bridge, Cabra on 13 November 1958 (13, 14 November 1958, 2 items);
– report from the Irish Press on the presentation of a portrait of Chancellor de Valera by Tomás Ó Riain, A.N.C.A. to de Valera in 1958 (4 December 1958, 1 item);
– newspaper cuttings on de Valera’s opening of the new U.C.D. chemistry laboratory on 6 February 1959 (7 February 1959, 3 items, 1p each);
– newspaper cutting and text of de Valera’s speech in English and Irish on the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the National University of Ireland in 1959 (3 items, 1p each) and
– newspaper cuttings on the investitures of Professor J.J. McHenry (1964) and of Dr. M.D. McCarthy (1967) as successive Presidents of University College Cork; and on the unveiling of the foundation stone for University College Galway’s £12 million development scheme in 1971 (4 items).
Also includes letter of thanks from de Valera to Dr. Seamus Wilmot, Registrar of the National University of Ireland for the presentation of a piece of silver to mark the fiftieth anniversary of de Valera’s election as Chancellor of the N.U.I. (December 1971, 1p).

44 items

99 1956-58 File on de Valera’s visit to Belfast in February 1957 [his first since 1929] accompanied by
Frank Aiken, during which they visited Aiken’s sister, Mrs. Magennis, in Newry, paid a courtesy call on the Most. Rev. Dr. Mageen, Bishop of Down and Connor, and visited Queens’ University where de Valera addressed the Queen’s University Literary and Scientific Society on the topic ‘The League of Nations and the United Nations – the same fate?’. Includes correspondence between de Valera and Don Carleton and E. Spence, successive Secretaries of the Literary and Scientific Society, and Vice-Chancellor Sir Eric Ashby, concerning arrangements for the debate (October 1956–9 February 1957, 14 items), notes and drafts of de Valera’s address (8 items) and newspaper accounts of the visit to Belfast (12 February 1957, 5 items). Also includes correspondence between de Valera and Sir Eric Ashby on the latter’s departure from Belfast and his new post in Cambridge in 1958 (27 March–23 May 1958, 3 items).

31 items

100 n.d. Mounted black and white photograph of Chancellor de Valera at an unspecified honorary degree conferring ceremony. Irish Press photo.
20cm x 15cm excluding mount
25cm x 20cm including mount
VII. General health and eyesight, 1929 - 70

101 25 November 1929 – 21 July 1970  File, including newspaper cuttings, correspondence and clinical assessments, relating to de Valera’s vision problems and his numerous eye operations throughout the years [including a series of six operations in Utrecht, between 19 August and 6 December 1952]. Correspondence is between de Valera and the various eye specialists he consulted – Dr. Robert Diwyer Joyce, Merrion Square, Dublin (1929); Dr. H.J. Taggart, Harley Street, London (1932 & 1933); Dr. Franceschetti, Geneva (1934); Prof. Dr. Alfred Vogt, [Director of the University Eye Clinic] Zurich (1935-37) [many of Prof. Vogt’s communications are in German, but English translations accompany most of the important items]; Dr. Cummins, Merrion Square, Dublin (1939); Prof. Dr. Henry Moore, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin (1939); Prof. Wagner, Zurich (1951), Prof. Dr. H.J.M. Weve, Utrecht (1953-57) and Dr. Richard A. Perritt, Chicago, Illinois (1964). Also includes Irish and Dutch newspaper reports on de Valera’s time in Utrecht in 1952 (19 August–31 December 1952, c. 70 items), black and white press photograph of de Valera and his son Dr. Eamonn de Valera leaving the Hotel des Pays Bas during their time in Utrecht (1952, 17cm x 23cm), copy of letter sent to President de Valera from Prof. Tao Kiang, Chief Assistant, Dunsink Observatory concerning the use of acupuncture techniques in treating blindness (original dated 27 June 1970, 2pp) and a short account of the history of acupuncture sent to de Valera by Louis E. Werner, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin (2pp).

c. 193 items

102 28 March 1936 – 9 January 1937  Correspondence relating to the time spent by de Valera in Zurich undergoing specialist eye treatment under Prof. Dr. Alfred Vogt [Director of the University Eye Clinic] in Spring 1936. Includes mainly letters of welcome and goodwill sent to de Valera by Zurich residents and fellow patients at the eye clinic, correspondence between de Valera and Sr. Rita of the Red Cross in Zurich, and letters from members of the public offering or seeking advice on treatment for eye complaints. Also includes black and white photograph of the University Eye Clinic in Zurich ‘on a gloomy day’. Autographed on reverse by de Valera (October 1937, 8cm x 6cm).

21 items
103  7 March–5 May 1936  Documents relating to Eamonn de Valera’s six-week stay with his father in Zurich during de Valera’s treatment under Prof. Dr. Vogt. Includes mainly personal letters to Eamonn, and a few to his father, from Mrs. de Valera and Máirín de Valera (7 March–5 May 1936, 18 items). Also includes official government notes on arrangements for Eamonn’s journey to Zurich (n.d., 2pp) and letters of conduct for the French and Swiss authorities from Secretary of the Department of External Affairs Joseph P. Walshe, the French Minister in Dublin and the Swiss Consul in Dublin (26 March 1936, 3 items, 1p each).

25 items

104  9 January 1937  Holograph letter written by de Valera from Zurich to his son Eamonn following a consultation with eye specialist Dr. Alfred Vogt, describing his vision problems and a visit he made to ‘the little church of St. Anthony’ with Capt. Seán Brennan his Aide-de-Camp. Includes a greeting in German from Sr. Rita [Red Cross nurse] who met Eamonn on his visit to Zurich to see his father in the spring of 1936.

4pp

105  1952-53, 1966  Correspondence between Kathleen O’Connell and Sr. Columba, Poor Clare Colettine Convent, Dublin following the death of Sr. Columba’s brother Fr. Myles Allman, on President de Valera’s address at Fr. Allman’s grave, the activities of one of her other brothers Pat, during the War of Independence and the Civil War and de Valera’s trip to Utrecht in 1952 for an eye operation. Also copy letter from President de Valera to Mrs. Katherine Allman Healy, Killarney, Co. Kerry [another sister of the late Fr. Allman] reminiscing about her brother.

11 items

106  August–September 1964, July 1965  Newspaper reports on de Valera’s operations on July 1965 and on [4] July the following year, for inguinal hernia and his recovery in the Mater Private Nursing Home. Also texts of three telegrams wishing a speedy recovery received from the Diplomatic Corps, the Pakistani Ambassador in London and the Irish Ambassador in New Delhi in 1964.

28 items
Typescript note [by Marie O'Kelly] listing the ‘Chief’s illnesses between 1965 and 1970’.  
1p

VIII. Donation of artefacts and documents to libraries and museums, 1935 - 67

11 February 1935– 13 June 1959  
Correspondence and lists relating to artefacts and documents presented by de Valera to the National Museum of Ireland. Includes:

– copy of ‘List of Items in the Historical Collections, National Museum presented by An Taoiseach (de Valera), or presented through him by others, or presented by the Department of the Taoiseach’ between 1937 and 1945 (post-1945, 2pp);

– correspondence between Joseph McGarrity, Joe McGrath, Mrs. Kitty O’Doherty, Michael S.D. Westropp, Keeper, Art and Industrial Division of the National Museum of Ireland, and Kathleen O’Connell, Personal Secretary to de Valera, concerning de Valera’s donation to the National Museum of a trunk of clothes belonging to Sir Roger Casement and a pair of boots worn by de Valera on his trip to America in 1919. The items were sent by Joe McGarrity to Ireland through Joe McGrath and Mrs. Kitty O’Doherty. Includes list of contents of the trunk, an official acknowledgement by the Museum of the donation, and a copy reply from Ms. O’Connell (13 December 1934–18 February 1935, 7 items).

Also includes correspondence between de Valera, Dr. Gerard Hayes-McCoy, Assistant Keeper of the National Museum of Ireland and various individuals who have donated the following items through de Valera, to the Museum—a collection of miscellaneous artefacts and documents donated by de Valera in 1941 for the ‘1916 Collection’; three bugles associated with the 1848 rising and the Irish Citizen Army and the 1916 Easter Rising presented by de Valera in 1948; a photographic copy of the last letter of Michael O’Brien, one of the Manchester Martyrs, written by O’Brien to his brother from the New Bailey prison, Manchester, 4 November 1867, the eve of his execution and given to de Valera by Rev. Dr. Richard Earley, Manchester, in 1948; an autograph book containing the signatures of prisoners held at Mountjoy jail in 1922 and at Gormanstown Camp in 1923, given to de Valera by James McCourt, Manchester in 1949 and donated to the Museum in 1954; a holograph letter from Sir Roger Casement (20 August 1912) to Mrs. O’Beirn of Tawin given to de Valera by her daughter Mrs. B. Crowe of Galway in March 1951 and donated to the Museum in April 1951; and a pair of glasses and a glasses case belonging to the late Liam Lynch, given to de Valera by his brother Seán in March 1959 and deposited in the Museum in June 1959 (24 April 1941–13 June 1959, 33 items).

C.41 items
109 12 May 1941–23 November 1959 File relating to the National Library of Ireland, mainly correspondence between de Valera, Dr. Richard Hayes, Director of the Library and Depositors; and lists of items donated to the Library by various individuals through de Valera between 1941 and 1959. Also includes typescript Library report on the project to compile an ‘Irish National Bibliography. An Index to Ireland’s Contribution to Western Civilization, 450–1950 A.D.’ (n.d., 7pp). 20 items

110 30 May; 14 August–December 1964 Correspondence in Irish between de Valera and Diarmaid Ó hÉoghanáin [Honan], Chairman, Ennis Municipal Museum, relating to de Valera’s gift of the following artefacts to the Museum: a fountain pen given to him by the children of Corofin, Co. Clare in 1917; the pen with which Neville Chamberlain signed the Anglo-Irish agreements of 25 April 1938 ending the Economic War; and telegrams and handbills relating to the 1917 East Clare by-election. Also newspaper reports on de Valera’s official opening of the museum on 15 August 1964. 9 items

111 [November] 1966 Correspondence mainly between Mrs. Patrick Murray, Kilkea, Co. Clare and President de Valera’s Personal Secretary, Marie O’Kelly, relating to a bandolier worn by Mrs. Murray’s grandfather, John Sexton of Donogan Castle, Mullagh, Co. Clare, ‘when with a troop of 80 other horsemen he rode out of Ennis in a torchlight procession, to escort Charles Stewart Parnell into the town’. De Valera presented the bandolier to the [Ennis Municipal Museum]. 6 items

112 15 November 1967 Copy of a letter from Marie O’Kelly to Seáamus Ó Braonáin [James J. Brennan], Secretary, Kilmainham Jail Museum, offering a photograph of ‘Irish Prisoners after their release from prison in 1920’ [from Wormwood Scrubs] and some pages of a diary, to the Museum. 3pp
IX. Memorabilia, 1916 - [60s]

113  n.d.  Circular [campaign button] featuring de Valera on tricolour background ‘De Valera 1916’. 2cm in diameter

114  1919-63 .  Miscellaneous medals, badges, pins and rings belonging to de Valera. Includes
– ring stamped ‘I.R. 1916’;
– symbolic key to the city of Portland, Maine (n.d.);
– medal issued by the ‘Sons of the American Revolution for Service in World War’ 1917-19;
– medal presented to de Valera by the Boston Cumainn Bhreandáin (19 March 1927);
– de Valera’s Royal Dublin Society medal and badge (1931, 2 items);
– disc commemorating the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki, Finland;
– identity badge for de Valera’s attendance at the International Astronomical Union’s 9th General Assembly held in Dublin in 1955;
– holy medal brought back by de Valera from the Catacombs in Rome (n.d.);
– Pope Paul VI coronation commemorative medal in presentation case embossed with the Pontiff’s coat of arms (1963).

26 items

Various personal and diplomatic passports used by de Valera, 1925-57. Each passport [except P150/122] contains a photograph and signature.

115  Date of issue: 29 May 1925  
Type: British  
Name: Joseph Edwards

116  Date of issue: 26 November 1926  
Type: British  
Name: Arthur Aughtie Greenman

117  Date of issue: 21 February 1927  
Type: Saorstát Éireann/Irish Free State  
Name: Éamón De Valéra

118  Date of issue: 7 March 1939  
Type: Passeport diplomatique, Irlande  
Name: Éamon de Valéra
119  Date of issue: 18 February 1948
    Type: Irish
    Name: Éamon de Valéra

120  Date of issue: 2 March 1948
    Type: Passeport diplomatique, Irlande
    Name: Éamon de Valéra

121  Date of issue: 19 August 1952
    Type: Passeport diplomatique, Irlande
    Name: Éamon de Valéra

122  Date of issue: 21 September 1957
    Type: Passeport diplomatique, Irlande
    Name: Éamon de Valéra

123  n.d.  Stamps and stamping blocks belonging to de Valera. Includes de Valera’s signature stamp, mounted on wooden blocks [printer’s signature blocks], with full signature in English and in Irish; metal stamping plate, with engraved English signature; ‘EdeV’ stamp; ‘I.R.’ stamp and stamp containing a Christmas card greeting from de Valera (n.d.)  6 items

124  n.d.  Rough line sketch of two figures on a scrap of paper found in envelope labelled by Marie O'Kelly as follows: ‘Chief gave me this and told me that it was sketched by Walt Disney while illustrating something re his cartoons as he chatted with him as Taoiseach in Government Buildings’.  2 items

125  [post 1925]  Pencil sketch on paper of ‘Mr. De Valera, Leader of Fianna Fáil party’ ‘Éamon Féin’.  22cm x 28cm

126  n.d.  Parker fountain pen in a Sheaffer’s presentation case, found in an envelope labelled as follows, by Marie O'Kelly: ‘Fountain pen with very broad nib used by President de Valera a great deal until his eyesight deteriorated so that he could no longer read what he wrote. He gave it to my Aunt, Kathleen O'Connell as a souvenir – from then on everything had to be read to him’.  1 item & 1p
Pieces of cardboard with cut-out slots, found in an envelope labelled by Marie O'Kelly as follows: ‘Most Interesting Souvenirs. Method used by President de Valera for voting – although blind. For elections etc., he used to get a cancelled copy of the Ballot paper from the returning officer in advance of election date. Having studied the candidates etc., and decided on how he intended voting he would have the particular names cut out – the enclosed will explain his method. By this way he was enabled to vote by secret ballot, although blind. The card was cut out to the identical size of the ballot paper, and all he had to do was to mark it as he desired. Very many people used to wonder whether he just dropped the ballot paper into the box without marking it.’

7 items

Card embossed with the braille alphabet and the following note typed on the reverse by [Marie O'Kelly]: ‘He taught me the braille alphabet – just as an exercise!’

1 item

2. FAMILY

I. Sinéad de Valera (née Flanagan)

Biographical information on de Valera’s wife, Sinéad de Valera (née Flanagan), including family tree, notes by Sinéad listing birth dates of her children and some of her grandchildren (n.d., 2pp), lists of relatives and biographical account of Sinéad de Valera (1968, 2 items, 4pp & 2pp).

8 items

File relating to the writings and short-lived acting career of Sinéad de Valera. Includes printed list of Mrs. de Valera’s playlets, poems and stories for children published by M.H. Gill & Son Ltd. (n.d., 4pp); copy of a review by Mary E.L. Butler, published in An Gaodhal [The Gael], of a 1902 play The Tinker and the Fairy by Douglas Hyde, President of the Gaelic League, in which Mrs. de Valera took part (original dated July 1902, 3pp); article by Mrs. de Valera published in the Irish Press entitled Back to the Early Days. Some Suggestions for revisiting the Old Gaelic League Enthusiasm (9 September 1936, 1p) and typescript entitled Lá Bealtaine. Dráma beag grinn i gcóir cailíní óga (n.d., 18pp).

9 items
131  [April 1916] Holograph note from de Valera to his wife Sinéad, written from Boland’s Bakery. ‘If I die pray for me. Kiss our children for me. Tell them their father died doing his duty. Had MacNeill let things go the day before Sunday we’d hold this position for months. My force here w[oul]d have been exactly five times its present strength…We showed that there were Irish men who, in face of great odds would dare what they said’. 1p

132  23 December 1916 Letter sending Christmas and New Year’s greetings to Mrs. de Valera from Máirtín MacDhomhnáil, one of her Irish language students. Praises her as a ‘teacher of our own native language and an enthusiastic one at that’ and a ‘co-partner in his…[de Valera’s]…patriotic designs which for the moment has failed to reach success.’ 4pp

133  [1909?]; April 1935- November 1974 Documents relating to Sinéad de Valera, including mainly heterogeneous letters to her. Includes:
– holograph personal letter to Mrs. de Valera from a former maid, Alice Byrne of Dun Laoghaire, containing news of her married life and referring to Mrs. de Valera’s dislike of public appearances (20 February 1948, 3pp);
– letters and lists concerning Mrs. de Valera’s ninetieth birthday on 1 June 1968 (29 May–10 June 1968, 11 items);
– letter to Mrs. de Valera from seven members of the newly elected Fianna Fáil Cabinet thanking her for inviting them to dinner with her and the President, following their appointment as Ministers (23 July 1969, 1p);
– documents relating to the conferral by the Belgian government of the Grand Cordon of the Order of Leopold on Mrs. de Valera in 1968 [de Valera received the same honour] and to the presentation of the ‘Bonn Uachtarán na hÉireann’ to express the Irish Red Cross Society’s ‘appreciation of special devotion to the aims of the Red Cross’ in September 1972;
– letter of congratulations to Mrs. Sinéad de Valera on the occasion of her 60th Wedding Anniversary, from Gerald P. MacCann of Tyrone. Also acknowledgement from de Valera’s Personal Secretary noting that the wedding ceremony was performed by a Fr. Martin (20 January & 18 February 1970, 2 items). 33 items

134  8–18 January 1975 Cuttings from Irish newspapers on the death and funeral of Mrs. Sinéad de Valera, who died on 7 January 1975. 24 items
135

January–March 1975 Correspondence relating to the death of Mrs. Sinéad de Valera on 7 January 1975. Includes letter of condolence to de Valera from Mrs. Mary C. Bromage (10 January 1975, 1p); letter of condolence and booklet of commemorative poetry written in honour of Mrs. de Valera by a primary school class in St. Michael’s School, Athy, Co. Kildare and copy acknowledgement from de Valera (14 January & 28 February 1975, 3 items) and copy letters from de Valera to individuals including various Irish Ambassadors overseas, acknowledging letters of condolence (February & March 1975, 10 items).

15 items

136

1920–70 Black and white, mainly newspaper photographs of some of Sinéad de Valera’s rare public appearances. Includes:

– de Valera and Sinéad de Valera in Plattsburg, New York, taken during de Valera’s 1919–20 mission to the U.S.A. when he was visited by his wife in August and September 1920 (August/September 1920, 8cm x 14cm). Also enlarged modern reproduction of same (19cm x 24cm);

– de Valera, Mrs. de Valera and two unidentified men at the St. Patrick’s night State Reception in St. Patrick’s Hall, Dublin Castle. Photograph by Vyvyan Poole, 42 St. Alban’s Park, Dublin ([March, mid 1930s], 27cm x 23cm including mount; 20cm x 15cm excluding mount). Also includes cropped version of photograph as published in the [Daily Express] (n.d., 1 item);

– Mrs. de Valera being presented to Dr. Douglas Hyde, first President of Ireland, at an unknown state function [possibly the President’s Inauguration in 1938?]. @: the Irish Press (n.d., 20cm x 15cm);

– Dr. Douglas Hyde, de Valera and Mrs. de Valera. Print autographed by de Valera and Mrs. de Valera. @: the Irish Press ([1940s], 20cm x 17cm). Also includes cropped version of same as published in the Irish Press on 14 October 1950, 1 item);

– de Valera and Mrs. de Valera greeting unidentified male guest at unknown diplomatic function (n.d., 16cm x 21cm);

– Mrs. de Valera and unknown priest. Annotated ‘13/4/46’ on reverse, along with printing instructions for publication (n.d., 16cm x 21cm);

– rows of seated guests including Seán T. O’Kelly, de Valera, Mrs. de Valera, Frank Aiken and Thomas Derrig [extreme right of picture, with glasses] at an unknown function/performance. @: the Irish Press (n.d.[late 1940s], 20cm x 15cm);

– de Valera and Mrs. de Valera greeting guests at unidentified state function (n.d., 21cm x 16cm);

– de Valera and Mrs. de Valera being greeted by Fr. Finn C.S.Sp. at the opening of St. Anne’s school in Booterstown. @: the Irish Press ([1960s?], 20cm x 25cm including mount; 14cm x 20cm excluding mount);
136 contd. Mrs. de Valera and de Valera seated on the steps of Áras an Uachtarán being presented with a bouquet of flowers [on her birthday?]. ©: Lensmen Press & P.R. Photo Agency, Dublin ([1960s], 19cm x 15cm). Also includes pictures of various public appearances by Mrs. de Valera clipped from Irish and American newspapers (1930s–70, 7 items).
20 items

137 [1930s/early 1940s] Black and white photograph of de Valera and Mrs. Sinéad de Valera sitting in a garden. Autographed on reverse by both (10cm x 7cm). Also modern black and white enlarged reproduction of same (24 cm x 19 cm) and negative (1 item).
3 items

138 n.d. Private photographs of Sinéad de Valera including studio portrait of Mrs. de Valera as a young woman (n.d., 20cm x 25cm including mount; 9cm x 13cm excluding mount) and snapshot of Mrs. de Valera in later years in a conservatory (n.d., 6cm x 8cm). Also includes print and negative of Sinéad de Valera’s father Laurence Flanagan, annotated on reverse by de Valera, ‘Sinéad’s father. E deV’ (n.d., 2 items, print 8cm x 13cm).
4 items

139 26 February 1962 Diplomatic passport issued in the name of Sinéad de Valera for her trip to Rome in March 1962. Details in French and Irish. Includes photograph.
1 item

140 n.d. Black and white snapshot of Mrs. Sinéad de Valera in her later years.
9cm x 14cm
II. Marriage and wedding anniversaries

141 1910 Mounted studio portrait of de Valera and Sinéad de Valera on their wedding day. Photographer: Lauder Bros., 32 Westmoreland St. & 45 Lr. Sackville St., Dublin. Inscribed on reverse ‘To May With Love from de Valera’ (not in de Valera’s hand) and in [Kathleen O’Connell’s] hand ‘Handed in by Richard Cullurt, 63 Windmill Pk. Crumlin (He said he took it from Smye as he was misusing it)’ (January 1910, 18cm x 24cm including mount, 10cm x 14 cm excluding mount). Also enlarged print of same, annotated on reverse ‘Sent by Terry Coll Coar, April 1970 (Found in Kathleen Coll’s papers)’ in Marie O’Kelly’s hand (25cm x 34cm), reproduction by Whites of Boston, Massachusetts (12cm x 17 cm) and black and white modern enlarged reproduction (19cmx 24 cm). Image used in Eamon de Valera Pakenham and O’Neill’s biography (1970). 4 items

142 n.d. Postcard photograph of Eamon and Sinéad de Valera on their wedding day. Autographed by de Valera. ‘President and Mrs. Eamon de Valera after their wedding, 8/1/1910’ typed on reverse. Image used in Eamon de Valera, Longford and O’Neill’s biography (1970). 13cm x 8cm

143 7 March 1914, 11 April 1921 Copies of the Certificate of Marriage of Edward de Valera and Jane Flanagan in St. Paul’s Church, Arran Quay, Dublin, on 8 January 1910. Witnesses: Francis Hughes and Bridget Flanagan. Includes two copies dated 7 March 1914 and two copies (one Irish version and one English version) dated 11 April 1921. 4 items, 1p each

144 8–10 January 1960 Newspaper reports and photographs of Eamon and Sinéad de Valera on the occasion of their fiftieth (Golden) wedding anniversary on 10 January 1960. Includes note to de Valera and Mrs. de Valera accompanying the Government’s presentation of a piece of Irish silver and a portrait of Mrs. Sinéad de Valera by Seán O’Sullivan to the couple to mark their anniversary. Note is autographed by all the Cabinet members (8 January 1960, 1p). 19 items
– de Valera and Sinéad at home in Áras an Uachtarán. Autographed by both. ©: Irish Times (1960, 16cm x 21cm);
– de Valera, Sinéad and their six children outside Áras an Uachtarán. Back row, from left: Terry, Vivion, Ruairí and Eamonn. Front row from left: Máirín and Emer. Autographed by Máirín, Sinéad and de Valera. ©: Irish Press (1960, 24 cm x 19cm) and enlargement of same, with typed caption on reverse ‘President and Mrs. De Valera with their children – taken on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee, 8th January, 1960’ and the name of each family member (29cm x 24cm);
– de Valera, Sinéad, their children and grandchildren, outside Áras an Uachtarán. Autographed by de Valera and Sinéad. ©: Irish Press (1960, 24cm x 18cm) and enlargement of same (28cm x 24cm).
5 items

146  6 – 20 January 1970  Telegrams and letters of congratulations to President and Mrs. Sinéad de Valera on the occasion of their 60th [Diamond] wedding anniversary in January 1970. Includes messages from members of the Government and the Council of State, members of the Hierarchy, American diplomatic officials, friends and colleagues including:
• Frank and Elizabeth Longford;
• American Ambassador and Mrs. John D. Moore;
• Todd Andrews;
• Mrs. Phyllis O’Kelly [widow of Seán T. O’Kelly];
• Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland Rev. Dr. George Otto Simms;
• Rev. Dr. John Charles McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin;
• Seán and Kathleen Lemass;
• Seán MacEoin;
• Cearbhall and Máirín Ó Dálaigh
• Frank and Eibhlin Aiken;
• Jack and Máirín Lynch;
• Cardinal Agagianian, Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith
• the Apostolic Nuncio in Ireland on behalf of Pope Paul VI.
30 items
January 1970

Image used in Eamon de Valera Pakenham and O’Neill’s biography (1970).
25cm x 17cm

III. Children & grandchildren

148 n.d.
Typescript lists of dates of birth of the de Valera children and grandchildren. Also includes typescript family tree showing the immediate family (children and grandchildren of Eamon and Sinéad de Valera only).
See also P150/129 for notes by de Valera’s wife Sinéad listing birth dates of her children and some of her grandchildren (n.d., 2pp)
5 items

149 n.d.
Photocopy of handwritten notes mainly concerning the general health of the de Valera children, 1917-18.

1p

150 [c.1914–early 1920s]
Photographs of de Valera’s sons and daughters as young children. Includes:
– sepia toned mounted studio portrait of Vivion, Máirín, Eamonn, Brian, Ruairí and Emer. Studio: J. St. Aubyns, Greystones ([c.1919], 24cm x 17cm including mount, 13cm x 8cm excluding mount) and modern black and white enlarged reproduction of same (24cm x 19cm);
– studio portraits (seashore backdrops) of Vivion, Máirín, Eamonn and Brian (names noted on reverse in de Valera’s hand) ([c.1916], 2 copies, 8cm x 13cm) and of Máirín on her own ([c.1916], 8cm x 13cm);
– Eamonn, Máirín, Vivion, Brian and Ruairí in a garden (print creased down left hand side) ([c.1919?], 8cm x 5cm);
– Máirín and [Vivion] with two unidentified priests in a garden ([c.1919?], 8cm x 10cm) and Máirín and [Vivion] with an unidentified priest in a garden ([c.1919], 8cm x 10cm);
– Eamonn and Máirín with two friends John and [Statia] Conroy in a front garden (n.d., [c1919?], 10cm x 8cm);
– studio portrait of [Vivion] de Valera as an altar boy (n.d., 7cm x 13cm).

10 items
151  
[early 1920s & 1940s]  Photographs of de Valera’s wife and young family originally found in envelope labelled ‘There are no other copies of these family snaps’. Includes original photographs of:
- Mrs. Sinéad de Valera with Máirín, Emer and baby Toirleach [Terry] on her knee in a garden ([c.1923], 5cm x 6cm);
- Mrs. Sinéad de Valera with Máirín, Eamonn, Brian, Ruairí, Emer and baby Toirleach in a garden ([c.1923], 5cm x 8cm);
- Máirín and Emer de Valera in a garden ([c.1923], 5cm x 8cm);
- Mrs. Sinéad de Valera sitting in a garden ([c.1923], 5cm x 8cm);
- Mrs. Sinéad de Valera with all her children–baby Toirleach, Emer, Ruairí, Brian, Eamonn holding a cat, Máirín and Vivion–sitting in a garden. ‘de Valeras as young family’ on reverse in Kathleen O’Connell’s hand ([c.1923], 8cm x 5cm);
- Mrs. Sinéad de Valera with all her children–Vivion, Eamonn, Toirleach, Máirín, Emer, Ruairí, unidentified girl and Brian–in the garden ([c.1923], 10cm x 7cm);
- Mrs. Sinéad de Valera with Máirín, Vivion and Eamonn at Greystones (1921, 2 items, 10cm x 6cm each);
- studio portrait of Mrs. Sinéad de Valera and Máirín ([c.1923?], 14cm x 10cm) and
- de Valera and Mrs. Sinéad de Valera ([1940s], 5cm x 8cm).
  10 items

152  
May 1935  
Prints of the only family group photograph of Eamon and Sinéad de Valera and all their children.

Standing (left to right): Ruairí, Vivion, Eamonn, Brian; sitting (left to right): Máirín, Sinéad and Eamon de Valera, Emer; and kneeling in front: Terry. Includes print labelled on reverse ‘May 1935 enlargement of snap taken shortly before Brian was killed’ (20cm x 15cm), (black and white print, 9cm x 7cm and enlargement of same, 24cm x 19cm).

  4 items

153  
1935–82  
File on de Valera’s eldest son Vivion de Valera [Viv] (1910–82). Includes:
- holograph note to Vivion from de Valera stating ‘I may be able to go see you soon. I expect you will be a good boy and not give Mai and Mrs. Hennessy too much trouble. Mummie is well but of course would like to have you back and I hope you will be able to go soon. Love & pray for me, Daddy’ (12 July 19[?], 1p);
- holograph personal letter to de Valera from his son Vivion following a meeting of the board of the Irish Press, describing his army service and
contd. urging de Valera to take care of himself and take a holiday (16 September 1935, 2pp);
– newspaper cutting on the marriage of Commandant Vivion de Valera to Brid Hearne on 11 June 1942 (June 1942, 1 item);
– incomplete biographical details of Major Vivion de Valera. (post 1959, 1p, first page missing);
– newspaper cuttings on the second marriage of Major Vivion de Valera to Vera Rock on 20 September 1975 (September 1975, 2 items);

17 items

[1916 – 1920?] Black and white print of de Valera and his son Vivion as a small child in a back garden. Autographed by de Valera. 8cm x 10cm

January 1964 Colour photographs of President de Valera and grandchildren Eamonn and Ann, children of de Valera’s oldest son, Vivion, in the garden of Áras an Uachtarán. Includes negatives. 5 prints, 9cm x 9cm each, 5 negatives

April 1967 Colour personal photographs of President de Valera with his oldest grandchild Eamon in his study in Áras an Uachtarán. Originally found in envelope annotated ‘The Chief teaching maths to Eamon Viv’. 4 items, 9cm x 9cm each

[early 1970s] Colour personal photograph of de Valera’s grandchildren Eamon and Ann, with their mother [wife of de Valera’s oldest son Vivion]. 9cm x 9cm

159  14 October 1919−  27 May 1920  Holograph letters to de Valera from his wife and children, during his time in the U.S.A., between June 1919 and December 1920. Includes letters from Eamonn, Máirín and Vivion, as well as a page of Máirín’s handwriting from her headline copybook (8 June 1920, 2pp) and a drawing done by one of the children (n.d., 1p).  9 items

160  1956  Back and white photographs in presentation folders of de Valera and his daughter Máirín. Folders labelled ‘Curragh Chase Autumn 1956’. One print autographed by de Valera.  2 items, 13cm x 9cm each

161  April 1942  Newspaper cuttings on the marriage of de Valera’s second eldest son Éamonn de Valera to Sarah Frances (‘Sally’) O’Doherty on 7 April 1942.  5 items

162  28 July 1971  Black and white photograph accompanied by caption on separate piece of paper reading: ‘Four Generations. Photograph taken on 28 July 1971 in President’s Study at Áras an Uachtaráin, Phoenix Park, following Baptism in the Áras Chapel: Left to Right – President Eamon de Valera with great-grandson, Eamon Anraoi; the infant’s father, Mr. Eamon de Valera; and the President’s son, Professor Eamonn de Valera.’ Autographed by de Valera. Lensmen Press & P.R. Agency, Essex St. East, Dublin 2.  24cm x 18cm
February–March 1936  File on the death of de Valera’s third eldest son Brian de Valera (1915–36) on 9 February

1936 after a horse riding accident. Includes:
– memorial card with photograph (1936, 1 item);
– cuttings from Irish, English and European newspapers on the death (10–27 February 1936, 48 items);
– telegrams of sympathy from family members including Fr. Thomas J. Wheelwright, C.S.S.R., Mrs. Elizabeth (‘Lizzie’) Coll and de Valera’s uncle, Edward Coll (10–12 February 1936, 5 items);
– letters of sympathy from friends of the de Valeras, members of the public and from friends and former teachers of Brian, including letters from Helena Moloney; Jimmy O’Dea; Mary MacSwiney and Mrs. Cáit Brugha. Arranged alphabetically by surname (February–March 1936, 76 items);
– letters of sympathy from diplomats and representatives of the following governments: Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway and Spain. All accompanied by copy replies sent by the Department of External Affairs (February 1936, 42 items);
– telegrams of sympathy from representatives of the following countries and governments: Canada, Ethiopia, France, Great Britain, India, Peru, South Africa and Turkey. Also telegrams from individuals such as Joseph Avenol, League of Nations Secretary General, Mayor La Guardia of New York and Thomas J. Ford of The Irish World, New York. Accompanied by copy replies sent by the Department of External Affairs (February 1936, 43 items);
– Irish and foreign Bishops, Archbishops and other religious leaders such as Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, to whom a personal reply was sent (some accompanied by holograph drafts/copy replies) (February–March 1936, 18 items) or who sent telegrams acknowledged by the Department of External Affairs (February 1936, 39 items);
– lists of names and addresses of individuals who sent messages of sympathy (arranged alphabetically by surname) (n.d., c.160pp);
– lists of religious orders, public bodies and institutions who sent messages of sympathy (n.d., 5 items);
– lists of Fianna Fáil Cumainn and Clubs who sent messages of sympathy (n.d., 2 items).

See also P150/200 for letter to de Valera from his half-brother Fr. Thomas J. Wheelwright, C.S.S.R., following the accidental death of Brian de Valera. (20 March 1936, 4pp)  c.550 items
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<td>September 1951; 1958,</td>
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*See also P150/3665 for correspondence mainly between de Valera, his Personal Secretary, Vivion and Terry de Valera and various publishers and printers, 1958 –67, in connection with the publication of Dorothy Macardle’s *The Irish Republic in the U.S.A.* in October 1965. The ownership rights were in the hands of Toirleach de Valera (c.157 items).*
IV. His father, Vivion de Valera

167 n.d. (18??) Framed print of de Valera’s father Vivion de Valera. Photograph stood in de Valera’s study during his years as Taoiseach and President. (Wooden frame) See also P150/216
16cm x 21cm excluding mount 27cm x 32cm including mount

168 n.d. Copy print of de Valera’s father Vivion de Valera. Labelled on reverse ‘My father, E de V’ (8cm x 13cm. Also negative of same. Image used in Eamon de Valera Longford and O’Neill biography (1970). 2 items, (1 print, 1 negative)

169 n.d. Miniature photograph of de Valera’s father Vivion de Valera, wearing a top hat. Enclosed in a glass fronted pendant. 1 item

V. His mother, Catherine de Valera–Wheelwright [née Coll]

170 26 December 1889; 1896-1907 Holograph letters from ‘Eddie’ de Valera to his aunt Annie and mother in America. Letters written from Knockmore, Co. Limerick (1889 & 1898, 2 items), Blackrock College, Dublin, University College Blackrock, Dublin and 20 Charlemont Place, Dublin. Refers to his performance in school; his uncle ‘Edd’, ‘Uncle’ Charlie [his mother’s husband Charles Wheelwright], step-brother Tom, his desire to go to America, the death of his step-sister Annie (1889-97); his plans for the future, ‘to be a priest in the diocese of Dublin’; his regret at not being near his mother, ‘every time I hear others talking of their mothers I feel more or less an orphan…I know how much better I would be had I been under your softening influence, and perhaps I too could have made your path less difficult had I been with you’; and Mrs. Wheelwright’s impending visit to Ireland in July 1907. 8 items
171 20 December 1909; 13 December 1913 & n.d. Holograph letters to de Valera from his mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright in the U.S.A. Includes letter containing advice following his letter telling her of his impending marriage to Sinéad Flanagan [they were subsequently married on 8 January 1910] (20 December 1909, 4pp); letter to Sinéad and Eamon written during the illness of her husband Charles Wheelwright (13 December 1912, 7pp) and incomplete letter describing his father’s appearance, his past times and referring to his grandfather (n.d., 4pp, first four pages missing).

3 items

172 24 July–22 December 1916 Holograph letters to de Valera’s mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright from de Valera and his wife Sinéad during de Valera’s imprisonment in Dartmoor and Lewes jails following the 1916 Easter Rising. Refers to the ordination of de Valera’s half-brother Fr. Tom Wheelwright, C.SS.R., de Valera’s imprisonment and the question of his nationality. Includes note from de Valera seeking accurate information about his father.

4 items & 1 envelope

173 2 July, 28 November 1918 Personal holograph letters to de Valera’s mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright during de Valera’s imprisonment in Lincoln jail between June 1918 and February 1919. Includes letter from Sinéad de Valera reassuring her about de Valera’s health and discussing the children—‘Of course it is lonely without him but I am hoping that when God gives him back to me our happy life will make up for all. It is a great thing that the children are so young. They do not worry or fret and I want them to get all possible happiness out of life’ and letter from de Valera (‘Eddie’) (‘Number 394’) following the Armistice, on Wilson’s proposals for the establishment of a League of Nations and de Valera’s attitude towards ‘The Press’ in general, his faith and regular service at mass in the prison.

2 items, 4pp each

174 20 August 1919; 20 March, 2 April 1920 Letters and telegrams between de Valera during his mission to the U.S.A. and his mother, Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright.

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<td>Holograph letter from Frank Gallagher to de Valera’s mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright sending Christmas wishes and commenting ‘I always see Rochester under snow whenever I think of Christmas and I remember as well the stove down in the basement and the grand hot range. I am afraid ye made me half an American in that small visit and some day I’ll go out again and see it all once more.’</td>
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181 15 December 1931  Holograph letter from de Valera to his mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright containing news of the children, Uncle Pat Coll, and his cousin Lizzie Coll Meagher. Also refers to The Irish Press – ‘I have been very busy – Every moment occupied. The paper is doing fairly well – but we must do better.’ (Incomplete. Last page/s missing).  2pp

182 February 1932  Telegrams relating to the reaction of de Valera’s mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright to Fianna Fáil’s success in the 1932 General Election. Includes statement issued by Mrs. Wheelwright to the ‘Universal Service’ (n.d., 1p) and telegram of congratulation to de Valera from her (25 February 1932, 1p).  2 items

183 n.d.  Incomplete holograph letter to de Valera’s mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright, from his wife Sinéad. Describes the children Vivion, Mairín and Eamon, refers to de Valera’s half-brother Fr. Tom Wheelwright C.SS.R. and the rest of the Wheelwright family. Also refers to de Valera – ‘Ed never makes any complaint about my housekeeping and he is ever so good at coming punctually to his meals and giving me as little trouble as possible’. (Incomplete, first four pages missing). 4pp

184 1928; 1932–70  File on the death of de Valera’s mother, Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright on 12 June 1932. Includes:
- American newspaper cuttings on the death and funeral (June 1932, 10 items);
- correspondence between de Valera and James E. Cuff, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, Rochester, New York concerning Mrs. Wheelwright’s will, including copy of the will dated 21 February 1928 and associated depositions (1928-32, 7 items);
- holograph letter of sympathy to de Valera from his cousin Mary Johnson of Rochester, New York following his mother’s death (6 July 1932, 3pp).
Black and white photographs as follows:
• photograph with press caption ‘Funeral of Irish President’s Mother in Rochester, N.Y….Bearing the remains of Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright, mother of President Eamon de Valera of the Irish Free State, from her home here in simple funeral rites’. Stamped ‘International News Photos Inc.’ on reverse (June 1932, 21 cm x 16 cm);
• Mrs. Wheelwright’s casket in the cemetery. Given to President de Valera by [Patrick Hillery] in June 1972 (1932, 12cm x 7cm);
• Mrs. Wheelwright’s grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester, New York [as noted in de Valera’s hand]. Print and negative (n.d., 2 items, print 9cm x 7cm, negative 8 cm x 6cm);
184 contd. • view of Mrs. Wheelwright’s headstone (n.d., 9cm x 9cm);
• print of Bishop James E. Kearney laying a wreath on Mrs. Wheelwright’s grave as (from left to right) Fr. Thomas J. Wheelwright, C.SS.R., Christopher A. Delanty, Sir Knight of Rochester Court, Knights of Equity and Michael T. Ryan, Supreme Vice Sir Knight, look on (n.d., original taken June 1932, 24cm x 24cm);
• print of Rev. George S. Wood [Monroe County Chaplain Ancient Order of Hibernians], Mrs. Anne Shannon [President, Ladies Auxiliary, A.O.H.], Ross McMahon [President, A.O.H.] and P.J. O’Hara [Vice President, A.O.H.] at the grave of Mrs. Wheelwright in June 1960 (27 June 1960, 25cm x 20cm);
• colour prints of members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Mrs. Wheelwright’s grave following the laying of a wreath on the occasion of their 75th Biennial State Convention in June 1970. Prints sent to President de Valera via the U.S. Embassy in Ireland from Francis N. McDonough, Rochester, New York (June 1970, 3 items, 12 cm x 9cm);
− letter to President de Valera from James E. Cuff enclosing three colour prints of Mrs. Wheelwright’s grave (Lot 6L, Section South 12) including two close up views of the headstone. The grave consisted of two plots, those of Mrs. Wheelwright (1856–1932) and her husband Charles (1857–1927) (22 July 1975, 1p & 3 photos, 8cm x 12cm each).

See also P150/200 for documents relating to the administration of the late Mrs. Wheelwright’s estate in correspondence between de Valera and his half-brother Fr. Tom Wheelwright, C.SS.R.

24 items

185 1927 & 1932 Memorial cards for Charles E. Wheelwright (died 28 December 1927) and Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright (died 12 June 1932).

2 items

186 n.d. Various memorabilia relating to de Valera’s mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright. Includes dried rose ‘taken from Mother’s grave’ and a ‘car token’ on a chain which belonged to Mrs. Wheelwright, presented by a Delia Collins of Detroit, Michigan.

2 items

187 1942-[72] Correspondence between de Valera and various individuals in the U.S.A. concerning recollections of his mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright, including extracts from the Rochester Parish Weekly (11 & 18 October 1942, 2 items) and cuttings from The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (March 1961 & March 1965, 2 items).

Includes correspondence with Monsignor Thomas F. Connors (1870–1966), Blessed Sacrament Rectory, Rochester, New York, a friend of de Valera’s
187 contd. mother (17 March 1961–20 August 1966, 14 items) and the Monsignor’s memorial card (1966). Also includes correspondence between de Valera, Judge Peter P. Artaserse, New Jersey and Monsignor James A. Hamilton [Pastor of St. Patrick’s Church, Jersey City, New Jersey, where de Valera’s parents were married] relating to Monsignor Hamilton’s extensive searches of Jersey City and New York church records for the marriage certificate of de Valera’s parents Catherine Coll and Vivion de Valera (13 September 1956–2 May 1957, 5 items).

See also P150/228 for note recording the details of the marriage certificate.

33 items

188 July 1958, January 1964 Letter to Taoiseach de Valera from [Fern] Kelly of Rochester, New York seeking an audience during her trip to Ireland and enclosing a newspaper cutting from an unidentified American newspaper on a chalice and paten in honour of a missionary priest Fr. William T. Whearty of Richmond, Virginia. According to Ms. Kelly, de Valera’s mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright contributed her engagement ring from de Valera’s father Vivian de Valera, to the collection of gold and jewels used to make the chalice. ‘The ring top, of emeralds and diamonds, is set intact in the top of the chalice near the stem’. Cutting includes illustration of the chalice and the ring. Includes reply from Taoiseach de Valera’s Personal Secretary arranging a time and date for the meeting and later letter from same to same seeking further details or a photograph of the chalice.

5 items

189 [c.1880s] Photographs of de Valera’s mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright as a young woman. Includes studio portrait of Mrs. de Valera taken ‘shortly before her 2nd marriage’. Photographer: James U. Stead, 383 6th Avenue, New York. Albumen print, cabinet card ([pre 1887], 10cm x 16cm) and modern enlarged section of a similar image of Mrs. de Valera (n.d., 25cm x 19cm). Image used in Eamon de Valera Longford and O’Neill biography (1970).

2 items

190 n.d. Framed photograph of de Valera’s mother Catherine de Valera (née Coll) as a young woman. Photograph stood in de Valera’s study during his years as Taoiseach and President. (Wooden frame)

11cm x 15cm excluding mount
23cm x 28cm including mount
191 [1919/20] Postcard depicting ‘Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright, mother of President De Valera (President of Ireland) listening to phonograph record recently made by her distinguished son. This record is an impassioned appeal to the American people to aid Ireland in her struggle for independence’.  
1 item, 9cm x 16cm

192 [c.1919/20] Black and white photographs of de Valera with his mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright (1856–1932). Includes cutting from unknown American newspaper captioned ‘Mr. de Valera and his Mother – For the first time in many years Mr. E. de Valera has been able to visit his mother recently, with whom he is seen above at her home, Rochester, N.Y.’ (n.d. [1919/20], 1 item), enlarged mounted photographic reproduction of same, with the caption ‘de Valera and his mother, who died three years ago in New York, where the Irish leader was born in 1882’ (20cm x 25cm including mount, 12cm x 17cm excluding mount) and photograph of de Valera, his mother and an unknown young woman, labelled on reverse ‘Mrs. Wheelwright, Mr. de Valera found in the prayer book of Mary Vaughan…Threadneedle St., Salthill, Galway’ (n.d. [c.1919/20], 5cm x 9cm). 3 items

193 1930 Studio portrait of de Valera inscribed ‘To mother from Ed. 19.V.30’. With handwritten note on reverse ‘Sent by Terry Coll Coar April 1970 (Found in Kathleen’s papers)’. 18cm x 24cm

194 [1930s/40s?] Series of five black and white photographs of de Valera relaxing with an unidentified family, playing tennis and horse riding. The latter is annotated ‘The President reviews his Mayo Troop with General Woods in the rear’. Photos originally found in folder containing documents relating to the death of de Valera’s mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright in 1932. 5 items, 8cm x 6cm each

195 n.d. Photographs of de Valera’s stepfather Charles Wheelwright (‘Uncle Charlie’) (1857–1927), as a young man (image torn at edges) (n.d., 9cm x 10cm) and in later years with Mrs. Wheelwright and two unidentified girls (n.d., 11cm x 7cm). 5 items, 8cm x 6cm each
n.d. Black and white photographs of de Valera’s mother, Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright in her later years. Includes:
– print of Mrs. Wheelwright standing in a garden (n.d., 7cm x 11cm);
– mounted studio portrait in presentation folder (n.d., c.9cm x 14cm);
– mounted studio portrait in presentation folder, 2 copies, one autographed by Mrs. Wheelwright (2 items, n.d., c.9cm x 14cm each).

8 items

VI. Siblings:

a. Annie Wheelwright

1896; 21 March–18 November 1956 Documents relating to de Valera’s half-sister Ann Wheelwright (1889–97). Includes holograph letter from ‘Annie’ to her parents wishing them a merry Christmas (December 1896, 1p ) and correspondence between de Valera and Gerald M. Kelly concerning Kelly’s research on the Wheelwright family (21 March–18 November 1956, 4 items) including a black and white photograph (1956, 9cm x 12cm) of Ann’s grave in St. Anne’s cemetery, Lenox. 5 items

[1890s] Studio portraits of de Valera’s half-sister Annie (1889–97) and half-brother Tom Wheelwright (1890–1946) as small children. Includes two modern enlarged black and white reproductions of the children as toddlers and shortly before Annie’s death in 1897. 8 items

b. Thomas J. Wheelwright

26 December 1899; 1957 Holograph personal letter from de Valera in Blackrock College, to his half-brother Tom Wheelwright. Refers to fellow classmate John D’Alton [later Cardinal], who got a higher grade than de Valera in the Christmas examinations (26 December 1899, 4pp). Also includes typescript notes by de Valera commenting on the tone and contents of the letter (1957, 2 items, 1p each). 3 items
200  1902-46  Correspondence between de Valera and his half-brother Fr. Tom Wheelwright C.S.S.R. (1890–1946). Includes:

– letter of advice from de Valera upon learning that Tom has entered a Redemptorist College and is ‘about to become a member of that most sacred order’ (6 October 1902, 4pp);

– letter from Tom describing his studies at St. Mary’s College, North East, Pennsylvania, his vacation in Rochester and his intention to enter the [Redemptorist] Novitiate in June 1910 (16 December 1909, 11pp);

– letters from Fr. Tom about their mother’s illness and death and the administration of her estate (March–16 December 1932, 10 items);

– letter from Fr. Tom following the accidental death of Brian de Valera in February 1936 (20 March 1936, 4pp);

– letter from de Valera seeking information about his parents’ families (31 May 1943, 2pp) and Fr. Tom’s reply providing information about the Carrolls and the Colls (12 August 1943, 6pp);

– correspondence between de Valera and the Superior General of the Redemptorist order Fr. Patrick Murray C.S.S.R., on de Valera’s intervention in the matter of the proposed siting of a sanatorium, adjacent to the Redemptorists’ ‘Galway College’, which according to Fr. Murray ‘would have forced us sooner or later to abandon the Galway College on account of the injury the Sanatorium would have caused to the intellectual and moral training of our students’ (16 March & 5 July 1945, 2 items, 1p each) and on Fr. Tom’s visit to Ireland in 1945.

See also P150/528 for correspondence between various members of the United States Senate; Fr. Thomas J. Wheelwright C.S.S.R.; various Redemptorist fathers; members of the U.S. House of Representatives; the U.S. Department of State and the President’s Secretary, concerning appeals to the U.S. State Department for the release by the British of de Valera and P150/184 for file on the death of Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright

79 items

201  14 September 1905– 21 January 1918  Letters from de Valera’s half-brother Thomas Wheelwright during his time at St. Mary’s College, North East, Pennsylvania and Mount St. Alphonsus, Esopus, New York to his parents, describing his studies. Also includes:

– letter from Mrs. Wheelwright to Tom following de Valera’s imprisonment after the Easter Rising and her efforts to campaign for his release (23 June 1916, 4pp);

– letter from Tom to his parents just before he embarks on ‘active ministry’ (21 January 1918, 4pp).

13 items
202 December 1945

Handwritten addresses of welcome presented to Taoiseach de Valera and his brother Fr. Thomas J. Wheelwright C.SS.R., on the occasion of their visit to Cluain Mhuire, Co. Galway in December 1945. English and Irish versions (2 items, 3pp each). Also poem by Fr. Frank [M.] Jones C.SS.R., dedicated to de Valera and Fr. Wheelwright. Ten stanzas (December 1945, 1p).

3 items

203 7 January 1917—12 June 1964

Miscellaneous documents relating to Fr. Thomas Wheelwright C.S.S.R., including:

– personal correspondence, mainly letters to Fr. Wheelwright from his cousin Lizzie Coll Meagher of Knockmore, Co. Limerick and Sinéad de Valera (7 January 1917–27 November 1940, 5 items);
– letter of sympathy on the death of his father Charles Wheelwright in 1927, from Frank Gallagher (30 December 1927, 1p);
– pamphlet prepared by Fr. Wheelwright as a souvenir of his ordination on 7 June 1916 and his first mass on 11 June 1916 (1916, 4pp);
– holograph and typescript drafts of a talk by Fr. Wheelwright describing ‘a week of dangers and thrills in the life’ of his brother Eamon de Valera (n.d., 2 items, 8pp & 3pp);
– black and white group photograph of Fr. Wheelwright and a party of male retreatants from Scranton, Pennsylvania, on the steps of St. Alphonsus Retreat House, Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania on 6 May 1945 (May 1945, 24cm x 20cm) and

19 items

204 July–August 1946; 1962–69

File on the death of Fr. Thomas Wheelwright C.SS.R., who was fatally injured in a car crash on 19 July 1946 and died on 22 July. Includes:

– telegrams to de Valera informing him of the accident and death from his cousin Kathleen (‘Jack’) Coll and Fr. Wheelwright’s Provincial (21, 22 July 1946, 4 items);
– newspaper articles on the death and funeral, including biographical details on Fr. Wheelwright (15 items);
– copy of the text of Fr. Francis J. Connell’s eulogy at Fr. Wheelwright’s funeral (July 1946, 2pp);
– black and white photograph of Fr. Wheelwright’s headstone in Mount St. Alphonsus, Esopus, New York (n.d., 20cm x 25cm);
– illustrated memorial cards;
– copies of the certificate of death for Fr. Wheelwright (original dated 25 July 1946, copy made 5 November 1969);
– black and white photographs of St. Alphonsus’ cemetery and Fr. Tom’s grave (August 1946, 4 items, 11cm x 7cm each) and of Edward Patrick Coll (de Valera’s Uncle Ed) who died on 12 January 1946 (15 December 1945, 2 items, 7cm x 11cm & 11cm x 9cm) taken and sent to de Valera by his cousin Kathleen (‘Jack’) Coll;
– black and white print of Fr. Wheelwright taken by Fr. E.J. Killion C.S.S.R. on 7 January 1940 and sent to de Valera after Fr. Tom’s death (7 January 1940, 12cm x 8cm);
– covering letter to Kathleen O'Connell from Seán Nunan enclosing an official report for de Valera on Fr. Wheelwright’s funeral (29 July 1946, 3pp); a detailed personal account of the funeral (29 July 1946, 4pp) and black and white aerial photographs of Mount St. Alphonsus at Esopus, New York ‘where he was ordained, where he taught and where he is buried’ (1946, 2 items, 25cm x 25cm each). Also includes de Valera’s rely to Nunan (8 August 1946, 1p);
– telegrams and letters of sympathy sent to de Valera on the death of his half-brother, including letter (28 July 1946, 2pp) from Fr. Bernard P. Scheiner, C.S.S.R. giving an account of the accident and letter (29 July 1946, 8pp) from de Valera’s cousin ‘Lib’ [Mrs. Elizabeth Millson, Washington, Connecticut] (24 July–22 August 1946, c.61 items);
– typescript lists of individuals who sent telegrams and messages of sympathy to de Valera (n.d., 7pp).

205 n.d. Rosary beads belonging to de Valera’s half-brother, Fr. Thomas Wheelwright C.S.S.R.

1 item

206 [early 1900s] & 1919 Black and white photographs of Fr. Tom.
Wheelwright C.S.S.R. (1890–1946):
– studio portrait of Tom Wheelwright as a student ([early 1900s], c.10cm x 7cm excluding mount (oval portrait), 13cm x 18cm including mount);
– studio portrait of Tom Wheelwright as a young man. Photographer: N.D. Luce, Rochester, N.Y. ([early 1900s], c.10cm x 7cm excluding mount (oval portrait), 13cm x 18cm including mount);
– Fr. Tom as a young priest standing in front of trees. Annotated on reverse in his own hand ‘This is a fairly good picture of myself in my habit. It was taken over a year ago. I must have been in a very amiable mood’ (n.d., 8cm x 11cm);
– Fr. Tom as a young priest standing in front of an ivy covered wall (n.d., 11cm x 16cm);
– Fr. Tom as a young priest, reading his Office in a garden (n.d., 23cm x 35cm);
206 contd.  mounted and foldered copy of studio portrait of de Valera and Fr. Tom Wheelwright C.S.S.R.. Photographer: White, Boston, Massachusetts. Taken during de Valera’s mission to the U.S.A. between June 1919 and December 1920 (1919, 24cm x 35cm including mount, 19cm x 26cm excluding mount).

9 items

207  1907  Mounted group photograph of de Valera, his half-brother Tom Wheelwright and an unidentified party of men, women and (2) priests. [Photograph taken in Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare, outside a golf club?].

25cm x 20cm including mount,
14 cm x 10cm excluding mount

VII. His extended family

208  1880s;1919; 1944-46  File on de Valera’s uncle, Edward Coll (1858–1946) including:

– holograph letter to ‘Eddie’ from his Uncle Edward welcoming him to the U.S.A. ‘the land of your birth…hasn’t God a beautiful way for reversing roles. It is a sublime step from an English prison to the Waldorf Astoria’. Also refers to ‘a lady here in Washington who would give a good deal to see you. She is a newspaper writer, and it was through her that we were able to plead for your release and Ireland’s cause, in all the Connecticut papers’ (25 June 1919, 4pp);

– copy letter from de Valera to his uncle concerning genealogical information relating to the Coll and Carroll families, following publication of the book Eamon De Valera (5 July 1944, 2 items, 1p each);

– article from unidentified American newspaper concerning the death of Edward Coll on 12 January 1946, (1946, 1p);


Also photographs of Edward Coll (c.1880s–1946, 13 items) including:

• studio portrait labelled on reverse by de Valera ‘Uncle Ed as he was when he brought me to Ireland. Keep safe’ ([c.1880s], 7cm x 9cm) and modern black and white enlarged reproduction of same (19cm x 24cm). Image used in Eamon de Valera Longford and O’Neill biography (1970);

• mounted modern reproduction of studio portrait of Edward Coll and his wife Nora (née O’Connell) (original c.1880s) (n.d., 20cm x 23cm including mount, 13cm x 17cm excluding mount);

• ‘picture of Ed taken in his Captain’s uniform’ (n.d., 8cm x 13cm);

• Edward and Mrs. Nora Coll, inscribed on reverse ‘From Papa & Mama to Our dear Mary Sept. 1913’ and ‘Although this was taken seven years ago, it is
contd. just like Papa and Mamma today. Mamma is a little better than the picture shows her to be. S.M.B.’ (1913, 5cm x 8cm);

- Edward and Mrs. Nora Coll, labelled on reverse ‘Mom’s & Governor’s 42nd Wedding Anniversary’ and (in de Valera’s hand) ‘Uncle Ed. Coll and his wife’ ([1930s], 11cm x 7cm);
- Edward Coll with ‘Dorothy (Dan’s little girl), Colonel, Teddy the dog’ ([c. 1930s], 7cm x 11cm);
- Edward Coll and Fr. Thomas J. Wheelwright C.S.S.R. (1890–1946) [de Valera’s half-brother] (1 September 1944, 11cm x 7cm);
- Edward Coll “Taken on his 85th birthday Sept. 2 1944. Outside our home. We named it ‘Knock[c] more] Cottage’ when we moved in 5 years ago” (2 September 1944, 7cm x 11cm). Also two prints of the house (9cm x 6cm & 11cm x 7cm).

23 items

18 February 1938 Profile of de Valera entitled ‘My Cousin Eamon de Valera’ by Elizabeth Coll Millson [daughter of de Valera’s uncle Edward], published in The Commonweal (pp.455–457).

3pp

January 1960 Article on de Valera entitled ‘My Cousin Ed’ by Edward Patrick Coll, son of de Valera’s uncle Edward, published in The Rosary Magazine vol. 61, no. 1. ‘Mr. Coll relates how a New Jersey mosquito started a chain of events that brought his cousin, Eamon de Valera, to Ireland and to fame’.

3pp

December 1941 & n.d. File on de Valera’s uncle Patrick Coll, mainly documents relating to his death on 24 May 1938, including copy letter from de Valera to Rev. Dr. [Edward] Mulhern, [Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh] thanking him for his condolences sent on behalf of the Irish pilgrims at the Eucharistic Congress (28 June 1938, 1p).

6 items

[c. early 1900s-1938] Photographs of de Valera’s uncle Patrick Coll (1864–1938) and his wife Catherine (‘Kate’) (née Dillane) and children as follows:
- studio portrait of Patrick Coll’s children–Elizabeth (‘Lizzie’), May and Patrick (‘Paddy’). Photographer: M. Egleston, Limerick. [Albumen print]. Cabinet card ([early 1900s], 10cm x 16cm);
- print of Patrick Coll, his wife Catherine (‘Kate’) and their two children Elizabeth and Patrick, outside their home in Knockmore, Co. Limerick [where de Valera was raised]. Reverse labelled ‘Mr. & Mrs. P. Coll, Chief’s uncle Pat
212 contd. and his son Pat & daughter Lizzie (now Mrs. Meagher), [in Kathleen O'Connell’s] hand ([early 1900s], 10cm x 7cm);
− studio portrait of de Valera’s cousin Elizabeth Coll, daughter of Patrick Coll, later Mrs. Henry Meagher of Knockmore, Co. Limerick. Postcard print ([early 1900s], 9cm x 14cm);
− modern black and white reproduction of a studio portrait of Mrs. Catherine Coll, wife of de Valera’s uncle Patrick, in her later years. Labelled ‘Mrs. Coll, mother of Lizzie, Paddy and May Coll’ on reverse in Marie O’Kelly’s hand (n.d., 9cm x 14cm);
− Patrick Coll in old age sitting in a garden. Two copies (n.d.), one mounted in presentation folder labelled ‘Uncle Paddy. His Uncle Pat (the Uncle who raised him in Bruree)’ in Marie O’Kelly’s hand (11cm x 16cm) and mounted copy, labelled ‘Pat Coll. Uncle who raised E. de V.’ (9cm x 12cm excluding mount, 20cm x 24cm including mount). Image used in Eamon de Valera Longford and O’Neill biography (1970);
− Patrick Coll in old age sitting in a garden. Mounted photograph (n.d., 20cm x 25cm including mount, 11cm x 16cm excluding mount).

7 items

213 [1890s?] Studio portrait of de Valera’s Aunt Annie [Hannie/Hannah] Coll. Albumen print, cabinet card. Photographer: Bostwick, 98 Sixth Ave, N.Y. See also P150/170 for letters from de Valera to his mother and Aunt Annie in the U.S.A. (1889–1907) 10cm x 16cm

214 1944-72 Personal correspondence between de Valera and his cousin Mrs. Elizabeth (‘Lizzie’) Coll Meagher, her husband, Henry Meagher and son Martin of Knockmore, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, mainly on genealogical information on the Colls and Carrolls and news of people from Bruree and the surrounding area. See also P150/203 for letter from Lizzie Coll to Fr. Tom Wheelwright; P150/2668 for memorial card of Mrs. Elizabeth (‘Lizzie’) Coll Meagher who died on 18 October 1967; and P150/82 for correspondence between de Valera and natives of Bruree, including many referred to in the de Valera–Meagher correspondence in P150/214

46 items
215 2, 8 November 1967  Letter of condolence to President de Valera from the County Limerick Committee of Agriculture, on the death of his cousin ‘Mrs. H. Meagher’ [Elizabeth Coll Meagher, wife of Henry Meagher]. Also includes acknowledgement from de Valera’s Personal Secretary and attached negatives of three unidentified individuals, two men and one woman, possibly including Mrs. Meagher (n.d., 2 items, c.8cm x 6cm each).
See also P150/3668 for memorial card of Mrs. Elizabeth (‘Lizzie’) Coll Meagher who died on 18 October 1967
4 items

216 1945–64  Correspondence between de Valera and various members of the Coll family including Terry [Coar] (née Coll) and Daniel B. Coll (‘Dan’), but including mainly copy letters from de Valera to his cousin Kathleen (‘Jack’) Coll in New York, following the death of their Uncle ‘Ed’ Coll in January 1946 and the sudden accidental death of Fr. Tom Wheelwright in July 1946, a close friend and cousin of Kathleen. Includes correspondence about Fr. Wheelwright’s will (of which Kathleen Coll was a legatee).
See also P150/200 for correspondence between de Valera and Fr. Wheelwright including letter to de Valera referring to the will and the bequest to Kathleen Coll.
Also includes letter from de Valera’s cousin Edward P. Coll in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to his sister Kathleen seeking information about de Valera’s father Vivian de Valera and his trip west for his health sometime between 1883 and 1885. Includes reference to his search of church records relating to ‘Deaths and Burials in Santa Fe’ between 1852 and the 1880s (11 September 1963, 1p), letter from de Valera to Edward on foot of Edward’s letter to his sister (12 October 1963, 2pp) and correspondence between Edward P. Coll and various curators of parish records in Denver, Colorado; Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mora, Albuquerque, Espanola, Abiquiu, El Rito, Santa Fe and Pecos, New Mexico, relating to deaths and burials, in an attempt to ascertain the date and location of the death of de Valera’s father Vivian Juan de Valera (3 December 1963–23 January 1964, 22 items).
44 items

217 original taken August 1904  Reproduction of a black and white studio portrait of ‘A distant cousin of E. de Valera, O.D. Coll. 18/8/04’ posing as a runner about to start a race. Photographer: W. Quinn, Limerick. 11cm x 13cm
218  1944-65  Personal correspondence between de Valera and his relation Sr. M. Bernard [Carroll] of Passage West, Cork mainly concerning the health of Sr. Bernard’s brother Fr. James Carroll and Sr. Bernard’s requests to de Valera to use his influence in obtaining employment for various young men of her acquaintance. Also includes correspondence between de Valera and Fr. James Carroll following Sr. Bernard’s death and black and white photograph of de Valera, Sr. Bernard and another unknown nun (n.d., 6cm x 8cm). Also includes letter to President de Valera from a Sr. M. Emmanuel, (Presentation Convent, Hospital, Co. Limerick) providing information on the ‘Carroll sisters’ (of whom Sr. Bernard was the second oldest) and de Valera’s reply (9 & 27 April 1965, 2 items).  18 items

VIII. Biographical notes and genealogical research on de Valeras, Colls and Carrolls, 1921 - 71

219  10 January 1922  Holograph letter to de Valera from James J. Mahoney of Chicago, Illinois, enclosing two cuttings from The Irish Republic, a Chicago weekly, of letters from Mrs. B.F. Farrell (Jessie O’Connell) and James J. Mahoney protesting at defamatory articles published in The Gaelic American and an article by John Steele relating to de Valera’s family background. See also P150/1048 for personal correspondence between de Valera and Ted Connelly, Chicago, Illinois, concerning Connelly’s organisation of a celebration ‘to honour the son of the O’Mahoney of Bruree, the Rev. James J. Mahoney S.J.’ and ‘a letter of greeting and good wishes’ from de Valera to Fr. O’Mahoney (1968). Fr. Mahoney’s grandfather was James J. O’Mahoney, a neighbour of de Valera’s grandmother in Knockmore, Co. Limerick  3 items

220  1921–71  Letters to de Valera from various individuals claiming a family relationship/kinship with him on his father’s side, seeking assistance and offering genealogical information on the de Valera family. Includes: – letter in Spanish from a Matilda de Valera of Madrid following the death of her husband Valentín de Valera (2 October 1927, 5pp and typescript copy 2pp). Includes photograph of Matilda and her three small children (n.d., 14cm x 9cm) and Valentín de Valera’s military identification card;
— correspondence between de Valera and a Sol de Valera from Madrid (January-June 1950, 8 items). Also includes photograph published in The Irish Press, of Senorita de Valera taken at the Horse Show in the R.D.S. in August 1950 (11 August 1950, 1 item);
— letters from Mary S. Lawson and Janet Lawson of Surrey and correspondence concerning de Valera’s efforts to trace various members of the Lawson family ([1921]-50, 24 items);
— correspondence between de Valera and Sr. Emilia Laguna Valera of Algeciras (23 April–31 September 1960, 4 items);
— correspondence relating to Lorenzo and his son Federico Coullaut-Valera, sculptors from Madrid (11 November 1961–12 July 1962, 12 items). Also includes black and white photographs (n.d., 6 items) of various works by Lorenzo [who died in 1932] originally captioned on a separate pieces of paper as follows:
  • ‘A model in stucco for the statue to be worked in Carrara marble to represent Literature, in the Monument to Cervantes in the Plaza de España in Madrid’ (n.d., 16cm x 23cm);
  • a ‘Monument to Cervantes in the Plaza de España in Madrid’ (n.d., 17cm x 23cm);
  • ‘A fragment of the statue in bronze of Don Quijote of the Monument to Cervantes in the Plaza de España in Madrid’ (n.d. 18cm x 23cm);
  • ‘Group of Don Quijote and Sancha Panza, in bronze, of the Monument to Cervantes in the Plaza de España in Madrid’ (n.d., 23cm x 17cm);
  • ‘San Ignacio de Loyola, in the Jesuit Basilica of Loyola, San Sebastian’ (n.d., 23cm x 17cm);
  • ‘Detail of the head sculptured in polychrome wood carving of San Ignacio de Loyola, in the Jesuit Basilica of Loyola, San Sebastian’ (n.d., 17cm x 23cm).

Also includes stamp issued by the Spanish Postal Authority depicting the monument to Cervantes by Lorenzo Coullaut-Valera ([1950s], 1 item) and black and white photographs (n.d., 4 items) of the most recent works by Federico Coullaut-Valera as follows:
  • ‘Detail of the Head of Christ, in polychrome wood carving, an image in the Holy Week Procession in Almeira’ (n.d., 18cm x 24cm);
  • “Young Girl with Pitcher” a decorative figure for a fountain in Madrid” (n.d., 17cm x 23cm);
  • “Model in stucco of the figure of ‘The Little Gipsy’, with the sculptor Federico Coullaut-Valera [son] who, on the death of his father, Don Lorenzo, the author of the Monument to Cervantes in the Plaza de España in Madrid, recently finished the groups of ‘The Little Gipsy’ (6 figures), ‘Rinconete y Cortadillo’ (10 figures) and the two Dulcineas, all in stone and in the original size” (n.d., 17cm x 23cm);
  • ‘Fragment in clay of the statue of Philip II and the sculptor Federico Coullaut-Valera, working on the model of the copy enlarged from the original of Pompeo Leoni which is retained in the Museo del Prado in Madrid, which will shortly be placed, in bronze, on the occasion of the IV Centenary of Madrid’s elevation to a capital’ (n.d., 17 x 23cm);
220 contd. — letter from a Dr. Emilio Valera Cebrián of Villacarrilo (Jaén) (8, 9 November 1962, 3 items);
— correspondence relating to Mariano Valera of Lorca (Murcia) (20 November 1967–10 February 1968, 7 items);
— letter (and translation) from Domingo Campos Espinosa of Cordova (27 May 1969, 2 items);
— correspondence with Fernando Valera of Madrid (12-22 November 1971, 5 items);

*Note: most of the letters in Spanish are accompanied by English translations.*
89 items

221 1932-69 Letters to de Valera from various individuals not connected with the de Valera family offering genealogical information on the de Valera family, including biographical details of Cipriano de Valera (1531–1602), or help in tracing the genealogy of the family. Includes correspondence between de Valera and Jaime Garrido Moreno, Cabra, Spain enclosing part of a family tree of Juan José Aquilino Valera [b.1759] (17 October 1961–20 May 1963, 7 items).
27 items

222 [May 1923]–March 1925 File relating to research by Máire Ní Bhriain in the 1920s, on the de Valera family genealogy. Includes handwritten memoranda (n.d., 2 items, 1p each) to Kathleen O'Connell from ‘K.H.’ enclosing a statement of facts as recalled in 1923 by de Valera’s mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright and facts recalled in 1922 by the Marquesa de Valera of Madrid (2pp) and a list of questions to be given to the Marquesa (1p). Also includes two notes from the Marquesa to Máire Ní Bhriain and to de Valera (4 January & 15 March 1925, 2 items, 2pp each).
7 items

223 1934; 1940; 1955; 1960 Miscellaneous notes and letters, many in Spanish, on de Valera family history and possible de Valera ancestors.
11 items
224  16 January 1936– 2 November 1943
Correspondence between de Valera’s Personal Secretary and L.H. Kerney, Irish Minister in Spain, on Kerney’s research into the genealogy of the de Valera family, including three reports on the history of the de Valera family, originating from a meeting between Kerney and the Marqués de Auñón, ‘whose family name is Valera, and whose grandfather was the well-known author and Ambassador, Juan Valera…The Marqués de Auñón and his mother seem to have no doubt that Eamon de Valera was related to them’ (16 January & 18 February 1936 & 20 February 1940, 3 items, 3pp, 3pp & 2pp) and copies of the marriage certificate of Antonio Valera y Viaña and Maria de la Merced Armenteros y García who married in Havana on 8 September 1942 and the baptismal certificate of their son Antonio Panfilo de los Dolores Valera y Armenteros, who was born in Havana on 2 July 1821.

18 items

225  18 April 1950– 8 February 1951
Correspondence between de Valera or his Secretary and Máire Ní Bhriain on Ms. Ní Bhriain’s research into the genealogy of the (de) Valera family, during her visit to Spain in which she undertook part-time work for Dr. Richard Hayes in archives in Madrid and other parts of Spain [as part of the National Library’s project to compile an ‘Irish National Bibliography. An Index to Ireland’s Contribution to Western Civilization, 450–1950 A.D.’ (see P150/109)]. Also includes references to a possible de Valera family coat of arms.

15 items

Correspondence relating to the procurement of a coat of arms of the Spanish branch of the de Valera family. Includes correspondence between Gerard Slevin, Chief Herald of the Genealogical Office, Dublin and de Valera (16 & 17 April 1959, 3 items); between President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly and Michael Rynne, Irish Ambassador to Spain, and between Dr Rynne and the Marqués de Cidroncha, Director of the Spanish Genealogical Office (31 March–18 June 1960; 24 December 1965, 9 items); and between Marie O’Kelly and Lt. Col. Robert Gayre of Gayre and Nigg, Edinburgh, Scotland (31 July–9 August 1961, 4 items). Also includes typescript copy of a translation of a letter to de Valera from a Fernando de Valera in Hellin, Spain providing details of the de Valera family including a description of the family coat of arms. Seeks assistance in paying tuition fees for his daughter’s musical education ([March 1968], 2pp).

22 items
Correspondence between de Valera, Fr. John G. Furniss S.J., New York and Monsignor James A. Hamilton, Pastor of St. Patrick’s Church, Jersey City, New Jersey, relating to Fr. Furniss’s enquiries to Monsignor Hamilton into the location of the marriage certificate of de Valera’s parents and correspondence between de Valera and the family of the Marqués de Villarreal de Alava y de Casa Palacio concerning de Valera’s genealogy. Also includes a number of family trees of Spanish branches of the de Valera family (1961, 9 items).

See also P150/187 which includes correspondence relating to Monsignor Hamilton’s extensive searches of Jersey City and New York church records, 1956-57, for the marriage certificate of de Valera’s parents and P150/143 & 228 for a note recording the details of the marriage certificate.

Various notes and compilations of genealogical information on de Valera’s parents, and the Coll, Carroll and (de) Valera families. Includes:

- typescript biographical notes dictated by de Valera on 19 September 1955 on his mother and father (1p), the de Valera family name (2pp), the Coll family (2pp) and the Carrolls, his grandmother’s family (1p);
- typescript biographical notes dictated by de Valera in May 1960 in Irish (24 May 1960, 2pp);
- notes on the de Valera family (n.d., 5pp);
- biographical ‘Notes which I took in conversation with Mother’ on his parents and their families and various families in Bruree, Co. Limerick. Notes made while de Valera was in Iveagh House (n.d., 5 items).
- handwritten note (n.d., 1p) recording the details on the marriage certificate of Vivion de Valera and Catherine Coll who were married in ‘Father Hennessy’s Church, Greenville, New Jersey’ on 19 September 1881 and copy marriage certificate of Catherine de Valera and Charles Wheelwright who were married on 7 May 1888 in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, New York (n.d., 1p);
- biographical notes and family trees of the Valera, Coll, Carroll and Flanagan families (n.d., 4pp);
- biographical notes made by de Valera on his grandmother Elizabeth Carroll in her later years (3 items, 1p each);
- hand-coloured tintype of de Valera’s grandmother Elizabeth Carroll (1836 or 1838–95) in presentation folder. Photographer: White, Boston, Massachusetts. Also paper print of same (n.d., 2 items, 16cm x 21cm &12cm x 17cm);
- typescript draft memorandum recording the recollections of de Valera’s mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright of his father and his father’s family. Memorandum typed by President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly (8 August 1961, 2 items, 1p each);

24 items
229 1928-35; April 1969  
File relating to the research on the Coll and Carroll families carried out by Fr. Edward Harnett/Hartnett. Includes:
– covering letter from Fr. Harnett presenting a copy of his ‘volume on the deLaceys of Bruree, Bruff & Ballingarry-Lacy’ [entitled The Roll of the House of Lacy, book not included] (19 June 1928, 2pp);
– letter to Fr. Eddie ‘Harnett’ from Fr. M.A. Magnier of St. Patrick’s, Jersey City, New Jersey, the church in which de Valera’s parent’s were supposedly married, following his search of the records for the marriage certificate of de Valera’s parents. ‘We…exceedingly regret to say that it is not there. It may have been that Father Hennessy, who was Pastor there at the time did marry them in another Parish in New Jersey or in a New York Church. This seems likely since Father Hennessy was from County Limerick’ (6 September 1935, 3pp);
– ‘typescript ‘Extracts re Coll Family From King’s Inns, 1708–1820’ (n.d., 12pp);
– letter to Fr. ‘Hartnett’ from Vincent W. Hallinan, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, San Francisco, California, containing genealogical information on the Coll family [the Colls and Hallinans are related through the marriage of Anne Coll and Vincent’s grandfather Michael Hallinan]. Also includes family tree showing the connection between the Colls and the Hallinans (23 July 1935, 3 items, 2pp, 1p & 1p);
– research notes compiled by Fr. Harnett comprising ‘Materials Towards a History of the Origin, Name & Race of Coll’. Typescript with handwritten amendments (n.d., 51pp);
– letter to de Valera from nine year old Charmaine Fursman of Kilburn, London whose grandfather Tom Hartnett from ‘Bally Garry’ went to school with de Valera. Mrs. Fursman’s uncle Fr. Eddie ‘Hartnett’ and his research on the Colls is also referred to. Also includes the President’s reply (April 1966, 2 items).
13 items

230 19[29]–4 August 1963  
File relating to research by Dr. Robert C. Simington of the Irish Manuscripts Commission between the 1930s and early 1960s, on the Coll family genealogy.
17 items

231 1938–39; 1955  
Miscellaneous genealogical information on the Coll family, including death dates of various members of the Coll family and family trees.
31 items
232  1919; September 1942–November 1966  Letters to de Valera from various individuals claiming a family relationship/kinship with him on his mother’s side, seeking assistance and offering genealogical information on the Coll family. Includes letters from, and in most cases replies by de Valera or his Personal Secretary:
– Vera McInerney of Victoria, Australia (14 August 1919, 2pp);
– Catherine Roche of Kilrap, Cork (18 September 1942, 3pp);
– Sr. M. Philip Slowey, South Dunedin, New Zealand (26 December 1957, 2pp);
– William P. Dolan, Saint Paul, Minnesota (1960, 1p);
– Robert P. Coll, St. John’s Villas, Limerick (April 1958–March 1963, 14 items);
– Dr. Patricia A. Hallinan of Ross, California and her son David Harrod (January 1963–September 1969, 13 items);
– Sr. M. Trea of Queensland, Australia (18 December 1963, 2pp);
– Mrs. Mildred Gilroy of Stamford, Connecticut (18 April 1963, 1p);
– Kathryn Slowey of Christchurch, New Zealand (4 July 1963, 4pp);
– Mrs. Suzanne Smith of Dayton, Ohio (1 March 1965, 1p);
– Mrs. Hannah Frewen of Brooklyn, New York (25 July 1966, 5pp);

51 items

233  27 January; 5, 15 February 1969  Correspondence between de Valera and Sr. Magdalena Boleman, C.S.J. of Revere, Massachusetts, who believes, wrongly, that her father was a cousin of de Valera’s mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright.

3 items

234  [1924]  Rough holograph notes and diary fragments kept by de Valera. Includes notes concerning his family background.

12 items
3. PERSONAL SECRETARY, KATHLEEN O’CONNELL (1886 – 1956)

I. Correspondence and diaries, 1913 - 24

235 [December 1913], 22 June 1915
Miscellaneous early correspondence of Kathleen O’Connell mainly relating to her activities as Secretary to the Gaelic League in the U.S.A. Includes holograph letter from O’Connell to [Fionan] MacCollum of Killorglin, Co. Kerry. [Gaelic League] letterhead has been cut off ([December 1913], 2pp); holograph letter from O’Connell in New York to an unknown individual on Gaelic League administrative business and her decision to go to Chicago for Christmas (12 December 1913, 2pp) and holograph receipt made out by Eoin MacNeill for money orders amounting to fifty-one pounds, twelve shillings and four pence received from Kathleen O’Connell ‘for the Irish Volunteer fund’ (22 June 1915, 1p).
3 items

236 23 September 1920
Holograph letter to Kathleen O’Connell from Mrs. Sinéad de Valera, Wardman Park Hotel, Washington D.C., asking Kathleen to type up a manuscript (not enclosed) – ‘I don’t want to show it to Joe or to ask his help… I suppose you’ll say I ought to have a little more sense than to write such stuff’.
2pp

237 n.d.
Typescript extracts from ‘Kathleen O’Connell’s Diary’ between 1 January and 25 December 1921. [She left the U.S.A. on 1 January on the S.S. Panhandle, arrived in Dublin on 13 January and met de Valera the following day.]
8 pp

238 10 January, 1 December 1921; 11 September – 4 October 1922
Correspondence between de Valera (codename ‘O. Cahan’) and Kathleen O’Connell mainly on the preparation and transmission of various documents. Also includes last page of a letter from de Valera to an unknown individual containing a reference to Kathleen O’Connell’s return from the U.S.A. in January 1921 and de Valera’s need to get in touch with her as she ‘is becoming more and more necessary to me every day’ (n.d., incomplete, 1p).
9 items
10 February 1921–7 December 1922
Miscellaneous correspondence of Kathleen O’Connell including letters to O’Connell from Art O’Brien concerning Sir Thomas Barrie’s offer of the use of his house during de Valera’s stay in London and the forwarding of letters to de Valera from O’Brien (23 July & 3 August 1921, 2 items); telegrams to O’Connell from Harry Boland (3 October & 10 December 1921, 2 items) and holograph letter from Austin Stack (‘A’) on the sending of cables and his return to Dublin on 31 December 1921 (27 December 1921, 1p). 18 items

18, 21 February 1923
Typescript note from Kathleen O’Connell to ‘M.T. Comdt. For C/S’ [Comdt. Moss Twomey] seeking Twomey’s help in arranging for the transfer of her suitcase from Fermoy to Dublin and Twomey’s holograph reply. See also P150/1749 for memoranda between de Valera and Commandant Moss. Twomey (‘M.T.’) on behalf of Liam Lynch, while the Chief of Staff was in the South in February/March 1923 and holograph despatches from Lynch in Tipperary to Twomey, 9 April 1923, the day before Lynch died 2 items, 1p each

1923–11 August 1924
Holograph letters to Kathleen O’Connell from Mrs. Sinéad de Valera during de Valera’s time in prison in 1923 and 1924. Also includes two letters written shortly after de Valera’s release on 16 July 1924. Discusses communications with de Valera and refers to the children. ‘I am happiest as you know when I have them all around me…I’ll believe he’s…(de Valera)…coming out when I see him’ (n.d., 4pp). Also refers to her decision not to travel with de Valera to Ennis for his first public meeting outside Dublin since his release, ‘I won’t go but I will do as I did last year go to the chapel and pray that all may be well’ (11 August 1924, 2pp). 7 items

24 April–22 July 1924
Correspondence between Kathleen O’Connell and Acting President P.J. Rutledge during de Valera’s imprisonment and just after his release on 16 July 1924. 6 items

29 November 1923–29 April 1924
Correspondence between Kathleen O’Connell and Frank Aiken, Chief of Staff, during de Valera’s imprisonment. 6 items & 4 envelopes
244 4 October [1924]  Holograph note to Kathleen O'Connell from de Valera in Cork, ‘Got here without mishap. Travelled over the old road Clonmel–Clogheen–Ballyporeen–Michelstown–Fermoy. The mountains were beautiful.’ Requests ‘Pearse’s works in English’ for Mrs. Osgood [mother of Mrs. Molly Childers]. 1 item

II. Correspondence and death, 1928 - 56

245  January 1928– November 1953  Miscellaneous items relating to Kathleen O’Connell between 1928 and 1953, mainly personal letters to her from Frank [Gallagher] on tour with de Valera in the U.S.A. in January 1928, from Sean Moynihan on tour with de Valera in the U.S.A. in December 1929, from Mrs. Sinéad de Valera (n.d. & 1936), from de Valera (October 1948) and from Mrs. Molly Childers (1953). Also accompanied by newspaper reports on the nature of Miss O’Connell’s work for de Valera (13 March 1932 & n.d., 2 items); drafts of Miss O’Connell’s statement on her association with the Republican movement and her work for de Valera between 1919 and the end of 1923, for the Reference and Advisory Committee in connection with her application for a Military Service Pension (15 June 1945, 2 items, 3pp & 5pp) and typescript revised copy of her evidence before the Committee, concerning her involvement in the ‘National Movement’ in America between 1912 and 1919 and her employment by de Valera between the years 1919 and the end of 1923 (28 September 1945, 18pp) with typescript comments by de Valera on Miss O’Connell’s evidence (28 September 1945, 3pp). 18 items

246  [c.1944]  Framed photograph of de Valera at his desk with Kathleen O’Connell taken on the occasion of her serving 25 years as his Personal Secretary. Photograph stood in de Valera’s study during his years as Taoiseach and President. 29cm x 23cm excluding mount 32cm x 25cm including mount
247 28 September 1945 Typescript supplementary remarks by de Valera on ‘evidence’ given by his Personal Secretary Kathleen O’Connell [in application for a military services pension]. Includes covering note explaining the manner of his notation of the evidence and separate sheets containing his remarks, ‘a few minor points in which my recollection is not quite the same as hers’, on the reason why he sent Harry Boland to the U.S.A. in 1919, Boland’s objectives and relations with de Valera, de Valera’s official status, the decision to burn the Custom House and de Valera’s efforts to avoid civil war. 2 items, 1p & 3pp

248 April 1956 Newspaper reports on the death of Kathleen O’Connell on 7 April 1956 (8 & 9 April 1956, 3 items), memorial card (1 item) and typescript appreciation by ‘M.P.’ (n.d., 1p). 5 items

249 April 1956 Typescript note ‘Copied from Chief’s manuscript note made shortly after 7/4/56’ evaluating his life, following the death of his Personal Secretary Kathleen O’Connell. ‘I have had a wonderful life...I have not achieved the things I would have wished to achieve, but I have achieved more than I would ever have dreamed of...I have had all the things that in a human way make for happiness...I have had as co-workers some of the finest people that God has made – noble, devoted, loyal. I am writing this a few days after we have laid to rest one who has worked with me for more than a third of a century. One who has shared, I had almost said my most intimate thoughts so far as they were concerned with public affairs’. Also portion of the original holograph note by de Valera (1p). 2 items, 1p each
4. DE VALERA BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL

I. Chronologies, 1916 - 27

250  n.d.  ‘Chronological List of Events, 1912–1922’
being a carbon copy typescript calendar of
notable political events in Ireland and the U.K. between April 1912 and
December 1922 (n.d., 16pp including part of original file cover with title);
– handwritten notes by de Valera briefly listing significant events from April
1916 to 1933, such as his movements following the Easter Rising, his
imprisonment and release, his re-imprisonment following the so-called
German Plot, his subsequent escape, his tour of the United States, negotiations
with Prime Minister Lloyd George, the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty in
December 1921 and its aftermath, the Civil War, the formation of Fianna Fáil
and their entrance into Dáil Éireann, the 1932 Eucharistic Congress and
results of general elections. Notes arranged by year (blank for years 1925,
1928-31 inclusive, 1934 & 1935) (n.d., 27pp) and
– copy typescript headed ‘Chronology of the Official Report’ being a list
giving titles or volume references to Parliamentary Debates of the first sixteen
Dáil Éireanns (1919-57, 1p).

3 items

251  n.d.  Copy typescript entitled ‘Diary of Important
Events–from Irish Independent Year 1917’
covering events from 5 January to 30 November 1917.

25pp

252  [1936]  Copy typescript entitled ‘Fianna Fáil Pamphlet
No. 1, 1936. Chronological Table’ listing events
from 10 July 1917 to May 1923. With handwritten amendments by de Valera.

4pp

253  n.d.  Copy typescript listing significant events,
19[19] to 15 August 1922, with handwritten
additions by de Valera. Also copy typescript entitled ‘Summary of Position
since 1920’ [mostly economic observations and figures](1926), 1p).

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| 254 | n.d.   | Narrative of events for 1921 and 1922, from sources such as newspaper articles and diary entries [of de Valera]:  
internal typescript entitled ‘Narrative of Events, from the Truce with Great Britain July 8th, 1921 to the attack on the Republic June 28th, 1922’. Two copies, one without cover page and with handwritten notes and additions [by Austin Stack] and one with pencil note on cover, ‘For P[resident] from U.S.F.A.’ (n.d., 2 items, 7pp each);  
copy typescript consisting of a diary of events from 22 June to 22 July 1921, including extracts from pertinent communications between de Valera, General J.S. Smuts and Lloyd George. Records the course of unsuccessful negotiations between de Valera and the Unionists in Dublin and the subsequent meetings between de Valera and Lloyd George in London (n.d., 3pp);  
‘Diary of Important Events’ covering the period from 22 February to 29 June 1922. Compiled from The Irish Independent ‘unless otherwise stated’. In an unknown hand (n.d., 9pp);  
carbon copy typescript entitled “Diary of Important Irish Events from ‘Irish Independent’ ” covering the period from [6] to 18 April 1922 (n.d., 3pp);  
carbon copy typescript headed ‘Diary-References’ listing political events from 3 January to 27 May 1922 (n.d., 27pp);  
newspaper cutting entitled Irish Events. Year of Strife and Progress. Outstanding Dates covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 1922 (4pp).  
8 items |
| 255 | 1922   | Handwritten notes summarising coverage in The Irish Independent of events between 4 January and 28 June 1922 (24pp) and handwritten notes summarising press coverage of events between 22 February and 29 June 1922—the ‘Independent referred to unless otherwise stated’. With name of John F. Finerty on top of first page (8pp).  
2 items |
| 256 | 1922   | Handwritten notes [by Mary MacSwiney?] on the contents of Irish newspapers between 23 January and 8 May 1922 and between 29 April and 29 July 1924 [compiled in her role as Director of Publicity].  
17pp |
4pp |
## II. Diaries, 1916 – 61

Series of diaries containing very brief entries, usually notes of locations and appointments for the following years:

| 261 | 1916 | Non-contemporary holograph entries made on 24 & 29 April, 1–10 & 17 May in an adapted 1933 diary. |
| 262 | 1917 | Non-contemporary holograph entries made in July, August, September & November in a 1933 adapted diary. |
| 263 | 1919 | Non-contemporary holograph entries made in a 1930 adapted diary, for dates in January–March; June–December 1919. Also some entries in hand of [Marie O'Kelly]. |
| 264 | 1920 | Holograph entries, diary begun on 1 April in Atlantic City, prior dates filled in retrospectively. |
| 265 | 1921 | Entries in hand of de Valera and Kathleen O'Connell. ‘Hon. Eamon De Valera’ embossed on cover. |
266 1922 Non-contemporary entries in the hand of Kathleen O'Connell in a 1933 adapted diary.

267 1922 Two quarterly diaries (1st & 2nd quarter 1922), with holograph entries by de Valera, 2 January–17 March; 5 May–[30] June 1922.

268 1923 Non-contemporary entries in the hand of Kathleen O'Connell in a 1933 adapted diary, for the following dates: 7 January–20 April & 10 August–27 August 1923.

269 1924 Non-contemporary entries in the hand of Kathleen O'Connell in a 1933 adapted diary, for the following dates: 6 February; 29 March; 15 July–15 November; 29 November–30 December 1924.


271 1926 Non-contemporary entries in the hand of Kathleen O'Connell [and another unidentified hand] in a 1933 adapted diary, 5 January–20 December.

272 1927 Non-contemporary entries in the hand of Kathleen O'Connell in a 1933 adapted diary, for the following dates: 1 January–5 March and 10 May–13 December 1927.

273 1927 Eason’s Index Diary for the Year 1927 with holograph entries by de Valera for 21 November–15 December.


275 1928 Non-contemporary entries in the hand of Kathleen O'Connell in a 1933 adapted diary, for the following dates: 1 January–18 February; 18 & 25 June; 9–28 July; 14–19 August & 13–18 November 1928.


277 1929 Non-contemporary entries in the hand of Kathleen O'Connell in a 1935 adapted diary, for 2 January–31 December 1929.
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294 1935 Entries by Kathleen O'Connell and others, 1 January–31 December.

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296 1935 Entries by Kathleen O'Connell, 1 January–13 February.

297 1935 Entries by Kathleen O'Connell, 1 April–30 June.

298 1935 Entries by Kathleen O'Connell, 6 July–16 September.


300 1936 Entries by Kathleen O'Connell, 1 January 1936–2 January 1937.

301 1936 Small diary with few holograph, mainly personal entries by de Valera including:
11 Feb. ‘Brian buried’;
13 March: ‘Viv Commissioned’;


303 1937 Holograph entries by de Valera, 1 January–14 December with notes, telephone numbers, addresses, glasses prescription, included.

304 1938 Entries by Kathleen O'Connell and others, 1 January–31 December.

305 1939 Entries by Kathleen O'Connell, 2 January 1939–11 January 1940.

306 1939 Four quarterly diaries, with few holograph entries by de Valera.

307 1940 Entries by Kathleen O'Connell, 1 January 1940–3 January 1941.

308 1940 Quarterly diary (2nd Quarter 1940), few entries, 1 April–20 June, some by de Valera.
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328 1948  Three quarterly diaries with entries by de Valera, 1 January–1 April; 9 April–30 June & 1 July–26 September.
329 1949  Entries by Kathleen O'Connell, 1 January–31 December.
331 1950  Entries by Kathleen O'Connell, 2 January—22 December.
333 1950  Quarterly diary (3rd quarter 1950), sporadic entries by de Valera, 1 July–5 August.
334 1951  Entries by Kathleen O'Connell and others, 3 January–31 December.
335 1952  Entries by Kathleen O'Connell, 1 January–5 November.
336 1952  Few notes and entries by de Valera and another, 6 January–13 July.
337 1953  Entries by Kathleen O'Connell and another, 1 January–31 December.
339 1954  Entries in an unidentified hand, 10 June–30 December.
342 1956  Entries in an unidentified hand, 3 January–19 December.
344 1958  Entries in an unidentified hand and by Marie O'Kelly, 6 January–22 December.
345 1959  Entries by Marie O'Kelly, 8 January–10 December.
Entries by Marie O’Kelly, 21 March–20 December.

Entries by Marie O’Kelly, 1 January–8 October.

See also P150/666 for typescript ‘Chief’s Diary for 1919’ detailing de Valera’s movements from 6 January while still in Lincoln jail, to 31 December; and P150/1737 for typescript ‘Chief's Diary for 1920’ detailing de Valera’s movements from 1 January 1920 while in New York, to 17 December 1920.

Loose diary pages and fragments, originally found in envelope labelled ‘E. de Valera’s Diary Scraps’, mainly pages from various personal pocket diaries, relating to the following years:

1917 2 items, 33pp & 21pp
1919-20 2 items, 24pp & 2pp
1921 63pp
January; February; June–September 1922 3 items, 2pp, 71pp & 6pp
February–April & December 1924 2 items, 4pp & 11pp
January–December 1925 4 items, 54pp; 11pp; 15pp & 4pp
1926-27 11 items
January–December 1928 50pp
January–December 1929 2 items, 42pp & 10pp
January–February 1930 3 items, 1p; 22pp & 17pp
February–August 1932 2 items, 9pp & 42pp
October–December 1933 17pp
February –July 1941 7pp
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<td>Typescript ‘diary’ detailing de Valera’s daily activities, 9 February–8 May 1946. 9pp</td>
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<td>Fragments from an undated diary. Notes Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis on 8 &amp; 9 November and departure for Geneva on 16 November for a ‘Conference re League dispute’ and return Dublin via Paris on 28 November. 39pp</td>
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III. Newspaper series, 1935 – 56

370 3 February–28 April 1935  Series of articles entitled *De Valera: The Man* by Con O’Leary. Published in the *Sunday Graphic* and *Sunday News* between 3 February and [April] 1935. (Series incomplete: 31 March and any instalments after 28 April 1935 are missing). 12 items

371 2–23 October 1955  Parts 1 to 4 of a series of articles by Liam Robinson entitled *The De Valera Story’* published in *The Sunday Express*. 6 items


IV. Publications, 1933 - 82


8 December 1944  Article from the *Catholic Herald* by Kees van Hoek headed “His Majesty’s Government ‘sees no reason’ why Mr. de Valera should attend the Peace Conference. Yet how many statesmen are better qualified to help make peace than Eamon De Valera?”*, mainly a review of M.J. MacManus’ biography *Eamon de Valera* (Gollancz, 1944).  
*See also P150/3062, 3049 & 3041 for articles on de Valera by Kees van Hoek* 1 item


11 February 1971  Draft agreement between President de Valera and publishers Gill and Macmillan authorising Gill and Macmillan to publish *A Collection of Speeches and Statements by Eamon de Valera* edited by Dr. Maurice Moynihan. Signed by de Valera and the Director of Gill and Macmillan and witnessed by Marie O'Kelly and Col. Seán Brennan [de Valera’s Aide-de-Camp]. 6pp

V. Official biography – preparation & publication, 1953 - 71

379 11 & 13 September 1922  Carbon copy note by de Valera on the question of writing his memoirs. Includes list of possible chapter headings (1p), and a list of items for inclusion (1p). Also attached is a portion of an election address ‘To the people of Clare–The breaking of the pact and the shelling of the Four Courts destroyed all hopes of peace. It has now become a question of arms and armies and constitutional endeavour is ended. I cannot enter a parliament for which I would not have been a candidate…’ (1p).

4 items, 1p each

380 19[37], 1952  Various draft plans and outlines by de Valera for his biography. Includes:
– copybook headed ‘Outline of a Biography’ covering de Valera’s family background and birth to 1921 ([1937?], 17pp);
– carbon copy notes by de Valera for Kathleen O’Connell headed ‘How to Start’ on the compilation of information and documents necessary to begin a biography covering the period 1913 to 1923, and outline plan of topics to be covered for the period (n.d., 5pp & 4pp);
– topics to be covered in a biography, divided into 125 sections beginning with his ‘Parents and ancestry’ and finishing with his defeat in the 1948 General Election. Some pages missing (n.d., 9pp);
– typescript outline chapter by chapter, relating solely to his American trip between June 1919 and December 1920 (3pp) and of the period from January 1921 to 1923 (2pp) drafted while in Utrecht in December 1952 (13 & 14 December 1952, 2 items, 3pp & 2pp).

See also P150/435 for typescript lists of ‘Personal Dates’ relating to de Valera and his family

14 items

381 n.d.  Typescript text headed ‘List of Photographs’ consisting of the text of a dictograph recording made by de Valera describing ‘photographs suitable for insertion in any life story’.

3pp
Correspondence and lists of files relating to de Valera held by various government departments and agencies. Includes:

–copy of list compiled by the Department of the Taoiseach entitled ‘Éamon de Valéra subjects dealt with on files, indexed under his name, in custody of Department of the Taoiseach’ listing subjects relating to de Valera’s career and their associated file number (May 1954, 13pp). Certain files have been marked with an asterisk or question mark, the relevance of which is explained in a letter from President de Valera’s Personal Secretary to Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan, Government Secretary (30 July 1963, 1p);

–copy of list produced by the Department of the Taoiseach, listing the documents relating to de Valera among the ‘Chief Secretary’s Office Registered Files’ that ‘are available’ and ‘not available’ in the State Paper Office. Includes reference numbers, title and, if files ‘are available’, location of documents in the S.P.O. (9, 13 February 1954, 2 items, 2pp & 1p);

–correspondence between Marie O’Kelly [Máire Ní Cheallaigh], President de Valera’s Personal Secretary, and Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan [Nioclás G. Ó Nualláin], Secretary to the Government, mainly consisting of requests for various files on de Valera held in the Department of the Taoiseach, for the President’s personal use and for their examination by ‘bona-fide historians’ (10–14 July 1964, 5 items). Also includes copies of correspondence between Taoiseach Séan Lemass (‘S.F.L.’), Dr. Nolan and Ms. O’Kelly relating to the provision of access to relevant Government files to Thomas P. O’Neill, a biographer of de Valera. Dr. Nolan raises a number of objections to granting Mr. O’Neill access (30 July 1963–13 February 1967, 34 items);

–untitled list of documents dating from 1915 to 1948 [compiled by de Valera at some later stage, reason unknown] ([post-1948, 3pp);

–typescript list of ‘Important Documents’ up to 19[27] of personal and political interest, compiled by de Valera (n.d., 2pp) and typescript list of ‘Important Pamphlets’ (no dates given), also compiled by de Valera (n.d., 1p);

–carbon copy list of documents and/or headings entitled ‘Documentary Proof’ mostly relating to the period from the 1916 Rising to the period of the 2nd Dáil (c.1922). Compiler or purpose of compilation unknown;

–incomplete carbon copy typescript of what appears to be instructions dictated by de Valera to an unknown Republican, concerning the compilation of “a book containing accurate copies of all such documents as those in the appendix to the ‘Green Book’ of Ireland’s Case—I mean the ‘Exhibits’ of Ireland’s…the book itself, and there may be other volumes to follow it…would simply be the companions to a short history of the events which these documents were the illustration of…’. (n.d., 1p, incomplete);


44 items
383  January 1953–June 1966; Correspondence between de Valera and the
May 1969–November 1970  Hutchinson Publishing Group Ltd., London,
about the possibility of the publication of a
projected book of de Valera’s memoirs.
In January 1957, de Valera states his position on the subject as follows. ‘The
inaccuracies that are repeated from book to book, and appear in reviews,
sketches, etc., make me feel at times that I ought to set things right by giving
the truth as I know it. The many engagements, however, of my public life
make it very difficult, almost impossible, for me to give the matter the
wholehearted attention it would require…The death of my Secretary, Miss
O’Connell, and my impaired eyesight have added to my difficulties. Apart
from other considerations, there is also this: I think it unwise for people who
are actively in politics to write in a personal way of former events with which
they were associated. To do so gives rise to controversies that are regarded as
out of date, unrealistic and of little consequence in comparison with the urgent
needs of the moment that are crying out for attention’; (23 January 1957, 1p).
Following de Valera’s election as President of Ireland in 1959 and the death
of his friend and potential biographer Frank Gallagher, the company suggests
that either Mary C. Bromage or Thomas P. O’Neill write an authorised
biography.
Includes copy letter sent by de Valera to Robert Lusty authorising O’Neill to
write the biography and dealing with the questions of an Irish edition and the
serial, radio, television and cinema rights to the book (30 April 1963, 1p);
memorandum of agreement between Thomas P. O’Neill and Hutchinson &
Co. (Publishers) Ltd. making arrangements for the publication of the
authorised biography (31 May 1963, 5pp); press releases and newspaper
cuttings concerning the announcement of the intended publication of the
biography; correspondence concerning O’Neill’s progress on the book and the
involvement of Lord Longford in the work.
Also includes draft appreciations of the late Frank Gallagher by de Valera,
written following Gallagher’s death and subsequently intended for use in the
foreword to Gallagher’s book The Anglo Irish Treaty (1964, 2 items, 2pp &
3pp). 85 items

384  October–November 1958; Correspondence between de Valera and
March–June 1963  Jonathan Cape and G. Wren Howard, directors
of publishers Jonathan Cape Ltd., London,
concerning Cape’s suggestion that de Valera write his memoirs or that the
task be undertaken by a ‘competent Irish historian’. Later correspondence
concerns the announcement of the authorised biography by Thomas P.
O’Neill. 7 items
February 1963–March 1971  Correspondence between de Valera and Margaret D. McCullough, Boulder Creek, California; T.J. (‘Joe’) Mellott, Jnr., San Francisco, California, C.V. Whelan, Consulate General of Ireland, San Francisco; James Cummins, San Francisco, California; Julian B. Clark, Librarian, University of California; Michael J. Dargan, Aer Lingus; and Sr. Mary Geraldine, O.P. [Cathleen Mellott], concerning the loan and return of four volumes of the San Francisco Leader (1918-21) from the University of San Francisco, to de Valera during the course of preparation of his biography by T.P. O’Neill and Lord Longford. The Mellott family had given the newspapers to the Library following the death of their father T.J. Mellott, Snr..

27 items

Reel to reel sound recordings of [telephone conversations] between President de Valera and Thomas P. O’Neill in 1963. Labels as noted were made by Marie O’Kelly.
Series of twenty open reel Philips tapes, all 8cm/3 inch (90m/300 feet) spools, Doubleplay, unless stated otherwise.

Instructions and list of books to be sent to the Franciscan Library Killiney.

‘T. Williams. The War Years, 1967’.

‘O’Neill’s interview with Mac Aongusa re Dev’s book–that only’. 10cm/4 inch spool (180m/600feet)

‘(1) 6,7,8? (March) O’Neill & Dev’ 10cm/4 inch spool (180m/600feet)


‘(3) March 6th (continued), 7, 8?. One side’.

‘11 March’. With additional label in shorthand on inside of box, including the initials ‘I.P.P.’ [Irish Parliamentary Party].

‘W. O’Brien, 12/3/63’.

‘O’Neill, 19/3/63’.

‘20/22 March’.

‘To the 5/4/63 continued on new tape’. 10cm/4 inch spool (180m/600feet)

‘O’Neill and President June 1963’ [Interview of O’Neill on radio]’.
398 ‘Ends 9/4/63. Re Publishers etc.’.
10cm/4 inch spool (180m/600feet)

399 ‘Pres. and T. O’Neill’.
10cm/4 inch spool (180m/600feet)

400 ‘Pres. and O’Neill’.
10cm/4 inch spool (180m/600feet)

401 ‘Pres. and O’Neill, Doc. 2’.
10cm/4 inch spool (180m/600feet)

402 Unidentified reel [no box].

403 ‘17th’ (March 1963).

404 ‘Finished 28/3/63, goes on to big tape’.

405 ‘11 or 18’ (March 1963)

406 May 1965–May 1970 Correspondence between President de Valera and Lord Longford concerning the preparation and publication of the authorised biography by Thomas P. O’Neill and Lord Longford. Includes draft of a chapter that became the ‘Epilogue’.
33 items

See also P150/3190 for profile of de Valera by Frank Pakenham and P150/1569 for reviews of and correspondence relating to, Peace by Ordeal by Frank Pakenham (1934-35).
5 items

408 1958 Forty Years of Anglo-Irish Relations. An Address delivered at University College, Cork on December 11th, 1957 by the Right Honourable Lord Pakenham Chairman of the National Bank, Ltd. (Cork University Press).
16pp
409 n.d. Typescript lists of questions and answers, mainly dealing with the 1916 Easter Rising, drawn up in connection with the preparation of the authorised biography of de Valera by Thomas P. O'Neill and Lord Longford.

4 items

410 8 October 1965 Cutting from the Kilkenny People of an article by Proinsias Mac Aonghusa relating the history of the writing of the English and Irish versions of de Valera biography, including references to the original intention that the work be undertaken by the late Frank Gallagher.

1p

411 23 September 1954; 23 September 1954; 23 September 1954; Correspondence between de Valera and Irish March−June 1968 publishing companies Sáirséal & Dill, Dublin and Cló Morainn, Dublin, concerning the publication of an Irish version of his biography. Also includes copies of various reviews of the first volume of the Irish version by Thomas P. O'Neill and An tAthair Pádraig Ó Fiannachta published by Cló Morainn including reviews by Proinsias Mac Aonghusa (12 March 1968, 1p); Donal McCartney (12 March 1968, 1p); Séamus Ó Néill (April & June 1968, 2 items, 6pp & 2pp); Ernest Blythe (April 1968, 1p); ‘An Mangaire Sugach’ (11 May 1968, 1p) and Patrick McGee (3 May 1968, 2pp). Also black and white press photograph of de Valera, Thomas P. O'Neill and An tAthair Pádraig Ó Fiannachta holding the new book, along with three unidentified men. Lensmen Press & P.R. Agency, Dublin (19[68], 20 cm x 15cm).

33 items

412 1 November 1970 Copy of R.T.E. (Radio) reel to reel tape of a This Week programme broadcast on 1 November 1970 entitled President de Valera Biography.
Total Time of Programme: 34 minutes
Date of Transmission: 1 November 1970
Speed: 7 "
BASF open reel, 18cm/7 inch spool, 360m/1,200 feet standard tape.

1 item

413 5 November 1970 Copy of R.T.É. (Radio) reel to reel tape recordings labelled De Valera I & II.
Reel Nos.: F.1255 & F. 1257
Total Time of Programme: 35"
Date Recorded: 5 November 1970
Sound Operators: T.H.
Speed: 7 "
BASF open reel 13cm/5 inch spools.

2 items
414  October–December 1970  Reviews of *Eamon de Valera* by The Earl of Longford and Thomas P. O’Neill (Gill & Macmillan, 1970), published in Irish and English newspapers and publications.  46 items

415  19 August 1970  Letter to President de Valera from John Reynolds, Producer of the B.B.C. television programme *Panorama*, seeking an interview with the President to tie in with the publication of the biography by Thomas P. O’Neill and Lord Longford on 2 November 1970. With shorthand notes on reverse.  1p

416  24, 27 August 1970  Holograph letter to de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly from Donncha Ó Dualaing of R.T.É. following the announcement of the impending biography of the President, seeking an interview with him ‘on different aspects of his career, with especial reference to the biography’ and a ‘follow-up studio discussion on the book by reputable historians...It will, I assure you, be a fitting addendum to our “Boy from Bruree” series’ and Miss O’Kelly’s reply stating that the President has decided not to give any interviews in connection with the biography, but suggesting a meeting between herself and Ó Dualaing ‘to fill you in on the background etc., to this biography as I feel sure you would find such information both necessary and useful to anything you may be doing on it’.  2 items, 3pp & 2pp

VI. Films, recordings & radio broadcasts, 1932 - 73

418  22 February 1932  Letter to de Valera’s Secretary from the Branch Manager of the Fox Film Company Ltd., Dublin, seeking an appointment to “secure a ‘talking picture’ of Mr. De Valera before our equipment leaves Ireland”.  1p

419  February 1932–March 1934  File relating to de Valera’s dealings with Paramount News and Paramount Pictures, including:
– typescript text of a talk given by de Valera ‘to Paramount News in the Garden of 13 Upper Mount St., 11am’ [Fianna Fáil Headquarters] on the day of the General Election, before the result has been announced (16 February 1932, 1p);
– typescript drafts of text of de Valera’s St. Patrick’s Day broadcast to Americans, following Fianna Fáil’s success in the General Election. One draft labelled ‘Paramount Talkie Film’ (March 1932, 2 items, 2pp each);
– typescript drafts of text of de Valera’s ‘Talk for Paramount News’ on the subject of ‘the present political situation in the Free State’ [the establishment of the ‘National Guard’ or Army Comrades Association, by General Eoin O’Duffy in July 1933] (15 August 1933, 2 items, 2pp each);
– typescript draft of extracts from de Valera’s 1934 St. Patrick’s Day broadcast, headed ‘Paramount Broadcast. Personal Copy. Not exactly as delivered’ (1934, 3pp).  11 items

420  October 1954–November 1955; December 1957  Correspondence relating to the National Broadcasting Company’s [N.B.C.] recording and production of an interview with de Valera entitled Conversation with Eamon de Valera, as part of their ‘Wise Elders’ series. The film, produced by Robert D. Graff, was recorded in October 1954, broadcast on the N.B.C. network on 13 March 1955 and subsequently shown on Canadian television in [September] of that year.
Includes mainly correspondence between de Valera’s Personal and Private Secretaries and N.B.C. officials, mainly Robert D. Graff; draft and final versions of the film script (2 items, 9pp & 17pp) and letters to de Valera from Americans of Irish descent following the broadcast of the film.  66 items

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421  n.d.  Reel to reel sound recording labelled *N.B.C.  
Reel No. H.2170.  
BASF 18cm/7 inch spool.  
1 item

Originally in cardboard casing labelled ‘Official Films Inc. Ridgefield, New Jersey. Biography of Eamon de Valera’. (31cm/12 inch reel, 4 sprockets)  
1 item

423  October–November 1964  Letters to President de Valera and Marie O’Kelly from Rev. F.X. Martin, O.S.A.  
Professor of Medieval History, University College Dublin, enclosing copies of proposed questions relating to ‘the President’s active political life–from 1913 to the end of World War II’ to be put to the President at a recording session with six historians, Prof. F.X. Martin, Prof. Desmond Williams, Dr. Kevin B. Nowlan, Rev. Dr. Tomás Ó Fiaich [National University of Ireland, Maynooth], Dr. David Thornley and Prof. F.S.L. Lyons [University of Kent at Canterbury], at Áras an Uachtarán on 31 October 1964. Also includes typescript list of the 44 questions, arranged in chronological order, prepared by Miss O’Kelly from the lists of questions submitted by Prof. Martin (5pp).  
16 items

424  31 October 1964  Open reel sound recording labelled 31/10/64,  
11am – 1pm: Pres. de Valera with historians:  
*D. Williams, Fr. F.X. Martin, Fr. O Fiach, Prof. Thornly, F.S.L. Lyons, Nowlan*  
Philips 18cm/7 inch spool, 1,800m/540 feet, Longplay.  
1 item
‘RTÉ Tapes. Unedited tapes of Pres. de Valera talking to Donnchadh Ó Dualaing of RTE about his childhood and other recollections of Bruree etc. (A series were (sic) broadcast on radio by Radio Éireann—but they were edited as the only but special condition laid down by President de Valera—he was around 90 at the time of recording). M. Ní Cheallaigh 5/7/78’.

The recordings were broadcast under the title *The Boy from Bruree*.

Series of five tapes, 18cm/7inch spool, 360m/1,200 feet standard tape (in original BASF boxes).

425
Reel No.: C.256
Date Recorded: 16 November 1965
Time on Reel: 25 minutes
Recorded by: C. O’Brien
Reel starts: ‘I used to love to go into the Cooper’s shop…’
Reel ends: ‘Twas in the first book’

426
Reel No.: C.255
Date Recorded: 17 November 1965
Time on Reel: Full
Checked by: Donnchadh Ó Dúlaing on 17 November 1965
Recorded by: [P. O’Connor]
Reel starts: ‘Oh, sure, that was one of my first tasks’
Reel ends: ‘…he’d make you cry’

427
Reel No.: C.257
Date Recorded: 17 November 1965
Time on Reel: 18 minutes approx
Checked by: Donnchadh Ó Dúlaing on 17 November 1965
Recorded by: [P. O’Connor]
Reel starts: ‘I also have a recollection’
Reel ends: ‘And he readin’ a book…’

428
Reel No.: C.252
Checked by: Donnchadh Ó Dúlaing on 31 January 1966
Reel starts: ‘As far as my political recollections are concerned…’
Reel ends: ‘…So whenever the moon was up twas Donovan’s lamp to me’

429
Reel No.: C.253
Checked by: Donncha Ó Dúlaing on 31 January 1966
Reel starts: ‘We were coming from school as usual’
Reel ends: ‘…a love of your country’
9 November 1965  Open reel sound recording labelled *An tUachtarán, Doncha Ó Dulaing (sic) & Maire Ni Cheallaigh.*
Philips 10cm/4 inch spool, 135m/450 feet, Longplay.  1 item

September 1966 – October 1967  Newspaper cuttings and correspondence, mainly between de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly and Dr. Abram Sachar, President of Brandeis University, Massachusetts, U.S.A., relating to President de Valera’s intended recording of his memoirs in a series of interviews for the University, as part of their ‘Dretzin Living Biographies’ programme in 1967. [The Dretzin Programme, inaugurated by a gift from a New York industrialist and philanthropist Samuel C. Dretzin, in 1966, provided for the compilation of memoirs of the world’s outstanding men and women for non-commercial and educational purposes.]
Also includes correspondence with Cardinal Richard Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, Seán Nunan [former Irish Ambassador in Washington], Brendan Malin, Massachusetts and Dr. S. Leonard Singer, Director of Academic Communications at Brandeis.
The interviews were postponed in 1966 due to the President’s illness and a visit by Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, were rescheduled for early 1967 but were subsequently cancelled due to his illness.  49 items

[1967?]  Reel to reel sound recording labelled *President and Van Voris. Trial and Interview.* The word ‘Brandeis’ is also written on the tape box. 13cm/5 inch spool.
See also P150/3391 which includes a 1967 article entitled *Irish Luck and Something More* by William H. Van Voris, published in the *Smith Alumnae Quarterly*  1 item

14 September 1973  Holograph letter to President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly from George Fleischmann, Co. Dublin enclosing the commentary for the film *Eamon de Valera. Portrait of a Statesman.* ‘Perhaps you will be kind enough to read same to Mr. de Valera and if there are any corrections to be made I would gladly do so. P.P. O’Reilly will fly to London on Wednesday next to record the commentary.’  2 items, 1p & 12pp
February 1976

List of radio and phonograph recordings of addresses, lectures and interviews by/with de Valera made by ‘the Nations Forum’, the City of New York Municipal Broadcasting System, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, H.M.V. and the Gramophone Company, Ltd., England between 1920 and [1959].

1p

VII. Dissociated family material, 1935 - 71

19[35], 1955, 19[60s] Lists of ‘Personal Dates’ relating to de Valera and his family. Includes:
– holograph list of ‘Important Dates & Periods’ relating to his family. Entries laid out in diary fashion, most pages dated but blank (19[35], 51pp);
– typescript list of ‘Personal Dates…Dictated by Chief 5/8/1955’ from 1879 (‘Mother Left for America’) to 1898 (‘My Going to and Leaving Charleville. Results of Examinations’) (5 August 1955, 1p);
– list of ‘Personal Dates. Dictated by President to M. O’Kelly and checked against documents etc.’ from 1826 (‘Grandfather Patrick Coll born’) to 1910 (‘Vivion–first child–born’) (19[60s], 3pp).

4 items

5 May 1936 Typescript biographical notes on de Valera ‘for Professor Sydow’ (4pp) and ‘Revised’ notes (5pp). 2 items, 4pp & 5pp

27 April 1945 Typescript copy reference by de Valera for Miss Maeve McGarry who gave ‘most devoted and loyal service at a very critical period, and in doing so endured much and ran considerable risks’.
Outlines the places de Valera lived and worked following his escape from Lincoln jail in February 1919: 5 Fitzwilliam Square, owned by Mrs. Margaret McGarry, between March and June 1919; Loughnavale, Strand Road, Merrion, owned by Mrs. Margaret McGarry, between December 1920 and mid-April 1921, and Glenvar, ‘procured by Mrs. McGarry’, between 18 May and June 1921.

1p
Typescript lists of de Valera’s places of residence including houses, colleges and jails between the years 1898 and 1954. Includes:

- ‘Houses in which Chief Lived since Marriage’ i.e. from July 1910 to their ‘present home’ of Herberton and handwritten similar list by [Sinéad de Valera] (n.d., 2 items, 1p each);
- lists of ‘Places at which Pres. stayed’ during the years 1921 to 1923 (n.d., 3 items, 1p each);
- series of lists dictated to Kathleen O’Connell by de Valera on 2 September 1954 and typed by Marie O’Kelly, as follows: ‘Places of Residence’, 1898-1954 (1p); ‘Places where I Lived apart from Colleges, Prisons and Places of Detention’, 1905-54 (1p); list of residences between 1905 and 1909 (1p) and ‘Jails and Places of Detention’, 1916-[29] (1p);

File, mainly correspondence and memoirs of de Valera, relating to the various ships on which he travelled between England, Ireland and the U.S.A., especially details of the sailing and arrival times of the S.S. City of Chicago, on which de Valera arrived in Ireland from the U.S.A. in April 1885, the S.S. Lapland on which de Valera sailed to America in June 1919 and the vessel on which he returned to Ireland the S.S. Celtic. Also refers to James Donohoe, ‘a seaman with an adventurous career who during the war of independence smuggled Mr. de Valera several times between Dublin and Liverpool’, including correspondence with Donohue’s son Mark in 1962. Also includes:

- typescript list of ‘President’s visits to America’ between June 1919 and November 1929. Lists dates of four trips to the U.S.A., for each occasion notes name of liner sailed on, reason for trip and when ‘Left Ireland’, ‘Left U.S.A.’ and ‘Arrived Home’;
- typescript list of ships de Valera travelled on between Ireland and the U.S.A. (n.d., 1p);
- postcard depicting the S.S. Republic, the ship de Valera sailed on, on two occasions, in 1927 and 1929 (14cm x 9cm) and coloured postcard depicting the S.S. President Harding (14cm x 9cm) and black and white photograph of the S.S. President Roosevelt (8cm x 6cm).

See also P150/736 which includes notes on his journey to the U.S.A. on the Lapland; P150/1668 for documents relating to de Valera’s journey to and from the United States in 1919 and 1920; P150/1165 for United States of America Alien Seaman’s Identification Card made out in the name of William Goggin on the Lapland.
17 December 1967, 17 January 1968  Letter to President de Valera from E. Engstrom, Long Beach, California, enclosing a colour photograph (December 1967, 13cm x 9cm) of the R.M.S. Queen Mary taken on 9 December 1967 ‘about 11a.m. in the morning just as she was ending her last voyage and being edged into a temporary berth’ in Long Beach California. ‘She will be here for about a year while the remodelling is being done, and then will be moved to the new park-complex which at that time will be the new home. At that time she will be open to the public for use as a restaurant, aquarium, museum, hotel accomodations, etc.’ Also publicity pamphlet on the Queen Mary issued by the Director of Public Relations, Port of Long Beach and acknowledgement of receipt (1p).  4 items

n.d.  Communication recounting the number of times de Valera crossed the border into Northern Ireland and the reason for his trips, between October 1924 and August 1953.  1p

1950s-60s  Typescript and handwritten lists [by Marie O’Kelly] of dates of ‘Various Trips Abroad’ undertaken by de Valera between 1919 and 1962.  5 items, 1p each

1938–39; 1947; 1958-71  Correspondence on arrangements for sittings and viewings and photographs of various portraits and busts of de Valera. Includes:
– correspondence and reports on the production of a portrait by Carlos Baca Flor in August 1938 (May 1938–March 1939, 10 items);
– black and white photograph of a [bronze] bust of de Valera by [Albert Power] from 194[6] (194[6], 13cm x 17cm) and two photographs of clay model for same bust (n.d., 2 items, 16cm x 21cm each);
– correspondence, newspaper cutting and black and white photographs (1958, 2 items, 18cm x 24cm each) of Professor Frederick Harkner’s eight foot high statue of de Valera;
– correspondence relating to arrangements for a sitting for Seamus Murphy’s bronze bust of de Valera (5 October 1959–20 April 1960, 6 items);
– extract from the April 1970 issue of The Word produced by the Divine Word Missionaries, with colour photograph of a bronze head of de Valera by Gary Trimble on the front cover (April 1970, 3pp);
– correspondence between Marie O’Kelly and E.V. Gatacre of Madame Tussaud’s about a meeting between de Valera and the sculptor of their intended waxwork of the President. Also includes cutting from an unknown
contd. newspaper containing a photograph of the finished waxwork model of de Valera added to the ‘People in the News’ section of Madame Tussaud’s (January and June 1971 & n.d., 4 items).
*See also P150/3395 for file on portraits and busts commissioned to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the 1916 Rising* 33 items

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**5. EARLY PUBLIC CAREER, 1910 - 16**

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<td>[post 1950] Copy answers to questions put to de Valera by an unknown individual covering the period 1910 to 1916 (4pp) and list of books and newspapers which ‘give answers to most of the questions’ (1p). 2 items, 4pp &amp; 1p</td>
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<td>1949; 1950; 1956 Various recollections made by de Valera in the 1940s and 1950s, of his association with the Gaelic League, the Irish Volunteers and preparations for the 1916 Easter Rising. Includes typescript ‘Notes as Basis of Account of My Connection with Volunteers. Begun 12/3/1949’ (1949, 5pp). 5 items</td>
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6. IRISH VOLUNTEERS

I. 1914 & 1915

File relating to the foundation of the Volunteers in 1913. Includes:

– typescript copy of ‘Óglaigh na h-Éireann Scheme of Organisation’ (Irish Republican Army Official Publications) arranged under the following headings: A: The Company; B: The Battalion; C: The Brigade; D: Transfers (n.d., ‘issued 1920’ handwritten on cover page, 19pp);
– printed copy of the ‘Manifesto of Irish Volunteers’ with the following at the end of the page ‘Manifesto of the Irish Volunteers, issued at first turn-out in Dublin, November, 1913, re-issued June, 1914’ (1p);
– carbon copy typescript entitled ‘County Organisation of Irish Volunteers Official Scheme’ beginning ‘Owing to slight mistakes in the programme for the organisation of Irish Volunteers as already published it was said to be unofficial. These have now been corrected and the following is published for information’. Signed by Eoin MacNeill and Lawrence J. Kettle, Honorary Secretaries (n.d., 3pp);
– copies from the National Library of Ireland of ‘Enlistment forms for the Irish Volunteers, Pembroke Area. These forms were issued by the Provisional Committee at the foundation meeting in the Rotunda Rink, later burned. Given by Mr. Eamonn de Valera’ (original documents date from July and August 1914, copies made 20 October 1963, 2 items, 1 positive, 1 negative)
– article from The Evening Press by Cathal O’Shannon entitled The First Call for Volunteers (8 November 1963, 1p);
– carbon copy notes headed ‘The Founding of the Irish Volunteers’ dictated by de Valera to Marie O’Kelly in November 1963 (9 November 1963, 2pp);
– typescript notes by an unknown individual on the Government’s erection and unveiling of a plaque on the old Rotunda premises, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Irish Volunteers. Notes are for the information of Marie O’Kelly (1963, 2pp);
[7 February] 1914– 20 December 1966

Material concerning the activities of the Irish Volunteers in 1914 and 1915. Includes:

− Constitution of the Irish Volunteers. With holograph annotations by de Valera (191[3], 4pp);
− typescript extracts from The Irish Volunteer of 7 February 1914 consisting of the Irish Volunteers ‘Provisional Constitution’ (1p) ‘Instructions for Forming Companies’ (2pp) and account of ‘The Irish Volunteer Fund’ (2pp);
− agreement whereby Mrs. Susanna M. Lennane, 88 Lower Camden Street, Dublin leases a plot at the rear of the business premises of Messrs. Kernan & Co. on the south side of Camden Row, Dublin city, to John McNeill, 19 Herbert Park, Pembroke, Dublin, Chairman of the Provisional Committee of the Irish Volunteers, and Michael J. Rahilly, 40 Herbert Park, Pembroke, Dublin, Treasurer of the Provisional Committee of the Irish Volunteers, for a term of eighteen months from 13 July 1914 at a quarterly rent of £5. The ‘...ground to be cleared & a gate entrance put up by the Tenants...The ground may not be used for purposes other than those immediately connected with the drilling of Volunteers’. Signed by all three parties. With note on front in de Valera’s hand, ‘In possession of Éamon deValéra former Comdt. of 3rd Bn. Until Oct. 1950’ (24 October 1914, 2pp);
− folder entitled ‘Donnybrook Meeting of Volunteers. Eamon de Valera’s Letter to Evening Telegraph–his original copy of his letter.’ With note ‘Eamon de Valera told me that this was his first letter to a newspaper’. Folder contains:
  • list of pertinent articles in The Evening Telegraph (1p);
  • copy of report from The Evening Telegraph on the meeting of the ‘Donnybrook Branch, U.I.L.’ (1p) and de Valera’s holograph copy of the letter sent to the Editor of The Evening Telegraph concerning the false report of a ‘meeting of the Donnybrook Corps of Irish Volunteers to consider what action the company would take in regard to the recent manifesto’ on 29 September 1914. With pencilled additions and amendments (October 1914, 6pp).
− typescript notice of a special meeting of the Irish Volunteers’ Executive on 5 December 1914, issued by Bulmer Hobson, and recommendations following the meeting concerning the appointment of a Headquarters General Staff by the Sub-Committee of Military Organisation. With note at top of page ‘Copy S.22/9(1) V.F. Plunkett. J. (302/29)’ (2 December 1914, 1p);
− photocopy of extract from The Irish Volunteer of a Headquarters’ Bulletin issued by P.H. Pearse, Director of Organisation, on the last meeting of the Central Executive (3 March 1915) and instructions concerning the Irish flag. Also lists the appointments made by H.Q.—Commandant; Vice-Commandant; Adjutant and Quartermaster of the four Battalions of the Dublin Brigade (original dated 20 March 1915, 1p);
− correspondence and accounts concerning a walking stick presented by President de Valera to Limerick City Museum. The stick was used by a Redemptorist priest, Fr. Mangan, to protect a Volunteer from a hostile crowd.
449 contd. outside Limerick train station in May 1915 (9 December 1959–20 December 1966, 11 items);

– carbon copy circular headed ‘Fianna Fail. Buidhean tsluaigh Baile atha Cliath. Orduighthe I gcoir na seachtmhaine Mi na Nodlag 6–12’ (sic) Issued by de Valera, Brigade Adjutant, H.Q., 7.45pm on 6 December 1915. With handwritten additions (6 December 1915, 1p);

– design for a pikehead with measurements and specifications. Found in an envelope labelled ‘Design for a Pikehead–1916. E. de Valera got pikeheads made for Boland’s Mill men–obtained sometime before 1916 in Clonskeagh’ (191[5/6], 2 items, 1p);

– extract from The Irish Volunteer being a timetable of classes for Brigade members in engineering, first-aid, musketry, signalling etc. (29 January 1916, 1p);

– photocopy of ‘Óglaigh na hÉireann’ (The Irish Volunteers) membership card for de Valera of 33 Morehampton Terrace, (name corrected in his hand, from ‘Emin Dilvara’), No.46 Pembroke Company, 19 March–30 June. Photocopy issued by the National Library of Ireland in 1963 (1p).

28 items

450 c.1914–April 1915 Material concerning de Valera’s association with the 3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade of the Irish Volunteers in 1914 and 1915. Includes:

– notes by de Valera on the duties and character requirements of ‘Scouting Heads’ (c.1914, 1p);

– photograph of letter from Patrick Pearse, The Irish Volunteers HQ, 41 Kildare Street, Dublin, to de Valera confirming de Valera’s appointment as Commandant of the 3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade; enquiring as to the name of its newly appointed Quartermaster and asking de Valera to attend a meeting of the four Battalion Commanders to discuss ‘several important matters’ (11 March 1915, 1p) Letter was presented to the National Museum of Ireland by de Valera. Attached is a note ‘dictated by Eamon de Valera on reading copy of letter signed by P.H. Pearse…’. Note reads “I think that this was the meeting at which I was told what would happen. At that, too, I got the password ‘Bruree’ ” (n.d., 1p). Also attached is a form of receipt handwritten by de Valera, for a rifle and bayonet, value £2 10s, received from de Valera and paid for by monthly instalments (13cm x 5.2cm);

– envelope labelled ‘Volunteer Exercise, Finglas, 1915–Mobilisation Orders by H.Q. Staff’ containing:

  • Operation Order by the Headquarters Staff, 41 Kildare Street, Dublin, No. 4 Copy 8, Irish Volunteers, Dublin Brigade, being orders for the operation issued by Comdt. Thomas MacDonagh to Comdt. de Valera, C/O 3rd Battalion. Issued at 4pm, 3 April 1915 (2pp);
  
  • Mobilisation Orders By Headquarters Staff, No. 1 Copy 8–orders by Comdt. MacDonagh to Comdt. de Valera. Issued at 4pm on 3 April 1915 (2pp);
  
  • rough sketch maps of the 3rd Battalion area of operations (April 1915, 2 items).

9 items
451  n.d.  Folder originally entitled ‘Redmond and The Volunteers etc’ containing typescript notes on references to John Redmond relating to the Irish Volunteers in various newspapers and history books.  3pp

452  29 July 1961– 24 July 1964  Commemorative material relating to the landing of guns in Howth in July 1914 from Erskine Childers’ yacht the Asgard. Includes:
– newspaper cuttings from The Irish Times and The Irish Independent on the second arrival of the yacht Asgard in Howth on 30 July 1961 (29–31 July 1961, 5 items);
– typescript text of the speech made by President de Valera on the occasion (July 1961, 2pp) (first part of speech in Irish);
– press release issued by the Department of Defence on the history of the Asgard and the Howth gun-running from information supplied by Mrs. M.A. Childers, widow of Erskine Childers (19[61], 3pp);
– articles from the RTV Guide by Cathal O’Shannon on the Asgard’s landing of guns and ammunition at Howth on 26 July 1914 (24 July 1964, 1p);
– recollections of the Howth gun-running, dictated by de Valera to Marie O'Kelly (23 August 1961, 3pp);
– black and white print of members of Fianna Éireann returning from picking up guns and ammunition at Howth (n.d., 20cm x 13cm) and Christmas card from ‘Éamon Ó Máirtín’ with reproduction of same print captioned ‘Fianna Éireann with laden trek-cart returning from Howth–July 26 1914’ (n.d., 15cm x 11cm).  17 items

453  [October] 1962–April 1964  Correspondence between Mr. And Mrs. William Condron, 8 Estate Cottages, Ballsbridge and Marie O'Kelly, President de Valera’s Personal Secretary, relating to William Condron who first met de Valera when he was a ‘selected man in York St. Workmens Club–then at Sandymount Castle…the other Lieutenant at the Castle when at the first split of the Volunteers we went on different sides of the Drill Hall’. Condron congratulates de Valera on the occasion of his eightieth birthday, de Valera writes to arrange a meeting with him but Mrs. Condron replies saying that her husband has died.  5 items, 1p each

454  [pre-1916]  Black and white photograph of de Valera [in Volunteer uniform?] with a group of unidentified people including four men, one priest and one woman, on a country road (6cm x 8cm). Also negative of same.  2 items
II. 1917 & 1918

455 1917 Constitution of The Irish Volunteers, 1917. With handwritten amendments by de Valera. 4pp

456 [22 May 1917] Typescript copy of an order issued by the Irish Volunteers’ Executive, on the duties of Volunteers. Order dated 22 May 1917, document marked ‘Copy–Original loaned by Mark Wickham’. 2pp

457 17 July 1917 Letter to de Valera from [P. S.?] Ó hÉigceartuigh, Secretary, informing him that he has been co-opted onto the Irish Volunteer Executive. 1p

458 22 October 1917 Holograph letter from Eoin MacNeill to de Valera, listing the ‘surviving members of the Council & Executive elected in 1915’ who ought to be notified about a meeting ‘of the proposed Volunteer Convention’. 1p

459 29–31 October 1917 Letters to Comdt. de Valera from members of the Clare Brigade of the Irish Volunteers, currently in Mountjoy jail, relating to public drilling in county Clare. 5 items

460 n.d. Copies of statements by Commandant General Seamus Robinson on the decline of influence of the I.R.B. on the Volunteers after the election of a Volunteer Executive in October 1917. 2 items, 1p each

461 21 May–30 November 1918 File on the organisation and activities of the Limerick Brigade of the Irish Volunteers. Includes:
– original and copy holograph letters from Michael Collins, Irish Volunteers Headquarters, to Comdt. Micheál de Lásaigh [Michael de Lacey], Limerick Brigade, being instructions from Volunteer Headquarters, concerned with Brigade meetings and elections ([26 June]–30 September 1918, letters dated 10 July and 2 August are incomplete);
– holograph letters from Comdt. Peadar Ua Duinn [Patrick Dunne], 2nd Battalion, Limerick Brigade to Brigade Commandant ‘D. Lacey’ (sic)
461 contd. [Michael de Lacey] seeking clarification of orders; permission for forming Companies attached to the 2nd Battalion into a 3rd Battalion and inquiring about ‘the levey (*sic*) for H. Quarters’. Includes letter (25 July 1918, 1p) from Comdt. Dunne to Comdt. Staines, H.Q. Staff, concerning the reformation of Brigade Staff and letter (29 September 1918, 2pp) to Comdt. D’Lacy from Peadar Ua Macmathghamhna, Vice Comdt., 2nd Battalion, about attendance at a meeting of officers in Ballybricken to elect Battalion Staff (21 May–30 November 1918, 16 items);
– letters from Richard Mulcahy, Mid-Limerick Brigade to Comdt. Michael de Lacey on organisational matters such as directions about a court martial, Brigade elections, meetings and reports (6,7 October 1918, 4 items).

30 items

7. EASTER RISING, 1916

I. Dissociated material

462 1916-41 File relating to the presentation to de Valera by Dr. Lorcan G. Sherlock, Under-Sheriff of Dublin, of two original orders signed by Eoin MacNeill to the Irish Volunteers on Easter Sunday 1916. Includes:
– covering letter from Dr. Sherlock, presenting the orders and describing how ‘when they came into my possession immediately after Easter Week I considered two view points. A. The danger to yourself personally and Mr. McDonagh (*sic*) if the military authorities got possession of them. B. Their intense historical interest in after years depending upon the outcome of the Rebellion and its aftermath. I felt very strongly that the enclosures should not be destroyed and took good care that they should not reach the authorities, but of course the fact that I was His Majesty’s Sheriff in itself tended to prevent any inquiries in my direction’ (13 October 1941, 2pp);
– original holograph order addressed to de Valera from Eoin MacNeill, Woodtown Park, Rathfarnham, County Dublin, stating ‘As Commt. MacDonagh is not accessible, I have to give you this order direct. Commt. MacDonagh left me last night with the understanding that he would return or send me a message. He has done neither. As Chief of Staff, I have ordered and hereby order that no movement whatsoever of Irish Volunteers is to be made today. You will carry out this order in your own command and make it known to other commands’ (Easter Sunday 1916, 1.20p.m., 1p);
– holograph general order from MacNeill stating ‘The order to Irish Volunteers printed over my name in today’s Sunday Independent is hereby
authenticated. Every influence should be used immediately and throughout
the day to secure faithful execution of this order as any failure to obey it may
result in a very grave catastrophe’ (Easter Sunday 1916, 1p) and
– copy letter of acknowledgement to Dr. Sherlock (16 October 1941, 1p).

4 items

463
23 October 1915– 27 March 1966
Miscellaneous personal material from 1915
and 1916. Includes:
– receipts for sums paid by de Valera, The
O’Rahilly, James Connolly and others, for various items including the grocery
bill of Eoin MacNeill for the supply of ‘Breakfasts, Dinners & Teas to Mr.
Fitzgerald’ during October 1915 and receipt, with figures by de Valera on the
back, referring to Piaras Béaslaí, Seán MacDiarmada and The O’Rahilly (23
October 1915–14 April 1916, 6 items);
– holograph notes by de Valera of instructions to company commanders (n.d.,
4pp);
– correspondence concerning the last maths class taught by de Valera at
Sandymount on Holy Thursday 1916 (7–11 December 1965, 3 items);
– correspondence concerning the man who made the uniform de Valera wore
during the Rising and later presented to the National Museum of Ireland (13
April 1964–12 November 1966, 3 items, 1p each);
– typescript edited account by an unknown individual of the period from the
time de Valera left home on Good Friday night, 1916 until his surrender on
Sunday 30 April (n.d., 11pp).
19 items

464
April 1916,
8 February 1946
Permit allowing ‘Mr. J. O’Connor and driver’ to
travel between Dublin and Wexford [originally
between Kingstown and Armagh]. Signed in
writing by Major W. [Kinsman], Assistant Provost Marshal, Dublin (April
1916, 20cm x 7cm) and memorandum by James J. O’Connor, outlining the
circumstances in which the permit was issued in 1916 and referring to a
meeting between his uncle, Solicitor General James O’Connor and Rev. Dr.
William J. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin (8 February 1946, 1p).
See also P150/3653 for statement by James O’Connor [nephew of Attorney
General James O’Connor] concerning the period 1916 to 1922
2 items

[The document was a forgery by Joseph M. Plunkett and Seán MacDiarmada with the intention of provoking more Volunteers to support the Rising. It purported to be a cipher from Dublin Castle which gave instructions for the suppression of the Irish Volunteers, ordered the occupation of key areas suspected of harbouring sedition and also called for the arrest of certain individuals].

4 items, 2pp

466 n.d. Typescript copy of the statement drawn up at a special meeting of the Gaelic Athletic Association’s Central Council held at Croke Park on 28 May 1916, arising out of ‘the press reports before the Rebellion Commission by those giving evidence endeavouring to connect the G.A.A. with the Irish Volunteers and Citizen Army’.

2pp

467 25 March 1967–  Folder originally entitled ‘G.P.O. Flag’.

27 February 1968 Contains:

– copy of ‘Certificate of Procuration’ of the ‘Irish National Ensign’ flying from the Sugar Refinery during the Rising, signed by Michael Carr, 32B Great Clarence Street and Charles Darbey, 16 Queen’s Terrace (n.d., 1p) and attached copy typescript ‘Sinn Féin Revolt 1916. An unchronicled incident relating to the South East Citadel’ relating to the Sugar Refinery on Great Brunswick Street. Also refers to the ‘Irish National Ensign (a Yellow Harp on a Green Ground)’ (n.d., 1p);

– correspondence between de Valera T.D. and Garda Gregory Allen, Clonroche, Co. Wexford, concerning the tricolour and the Republican flags (gold harp on a green background) which were raised in various locations during the Rising (15, 24 November 1949, 2 items, 1p each);

– letters and reports relating to the Republican flag made by Countess Markievicz that hung from the G.P.O. beside the tricolour during the Easter Rising. Includes:

  • covering letters from de Valera’s Personal Secretary, Kathleen O’Connell, to the Director of the National Museum, enclosing two accounts of the making of the flag. The first account is signed by a Mrs. Maura Mackey (née O’Neill) and describes how she first met Countess Markievicz and helped make the flag at the Countess’s house in Leinster Road from the coverlet of a bed in which Lawrence Ginnell used to sleep (21 February 1968, 2pp). The second account includes a brief summary of the event as told by Mrs. Mackey to the President during an earlier visit to him on 25 March 1967 (25 March 1967, 1p);
467 contd. • correspondence (February 1968, 4 items) between Mrs. Mackey, Lancashire, President of the Federation of Old I.R.A. and Cumann na mBan, and President de Valera’s Personal Secretary, concerning the making of the flag, and a commemorative concert for Countess Markievicz in Sligo on 6 March 1968 (25 March 1967–24 February 1968, 8 items).

13 items

468 March–April 1968 Correspondence between Christopher McLoughlin, 77 Lower Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, and President de Valera’s Personal Secretary concerning the question of his late brother’s [Seán McLoughlin] military rank during the Easter Rising and R.T.É.’s misrepresentation with regard to the rank during a programme of theirs commemorating the Rising, entitled Insurrection.

4 items


5cm x 5cm

470 n.d.–1966 File containing poems relating to the 1916 Rising. Includes:
– Plunket (sic) & The O’Rahilly beg. ‘Comes a shadow o’er my spirit and a sorrow laden breath’ and song entitled A Little Bit of Heaven beg. ‘A little band of rebels, set out to fight one day’ (2 verses & 1 chorus) (n.d., 4pp);
– Resurrection by Betty Healy beg. ‘Tis when some heart indignant breaks’ (3 verses). With handwritten note on back of page, ‘From Sr. Hilary’;
– printed poem entitled 1916 beg. ‘We were not of a mind for battle!’ (56 lines, n.d., 1p);
– poem by ‘Michael Murphy M.R.I.A.M.’, beg. ‘Who fears to speak of Easter week, that week of famed renown’ (12 lines, n.d., 1p);

6 items
II. Proclamation & signatories

471  1954 Various copies of the Proclamation of Independence of the Irish Republic, read by Pearse outside the G.P.O.. Includes:

– printed copies in English of the original 1916 issue (n.d., 2 items), one a large poster (45cm x 71cm) and one (25cm x 38cm) endorsed with the following, “In 1917 Anniversary celebrated posting up proclamation—that copy lacked ‘E’ in the proper fount”;

– typescript copies in Irish, including one copy in seanchló (n.d., 2 items, 2pp each);


5 items

472  July 1961 Article by Cathal O’Shannon from The Evening Press entitled An unwritten page of Irish history reprinting an article written by Niall MacDonagh grandson of Thomas MacDonagh, in the Clongowes Wood College magazine in 1961, on the reason why de Valera did not sign the 1916 Proclamation of Independence, as told by de Valera to Donagh MacDonagh, Thomas’s son (7 July 1961, 1p). Also note headed ‘The Volunteers and the I.R.B.’ dictated by de Valera to Marie O’Kelly upon reading O’Shannon’s article and outlining his version of events (July 1961, 3pp).

2 items, 1p & 3pp

473  April 1922, October 1965 Letters to Máire Ní Cheallaigh, Personal Secretary to President de Valera, from the Secretary and Assistant Secretary to the Government, Nicholas G. Nolan and Tadhg O’Carroll respectively, enclosing copies of a list ‘giving the nearest living relative of each of the seven signatories of the Proclamation of 1916’. Includes three versions of the list–original copy with note in shorthand and two later versions both with handwritten amendments (21–25 October 1965, 5 items). Also includes a printed supplement to Poblacht na h-Eireann on the seven signatories of the Easter Proclamation including pictures and short biographies of the signatories and two poems (20 April 1922, 4pp).

6 items
474 1950, 1953, 1966, 1967 Biographical information on Eamonn Ceannt, one of the seven signatories of the 1916 Proclamation, mainly compiled in preparation for the unveiling of a portrait of Commandant Ceannt in the Officers’ Mess, Ceannt Barracks, Curragh Camp, by Taoiseach de Valera on 13 April 1953. Includes:
– biographical summaries of Ceannt in Irish (1953, 3pp) and English (3 items, 2pp, 3pp & 4pp);
– postcard written by Eamonn Ceannt to Art Mac an Bhaired [Arthur Ward] of Conradh na nGaeilge, reproduced along with short biographical details and published by Scéala Éireann (n.d., 1p);
– printed copy of words and musical score of Ireland Over All with lyrics by Eamonn Ceannt. Signed by his wife, Áine B.E. Ceannt, on 12 April 1953 (n.d., 1p);
– typescript draft of de Valera’s speech at the unveiling of a portrait of Commandant Eamonn Ceannt in the Officers’ Mess, Ceannt Barracks, Curragh Camp, by the Taoiseach on 13 April 1953 (April 1953, 4pp);
– photocopy of cutting from The Irish Press on the unveiling of the portrait (14 April 1953, 2pp);
– letter from Eamon T. Ceannt, Bord Fáilte Éireann, to Máire Ní Cheallaigh, Personal Secretary to President de Valera, containing biographical details on Eamonn Ceannt’s son, Ronán (28 February 1966, 1p).

24 items

475 1958–66 File on Thomas J. Clarke, one of the seven signatories of the Proclamation of Independence. Includes:
– photocopy of cutting from The Irish Independent on the life of Clarke (March 1958, 1p);
– photocopy of article on Clarke by Frank Gallagher from The Irish Press, No. 2 in a series entitled ‘Pen Portraits of the Seven Signatories’ (1956, 1p);
– correspondence between Edward J. Fleming, nephew of Clarke, and President de Valera, concerning the invitation to Mrs. Clarke to the ceremony conferring an honorary degree by the National University of Ireland on her late husband Also includes letter from President de Valera to John J. Sheahan, former marshal of the New York St. Patrick’s Day parade, sending good wishes, at the behest of Mr. Fleming (1 February–1 March 1966, 3 items).

6 items
476 19[60s] File on James Connolly, one of the seven signatories of the Proclamation of Independence, with the following note by Marie O’Kelly on inside cover, ‘President handed typescript of Dorothy Macardle’s book *The Irish Republic* to Fiona Connolly who called with Nora Connolly O’Brien and Fiona’s husband. D Macardle directed that this be done’ (5 July 1961). Includes:
– newspaper article by Cathal O’Shannon entitled ‘James Connolly was not kidnapped’ referring to the alleged kidnapping of Connolly in January 1916, three months before the Rising and to Desmond Ryan’s book *The Rising* (n.d., 1p);
– photocopy of an article on Connolly from *The Irish Press* by Desmond Ryan, No. 3 in the ‘Pen portraits of the seven signatories’ series) (1956, 1p);
– typescript note in an unknown hand referring to Connolly’s contact with William O’Brien and his introduction to the I.R.B. via O’Brien (n.d., 1p);
– citation/reference to an article on James Connolly by Máirín Cregan in a 1936 *Capuchin Annual* (n.d., 1p);
– correspondence between de Valera’s office and Ina Connolly Heron, daughter of James Connolly, who is writing a book on the reminiscences of her late father and the events leading up to 1916, the manuscript of which she had lent to de Valera (18 September 1954–6 August 1961, 22 items). Includes copy of a statement, signed by de Valera, of his meetings with, and recollections of James Connolly (27 December 1960, 2pp).

26 items

477 19[60]-70 File on Seán MacDiarmada, one of the seven signatories of the Proclamation of Independence, and his family. Includes:
– newspaper cuttings on MacDiarmada and his family including article by John Crawford from *The Irish Press*, No. 4 in the ‘Pen portraits of the seven signatories’ series (1956, 1p) and article from *The Irish Times* entitled ‘In memory of Sean MacDermott’ being reminiscences of him by Mrs. Richard Mulcahy (22 April 1967, 1p); and articles and photograph on the unveiling by President de Valera of a commemorative plaque at 12 D’Olier Street, on 23 April 1967 (19[60]–24 April 1967, 9 items). Also includes photographic reproduction of the plaque, presented with the compliments of *The Irish Times* (23 April 1967, 1 item);
– correspondence relating to the financial position of Miss Rose MacDermott, sister of the late Seán, and efforts to provide financial assistance in the form of a pension or United States Social Security payments. Includes correspondence between the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, Mr. Terry MacDermott [Seán MacDiarmada’s sister’s nephew], the Vice-Consul of Ireland in New York, the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Miss Margaret M. Powell [close friend of Rose MacDermott], Monsignor Patrick J. Temple [friend of both Miss MacDermott and Miss Powell in New York] and James P. McGarry [Sligo solicitor acting on behalf of Terry MacDermott and/or Rose MacDermott] (16 August 1965–21 March 1966, 13 items);
477 contd.  – correspondence relating to the proposal by the National University of Ireland to present an honorary degree in memory of Seán MacDiarmada, to a representative member of his family, along with representatives of the families of the other six signatories of the Proclamation, as part of the events to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. Correspondence is between President de Valera, Seán’s nephew in New Jersey Seán McDermott, and Fr. Donald M. O’Callaghan, O.Carm., of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America (11 February–22 March 1966, 7 items);
– correspondence between Michael Fox, a biographer of Seán MacDiarmada, and the President’s Personal Secretary, arranging an interview with President de Valera to talk about MacDiarmada (13 July–17 November 1966, 4 items).
See also P150/3378 for copy of a Radio Éireann reel to reel tape entitled Conferring of Degrees at University College Dublin 14/4/66 – Speech by the President of Ireland Eamonn de Valera on 14 April 1966.
53 items

478 19[16]–10 December 1969  File on Tomás MacDonagh one of the seven signatories of the Proclamation of Independence. Includes:
– handwritten text of speech by Tomás MacDonagh to the ‘Gentlemen of the Court Martial’ following their passing of the death sentence on him (1916, 2pp);
– typescript copy of the last letter written by MacDonagh from Kilmainham jail on the night before his execution, partly as a will and partly addressing his wife Muriel (2 May 1916, 2pp);
– photocopy of article from The Irish Press on MacDonagh by his son Donagh, No. 5 in the ‘Pen portraits of the seven signatories’ series (1956, 1p);
– correspondence relating to MacDonagh’s teaching career as Professor of English in St. Kieran’s College, Kilkenny, between 1901 and 1903; and copy of an extract from St. Kieran’s College Record on MacDonagh (21 January–22 February 1965, 4 items);
– extract from the University Review (Summer 1965, Vol. 1, No. 9, pp.3–5) of the text of an address given by Mrs. Seán T. O’Kelly when presenting a bronze head of MacDonagh to U.C.D. ‘on behalf of a group of admirers of the late poet patriot’. Includes photograph of the sculpture (1965, 4pp);
– cutting on MacDonagh from a 50th Anniversary Easter Week Rising Supplement to the Irish Echo (9 April 1966, 1 item);
– edited typescript on the academic career and writings of MacDonagh [by a member of the Holy Ghost Congregation] (n.d., 4pp);
– typescript copy of extracts from poems by MacDonagh, dedicated to the Holy Ghost fathers (n.d., 4pp);
– correspondence between de Valera’s Personal Secretary and Mrs. Bairbre Redmond, daughter of Thomas MacDonagh, concerning Mrs. Redmond’s research on her father’s life and his copy of The Handbook for Irish Volunteers (H.M. Gill & Son: 1914) (19 June–10 December 1969, 3 items);
478 contd. – correspondence between de Valera’s Personal Secretary and Johann A. Norstedt, with regard to arranging an interview with the President on his recollections of MacDonagh (15–20 March 1969, 2 items).

17 items

479 1885–December 1968 File on Patrick Pearse one of the seven signatories of the Proclamation of Independence. Includes:

– studio photograph of Patrick Pearse ‘aged 5 yrs. 4 mths. Executed 3rd May 1916 aged 36 yrs’ (1885, 6cm x 10cm) (see also P150/486 for similar photograph of Willie) Both photographs were given to President de Valera in 1967 by Máire and [Madeline] Macken;
– memorial cards (1916, 2 items);
– typescript copy of Pearse’s last letter to his mother, written in Kilmainham jail on 3rd May 1916 and two handwritten poems, Salutation by George Russell, [A.E.] and Memory (n.d., 3 items, 1p, 2pp & 3pp);
– photocopy of Pearse’s statement in his defence to the President of the Court at his court martial at Richmond Barracks on 2 May 1916 in his own hand and signed by him (n.d., 2pp);
– copy of the letter written by Pearse from Kilmainham Prison on the eve of his execution, to the British Commander-in-Chief, General Sir John Maxwell (n.d., 1p);
– cuttings from Scéala Éireann concerning ‘several documents of historical interest discovered recently in England among the belongings of Mr. Bernard Norton, a Leeds ex-British Army Sergeant, who died in 1922’. Reproduces the text of one of the documents—Pearse’s statement before the court martial (16 August 1916, 2 items);
– copy letters from Pearse, St. Enda’s College, Rathfarnham to the Inspectors of Tax, appealing against his Income Tax Assessment. Earlier letter is marked ‘Strictly Confidential’ in an unknown hand (18 May, 9 October 1914, 2 items, 1p each);
– extracts from various publications, of articles by Pearse (1906–[14], 5 items). Includes:
  • extract from the August 1906 edition of An Claidheamh Soluis of an article by Pearse on Oliver Sheppard (n.d., 1p);
  • typescript copy of “Extracts from ‘The Murder Machine’ ” (1912) (n.d., 1p);
  • article entitled ‘The Education Problem in the Home Rule Parliament’ by Pearse in The Irish Review (Vol. II, No. 24, pp.617–620) (February 1913, 4pp);
  • typescript copy of article by Pearse on the ‘origin of the present Volunteer movement, which…sprang out of the Language movement…’ from The Irish Volunteer vol. I no. 1, 1914 (3pp);
  • article entitled ‘A Character Study’ on O’Donovan Rossa, from an unknown journal (pp.19–20) (n.d., 2pp).
– photocopies of various articles on Pearse from The Irish Press and Evening Press. Includes article by Francis MacManus, part of the 1956 Irish Press series ‘Pen portraits of the seven signatories’. Original articles were published between 31 March 1949 and 18 June 1965 (5 items);
– writings on Pearse by various individuals (1942-67, 10 items). Includes:
  • correspondence between Fr. Wulfstan Phillipson, Downside Abbey, Bath, and de Valera’s Personal Secretary, and copies of articles from the Westminster Cathedral Chronicle by Fr. Wulfstan entitled ‘Patrick Pearse–Poet and Playwright’ (Part 1: October 1966, pp.156–158; Part 2: November 1966, pp. 172–173) (October 1966–19 March 1967, 5 items);
  • copy typescript translations of nineteen of Pearse’s poems into Italian (n.d., 28pp) with edited introduction in Italian (7pp) [translator unknown]. Also includes short report describing the translations by an unknown individual, including list of titles in both English and Italian of the nineteen poems (n.d., 1p).
– mainly correspondence between de Valera or his Secretary and Rev. Seaward Beddow, Wycliffe Congregational Church, Leicester, concerning Rev. Beddow’s presentation to de Valera of the hat worn by Pearse when he was shot. de Valera in turn presented the hat to the National Museum of Ireland. Also includes note to Rev. Seaward (n.d., 1p), written by the mother of one of the soldiers who buried Pearse, who sent Seaward the hat after seeing an article by him on Pearse in The Wycliffe Review (January 1921, Vol. 2, No. 4) [copy enclosed] (11 October–29 November 1948, 17 items);
– letter from M. O’Connell, Clerk to the Dáil, to Kathleen O’Connell enclosing statements relating to the presentation to de Valera by Mr. John Kilgallon, New York, a former pupil of Pearse’s in St. Enda’s, of a sword-stick belonging to Pearse, for presentation to the National Museum of Ireland (20 June 1953, 3 items);
– material commemorating Pearse, including:
  • photocopy of article from The Irish Press on the unveiling of a memorial plaque to Patrick and Willie Pearse, by Taoiseach de Valera, on the house, 27 Pearse Street [formerly Great Brunswick Street] in which they were born;
  • text of speech by de Valera for the occasion, with handwritten amendments (4, 5 May 1952, 2 items, 1p & 2pp);
  • documents relating to the unveiling of a memorial plaque to Patrick and Willie Pearse on Rathfarnham Bridge, on 30 May 1954. Includes correspondence concerning arrangements for the Taoiseach to unveil the plaque (17 January–26 March 1954, 7 items); handwritten and typescript drafts of speeches by de Valera for the occasion (4 items) and photocopy of photograph published in The Irish Press of de Valera unveiling the plaque with Margaret Pearse, sister of Patrick and Willie (31 May 1954, 1 item) and programme for the Annual Commemoration Concert, Cumann na bPiarsach, 17 December 1968 (1 item, 12pp).

   68 items

April-May 1967

Correspondence between Máire and Madeline Macken, Dublin and President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly relating to the sisters’ presentation of two photographs of Patrick and Willie Pearse as children, to the President.

   3 items
481 n.d. Framed photograph of Pádraig Pearse which stood in de Valera’s study during his years as Taoiseach and President.

- 18cm x 23 cm excluding mount
- 26cm x 31cm including mount

482 18 May 1923– Documents relating to St. Enda’s College, Rathfarnham. Includes:
18 March 1970

- letter to President de Valera from Mrs. Margaret Pearse and Feargus de Burca, Headmaster of St. Enda’s, seeking advice as to continuing independently or accepting the requirements of the Intermediate Board of Education and reply to Mrs. Pearse ‘to accept the Intermediate Board’ (18, 26 May 1923, 2 items, 2pp & 1p);
- correspondence in Irish between President de Valera and George Colley T.D., [Seoirse Ó Colla], Minister for Finance and Minister for the Gaeltacht, concerning a money box belonging to Patrick Pearse which Colley was to hold pending the establishment of a museum in St. Enda’s, and a letter in Irish from Pearse to the Cumann Gaelach Harlem, New York, presented by Cyril J. Cushing of New York to Colley. Includes copy of the letter (very poor quality reproduction) (18 April 1961–8 November 1972, 10 items);
- account by Major-General Joseph Sweeney of St. Enda’s in 1916 and the Easter Rising, published in An tÓglach (Summer 1964, pp. 6–7) (1964, 4pp);
- correspondence, mainly between Nicholas G. Nolan, Secretary of the Department of the Taoiseach, and de Valera’s Personal Secretary, Marie O’Kelly, concerning the question of the gift of St. Enda’s by Senator Margaret M. Pearse to the Nation. Includes:
  - copies of memoranda and copy of the 1967 settlement whereby Margaret assigned St. Enda’s to trustees Eamon de Barra and John Maher, solicitor, and copy of map of St. Enda’s (9 June 1965–1 April 1967, 13 items);
  - copy of indenture of January 1967 between Senator Margaret Pearse and the Minister for Finance acting on behalf of the State, whereby Pearse conveys St. Enda’s (11 acres, 2 roods) in the townland of Haroldsgrange, barony of Rathdrum, county Dublin, to the State in the person of the Minister, forever (7pp);
  - copy of map of lands (1p);
- Leabhrán Cuimhneacháin arna fhoilsíú ar ócaid Bronnadh Eochar (sic) Scoil Éanna ar Uachtarán na hÉireann Eamon de Valéra. Includes articles in English and Irish on St. Enda’s, its history, courses and finances; Patrick Pearse and his family and extracts from Pearse’s writings. Book is signed by de Valera (23 April 1970, 56pp).
Also includes ‘Aitheasc an Aire Airgeadais, Cathal Ó hEochaídh T.D., ar ócáid aistriú Scoil Êanna Rath Fhearnáin, go foiirmiúl don Stát, 23 Aibreán, 1970’ (4pp) and typescript copy of speech entitled ‘Glacadh le Eochair Scoil Êanna 22.12.’70’ (1p).

36 items
July 1955

Letters to de Valera, from Seán Ó Dochartaigh of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee, inviting de Valera to participate in the Pearse Summer School in Rosmuc in July 1955. Includes copy reply from de Valera’s Private Secretary accepting the invitation, and copy of the Summer School’s programme in Irish. Also newspaper report on the summer school and de Valera’s unveiling of a plaque and dedication of the vocational school as Scoil na bPiarsach on 25 July 1955.

5 items

28 May 1916–26 April 1932

Documents relating to Mrs. Margaret Pearse, mother of Patrick and Willie. Includes:

– letters written by Mrs. Pearse from St. Enda’s College, Rathfarnham, to Mrs. Macken, 8 Emmet Street, North Circular Road, Dublin, thanking her for her condolences on the death of Patrick and Willie and sympathising with Mrs. Macken on the death of her son in the Easter Rising. ‘They all have gone in a grand cause and let us hope that all their dear friends who are suffering in prison may soon be home to their dear ones. They have done right and may they rest in peace…my two darling sons death was glorious. I give them willingly to Almighty God and for poor Ireland’ (28 May 1916, 4pp) ‘…is it not a glorious…(year)…for poor Ireland. Our dear boys have not given their lives in vain something good will come out of their great sacrifice’ (30 December 1916, 3pp);

– copy of typescript ‘information obtained from the files of The Irish Press in the National Library of Ireland’ on the death of Mrs. Margaret Pearse on 22 April 1932 at St. Enda’s College, Rathfarnham, and her funeral on 26 April (n.d., 2pp);

– two versions of the text of the graveside oration given by de Valera, President of the Executive Council: one amended typescript copy with note ‘Actual document used by President at graveside April 26th 1932’ (2pp) and typescript final copy of oration (2pp).

5 items

October 1952–November 1968

Folder on Senator Margaret Pearse, sister of Patrick. Includes:

– personal correspondence between Miss Pearse and de Valera, mostly sending good wishes and congratulations on various occasions (October 1952–May 1968, 10 items);

– ‘Text of the Introductory Address delivered by Professor Jeremiah J. Hogan,…President, University College, Dublin, April 14th, 1966, on the occasion of the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa on An Seanadóir Máighreád M. Nic Phiarais’ (2pp) and a draft address [by de Valera?] (n.d., 6pp);

– copies of letters and minutes sent to President de Valera’s Personal Secretary from [Nicholas Nolan], Department of the Taoiseach, concerning ‘official action’ in the event of the death of Senator Margaret Pearse (6–10
October 1960, 10 items):
– biographical notes on Senator Pearse (n.d., 1p);
– typescript drafts of addresses in Irish on her death (n.d., 2pp & 3pp);
– address entitled ‘The President on the Death of Senator Margaret Pearse’ (7 November 1968, 2 copies);
– cuttings from various newspapers on the death of Senator Pearse (8–10 November 1968, 7 items) and
– copy of the Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs No. 792, containing a tribute article to the late Senator (p.5) (21 November 1968, 1 item).

5 items

Photographs of the Pearse family. Includes:
– studio portrait of ‘William Pearse aged 3 yrs 2 mths. Executed 4th May 1916 aged 34 yrs’ (188[4], 6cm x 10cm). Both photographs were given to President de Valera in 1967 by Máire and Madeline Macken;
– black and white photo of ‘Mrs. Pearse, Miss Margaret and myself…[Alberta Glennon?]…in St. Enda’s Garden’ (5 August 1928, 11cm x 6cm);
– black and white photo of whitewashed thatched cottage, with the following on the back [in Alberta Glennon’s handwriting] ‘Rear view of summer house of Padriac Pearse (sic) at Rosmuck (sic) Connemara Co. Galway’ (n.d., 11cm x 6cm);
– black and white sepia-toned studio portrait of Mrs. Margaret Pearse (28 September 192[4/9], 11cm x 19cm);
– copy of black and white photograph of the Pearse family with James and Margaret Pearse and young children, Patrick, Willie, Margaret Mary and Mary Brigid (n.d., 20cm x 25cm). Includes attached note stating that the photo was published in The Life of Patrick Pearse by Louis N. Le Roux.
5 items

File on Pearse family genealogy and letters from relatives including:
– correspondence relating to a request for information about relatives of Patrick Pearse, from a great-nephew of his, William R. Pearse in the U.S. Army. Includes copy of a handwritten Pearse family tree beginning with James Pearse from Devonshire [father of Patrick and Willie] (n.d., 1p) and typescript copy of details concerning various relatives of Patrick and Willie (n.d., 1p) (26 September–14 October 1966, 5 items);
– correspondence relating to a request from a John H. Pearse, Edmonton, Canada, for an audience with President de Valera. Mr. Pearse claims to be a relative of Patrick and Willie Pearse. Includes correspondence between representatives of the Department of Transport and Power, the Taoiseach’s Department, Bord Fáilte Éireann, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Mr. John H. Pearse. Also includes a compliments slip from the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs with the note ‘Called on Pres. De Valera 12.30 21/6/72’ (10 February–21 June 1972, 10 items). 15 items
III. Other leaders, executed or killed:

488 1916–56  File on Joseph Mary Plunkett, one of the seven signatories of the Proclamation of Independence. Includes photocopy of article on Plunkett by Roibeard Ó Faráichín, No. 6 in the ‘Pen Pictures (sic)’ of the seven signatories’ series, ‘This article like others in the series first appeared in The Irish Press in 1956’ (n.d., 1p) and memorial card (with photograph) of Joseph Mary Plunkett (1916, 1 item).  2 items

489 [1916-66]  File on the leaders of the 1916 Rising, including lists of those killed or executed. Includes:
   – photographs, postcards and newspaper cuttings, mostly from the 50th Anniversary Easter Week Supplement of the Irish Echo (9 April 1966) of synopses of the careers of thirteen of the sixteen executed leaders. Includes cuttings on Thomas J. Clarke; Con Colbert (see also P150/3394); Eamon Ceannt (see also P150/474); James Connolly; Edward Daly (see also P150/491); Seán Heuston (see also P150/492); Thomas Kent; John MacBride; Michael Mallin; Michael Ó’Hanrahan (see also P150/3393); Patrick Pearse (see also P150/479); Willie Pearse (see also P150/479 & 486) and Joseph Plunkett. Also includes photographs and postcards of some of the 1916 leaders including Thomas Ashe and The O’Rahilly, the memorial to the executed leaders in Arbour Hill (n.d., 7 items) and memorial card to the sixteen executed leaders and those who ‘Fell Fighting for Irish Freedom, in Easter Week, 1916’ (1 item);
   – newspaper reports on President de Valera’s attendance on 17 April 1966 at the annual 1916 commemoration ceremonies at Arbour Hill and his unveiling of a plaque to the memory of those who gave their lives for Irish freedom (April 1966, 3 items);
   – photocopy of article from an unidentified newspaper including the ‘official communiqué…issued at the military headquarters on Thursday’ announcing the results of the trials by Field General Courtmartial. With handwritten additions (original cutting dated 1916, 1p);
   – typescript list of names of sixty-two Irish Volunteers or members of the Irish Citizen Army killed in action or died from wounds during the Rising. Provides details of date, place and method of death (n.d., 3pp);
   – copy of a list of the sixteen leaders executed (n.d., 1p);
   – memorial card to accompany the Michael Ó’Hanrahan Memorial Celebration on 1 August 1948. Signed by de Valera, Sinéad Bean de Valéra, Eilis, Áine and Máire Ó’Hanrahan (1948, 8cm x 11cm) and original memorial card for Michael Ó’Hanrahan, with photograph (1916, 5cm x 10cm);
   – copy of letter from Dr. Edward Thomas O’Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, to General Sir John Maxwell, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in
Ireland, defending the rebels and condemning Maxwell’s administration and the decision to execute them. Concludes ‘...your regime has been one of the worst and blackest chapters in the history of the misgovernment of this country’ (original letter dated 17 May 1916, copy in pencil n.d., 4pp).

35 items

September–October 1917; File on Republican Thomas Ashe (1885–1917) who died on hungerstrike in Mountjoy jail on 25 September 1917 while being forcibly fed. Includes documents relating to Ashe’s death such as handbill Slow Murder of Thomas Ashe. Letter from the Bishop of Killaloe [Bishop Michael Fogarty] (26 September 1917, 19cm x 25cm); telegram to de Valera from one of Ashe’s parents giving his/her permission for Ashe to be buried in the Republican plot in Glasnevin cemetery (27 September 1917, 1p) and resolutions of sympathy for and protest at the death of Thomas Ashe, passed by various local authorities and forwarded to de Valera (October 1917, 5 items).

Also includes commemorative material such as copy of Feasta (Vol. 14, No. 6) containing article (pp.5–7; 25–26) on Thomas Ashe by Seán Ó Luing, ‘An chéad chuid de léacht a thug Seán Ó Luing do Mhuintir Bhréanainn le déanaí’ (September 1961, 28pp); Tréithe Thomáis Ághas by An tAthair Seosamh Ó Muirthile, C.I. (Clódhanna Teoranta, Baile Átha Cliath, 1967), autographed by de Valera (1967, 59pp); press cuttings and letters (most in Irish) concerning the presentation of a documents on the health of Thomas Ashe to the Library in Dingle, Co. Kerry by President de Valera and de Valera’s visit to Dingle on 4 June 1967, where he attended a pageant in memory of Ashe and presented Ashe’s medical report from the Mater Hospital to the Library (April–June 1967, 16 items) and cutting from The Irish Press on the death of Nora Ashe, sister of Thomas, on 20 January 1970, 1p).

See also P150/546 containing telegram to Arthur Griffith concerning de Valera’s attendance at a meeting in Ennis with attached note, ‘taken of what President de Valera told’ his Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly–‘I think that this meeting unfortunately caused my not being able to be present at the funeral of Tomás Ashe. I had, however, made the detailed necessary arrangements for it the night before the funeral’ (n.d., 1p); and P150/2037 for photograph, possibly of Ashe’s funeral.

34 items

Also cutting from the [Limerick] Leader on the funeral of Mrs. Laura Daly O’Sullivan 'one of the fighting Dalys of Limerick...Mrs. Daly was sister of Comdt. Ned Daly, officer commanding the Four Courts garrison during the Rising, and at the age of 25 the youngest of the 1916 leaders to be executed’ (8 February 1967, 1 item). 2 items, 10pp & 1p

File of correspondence between de Valera and Fr. John M. Heuston, O.P., brother of Seán Heuston (1891–1916), about whether or not a Headquarters Battalion was formed in preparation for the 1916 Rising and accompanying script, notes and booklet entitled Headquarters Battalion Easter Week 1916 (1966, 74pp) on same. Also includes photostat of a farewell letter written by Seán ‘J.J.’ Heuston on the eve of his execution to a [former railway colleague] ‘Mr. Walsh’ (original dated 7 May 1916, 1p). 12 items

Letter to President de Valera from Garry Culhane, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin expressing gratitude for the attendance of a representative of the President at the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Kettle, wife of the late Tom Kettle (1880–1916). 1p

File of commemorative material on Major John MacBride (1865–1916), who was executed on 5 May 1916 for his part in the Easter Rising in which he fought at Jacob’s Factory under Thomas MacDonagh. Includes mainly papers concerning a memorial plaque erected on the house in which Major John MacBride was born [The Quay, Westport] on 7 May 1868, and unveiled on 4 August 1963 by President de Valera. Includes text of address (in Irish) delivered by de Valera on the occasion (4 August 1963, 3pp); biographical sketch (in Irish) of Major John MacBride (n.d., 3pp); copy of MacBride’s birth certificate (1p); typescript copy of extracts relating to MacBride contained in an article published in the Capuchin Annual 1942, entitled ‘Easter Week 1916–Personal Recollections’ by Fr. Aloysius, O.F.M., Cap. (6pp); typescript excerpts from various published works which refer to MacBride, including Tart na Córa by Proinnsias Mac an Bheatha (1p), Art Ó Griofa by Seán Ó Lúing (12pp) and Tom Clarke and the Irish Freedom Movement by Louis N. Le Roux (3pp); photocopy of biographical extracts (p104–107) from Dublin’s Fighting Story on Major John MacBride and Michael O’Hanrahan (n.d., 4pp) and cuttings from Inniú on MacBride (2 August 1963 & 31 December 1965, 2 items). 22 items
File of commemorative material on Eoin MacNeill (1867–1945). Includes postcard depicting ‘Eoin MacNeill B.A., President of the Irish Volunteers, Sentenced by Courtmartial to Penal Servitude for Life’. Postcard ‘sent to President 19/4/66 from Toby Bergin, The Bible College of Wales, Swansea’ (n.d., 9cm x 13cm); note on Eoin MacNeill’s trial in 1916 (n.d., 1p); handwritten copy of text of “Presentation by Taoiseach to Eoin McNeill (sic) of ‘Féil Sgríbhinn Eoin McNeill’ on 28.5.40. Presentation made by Taoiseach on his capacity as Chancellor of N.U.I.”. Large print (1940, 9pp); letter to Taoiseach de Valera from Colonel Niall MacNeill, son of the late Eoin MacNeill on Colonel MacNeill’s objection to a reference made by de Valera to the Gaelic League and the Irish Volunteers and his feeling that it is ‘part of the stock-in-trade of commentary on that era to seek to eliminate my father’s name from the record or to damn him with faint praise’ (27 May 1957, 1p); typescript note on de Valera’s reaction to Colonel MacNeill’s letter and his response made in a telephone call to the Colonel (30 May 1957, 1p).

9 items

**IV. G.P.O. Garrison**

Small fragment of granite found in envelope marked ‘Piosa beag de seana G.P.O. ‘16’ given to de Valera’s Personal Secretary, Marie O’Kelly by Séamus M. Ó Braonán, Captain G.P.O. Garrison, 1916 [later Colonel Brennan and President de Valera’s Aide-de-Camp].

2 items

File on Diarmuid Lynch (1878–1950) including correspondence between de Valera and/or Kathleen O’Connell and Lynch concerning Lynch’s request that de Valera ‘certify as to his activities in support of the Irish cause during the period 1918–20’; Lynch’s ‘Record of operations in the G.P.O. area during Easter Week’ and the retrieval of a copy of the foreword (copy enclosed) to it, sent by Lynch to de Valera and subsequently deposited in the National Library.

25 items
498 1945 Photocopy of typescript entitled “Sketch of ‘Easter Week’ operations in the G.P.O. Area – with Foreword by D.L.”. ‘Carbon copy to Liam Cullen’ noted on front page. Prefaced by ‘Comments by Diarmuid Lynch on marginal notations made by Mrs. Kathleen Clarke on carbon copy of Statement of Operations in the G.P.O. area. The accompanying statements of operations was compiled by Diarmuid Lynch at the request of the GPO Garrison Committee. The first draft was read at a general meeting of surviving members of the G.P.O. Garrison; necessary corrections were noted. Revised copy was read at a later general meeting; it was adopted as correct. The Central Committee representing the several Dublin Garrisons had contemplated publication in book form of the Garrison Rolls of Honour–each Roll to be prefaced by an account of operations in the respective area. The space allotted to the G.P.O. preface was 24 pages; it was written to meet this provision. In May, 1941, on receiving back from Liam Cullen this carbon copy of the Statement for perusal by An Taoiseach, I noted certain annotations by Mrs. Clarke and commented thereon in pencil. I now supplement my comments on the principal points to which she referred, as follows…’. Copy made by the National Library of Ireland, 13 August 1954.

58pp

499 copy dated
20 September 1965 Black and white photograph of the G.P.O. and Nelson’s Column, with horse-drawn trams on O’Connell Street. Print from the National Library of Ireland.

22cm x 17cm

500 3 December 1965 Photocopy of a letter from Fionán Lynch, 44 South Hill, Dartry, Dublin 6, to Éamon [Dore], former bodyguard to Seán MacDiarmada, I.R.B. courier and member of the G.P.O. garrison, concerning the men who guarded Bulmer Hobson following his accidental discovery of the plans for the Rising. States ‘As far as I know, all the men guarding Hobson at Máirtín Conlon’s were drawn from “F” Company–I know I posted guards there personally on 3 or 4 occasions during the days Hobson was held. It is more than likely that Frank McCabe was one of these…the only two guards…that I can now call to mind were the last two–Maurice Collins & [Floss] O’Doherty–whose instructions were, to let Hobson go after midday on Easter Monday, and then to report to their own Company officers…The job was wished on me by poor Seán McDermot (sic), and very embarrassing it was, as Bulmer was the centre of our circle of the I.R.B.; but I was ordered to do the job and I obeyed’.

2pp
Typescript notes by Pádraig Ó Snodaigh on the Hibernian Rifles, the armed section of the Ancient Order of Hibernians [Irish American Alliance], thirty of whom fought in the G.P.O. during the Rising. 1p

**V. 3rd Battalion Dublin Brigade -
Bolands’ Mills Garrison and Mount Street Bridge**

Accounts of the fighting at Bolands’ Garrison. Includes:
- extract from An tÓglach (10 April 1926, pp.3–12) entitled *Occupation of Ringsend Area in 1916* by George A. Lyons ‘Being the Thirteenth instalment of the History of the Anglo-Irish War’. Includes photographs (10 April 1926, 10pp);
- photocopy of an article from The Irish Press entitled *Surrender and imprisonment. Sean J. White talking to Andy McDonnell* [member of ‘E’ Company, 3rd Battalion; member of Bolands’ Garrison; later Comdt. O/C 2nd Dublin Brigade in 1921]. Article is the conclusion of a series entitled ‘One man’s Easter Week’ (original cutting dated 30 April 1964, 1p);
- account of fighting at Mount Street Bridge, with note by de Valera on top of page ‘Joe O’Connor & Bn. III Easter Wk.’ [O’Connor was Captain of ‘A’ Company, 3rd Battalion, during the Rising] (n.d., 5pp).

3 items

Documents relating to the surrender of the Bolands’ Mills Garrison. Includes:
- copies of Pearse’s order to surrender (original dated 3.45pm on 29 April 1916, 1p) and General W.H. Lowe’s direction as to the place of surrender (original dated 29 April 1916, 1p). Originals presented by de Valera to the National Museum of Ireland;
- letter of acknowledgement from the National Museum following the presentation of the above communications (30 November 1959, 1p);
- correspondence between Kathleen O’Connell, President de Valera’s Personal Secretary, Sr. M. Scholastica, Ursuline Convent, St. Joseph’s, Sligo, and James Hurley, Bank Manager, National Bank House, Claremorris, Co. Mayo, concerning photographs, two of which Sr. Scholastica received from James Hurley, ‘brother to one of our nuns who died a year ago’ (April 1916; 7
503 contd. February–24 May 1935, 15 items) Also includes the relevant photographs as follows:

- black and white photograph of British soldiers resting outside a house on Northumberland Road near the corner with Haddington Road (9cm x 8cm);
- sepia toned photograph of de Valera’s surrender 3rd Battalion under Comdt. de Valera being escorted to Ballsbridge Barracks after de Valera’s surrender to Captain E.J. Hitzen. De Valera is the figure on the far left of a group of three marching behind the flagbearer. Captain Hitzen is the figure on the far right of the group carrying the flag under his arm (29 April 1916, 10cm x 7cm);
- photograph of the battalion marching down a street after the surrender (poor quality; partially obscured) (29 April 1916, 10cm x 7cm). [James Hurley was later Commandant of the 2nd (Clonakilty) Battalion, West Cork Brigade from 21 January 1921 and a member of the ambush party at Béal na mBláth. He lived on Northumberland Road during the 1916 Rising.];
- mounted copy of above photograph of de Valera’s surrender. ©: Lafayette Ltd. Westmoreland Street, Dublin. (29 April 1916, 38cm x 31cm including mount, 25cm x 20cm excluding mount). Image used in *Eamon de Valera: Longford and O’Neill biography* (1970);
- correspondence and newspaper article relating to a pistol used by de Valera during the Rising which came into the possession of Monsignor John English P.P., V.G. of Brisbane, a friend of de Valera’s, who wishes to return it to the Taoiseach (December 1953–16 April 1968, 8 items);
- correspondence, photographs (2 items, 30cm x 26cm; signed by de Valera) and newspaper article relating to the hand-over by Neville Chamberlain to Taoiseach de Valera, of the field glasses in de Valera’s possession at the surrender of Bolands’ Mills in 1916 (3 March 1936–27 April 1938, 8 items);
- personal correspondence between de Valera and Captain E.J. Hitzen, mainly sending good wishes and congratulations to each other. Also includes photocopy of photograph of President de Valera and Hitzen originally published in *The Irish Press* on 16 April 1968 (26 September 1959–27 April 1970, 13 items). 54 items

504 n.d.–May 1966 Documents relating to the fighting in the Mount Street Bridge area. Includes:

- mounted studio portrait of Michael Malone, killed at 25 Northumberland Road, having played a major part in the battle of Mount Street Bridge on 27 April 1916, against British reinforcements (Sherwood Foresters) moving from Kingstown to the city (n.d., 16cm x 21cm including mount, 9cm x 14cm excluding mount) (see also P150/531 for typescript copy of letter from de Valera in Lewes jail to Mrs. Malone, Michael’s mother, original dated 25 March 1917);
- folder entitled ‘Mount Street Bridge–Simon Donnelly’ containing two drafts of a typescript entitled ‘Easter Week 1916 Mount Street Bridge by Simon Donnelly, O/C. “C” Company’ (n.d., 2 items, 13pp & 15pp) and
correspondence between Taoiseach de Valera and Donnelly concerning the return of the papers (1 March 1951–7 January 1952, 6 items);
– edited typescript entitled ‘Defence in Depth’ of the Mount Street Bridge area. Author unknown [by de Valera?–written on official Government paper] (n.d., 6pp);
– cuttings and photocopies of cuttings from *The Irish Times* of an article on the ‘tactical aspects’ of the *Battle at Mount Street Bridge* by Eric Maguire (27 April 1966, 1p) and letters to the editor from readers arising from the article. Includes letters from Sadie King, grand-daughter of Patrick Doyle, killed in Clanwilliam House; Simon Donnelly, Captain of ‘C’ Company, 3rd Battalion during Easter week and Joseph O’Byrne, Captain of ‘D’ Company (27 April–7 May 1966, 4 items). 

16 items

16 March 1967 Covering letter from Toirleach de Valera, Solicitor, to President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly, enclosing a copy of a ‘Brief for Counsel to apply on behalf of the Trustees of St. Stephens Parish for compensation for damage done to their property’ in the St. Stephen’s schools and Parochial Hall, Northumberland Road, as a result of the Rising (original dated 16 May 1916). 

2 items, 1p & 5pp

17 April] 1936– Documents relating to the Bolands’ Mills Garrison. Includes:
– correspondence between de Valera and Peadar O Murchadha [Peter Murphy], Honorary Secretary, 3rd Battalion, Old Dublin Brigade, concerning de Valera’s attendance at a céile organised on behalf of the Brigade’s Benevolent Fund (April 1936, 2 items) and souvenir programme for the event on 18 April 1936 in the Mansion House (1 item). Attached is a typescript list of ‘deceased participants in 1916 Rising. Boland’s Garrison’ (all 3rd Battalion) by name and company (‘A’–‘E’) with handwritten note on top of page ‘Signed for these on Roll 18.III.36’ (2pp);
– correspondence between de Valera and G.F. Mackay who was a prisoner in Bolands’ during the Rising and treated very kindly by de Valera (14 July 1937–17 December 1964, 6 items);
– list of deceased members of Bolands’ Garrison who died between 1967 and 1968. With following note in an unknown hand ‘There are 49 survivors original strength of Garrison 173?’ (post 9 April 1968, 1p);
– black and white prints of ‘Boland’s Mill Garrison, Taken at Áras an Uachtaráin, after reception by President de Valera, 30/5/61’ (June 1961, 25 cm x 20cm) and of President de Valera with survivors of the Bolands’ Mills’ Garrison at Áras an Uachtaráin in 1962. Signed by de Valera. © *The Irish Press* (1962, 24cm x 19cm);
photocopies of photographs from *The Irish Press* of de Valera and surviving members of the Bolands’ Mills Garrison, at Áras an Úachtarán, following the
annual mass for the garrison (original photographs dated 29 April 1963 & 8 May 1967, 2 items);
– correspondence between President de Valera’s Personal Secretary and relatives of members of Bolands’ Garrison, mainly concerning the funerals of deceased garrison members or small acts of kindness done by de Valera for them, such as providing information on, or visiting their relatives. Includes photocopies of obituaries of Simon Donnelly (Captain of ‘C’ Company, 3rd Battalion, during Easter Week) (22 February 1966–14 January 1971, 13 items);
– typescript notes on the part played by Seán O’Keefe, 8 St. Aidan’s Park, Marino, Dublin, during Easter Week (n.d., 1p);
– photocopy of obituary of Comdt. James Fitzgerald, 4 Leeson Park Avenue, Dublin, who ‘fought at Boland’s Mills, with the President, Mr. de Valera...’ (original cutting dated 19 March 1962, 1p);
– documents relating to the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising including draft texts of the address of Redmond J. Murphy, Chairman, at Bolands Jubilee Celebrations on 15 April 1966 (2 items) and commemorative booklet, issued by Boland’s Limited, on the occasion of the unveiling of a plaque in memory of the men who fought in Boland’s Bakery and Mills area in Easter Week 1916. Includes photographs of de Valera, members of the 3rd Battalion and Captain E.J. Hitzen (1966, 14pp);
– letters to de Valera from Peter Nolan, Honorary Secretary, 3rd Battalion, informing him of details of the ceremony for the naming of the ‘new bridge adjacent to Bolands’ Mill on Ringsend Road’ as Seán McMahon (sic) Bridge “after Seán McMahon of ‘B’ Company, Third Battalion, Dublin Brigade, who was a member of Bolands’ Garrison during 1916 and who was subsequently Quarter-Master General of the I.R.A.” [MacMahon was also Captain of ‘B’ Company] (1 November 1965, 25 April 1966, 2 items, 1p & 2pp); and biographical information on Seán McMahon/MacMahon (2pp).

59 items

30 March 1940–  Documents relating to the Third Battalion, 30 December 1970  Dublin Brigade, Irish Volunteers. Includes:
– correspondence between de Valera and Joseph O’Connor [former Captain of ‘A’ Company, 3rd Battalion, Dublin] mainly clarifying O’Connor’s status during Easter Week as Vice-Commandant of the Battalion (30 March 1940–19 January 1959, 10 items);
– Souvenir Programme for the 1948 Annual Reunion Dinner of ‘A’ Company. Programme contains numerous articles on ‘A’ Company (October 1948, 36pp);
– extract from an unknown publication of an article by Captain T. Scully entitled The Saving of the Battalion Dump (n.d., 4pp);
– correspondence between de Valera and Simon Donnelly [Captain of ‘C’ Company during Easter Week] concerning a book on the 1916 Rising by Max Caulfield entitled The Easter Rebellion, which Donnelly condemns as being

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507 contd. inaccurate and ‘distorted’, especially with regard to the question of de Valera’s command of the 3rd Battalion (24 March–7 April 1964, 3 items); – correspondence relating to, and an account of a ‘Raid by Black and Tans on the Headquarters of B Co[mpany] 3rd Batt[alion] I.R.A., 144 Pearse Street formerly Great Brunswick Street on the night of 14th March 1921’, in which Thomas Traynor, a Volunteer officer was arrested after the shooting of an Auxiliary. The account is provided by his sister Alice Mullins (22–31 July 1965, 3 items); – documents relating to the unveiling by President de Valera of a memorial Celtic Cross in Herbert Park Dublin, to the deceased officers and men of the 3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade on 13 May 1973. Includes photocopy of article from The Irish Times on the event (article is incomplete) (May 1973, 4 items). See also P150/3654 for Joseph O’Connor’s ‘Third’ (42pp) statement to the Bureau of Military History, 1913–1921, concerning events from the signing of the Truce on 11 July 1921 to 1945 and P150/3661 for file relating to Max Caulfield’s The Easter Rebellion. 20 items

508 9 June 1944–23 June 1966 ‘Donnybrook (E) Company’. Includes: – ‘President de Valera’s handwritten list of members and addresses’ Donnybrook Company (2pp) and names of those ‘In charge of Volunteers 1916 Dundalk’ (2pp) (n.d., 2 items & 1 envelope); – copy of black and white print of Volunteers marching [retouched for publication] captioned ‘Returning from Howth Gun-running’ (15cm x 21xm); – covering letter and notes for the information of the Taoiseach on ‘C’ Company, in connection with his attendance to present Company Certificates to the members of ‘C’ Company, 3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade on 10 June 1944. Includes list of members of ‘C’ Company ‘who gave Service elsewhere’ (9 June 1944, 2 items, 1p & 3pp); – documents relating to the writing by de Valera, of a foreword to a souvenir programme for the presentation of Service Certificates by ‘E’ Company, 3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade, on 3 April 1948. Includes: • letters to de Valera from George Lalor, Honorary Secretary of ‘E’ and ‘M’ Companies, enclosing ‘some dates in (sic) which to enable an Taoiseach to refresh his memory of old ‘E’ Company’ being typescript notes on ‘E’ Company (4pp); also typescript notes entitled ‘A Brief Chronicle of “E” Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Dublin Brigade, Irish Republican Army’ (5pp) (18 December 1947–23 January 1948, 4 items); • draft holograph texts of the foreword by de Valera (March 1948, 5pp); • specially bound copy of the souvenir programme containing the foreword. Programme also contains articles on various members of the Companies such as Thomas Whelan and Noel Lemass; “A Brief Chronicle of ‘E’ Coy. 3rd Battalion, 1st Dublin Brigade, Irish Republican Army” by Eamon De Burca; names of deceased members of ‘E’ and ‘M’ Companies; articles on Michael Smith and T.J. Morrissey and an account of ‘the escape from Mountjoy Prison by Thomas Keegan’. Also contains numerous photographs of members of the two Companies (April 1948, 68pp). Attached are notes by de Valera on ‘Bolands Mills’ (n.d., 2pp). 19 items
May 19[33]–August 1940; Covering page entitled ‘Members 3rd Battalion January 1951’ applications for Military Pensions’ enclosing:
– correspondence between Taoiseach de Valera’s Personal Secretary and various former members of the 3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade seeking help in applying for military pensions. Includes letter to de Valera from Eamonn de Burca, Secretary of the Office of the Referee, Griffith Barracks, seeking information ‘concerning the strength of each Battalion and Company of the Dublin Brigade (Irish Volunteers) on Easter Sunday, 23rd April 1916’ and his Personal Secretary’s reply (10, 15 January 1935, 2 items, 1p each);
– application for a Certificate of Service for James Maguire (Seumas Maguidhir), 26 Irishtown Road, Dublin (3, 19 May 1938, 2 items).

Letters concerning applications for military pensions (2 May 19[33]–1 August 1940, 30 items) are from:
• Michael Tannam (of ‘E’ Company), 3a Wilton Terrace, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin;
• Assistant Quartermaster, 3rd Battalion John Fagan, 15 Fleming’s Place, Mespil Road, Dublin, who served under de Valera in Bolands’ Mills;
• Peter Fagan, St. Brigids, Howth Road, Raheny, Dublin [Armourer of the 3rd Battalion];
• George P. Murphy, Dundrum (Seoirse O’Murchadha, Adjutant of 3rd Battalion when they took up position at Bolands’ Mills).

34 items

11–19 July 1964; File on the death of Andy McDonnell
28 January 1966 (1898–1964) ‘the youngest member of the Bolands Mill Garrison and possible the youngest volunteer to take part in the Easter Week Uprising’. Includes typescript copy of President de Valera’s tribute to McDonnell (n.d., 1p); cutting from The Universe on his death (17 July 1964, 1p); black and white photograph of de Valera and McDonnell in marching procession (n.d., 8cm x 6cm); holograph letter to President de Valera from a Dr. P.J. O’Reilly, Rugby, England stating that contrary to de Valera’s statement as reported in The Universe, Andy McDonnell was not the youngest volunteer to take part in the Rising. A patient of his, Tommy Keenan ‘who now resides as 38 Lodge Rd., Rugby…was 12 years of age when he took part in the Easter Rebellion’ (19 July 1965, 2pp); and letter to President de Valera from Mrs. Josephine McDonnell, wife of the late Andy McDonnell seeking de Valera’s recommendation with regard to the post of R.T.E. Information Assistant (26 January 1966, 2 items, 1p each).

6 items
February 1959, July 1971

File on Commandant Joseph O’Connor, Captain of ‘A’ Company, 3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade, Irish Volunteers during Easter Rising and appointed Battalion Vice-Commandant during Easter Week, including photograph from The Irish Press of de Valera at the grave in Mount Jerome Cemetery as the Last Post is sounded (26 February 1959, 1 item); obituary and de Valera’s tribute published in The Irish Press (24 February 1959, 1p); holograph letter to Marie O’Kelly from [Fr. Charles Troy], Ballyfermot, Dublin thanking her for the enlarged photograph of Joseph O’Connor (29 July 1971, 1p) and black and white print of Comdt. Joe O’Connor and another unidentified officer (n.d., 13cm x 21cm). 4 items

VI. British documents

[October 1915], February 1916–13 November 1917

‘British Documents Re: 1916’ with note on cover ‘Important British Documents & Letters, 1916. (Given to President de Valera) (This is to be given to the Franciscans at Killiney to be put with Eamon de Valera’s documents)’ consisting of intelligence reports and despatches between Irish Command [i.e. successive Commanders-in-Chief of British Forces in Ireland–Major-General L.B. Friend, (Lieutenant)-General Sir John Maxwell and (Lieutenant)-General Sir Bryan Mahon] or their various officers; the Commander-in-Chief, Home Forces and his staff; the War Office; M.I.5.G. and the Royal Irish Constabulary. Includes:
– intelligence reports pre-dating the Easter Week Rising, relating to German influence in Ireland and the possibility of rebellion by the ‘extreme Irish-American Party’. Also includes copy of a secret intelligence report (10 April 1916, 6pp) from Headquarters, Irish Command, to Lieutenant Colonel V.G. Kell, M.I.5.G. [General Staff, War Office, London], on the ‘State of Ireland’ discussing recruiting levels in the country for British forces in the War, and the organisation and operation of ‘the Sinn Fein Volunteer movement’. Includes tables of estimates ‘of the strength of the Sinn Fein party in each County in Ireland, and the number of arms of which they are in possession’ and the ‘Approximate number of disloyal Sinn Fein Irish Volunteers in Dublin City’ (5 February–10 April 1916, 3 items);
– detailed reports by Major General L.B. Friend, Commander-in-Chief of British Forces in Ireland, on the progress of the Rebellion (25–27 April 1916, 3 items, 2pp each). The report of 27 April notes that Lieutenant General Sir John Maxwell is expected to arrive in Dublin the next day to take over supreme command of the troops;
512 contd.

– photograph of the War Office document appointing Lieutenant General Sir John Maxwell, KCB, Commander-in-Chief of British Forces in Ireland [taking over command from Major General Friend] (28 April 1916, 1p);
– copy of a public notice Proclamation No. 1 issued by General Maxwell, informing the rebels that ‘the most vigorous measures will be taken by me to stop the loss of life and damage to property which certain misguided persons are causing by their armed resistance to the Law’. Specifies arrangements by which persons within specified areas surrounded by British troops may leave those areas (18 April 1916, 1p);
– communications relating to the appointment of General Maxwell, and his brief—to ‘take such measures as may in his opinion be necessary for the prompt suppression of the insurrection in Ireland’ (28, 29 April 1916, 3 items);
– holograph letter from Field Marshal Viscount French, Commander-in-Chief of Home Forces, to General Maxwell following Maxwell’s appointment as Commander-in-Chief of British Forces in Ireland, on his talks with Sir Edward Carson and John Redmond. Also remarks ‘I don’t think there is much chance (now) of a German landing on the west coast of Ireland but that is what we must be prepared for’. Also relates the King’s views on the Rising (29 April 1916, 7pp);
– holograph letter from Lord Lieutenant Viscount Wimborne to General Maxwell relating to a communiqué he proposes to issue (not enclosed) and stating that ‘The Lord Chancellor has left a plan here of the Four Courts showing the position of an isolated building containing all the most valuable and historical and proprietary documents in Ireland’ (29 April 1916, 3pp);
– copies of despatches from General Maxwell to Lord French reporting on the current situation in and outside Dublin city, and the organisation of the process of surrender of rebels and recommending the internment of all rebels in England (29 April 1916, 2 items, 2pp each);
– ‘Scheme for further operations to cope with the rebellion in the Dublin District Area’ (30 April 1916, 3pp);
– copy of despatch from Colonel G.A. French, Commanding Troops, Wexford, to the General Officer Commander-in-Chief, R.I.C. Barracks Wexford, reporting that he has received a peace deputation from the rebel officers at Enniscorthy, headed by a Fr. Fitzhenry, and has guaranteed safe passage to two rebel leaders to visit Pearse in Dublin to confirm his order to surrender. Includes copies of the rebels’ request and his reply (30 April 1916, 3 items, 1p each);
– secret communications between General Maxwell, Major General Friend, the War Office and General Headquarters, Home Forces, concerning Major General Friend’s presence in England on leave of absence and the attendance by certain Officers of the Irish Command at a race meeting in Baldoyle, on the day on which ‘disturbances in Dublin commenced’. Includes communication from General Maxwell defending Major General Friend and Major General Friend’s report explaining the circumstances of his absence and that of his officers (28–30 April 1916, 4 items) (see also copies of this letter and others directly relating to it, sent to Maxwell for his information on 30 May 1916);
– copy of report by General Maxwell for Lord French on the current situation, the process of the rebels’ surrender, including Countess Markievicz and
her ‘command 100 strong’ and stating ‘Any holding out to-morrow in Dublin will be blown off the face of the earth and the country will be dealt with by flying columns which are now being organised’ (30 April 1916, 1p);
– letters of congratulation to General Maxwell on the ‘suppression of the insurrection’ from Lord French (4pp) and from Viscount Wimborne, one an official letter which is ‘published for the information of the troops’ (1p) and a private holograph letter (4pp) (1 May 1916, 3 items);
– copy of initial report by General Maxwell to [former Secretary of State for War] Lord Kitchener, on the current military action following the surrender of the rebels. Blames the Irish Executive for ‘not dealing effectively with the Sinn Féin rebellion before it came to a head’; reports on the rounding up and deportation of Sinn Féin and Irish Citizen Army members and suggests that they could ‘expiate their crime by serving the Empire as soldiers…They can fight but are happily not very good shots’; refers to the courts martial and a way of dealing with the bitter feelings between the north and the south of the country (2 May 1916, 3pp);
– holograph letter from Lord Lieutenant Viscount Wimborne to General Maxwell on the Proclamation extending martial law to all Ireland (3 May 1916, 4pp);
– holograph letter to General Maxwell from Lord French in which he refers to the execution on that day of Pearse, Clarke and MacDonagh, “The P.M. expressed himself as ‘surprised’ at the rapidity of the trial & sentences. I pointed out that you were carrying out your instructions exactly & correctly and in strict accordance with Military and Martial Law. He quite understands but asked me to warn you not to give the impression that all the Sinn Feiners would suffer death. I told him that the fact of 3 of them having been awarded a much less severe sentence was evidence enough of the attitude you were adopting towards them and that I thought it much better to [leave] you [alone] to your own discretion. He agreed to this…” (3 May 1916, 6pp);
– copy of typescript despatch from General Maxwell to Lord French with holograph note by Maxwell relating to Eoin MacNeill, ‘I am a little perplexed what to do about this man McNeill (sic), he is no doubt one of the most prominent in the movement though I believe he did try and stop the actual rebellion taking place when it did. The Priests and politicians will try and save him–He is not tried yet’ (4 May 1916, 1p);
– copy of ‘Rough Preliminary Draft’ of a ‘Proclamation under Martial Law’. Includes covering letter from General Maxwell to Lord French explaining ‘the object of the enclosed is to enable the National Volunteers (Redmondites) and Ulster Volunteers (Carsonites) to be recognised as part of the Forces of the Crown’ (7 May 1916, 3pp);
– holograph letter to General Maxwell from John Dillon M.P., protesting about the executions. ‘The feeling is becoming widespread and intensely bitter.–It really would be difficult to exaggerate the amount of mischief that the executions are doing.’ Also advises against the arming of ‘Special Constables’, ‘…it is a unwise measure…they are not required…And…are very apt in my opinion to create disturbance.’ Also advises against ‘instituting searching and arrests on a large scale in districts in which there has been no disturbance’ (8 May 1916, 6pp);
512 contd. – copies of cipher messages between the Prime Minister in London (via ‘Cinchomfor’) and Dublin (via ‘Commandeth’) on the course of executions between 9th and 11th of May. Also includes copy of communiqué to be issued to the Press with Military and Civil Casualty lists and an order concerning the arrest of ‘dangerous Sinn Feiners’ only (9, 10 May 1916, 6 items, 9pp);
– copy of despatch from General Maxwell to Lord Kitchener concerning the execution of Francis Sheehy-Skeffington by Captain J.C. Bowen-Colthurst, and other less serious incidents, due to the inexperience and ‘jumpiness’ of the British troops. Also reports on the progress of mobile columns dealing with ‘Sinn Feiners and Citizen Army’ members around the country and general reaction in Dublin to the Rising. Includes a ‘Short History of rebels on whom it has been necessary to inflict the supreme penalty’ (11 May 1916, 2 items, 2pp & 6pp);
– holograph letter from General Maxwell to Prime Minister Asquith on the death of Francis Sheehy-Skeffington. Also provides a breakdown of the number of troops in Ireland, excluding the 59th Division (12 May 1916, 2pp);
– holograph letter from Lord French to General Maxwell stating ‘You have acted with great promptitude, courage & determination and I feel sure all people–whose opinions matter–think so’ (13 May 1916, 2pp);
– copy of secret report by General Maxwell for Lord French on the ‘Sinn Fein Rebellion’ and the ‘present state of S.F. movement’. States ‘Had the enterprise of Sir R[oge] Casement succeeded the whole of the West of Ireland including Cork would have risen and I deliberately think that we have narrowly missed a most serious rebellion. Had any initial success been achieved it would have spread all over Ireland (except Ulster) and no influence of Mr. Redmond or others could have prevented this…I think I can, however, assert that recent events have proved to the extremists that rebellion without ample arms and organization cannot succeed, and that they have no chance of success against trained soldiers’ (16 May 1916, 2pp);
– copy of letter from Brigadier General R. Hutchinson, Headquarters, Irish Command, to the Editor of The Freeman’s Journal warning him against the publication of articles which appear ‘to criticise and bring into contempt the administration of Martial Law in this country…to foster sympathy for those who have taken up arms, or plotted to do so, against his Majesty’s troops’ (14 May 1916, 1p);
– copy of letter to Lord French from General Maxwell. Reflects on the Francis Sheehy-Skeffington case and other ‘regrettable incidents’ and states ‘In my humble judgement the Government of Ireland is rotten from A to Z…The Irish Constabulary is a farce…a magnificent body of men certainly but singularly out of sympathy with the people…in my opinion you will never rule Ireland from Dublin Castle. There is far too much reporting & nothing happening…’ (16 May 1916, 4pp);
– letter and telegram on arrangements for an interview between General Maxwell and an American correspondent, and ways of presenting the British military response in the best light possible in order to quell anti-British feeling in America, following the executions of the leaders of the Rising (16, 17 May 1916, 6pp & 1p);
– copy of despatch from General Maxwell to Maurice Bonham Carter, Vice-Regal Lodge, Dublin, on extending the time for the operation of martial law, proclaiming Sinn Féin and the Citizen Army illegal, and the question of Coroner’s Inquests and the King’s Street cases (20 May 1916, 2pp). Includes copy of the opinions of [James H. Campbell] the Attorney General [Ireland] on the matter (20 May 1916, 2pp);
– copies of secret cipher messages between Lord Kitchener and General Maxwell relating to the number of bodies found buried under rubble in King’s Street (23 May 1916, 4pp);
– communications relating to a letter addressed to Mrs. A.S. Green, Westminster, containing a letter for Prof. Eoin MacNeill, which was stopped by the Censor. Includes copies of the texts of both letters. The letter for Prof. MacNeill includes an ‘Official Declaration of the German Government, stating its intentions and declaring the goodwill of the German people toward Ireland and the desire of both Government and People for Irish national freedom’ (originally dated 28 November 1914, 3pp). Also attached is a copy of a communiqué (originally dated 23 May 1916, 1p) from M.I.5.G. concerning the landing of German ammunition and Irish supporters at Banna Strand and Sir Roger Casement’s landing on 20 April 1916 ([28 November 1914], 18–24 May 1916, 10pp);
– copies of cipher messages between the War Office and General Maxwell concerning Mrs. Pearse’s request to be given her two sons’ bodies for burial in consecrated ground. Maxwell refuses on the grounds that ‘It will have to be done in all cases if done in one and Mrs. Pearse has already been refused by me–These graves will be turned by Irish sentimentality into the shrines of martyrs and there will be a constant irritant in the country caused by annual procession etc. to them’ (25 May 1916, 2 items, 1p each);
– copy of correspondence between R.H. Brade, War Office, and Field Marshal Viscount French, General Headquarters, Home Forces, sent to General Maxwell for his information (28 April–30 May 1916, 5 items), including despatch from Brade to Lord French seeking a report on the steps taken by Major General Friend ‘to prepare to meet the recent rising…and whether, in your opinion, these preparations were appropriate and adequate’ given the number of warning signs that had pre-dated the Rising (29 April 1916, 2pp);
– drafts of a statement by General Maxwell to the Associated Press, describing the actions of the rebels during Easter Sunday in the worst possible light and the reactions of the military (3 June 1916, 3 items, two typescript, 3pp & 4pp, and one handwritten, 6pp );
– copies of correspondence and reports relating to the extension of police [Royal Irish Constabulary] telephones throughout the country (9 August–5 September 1916, 4 items);
– circular memorandum by H. Byrne, Inspector General, Royal Irish Constabulary to Inspectors throughout the country, relating to a conference held ‘for the purpose of an interchange of views between the West-Coastal County Inspectors and the Military & Naval Authorities’ (11 January 1917, 8pp). Encloses a précis of the proceedings of the conference whose aim was to ensure ‘satisfactory co-operation between the Military & Naval Forces and the Police in the event of trouble arising’ (n.d., 6pp);
— despatches between Major General Sir F. Shaw, General Staff, General Headquarters, Home Forces, Horse Guards, and Brigadier General Sir Bryan T. Mahon [newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in Ireland and General Maxwell’s successor], on arrangements for contingency plans to deal with any possible future rebellion in Ireland (16, 19 February 1917, 2 items, 2pp & 3pp);
— copy of ‘Memorandum Concerning Present and Future Relations of Great Britain and Ireland in the Empire’ containing information under the following headings: ‘The Nature of the Irish Claim’; ‘The Foundation for Settlement’; ‘Ireland’s Economic Objections’; ‘Concurrent Legislation’; ‘The Ulster Difficulty’; ‘Naval and Military Situation’; ‘Money Contribution’; ‘Federation of the Empire’. ‘The...memorandum expresses, it is believed, the general conclusions arrived at by a very large number of Irishmen who are not party politicians but representatives of manufactures (sic), commerce, agriculture, journalism, the learned professions and men of leisure and letters who have been thinking more earnestly than before upon the political problem of Ireland and its solution...The demand of the most powerful and enlightened intelligence in Ireland is for Dominion self-government; and between complete union and the status of a dominion there is no half way state which would satisfy Ireland’ (p.1). Memo is signed by Colonel Maurice Moore, C.B., Mayo, on behalf of a committee of fourteen members—George Russell [A.E.]; James Douglas, Dublin; Alec Wilson, Belfast; E.E. Lysaght [MacLysaght], Clare; Dermot Coffey, Dublin; John Mackie, Dublin; Sir Algernon Coote, Bt., H.M. Lt. Co. Laois; Colonel Sir Nugent Everard, Bt. H.M. Lt. Co. Meath; Sir John O’Connell, Kt. Dublin; James MacNeill, Antrim; Joseph Johnson and Prof. E. Curtis, Trinity College Dublin and Major J. Crean, Dublin (5 April 1917, 17pp). Also includes an ‘Appendix on The virtual coercion of a minority by the grant of responsible Government to Canada’ (3pp);
— ‘Secret: Notes on Conference Held at Headquarters, Irish Command, Parkgate, on November, 6th, 1917’. Conference was held ‘with a view to a discussion on the situation in the Country generally and especially with regard to the latest instructions...from the Government’. Attended by General Mahon, Major General R. Hutchinson [now Director of Organization, War Office] and Commanding Officers of different districts (n.d., 4pp);
— edited copy of a letter marked ‘Private and Confidential’ from Major General R. Hutchinson to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Right Honourable H.E. Duke, containing Hutchinson’s ‘views on the situation in Ireland’ in which he distinguishes and comments on the differences between extreme and moderate members of Sinn Féin; discusses police and military action with respect to drilling and/or assembly by members of Sinn Féin; the trial of ‘Sinn Feiners’ before courts martial and the proclaiming of Sinn Féin meetings (13 November 1917, 12pp).

C. 133 items
VII. Contemporary accounts & reminiscences, 1916 – 68

513 1916 Part of The Irish Independent of Friday 12 May 1916 (pp.1–6) containing articles on the aftermath of the Rising, including the sentencing of prisoners (12 May 1916, 6pp, 50cm x 61 cm); printed pamphlet, The ‘Irish Independent’s’ Cry for Vengeance and The Irish Party’s Plea for Clemency containing “Extracts from Irish Independent Following Easter, 1916, and during the Courts-Martial in Dublin” and ‘Extracts from the Speeches of Mr. Redmond in the House of Commons, during the Same Period” (n.d., 3pp) and ‘First Executions after the Rising. The Irish Independent’s Exultation’ being typescript comments on and excerpts from, The Irish Independent, 4–29 May 1916, on the Easter Rising (n.d., 6pp). 3 items

514 12 May 1916 Copy of Irish Life. The Weekly Illustrated Journal of Ireland vol. 17, no. 3 devoted to the Easter Rising. c. 50pp


516 1916–68 Printed and/or published accounts and articles on the Rising. Includes:
– La Recente Insurrezione in Irlanda. Esposizione della sue cause e delle sue conseguenze attinta da fonti ufficiali e da rapporti di pubblicisti Inglesi. With note inside cover, ‘Sent into E. de V. when in Jail, 1916 [first account he received on Rising]’ (September 1916, 43pp);
– edited typescript entitled ‘The Shaping of Modern Ireland. James Connolly and Patrick Pearse’ by Dorothy Macardle. With note on first page, ‘To be broadcast in 1956, 2RN, Easter 1956’ and duration ‘27 minutes’ (1956, 14pp);
– extract from University Review vol. 11, no. 6, pp.40–50 entitled The Insurrection of 1916. III. Home Rule by Geraldine Dillon (n.d., 11pp);
– booklet by Eleanor O’Grady entitled The Easter Flame sent by the author to President de Valera (1956, 21pp). 9 items
517 4 June–13 August 1932  Extracts from *An Phoblacht* consisting of a nine part series by ‘Mac Dara’ entitled ‘The Secret History of Easter Week’. 9 items

518 [19 June 1933, 15 October 1938] Photocopy of letter from George Noble Count Plunkett to Fr. ‘Rope’ referring to the *Catholic Times* of 17 [June] 1933–he finds ‘nothing to answer in its futile comment on the futile statement of the Osservatore’–and his visit to Pope Benedict XV prior to the 1916 Rising (original dated 19 June 1933, 1p). Attached is a photocopy of a statement by Count Plunkett concerning his meeting with Pope Benedict XV about three weeks before the 1916 Rising to ‘pledge the Irish Republic to fidelity to the Holy See and the general interests of Religion’ and the Pope’s conferral of the Apostolic Benediction on the ‘men who were facing death for the glory of God and the liberty of Ireland’ (original dated 15 October 1938, 1p). 2 items, 1p each

519 22 April 1935  Page from *The Irish Independent* with pictures of the 1916 Easter Rising Commemorations in Dublin on 16 April 1935. 1 item

520 January 1949–May 1966  Articles from various Irish and English newspapers on the Rising. Includes:
– *The Easter Rising From the Inside*, parts 1–6, by Michael J. Lennon in *The Irish Times* (18–22 April 1949). With commentary letters (20–28 April 1949) (8pp);
– *Nation in Revolt* by Piaras Béaslaí [memories of his experiences 1914–21] from *The Irish Independent* (5 January–5 February 1953, 25 items);

521 [1916], 1 August 1951, 23 June 1954  Correspondence between Seán Nunan, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs [and M. Mooney on Nunan’s behalf] and Kathleen O’Connell, Personal Secretary to Taoiseach de Valera, on the papers and recollections of Sir Alfred Bucknill, who was Deputy Judge Advocate General of the British Forces in Ireland, during the Rising. The Bureau of Military History wishes to obtain a record of Sir Alfred’s experiences during and subsequent to the Rising (1 August 1951–23 June 1954, 10 items). Includes:
– copy of report by the Irish Ambassador to Britain on his meeting with Sir Alfred, who described his experience in Ireland and provided an explanation
as to why de Valera was not executed by the British. Sir Alfred maintains it had nothing to do with de Valera’s American citizenship, but was a direct result of the murder of Francis Sheehy-Skeffington by British troops and the subsequent intervention by Prime Minister Asquith (5 February 1953, 4pp);
– encloses folder entitled ‘Photostat of Documents handed to the Irish Ambassador in London on 4th February, 1953, by Sir Alfred Bucknill who was Deputy Judge Advocate General of British Forces in Ireland at time of the 1916 Rising’ (7 items) which includes:
  • photocopies of an account by Sir Alfred of his experiences from his arrival, late on Thursday 27 April 1916 to the first week in May and the execution of the rebel leaders (13pp);
  • communiqué ‘To Soldiers’ from James Connolly ‘Commandant General, Dublin Division’ (28 April 1916, 1p);
  • copy of typescript letter from Patrick Pearse, Arbour Hill Barracks, Dublin, to his mother (1 May 1916, 3pp);
  • list of names and times, endorsed ‘Time Sheet Printing Press Liberty Hall found there on nail by Press after Rebellion. A.D. Bucknill. This Press printed the Proclamation of Republic. Type of last half of Proclamation found there’ (n.d., 2pp).

1956–68
Accounts of various individuals’ recollections of Easter Week 1916. Includes:
– ‘The Personal Experience of Miss L. Stokes During the Sinn Féin Rebellion of 1916’ (n.d., 10pp). Also extract from Nonplus (no. 4 Winter 1960, p.7–32) containing the published illustrated version of same (28pp);
– booklet entitled Reminiscences of The Easter Rising 1916 by Dr. A.D. (Louis) Courtney, when as House-Surgeon in St. Vincent’s Hospital, Dublin, he was put in charge of the hospital by The Reverend Mother, Mrs. Carew. Presented by the author’s son to President de Valera on 11 August 1966 (1965, 17pp);
– typescript and letters on Breda Grace’s recollections of Easter Week 1916 (May 1956, April & May 1968, 5 items, 3pp; 1p & 8pp);

9 items
8. IMPRISONMENT
May 1916 – June 1917

20cm x 15cm

524  3 July 1969  Holograph and later typescript copy of a note by de Valera on the reason for the commutation of his death sentence in 1916. States ‘I have not the slightest doubt that my reprieve in 1916 was due to the fact that my courtmartial and sentence came late. My sentence came just when Asquith said that there would be no further executions save those of the ringleaders, which, apparently, he interpreted as those who had signed the Proclamation…The fact that I was born in America would not, I am convinced, have saved me…It is…true that my wife was encouraged by friends to make, and did make, representations to the American Consul here…Similarly, my mother and American friends…made representations to Washington. I do not know if they got any reply, but I feel certain that the Administration took no official action.’
6pp & 1p

525  1916–19 January 1935  Covering letter to President de Valera from Patrick Diamond, Belfast, enclosing a Mountjoy jail receipt (11cm x 16cm) for the personal possessions and clothing of prisoner Edward de Valera. Signed by de Valera on his transfer to Dartmoor on 17 May 1916 [document is dated 1918 in error]. Includes holograph explanatory note by de Valera, stating that his height (6''), weight (11st. 9lbs.) and distinguishing features (‘mole on left side of chin’) are noted on the back of the receipt (n.d., 1p). Includes letter of acknowledgement to Diamond from de Valera’s Personal Secretary, Kathleen O’Connell.
4 items, 1p each

526  1916–22 May 1962  Documents relating to de Valera’s detention in Dartmoor. Includes letters concerning de Valera’s recollections of the time he spent in Dartmoor, of the part of the prison he occupied and the prison workshop. Also typescript note dictated by de Valera to Marie O’Kelly in 1959 on the arrival of Eoin MacNeill in the jail and de Valera’s order to the prisoners to stand to attention as a mark of
contd. respect for MacNeill (1 June 1959, 2pp). Also includes envelope labelled ‘Convict No. q95’ containing a fragment of the cap worn by de Valera in Dartmoor with his number, ‘q95’ embroidered on it. Also explanatory note stating that de Valera was given the number q95 whilst in Dartmoor in 1916, and remained as inmate q95 throughout his time in Maidstone, Lewes and Pentonville Prisons.

10 items

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13 November 1966– Correspondence between Dympna Doheny, 23 May 1967 New York, and President de Valera’s Personal Secretary, Marie O’Kelly, relating to Ms. Doheny’s cousin Jack McArdle who was a member of ‘F’ Company, 1st Battalion, Dublin Brigade, Irish Volunteers, and fought in the Rising at Cabra Road. Includes:
– letter from the Secretary of the Department of Defence to Marie O’Kelly supplying information on McArdle (9 January 1967, 1p);
– copy reply to Ms. Doheny from O’Kelly relating to an incident which occurred when de Valera and McArdle were fellow prisoners in Dartmoor jail after the Rising, in which de Valera threw a small loaf of bread to McArdle, which resulted in punishment for them both. De Valera protested at the severity of McArdle’s punishment by going on hunger-strike for three days;
– photocopy of a report of McArdle’s funeral in The Irish Press (6 May 1933, 1p);
– photocopy of a page from Aithris ar Chríost by an tAthair Peadar Ó Laoghaire, containing handwritten note by de Valera, ‘Autographs on oppos[ite] sheet under pasted page–Companions who were sent to Dartmoor with me May 1916’ and autographs of twelve men including de Valera, McArdle and Harry Boland (n.d., 12pp) and
– copy letter from de Valera to Fr. Éanna MacIonraic, O.S.C.O., describing the history of the book Aithris ar Chríost which de Valera proposed to present to Fr MacIonraic for his museum. The book was given to him in Mountjoy jail as a present by Cannon Waters, chaplain in the jail and contained the autographs of eleven of the men sent with de Valera from Mountjoy to Dartmoor Prison following the 1916 Rising. The men signed their names on the back page while on the boat bringing them to England on the way to Dartmoor (January 1966, 1p).

7 items

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23 May–14 November 1916 Mainly correspondence between various members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, Fr. Thomas J. Wheelwright, C.S.S.R. [de Valera’s half-brother], various Redemptorist fathers including Fr. C. Hild, C.S.S.R. in Baltimore, the U.S. Department of State and the President’s Secretary, concerning appeals to the State Department for assistance in effecting de Valera’s release by the British authorities (17 June–14 November 1916, 33 items). Also includes typescript draft affidavit by de Valera’s mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright relating to de Valera’s Christian name as entered on
528 contd. his birth certificate (1916, 1p); copies of de Valera’s birth certificate (23 May 1916, 1p) and corrected birth certificate (17 July 1916, 1p) and photocopies of articles from American newspapers on de Valera, his imprisonment and American citizenship (originals dated [1]–9 July 1916, 3 items).

38 items

529 April 1916–21 April 1948 Material relating to de Valera’s detention in Lewes jail following his participation in the Easter Rising. Includes:

– copy of covering letter (21 April 1948, 1p) from Simon Donnelly to the Secretary of the Bureau of Military History 1913–21, enclosing original holograph and typescript copies of despatches from Comdt. de Valera in Lewes jail to Donnelly, who was acting O/C ‘C’ Company, 3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade during Easter Week (1917, 8 items, four originals with typescript copies of each);

– holograph notes by de Valera written from Lewes jail:
  • on the candidature of Joseph McGuinness in the South Longford election;
  • address to fellow comrades in prison;
  • ‘Final Order’ to comrades signed by de Valera, Thomas Ashe and Fiadhchra [Thomas Hunter] (Easter Sunday–Whit Monday 1917, 25pp, also typescript copies 10pp);

– holograph sheets by de Valera in Lewes (later) entitled:
  • ‘Dev’s statement to Home Secretary’ (22 March 1917, 9pp);
  • ‘Mc[N]eill’s statement to Home Secretary’ [not in de Valera’s hand although copy is attested by him] (20 March 1917, 6pp);
  • “President de Valera’s rough translation from Italian of Monsignor O’Hagan’s ‘Red Book’ which gave an account of 1916” (n.d., 2 items, 24pp & 1p).

21 items

530 April–July 1917–9 August 1966 Miscellaneous documents relating to de Valera’s detention in Lewes jail, following the Rising. Includes:

– hardback prison notebook of Irish notes, used by de Valera and labelled ‘q95 E. de Valera III 2.4.17’ (1917, 24pp);

– letters concerning the ‘statement by Chaplain in Lewis (sic) involving the Bishop of Southwark, Bishop Amigo’ that the bishop had directed the chaplain to refuse the Irish prisoners absolution unless they ‘expressed sorrow for what…they…had planned to do on that Sunday’ (n.d.; 4 July, 6 August 1917, 3 items);

– signed typescript account by Frank Thornton of ‘events that transpired’ in Lewes jail during the period 1916–17 (n.d., 3pp). Attached typescript note, ‘This account by Frank Thornton does not tally with the President’s recollection of the same events’ (n.d., 1p);

– photocopy of a ‘Book of Autographs signed by Irish prisoners in Lewes Jail, June 1916, and compiled for presentation to Mrs. Eamonn Ceannt’. With note on front page, ‘photocopy of original in O’Connell School’s Museum’ (original dated 1916, 15pp, 20cm x 8cm);
530 contd. – notes made by de Valera’s Secretary from his dictation, of his relationship with Dr. Richard Hayes (1878–1958) and the time they spent in Lewes Prison together (n.d., 2pp);
– note dictated by de Valera to Marie O’Kelly in 1964 on a pamphlet he studied in jail by Major General Drayson on the ‘rotation of the pole of the equator’ and the governor’s interest in the theory (18 September 1964, 1p);
– sketch of Lewes Prison with pencil note on back, ‘This is the best I can do. Sean Mooney’ (n.d., 38cm x 15cm). 12 items

531 29 May 1916– 10 April 1917 Letters to and from de Valera while in Lewes jail. Includes:
– letters from Sr. M. Cyprian, Mercy Convent, Cork Street, Dublin (29, 30 May 1916, 2 items), including one letter to Mrs. de Valera;
– letter from Annraoi Mag Fhógartaigh, Teach na Sagart, Nairobi, B.E.A. (10 April 1917, 3pp);
– typescript copy of letter written by de Valera to Dr. Arthur W. Conway, Professor of Mathematical Physics, University College Dublin on mathematical and astronomical matters, with a few personal messages (original dated 21 February 1917, 5pp);
– typescript copy of letter from de Valera to Mrs. Malone [mother of Michael Malone, killed during the battle at Mount Street Bridge] (original dated 25 March 1917, 1p). 5 items

532 December 1916– April 1917 Christmas (23 items), St. Patrick’s Day (25 items) and Easter (6 items) cards sent to de Valera while in jail. Includes postcard of St. John’s Cathedral, Limerick sending ‘Very best wishes & kind remembrances from all Carysfort students’. Signed ‘N. Ashe’ [Nora Ashe sister of Thomas Ashe—see P150/490] 55 items

533 June, July 1917 Documents relating to the general amnesty and release of Republican prisoners. Includes:
– original and copy extracts of newspaper articles on the announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the general amnesty and release of Republican prisoners and their arrival in Dublin on [20–21 June] 1917 (June, July 1917, 2 items);
– original black and white photograph of de Valera and jubilant supporters disembarking from the mailboat, with note on back, ‘General Release July 1917’ (sic) (June 1917, 21cm x 16cm);
– original black and white photograph of de Valera and five other ex-prisoners walking down the gangplank of the mailboat from Holyhead, to cheering supporters with ‘General Release July 1917’ (sic) on back and a note that the print was used in a 1942 issue of The Capuchin Annual. Also note on back, ‘Property of E. de Valera’ (June 1917, 20cm x 16cm);
– typescript letter from [Henry Lynch] the Chief Crown Solicitor, Chief Secretary’s Office, Dublin Castle, to de Valera’s solicitor, E.R. Mc Clintock Dix, 24 Clare Street, Dublin, stating ‘your Client did not receive a free pardon but was released on remission of the remainder of his sentence…I told you…the conviction had the effect of depriving your Client of his rights to deal in the property and that it would be necessary to have an administrator appointed’ [particular property unknown]. 5 items

18–28 June 1917

Letters from friends welcoming de Valera home on his release from prison. Includes letters from Margaret Macken, Merrion Square, Dublin; Sr. M. Cyprian, Mercy Convent, Cork Street, Dublin; Una Ní Fhaircheallaigh, Rathgar, Dublin; ‘Jack’, No. 6 Anti-Aircraft Company, R.G.A., Little Heath, Herts., and Liam O Braonain. 5 items

original dated June 1917

typescript copy of letter from Harry Boland to his mother dropped by Boland on the street in Lewes during his transfer from Lewes Jail to Maidstone Jail in June 1917. The letter was picked up by an Englishwoman and forwarded to Boland’s mother in Dublin. Describes their attempts in Lewes to demand prisoner of war status. ‘We have sworn to do no work or to obey any orders whatever until the Government treat us as soldiers. We fought a clean fight and should be treated as honourable men, not as criminals.’ 1p

15–17 January 1959

Correspondence between de Valera, his Personal Secretary and Mrs. Brigid T. King, Rathmines, Dublin, about her meeting with de Valera on the mailboat during the crossing to Dun Laoghaire following the general amnesty and release of Republican prisoners and their return to Ireland in June 1917. 3 items

14 January 1963–9 April 1964

Correspondence between Martin Gilbert of Merton College Oxford and President de Valera’s Personal Secretary relating to any memory de Valera’s has of meeting Clifford Allen, Lord Allen of Hurtwood, in Maidstone jail in 1916 and 1917. Gilbert is writing a biography of Allen, who was in prison as a conscientious objector. 4 items

9 August 1964

typescript note dictated by de Valera to Marie O’Kelly on some incidents which occurred during his time in Maidstone jail, following his transfer from Dartmoor prison. 3pp
539 1914–66 File on Jack Barrett (d.1947). De Valera first met Jack Barrett who was on the teaching staff in Rockwell College, in 1903 and Barrett, who became a close friend, was later godfather to de Valera’s daughter Máirín. Includes:

– postcard photograph with image of de Valera holding a hunting rifle taken during his time in Rockwell College in 1904, sent to de Valera by Barrett (28 July 1914, 1 item) (see also P150/41 for copies of same photograph);

– holograph personal letter from Barrett to Mrs. Sinéad de Valera referring to photographs he is sending her relating to de Valera’s time teaching in Rockwell College, Co. Tipperary (8 September 1936, 2pp ); photograph of de Valera, [Robert V. Walker with moustache] and Tom O’Donnell [on left] (n.d., 10cm x 8cm);

– holograph personal letter from Barrett to ‘Mai’ reminiscing about the ‘past that we know of concerned with Rockwell College’ and his desire to visit Ireland again. Also refers to de Valera. ‘I have followed Dev’s fortunes closely of course what a triumph and what a leader. I am not claiming to be a prophet but he showed promise of great things when in Rockwell; most did he show a real honest to God goodness and soundness of heart & a staunchness to friends in weal & woe that is to me the grandest treasure of all life gives us a mixed grill but there are a few gifts straight from heaven out of which we can live and grow best’ (n.d., 2pp);

– correspondence (September 1958–October 1958, 3 items) between de Valera and Mrs. Margery Barrett, widow of Jack, enclosing holograph letter (9 May 1916, 1p) written by de Valera in Kilmainham jail following the news that he is to be executed for his part in the Rising, to Jack Barrett asking him to advise Mrs. de Valera on the care of the children. ‘J. Barrett c/o Mrs. Barrett, Ball[y]sall[on], Co. Kilkenny’ on reverse;

– mounted black and white studio graduation portrait of Jack Barrett, sent by his widow to de Valera in 1958 (n.d., 19cm x 25cm including mount, 9cm x 14cm excluding mount);

– mounted black and white studio portrait of Jack Barrett as a young man. ‘Eamon de Valera’s colleague at Rockwell & close friend’. Sent to de Valera by Barrett’s widow in 1958 (n.d., 16cm x 22cm including mount, 11cm x 16cm excluding mount);

– letter (16 July 1966, 3pp) to President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly from Agnes Barrett of Huntington, New York [cousin of the late Jack Barrett] following her visit to Áras an Uachtarán with Mrs. Margery Barrett [widow of Jack] enclosing colour photograph of President and Mrs. De Valera, Mrs. Margery Barrett and herself outside Áras an Uachtarán in July 1966 (12cm x 8cm).

See also P150/3375 which includes copies of letters of farewell written by de Valera from Kilmainham, before he was due to be shot, to Mother Gonzaga head of the Training College of Our Lady of Mercy, Carysfort, Blackrock, and Mick Ryan, ‘the friend of his Rugby-playing days at Rockwell who had been in the Irish Triple Crown team of 1899’ 10 items
9. ELECTIONS, 1917

540 March–October 1917 Typescript notes containing extracts from The Irish Independent, mostly on Sinn Féin. 5pp

541 April-May 1917 Black and white photograph with note on back, ‘Longford Election 1917, Larry Ginnell, Countess Markievicz. Count & Countess Plunkett, Sean Nunan, ??’ Photograph depicts all the above named individuals sitting in, or standing beside a car, with poster on the side of the car ‘Put Him In, Get Him Out. Vote for McGuinness’. Also includes handbill ‘Vote for MacGuinness’ (14cmx 22cm). 2 items

542 May 1917 Election campaign poster in support of Joseph McGuinness. Headed ‘Sold! Archbishop Walsh and Partition’, it gives the text of a letter dated 8 May 1917 from Rev. Dr. Walsh published in the Evening Herald on partition stating “Anyone who thinks that partition, whether in its naked deformity, or under the transparent mask of ‘county option,’ does not hold a leading place in the practical politics of to-day, is simply living in a fool’s paradise”. 25cm x 38cm

543 28 May 1917– 16 July 1918 Copies of letters from Patrick Gallagher, 1181 Broadway, New York City, who describes himself as a Fenian, ‘an American Citizen’ and ‘a man in his 67th year who knows whereof he speaks’, to U.S. President Woodrow Wilson and U.K. Prime Minister David Lloyd George, enclosing copies of letters sent by him to John E. Redmond, M.P. and John Dillon, M.P. Letters concern Gallagher’s response to Redmond’s appeal ‘seeking support to defeat the Sinn Fein party in their campaign for the freedom of Ireland from the military rule of England’ [i.e. seeking funds for the approaching general election]–‘the Irish Race must use more advanced methods to get justice for Ireland than the one we have been prosecuting for the past 38 years…settlement must be the absolute freedom of Ireland’. 6 items
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Eamon de Valera Papers

544  
6 June–31 August 1917  
Personal letters to de Valera from members of the public seeking autographs and interviews; congratulating him on his release from jail; on the Clare election; containing advice on how he should proceed; seeking help in securing jobs; seeking loans of money; commenting on the political situation and offering their services to help ‘the cause’.

Includes letter to W.T. Cosgrave from a J. Swift stating that he is sending Cosgrave some ‘election rhymes’ (3 August 1917, 1p).

49 items

545  
24, 28 February, 12 December 1949  
Documents relating to the Address to the President and Congress of the United States of America, from Irish Republican leaders urging Ireland’s right to independence. Includes:

– covering letter from Proinsias O Fathaigh [Frank Fahy], Dáil Éireann, to de Valera enclosing a photocopy of the address from recently released Irish Republican leaders to President Woodrow Wilson and the United States Congress. States ‘….we ask of the Government of the United States of America, and the Governments of the free peoples of the world, to take immediate measures to inform themselves accurately and on the spot about the extent of liberty or attempted repression which we may encounter.’ Signed by de Valera, Eoin McNeill and twenty-four others including Thomas Hunter, Thomas Ashe, Con Collins, Austin Stack, T. Desmond Fitzgerald and James J. Walsh. (original dated 18 June 1917, 48cm x 34cm);

– typescript copy of same with additional note that the letter to President Wilson was signed on the day of the former prisoners arrival in Ireland, was brought to the United States by Dr. Patrick McCartan, ‘Envoy of the Irish Republic’ and was publicly received at the Capitol by Joseph Tumulty, the President’s Private Secretary (n.d., 2pp);

– typescript note stating that President de Valera thinks the letter was ‘written on board the boat by Eoin McNeill after the Prisoners release. The original was written on a piece of linen cloth and stitched inside a coat and taken to America by Dr. P. MacCartan (sic). It appears in the Green book as one of the exhibits’ (n.d., 1p) (see P150/1024);

– cuttings from The Irish Press on the document and its presentation to the National Museum of Ireland (February 1949, 1p).

5 items

546  
20 June–28 September 1917  
Letters and telegrams to de Valera asking him to speak at or recommend speakers for, various meetings around the country, mostly Sinn Féin gatherings but also public meetings protesting about graves of executed leaders and food restrictions; various feiseanna, céilís and aeridheachta, and different craobhanna of Conradh na Gaedhilge including Craobh Phádraic Mhic Phiarais.

Includes telegram (28 September 1917) to Arthur Griffith concerning de Valera’s attendance at a meeting in Ennis with attached typescript note,
of what de Valera told his Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly—‘I think that this meeting unfortunately caused my not being able to be present at the funeral of Tomás Ashe. I had, however, made the detailed necessary arrangements for it the night before the funeral’ (n.d., 1p).

41 items

[1917] Typescript copy of a letter from Colonel G. O’Callaghan Westropp, Co. Clare, to The Irish Times, 27 June 1917, appealing to The All-For-Ireland Party and representatives of Sinn Féin to nominate representatives to the Irish Convention.

2pp

1917–71 Letters, telegrams and statement concerning de Valera’s selection as a candidate for the East Clare by-election (1917–71, 9 items) and nomination papers of de Valera and Patrick Lynch (1917, 24 items) (Most are damaged/torn in half).

33 items

June, July 1917 Letters to de Valera and reports concerning the organisation of the election campaign and arrangements for polling day.

5 items

July 1917 East-Clare election material including:
– printed handbills and letters to electors in favour of candidate Patrick Lynch (July 1917, 5 items);
– printed handbills, posters and pamphlets in favour of de Valera (originals and 3 copies) (July 1917, 10 items) and
– poems and songs in favour of de Valera (one in Irish) (1917, 6 items).

21 items

[June], July 1917 de Valera’s notes for speeches in the East Clare by-election campaign (n.d., 17pp) and typescript copies of extracts from the Limerick Leader and the Saturday Record on de Valera’s campaign speeches at Bruree and Ennis (originals dated 25, 27, 30 June 1917, 2 items, 2pp & 1p).

19 items

28 June–12 August 1917 Letters to de Valera from the public on his campaign and election as M.P. for East Clare, mostly letters of congratulation on his election.

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| 556  | 1917 | Photographs relating to the 1917 East Clare by-election. Includes:  
- black and white photograph of de Valera and supporters (1917, 14cm x 8cm) and enlarged more recent print of same (22cm x 14cm);  
- black and white photograph of de Valera and cheering supporters (1917, 25cm x 20cm);  
- mounted black and white photograph of de Valera in [Irish Volunteer] uniform with notes on front, ‘Taken in July 10 1917’ and on back, ‘Clare Election 1917’ (July 1917, 20cm x 24 cm including mount; 15cm x 10cm photo only);  
- sepia-toned photograph of de Valera walking down a street in Tulla, Co. Clare (July 1917, 8cm x 10cm). 5 items |
| 557  | [1917]–July 1967 | Miscellaneous documents relating to the 1917 East Clare by-election. Includes:  
- nine stanza poem entitled *East Clare’s M.P.* beg. ‘Another link of the chain is free, One county more bears renown’ (1917, 2pp);  
- notes on results (11 July 1957, 2pp);  
- photocopy of Colonel G. O’Callaghan Westropp’s [former East Clare Unionist candidate] letter to *The Irish Times* on the 1917 East Clare by-election campaign, with special reference to Sinn Féin and de Valera (July 1917, 1p);  
- photocopy of article from *Clare Champion* entitled *Nearly 3000 Votes to Spare: The East Clare Election* (Original dated 8 June 1963, 1p) and  
- extract from *Comhair* (July 1967, pp.6–9) entitled *An Toghchán Ba Thábhachtai Ariamh* by Pádraig Ó Snodhaigh (July 1967, 5pp). 12 items |
1, 20 February 1968  Holograph letter to President de Valera from Daniel McCarthy, newspaper correspondent, Bantry, Co. Cork, recounting a story told by Ralph Keyes of Bantry during a radio broadcast about how petrol from ships torpedoed by German submarines floated onto Whiddy Island was used to help de Valera win the by-election in east Clare in 1917 and seeking de Valera’s reaction to the story. Also includes copy reply from Marie O’Kelly, President de Valera’s Personal Secretary. 2 items, 3pp & 1p

[July 1917]  Photocopy of telegram to ‘Dan McCarthy’ from ‘Kitty’ [Kiernan] reading ‘Heartiest congratulations on our great victory’. 1p

26 July 1917  Letter in Irish to de Valera from Seán T. O’Kelly, Secretary, The Gaelic League, informing him that the ‘Oireachtas’ will start in Waterford on 5 August and he hopes that de Valera and Mrs. de Valera can attend. 1p

18 July 1917–3 May 1968  Documents concerning the 1917 Kilkenny by-election in which W.T. Cosgrave was the Sinn Féin candidate. Includes:
– letters to de Valera from various friends and members of the public about the Kilkenny election campaign (18 July–14 August 1917, 6 items, 2 in Irish);
– black and white photograph of de Valera addressing crowds, with note on back in an unknown hand, ‘Kilkenny Election 1917. Mr. De Valera addressing The Election Meeting on behalf of the Sinn Féin Candidate Mr. Wm. Cosgrave outside the R[ailwa]y Station when The Old Irish Party under John Redmond Got wiped out. John Redmond died in 1918 and John Dillon succeeded him as Chairman of The Irish Party’ (July/August 1917, 25cm x 20cm);
– letters to President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly, from Proinsias O’Caomh[ánach] and Pascal O Scanláin, Private Secretary to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, concerning the identification of two individuals seated next to de Valera in a photograph, probably taken in Callan during Cosgrave’s 1917 election campaign (21 February, 3 May 1968, 4pp). 11 items

16, 23 July; 29 October 1917  Holograph letters to de Valera from Austin Stack inviting de Valera to the County Kerry Volunteer Review and Demonstration in Tralee on 5 August in commemoration of Roger Casement’s death, and letter written from Mountjoy jail suggesting that Cathal Brugha, Eamon Duggan or Michael
Staines be appointed Secretary of Sinn Féin in his place for the duration of his imprisonment.  

Despatch to Comdt. de Valera from Michael Collins, Secretary of the Irish National Aid and Volunteers’ Dependants’ Fund, informing him of a meeting of that association’s Executive to ‘meet the Committee which represented the Prisoners at Lewes, in order to inquire in a general way into any plans the released men may have regarding the future…’. Includes handwritten note commenting on the meeting which took place on 31 July 1917 (n.d., 1p).  

Personal documents dating from 1917 comprising hard cover wallet for ‘County Borough of Dublin Motor Licence’ no. 4413, issued to de Valera, 34 Sráid na Mumhan on 18 October 1912 and renewal licence dated 17 July 1917, valid until 16 July 1918 (1 item) and house painters’ estimate for de Valera for ‘Howbury’ (22 August 1917, 3pp).  

Holograph letter to de Valera from Michael Collins seeking de Valera’s attendance at the ceremony in which the Freedom of the City of Kilkenny is to be conferred upon Countess Markievicz and suggesting a special meeting of the Sinn Féin Executive as ‘a candidate should be chosen that we could all agree to & he will need to be a strong one from the reports of the local men. [Michael] Staines will have a good deal to say to you about this’.  

Typescript copy of ‘Address from Hospital Sinn Féin Club to Commandant de Valera, The Countess Markievicz, and Sean McGarry, on the occasion of their visit in connection with Hospital Aedheacht Sunday August 26th, 1917’. Signed by Seán O’Carroll [Vice-President], P.C. Burke and Tomás Breathnach [Secretary] (26 August 1917, 2pp). Also includes typescript copy of ‘Address of Welcome from Hospital [Sarsfield] Branch Gaelic League to Commandant de Valera, Countess Markievicz, and Sean McGarry on the occasion of their visit to Hospital on Sunday August 26th, 1917’. Signed by eleven members (26 August 1917, 2pp).
Resolutions sent to de Valera passed by Tulla District Council and the Roscrea Board of Guardians calling ‘on the Government to have Indicted and Tried all the accomplices and accessories to the Portobello Murders, Easter 1916…to have Colthurst tried for the Murder of Coade and other crimes…to have justice done to Sir Francis Vane...[and]...to have printed & published forthwith the Evidence taken at the Inquiry by Sir J. Simon’.

2 items, 2pp & 1p

Statements by de Valera, including:
- carbon copy of ‘Extract from Mr. de Valera’s Address at the Sinn Fein Ard Fheis, 1917, on Thursday, October 25, 1917’ (2 versions, 1p each);
- typescript copy “Mr. de Valera’s Address From the ‘Waterford Star’ 12/11/17” (7pp) and postcard depicting de Valera addressing a crowd. With pencil note on back ‘de Valera’s 1st Visit to Waterford Sunday Nov. 18th 1917. Meeting Proclaimed & held at Ballina[neegh...]. Ald(erman) M. Quinlan holding umbrella. Councillor J. Gallagher next to Dev. (8cm x 14cm);
- typescript copy ‘Mr. de Valera’s Address Speech delivered at Mohill (Co. Leitrim) 18/11/17 From the Roscommon Herald’ (n.d., 5pp).

5 items

Carbon copy typescript of extract from The Sunday Independent of 28 October 1917, entitled ‘Plan for the Government of Ireland’ relating to a report suggesting the proposed establishment of a Provisional Government. Also includes extract from The Irish Independent of a statement by the Sinn Féin President in response to The Sunday Independent report.

1p

Printed menu card for dinner at Nevin’s Hotel, Loughrea, ‘Offered on the Occasion of the First Visit to Loughrea of Commandant De Valera, Prof. Eoin McNeill, Capt. Francis Fahy, With Other Friends.’

9cm x 14cm

Handwritten notes on an extract from the minutes of the meeting of The Irish National Aid Special Grants Committee on 5 December 1917, concerning an apparent proposal by Mrs. de Valera to establish an Irish kindergarten. Includes note by Mrs. de Valera refuting the contents of the minutes.

2 items, 1p each
572 1917 Typescript copy of address of welcome by the Sinn Féin Executive of North Mayo to de Valera on his visit to Castlebar. Signed by the five members of the Executive. 1p

573 n.d. [1917?] Carbon copy [article] on Lloyd George’s Convention of Irishmen established to submit proposals to Cabinet for the future government of Ireland within the Empire. ‘Foredoomed to Failure. The Convention was composed of men of very great ability on the Unionist or anti-Home Rule and English side, while every man of capacity for financial adjustment or statescraft on the Nationalist side was rigidly excluded.’ 9pp

574 n.d. Letter to ‘J’ from James J. Walsh in Crumlin Road Prison, Belfast, about his imprisonment, food and business affairs. Includes references to Michael Collins. Also includes a copy, in Walsh’s hand, of ‘the charge sworn by the Cavan (not Louth) Police at the Royal Barracks’ relating to a Sinn Féin meeting held in Ballinagh, Co. Cavan and Walsh’s address to the crowd (n.d., 1p). [J.J. Walsh was later a pro-Treaty T.D. and Postmaster General from 1922] 2 items
10. SINN FÉIN

I. Mainly concerning Ard Fheiseanna, 1917 – 28

1917–71 File on Sinn Féin, 1917, mainly on the Tenth Sinn Féin Ard Fheis in the Mansion House, 25 & 26 October 1917. Includes:

– notes on administrative staff and the vote for President;
– Leaflet No. 1. Official Instructions for the Organisation of Sinn Fein Clubs, National Council of Sinn Fein, 16 May 1917 (2pp);
– holograph letter to de Valera from Padraig Ó Caoimh, Secretary, informing him that he has been co-opted onto the National Council, Sinn Féin (21 July 1917, 1p);
– carbon copy text of ‘Mr. de Valera’s Address at Ard Fheis of Sinn Fein, October 25th, 1917’ (October 1917, 3pp);
– typescript account of proceedings of the Ard Fheis (1917, 59pp);
– admission card to the Ard Fheis made out in the name of de Valera;
– printed ‘Scheme of Organisation, Rules, etc. (To be Proposed by Eamonn De Valera)’ (4pp) and [final version] of ‘Sinn Fein Scheme of Organisation, Rules, etc.’ (4pp);
– holograph text of de Valera’s speech to ‘the first meeting of the Supreme Council of our organisation’ (1917, 11pp);
– holograph letter to [Dorothy Macardle] from Mrs. Áine Ceannt on the composition of the Sinn Féin [Standing Committee] in 1917 (21 November 1935, 4pp);
– copy typescript account by Dr. Thomas Dillon of Galway entitled ‘Arthur Griffith and the Reorganisation of Sinn Fein (1917)’ on the re-organisation of Sinn Féin in Spring 1917; the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis of 25 & 26 October 1917; the Mansion House Committee; and the arrest of prominent Sinn Féiners in the ‘German Plot’ (24 September 1953, 8pp). With typescript note, signed by de Valera commenting on the account (21 March 1963, 1p) and notes by Dillon on de Valera’s comments (8 April 1963, 2pp).
Also includes handwritten note on top of de Valera’s page, ‘For correspondence between Dr. Dillon and Pres. de Valera see Dillon’s file’ (see P150/576). Also includes typescript note on a meeting in Cathal Brugha’s house in Upper Rathmines in October 1917 concerning preparations for the adoption of a new Sinn Féin Constitution at the Ard Fheis later in the month (n.d., 1p);
– typescript ‘Statement by Padraig Ó Caoimh’, General Secretary of Sinn Féin, 1917–22, on the re-organisation of Sinn Féin in 1917 (9 January 1958, 3pp).
February–April 1953; Letter to President de Valera from Dr. Thomas Dillon (15 February 1953, 1p) enclosing copy typescript account by Dr. Dillon entitled ‘Arthur Griffith and the Reorganisation of Sinn Féin (1917)’ on the reorganisation of Sinn Féin in Spring 1917; the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis of 25 & 26 October 1917; the Mansion House Committee; the arrest of prominent members of Sinn Féin in the ‘German Plot’ and Arthur Griffith (24 September 1953, 8pp). With letter and note, signed by de Valera commenting on the account (21 & 22 March 1963, 2 items, 1p each) and notes by Dillon on de Valera’s comments (8 April 1963, 2pp). Also letter to President de Valera from Dr. Dillon (10 February 1964, 1p) enclosing an account of Dillon’s ‘reminiscences dealing with…[his]…connections with the movement from 1916’. Typescript is divided in sections headed ‘Events of 1916–17’; ‘After the Rising’ and ‘The Bye-Elections’ (1964, 27pp).

8 items

20 February– File on the Sinn Féin Ard Chomhairle in
16 October 1919 February and the Ard Fheis in October 1919, consisting of the following printed pamphlets:
– Clar I gcomhar an Seamhadh Cruinniughadh de’n Ard Comhairle 20/2/19 (an taonmhadh Árd Comhairle de’n tarna bliadhain)(3pp);
– Report on Twelfth Annual Ard Fheis. 16 October 1919’ (4pp) and
– Ard-Fheis Sinn Fein, 16 October, 1919. Reports of Offices and Directors’ (4pp).

3 items

1919 Pamphlet The Case of Ireland (Sinn Fein Series, No. 12). Marked with de Valera’s delta sign to indicate his personal copy.

8pp

1920, 21 File on Sinn Féin 1920 and 1921 covering the meeting of the Ard Comhairle held on 23 August 1921 and the Ard Fheis held on 27 & 28 October 1921, administrative work carried on at Sinn Féin Headquarters and the summoning of a meeting of the Ard Comhairle at the Mansion House on 12 January 1922. Includes:
– printed pamphlet ‘General Instructions for County Council District Council and Poor Law Elections 1920. Published by the Sinn Féin Election Department (March 1920, 6pp);
– carbon copy account of the proceedings of the Ard Comhairle meeting held on 23 August 1921 in the Mansion House, Dublin (23 August 1921, 29pp);
– typescript copy of letter to Pádraig Ó Caoimh T.D., General Secretary of Sinn Féin, from Kevin O’Higgins, Assistant Minister for Local Government. ‘Referring to our conversation in the Mansion House in the course of which you raised the question of the relations between the Political Organisation of Sinn Féin and the National Government, with special reference to…[the Department of Local Government]….I promised to send you a note stating
fully our view on this matter. I now do so…Our view is this…” (4 September 1921, 2pp);
– notice headed ‘Belfast and British Boycott’ listing names and addresses of firms in Dublin, Northern Ireland, England and Scotland which ‘are distributing for Belfast and are not to be traded with at present’. Issued by the Belfast Boycott Committee (25 October 1921, 37cm x 51cm);
– Sinn Féin. Clár. An 13adh Ard-Fheis, a bheidh ar siúl sa Seomra Cruinn i dTig an Ard Mhèire, Áth Cliath, Diardaoin, an 27adh Deire Deire Foghmhair, 1921 (October 1921, 16pp);
– names of ‘Officer Board elected at Ard-Fheis, 17 October 1921’ (October 1921, 1p);
– reports of the Honorary Treasurer, Siobhán Bean An Phaoraigh, Honorary Secretaries, Austin Stack and Harry Boland, Director of Organisation, Mrs. Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington, to the Ard Fheis (October 1921, 3 items);
– typescript copy of de Valera’s speech to the Ard Fheis ‘As reported. Delivered at 11pm on Oct 28 1921’ (17pp);
– typescript copy of de Valera’s speech ‘Corrected Version. Speech made by President de Valera on Oct 28, 1921 at 11pm to the delegates at the Close of the Ard Fheis. The Ard Fheis was held in private lest the speeches might prejudice the work of the Delegation’ (October 1921, 12pp);
– typescript ‘extract from President’s Speech as delivered at the Ard Fheis, Oct. 28, 1921’ (1p);
– booklet entitled Rome Behind Sinn Fein (London: Protestant Truth Society). Third edition (October 1921, 64pp);
– list of staff and salaries paid in the Sinn Féin Head Office and summary of expenditure in connection with the Organisation and Communication Departments as of 11 November 1921 (11 November 1921, 2pp);
– accounts relating to Cumainn affiliated on 31 December 1921 in East Clare, East, South and West Down (19 January 1922, 4 items, 1p each);
– typescript note ‘dictated by Chief 19/6/56…There is a letter in the National Library amongst the papers of Máire de Buitléir where Arthur Griffith expressly says that the name Sinn Féin was suggested to him by Máire de Buitléir’ (1956, 1p).     51 items

12 January– File on Sinn Féin, 1922, covering the 12
December 1922 January meeting of the Sinn Féin Ard
Comhairle; the summoning of the Extraordinary
Ard Fheis on 7 February 1922 and postponed to the 21, 22 & 23 February; the
Agreement of February 1922 to avoid a split in the Sinn Féin organisation and
the adjourned Ard Fheis held on 23 May 1922. Includes:
– Sinn Féin. Clár. Árd Comhairle a bheidh ar siúl sa Seomra Cruinn i dTig
an Árd Mhèire, Áth Cliath, Diardaoin, an 12adh Eanair, 1922. Carbon copy,
marked with de Valera’s delta sign (1922, 6pp);
– carbon copy report of the Honorary Secretary to the Sinn Féin Ard
Comhairle (12 January 1922, 8pp);
– carbon copy circulars relating to the summoning of an Extraordinary Ard
Fheis in the Mansion House on 7 February 1922 to ‘authoritatively and
decisively interpret the Constitution of the Organisation with special reference
to the situation created by the Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland, signed in London on the 6th December, 1921, and its approval by Dáil Éireann by sixty-four votes to fifty-seven, so as to decide the policy of the Organisation in view of possible forthcoming elections’ (17 January 1922, 4pp);

– *Sinn Féin. Clár. An Feith-Leith Árd Fheis, a bheidh ar siúl sa Seomra Cruinn i dTig an Árd Mhéire, Áth Cliath, Dia Mairt, an 7adh Feabhra, 1922.* Marked with de Valera’s delta sign (1922, 16pp);

– various prints of pamphlet containing the Constitution and ‘Scheme of Organisation, Rules, Etc.’ of Sinn Féin’. One with handwritten annotation on front page ‘Árd Fheis 1922 Final. H. Boland E.999’ (n.d., 4 items, 8pp each);

– ‘Official Report’ of the proceedings of the Extraordinary Ard Fheis held on 21, 22 & 23 February 1922 (February 1922, 137pp);

– ‘original (Signed) Agreement re Adjournment of Ard Fheis for Three Months and No Elections…’. Agreement signed ‘In order to avoid a division of the Sinn Fein Ard Organisation, to avert the danger to the country of an immediate election, to give an opportunity to the signatories of the London Agreement to draft a Constitution, so that when the people are asked to vote in elections to decide between the Republic and the Saorstat, the Constitution of the latter may be definitely before them’. Two copies, one signed in writing by Michael Collins, de Valera, Arthur Griffith and Austin Stack (22 February 1922, 2 items, 1p each);

– handwritten personal memorandum on ‘Poblacht na h-Éireann’ headed paper, to [?] signed by Arthur Griffith, de Valera and Michael Collins (the latter in his own hand) stating ‘Under the agreement we signed it is understood that no preliminary elections will be held in Ireland during three months. Should any effort be made by Great Britain to force an election during that period—a suggestion I do not agree with—I will, of course, as President of the Dáil move to withhold the sanction of the Dáil from such an election’ (February 1922, 1p);

– correspondence relating to Sinn Fein in Scotland and to the Six County Advisory Committee or ‘North East Advisory Committee’ including minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Committee held in Belfast on 15 March 1922;

– ‘Adjourned Ard-Fheis 23rd May, 1922. Terms of Reference’ (n.d., 3pp);

– correspondence between de Valera and Eamon Donnelly and between de Valera and P.J. Little mainly concerning the Standing Committee meeting called on 26 October following the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis of 25 October 1917 at which the Constitution was adopted (25–31 October 1922, 12 items).

_c.73 items_
January–February 1922  Documents relating to the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis convened in the Rotunda in Dublin on 21 February 1922, following the signing of the Treaty on 6 December 1921. Includes photocopies of extracts from Poblacht na hÉireann on de Valera’s speech at the Ard Fheis; typescript copy of article published in Poblacht na hÉireann on 21 January 1922 prior to the Ard Fheis mainly consisting of the text of de Valera’s speech at the close of the 1921 Sinn Féin Ard Fheis on 28 October with handwritten amendments [by Erskine Childers] and typescript drafts of the agreement submitted by de Valera and Arthur Griffith ‘In order to avoid a division of the Sinn Féin Organisation’, providing that the elections were to be postponed for at least three months so that the Constitution was well as the Treaty should be before the electorate when the election took place.  5 items

January–October 1923  Documents relating to a meeting held in the Mansion House on 11 February on the re-organisation of Sinn Féin, organisation for the August 1923 General Election; the re-organising committee meeting of 4 September; and the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis held on 16 October. Includes:
– typescript [draft] report of meeting held in the Mansion House on 11 February 1923 ‘for the purpose of re-organising the Sinn Féin Organisation (16pp);
– typescript memoranda headed ‘Organisation of Election Staffs’. ‘Revise of note to Committee June 17th’ (13 July 1923, 2pp);
– handwritten memoranda headed ‘Suggestions for Organised Activities of Sinn Féin Cumann’ (18 July 1923, 10pp);
– carbon copy memoranda headed ‘1923. Constituency Electoral Arrangements’ (3pp) and ‘Instructions to Organisers’ (2pp);
– carbon copy ‘List of Candidates Whose Selection Has Been Ratified’ (2pp);
– typescript minutes of meeting of the ‘Re-organising Committee’ held on 4 September 1923, (4pp);
– printed agenda and Resolutions relating to the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis opening in the Mansion House on 16 October 1923. With handwritten annotations (2 items, 8pp each);
– printed pamphlet entitled Message from Acting President Padraig Ó Ruitleis to the Árd-Fheis Sinn Féin. 16adh D. Fóghmhair, 1923 (sic) (October 1923, 11pp);
– typescript account of proceedings of the 1923 Ard Fheis (112pp).  c.26 items
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583 28 January– File on Sinn Féin, 1924 including:
4 November 1924 – minutes of the meetings of the Sinn Féin Standing Committee on 28 January, 11
February, 10 March, 13 March, 12 May & 30 June 1924 and minutes of the meeting of the ‘Executive Committee’ on 30 July 1924, forwarded by Honorary Secretary George Daly to Acting President P.J. Ruttledge;
– documents relating to the meeting of the Sinn Féin Ard Comhairle in the Mansion House on 2 June 1924, including reports of the Director of Local Government Seán T. O’Kelly (31 May 1924, 2pp), the Director of Organisation (2 June 1924, 4pp) and the Honorary Secretary’s report (2 June 1924, 2pp), and to a meeting in 110 St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin on 2 September 1924, including reports of the Honorary Secretaries George Daly and Austin Stack (2 September 1924, 2pp), the Director of Organisation Eamon Donnolly (1 September 1924, 1p), the Director of Publicity and Assistant Director of Education Mary MacSwiney (n.d., 2pp), the Director of Employment Eamon de Burca (2 September 1924, 2pp) and the Director of Economic Affairs and Local Government Art O’Connor (2 September 1924, 2pp);
– documents relating to the November 1924 Ard Fheis including holograph draft of de Valera’s speech to the Ard Fheis signed by himself (26 October 1924, 6pp), typescript text of speech (26 October 1924, 3pp), typescript text headed ‘Notes for President’s Address to Ard Fheis, Nov. 4th, 1924’ (26 October 1924, 3pp & 2pp) [de Valera was in Belfast jail at the time. This was written beforehand]; printed pamphlet Sinn Féin. Clár Ard Fheis (1924, 15pp) and carbon copy of reports to the Ard Fheis by the various Directors.
28 items

584 March–November 1925 File on Sinn Féin, 1925 including letters relating to the establishment of a Day of National Commemoration with correspondence with Austin Stack, George Daly and Maud Gonne MacBride; report for de Valera on the activities of the Department of Economic Affairs (15 April 1925, 4pp); documents relating to a special meeting of the Standing Committee on 4 May 1925 including the agenda, but not the minutes of the meeting; carbon copy Sinn Féin Notes no. 35, week ending 23 May 1925, issued by the Sinn Féin Publicity Department (2pp); documents relating to a meeting of the Sinn Féin Ard Chomhairle on 7 July 1925 in Limerick Town Hall including the agenda and officers reports; drafts of report of the Sub-Committee on Organisation concerning organisation in Scotland (n.d., 2 items, 9pp & 8pp); documents concerning the Ard Fheis initially planned to open on 13 October and postponed until 17 November 1925, including officers reports and Sinn Féin. Clár. Árd-Fheis, 1925, a bheidh ar siúl i Halla an Bháile, Rath Ó Máine, Aith Cliath, Dia Máirt an 13adh Deire Foghmhair, 1925 (28pp); reports and de Valera’s statement on the ‘Cahirciveen Resolution’ and circulars on the summoning of the Annual Ard Chomhairle on 12 January 1926.
33 items
November 1925 Carbon copy text of an article for publication in a newspaper, concerning the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis of November 1925. Concentrates on the ‘Caherciveen resolution’ because of ‘its importance in emphasizing a continuation of Republican policy and the possible implication resulting therefrom’. Also refers to the Army Convention and the Army’s decision to revert to its own Constitution. Incomplete. 2pp

[November 1925], File on Sinn Féin, 1926 mainly consisting of January–October 1926 documents relating to the extraordinary meeting of the Ard Fheis on 9 March 1926, at which de Valera resigned from the Presidency of the Sinn Féin organisation, the subsequent division which took place within the organisation over the question of whether Republican T.D.s could enter the Dáil if the Oath of Allegiance was removed, and the Ard Fheis on 30 & 31 October 1926. Includes letters to de Valera in support [from Chief of Staff Frank Aiken] or opposition [Sighle Humphries and Fiona Plunkett of Cumann na mBan] to his policy, and letters from supporters, including Rev. Robert O’Reilly, Castletown Bere, Cork; Gobnait Ní Bhruadair, Killarney, Co. Kerry; Dan Breen and Fr. Myles Allman, Ballinskelligs, Co. Kerry, assessing the attitude of people around the country to de Valera’s proposals. Also includes:
– lists of officers and members of the Standing Committee in 1926 (1926, 2 items, 1p each);
– carbon copy report of the proceedings of a meeting of the Sinn Féin Ard Comhairle held on 12 January 1926 (January 1926, 2pp);
– draft and final text of a statement by de Valera with ‘reference to the newspaper comments on the calling of an extraordinary Ard Fheis for March 9th by the Sinn Féin organisation’ on the question of Republican deputies entering the ‘Free State Parliament’ (14 & 15 January 1926, 2 items, 1p each);
– carbon copy statement of proceedings of the Ard Fheis (10 March 1926, 2pp) and portion of same in hand of Mary MacSwiney (1p);
– carbon copy text of de Valera’s speech tendering his resignation as President of the Sinn Féin organisation (March 1926, 5pp);
– carbon copy headed ‘Extraordinary Ard Fheis March 9th, 1926. The President’s Resolutions’ (March 1926, 1p);
– pamphlet Sinn Féin. Clár. Árd-Fheis, tar ceann a bheidh ar siúl sa Rotunda, Ath Cliath, Dia Máirt an 9adh lá de Mhárta, 1926 (1926, 10pp);
– typescript copies of Sinn Féin and newspaper reports on de Valera’s resignation and texts of cablegrams sent to various U.K. and American newsagencies (10–12 March 1926, 5 items, 1p each);
– letter sent to de Valera from Sinn Féin Honorary Secretaries Austin Stack and Daithí Ó Donnchadha informing him of the Ard Chomhairle’s unanimous passing of the resolution on 22 May calling for the resignation of “all Teachta Dála who are prepared to accept the new policy of entering either of the foreign controlled partition ‘Parliaments’, if the oath of ‘allegiance’ is removed”. With handwritten annotation on top of page ‘Received 5.15pm by
hand per Joe Clarke. Chief’s reply (after put in press) appeared publicly in all papers morning of May 27th’ (26 May 1926, 1p);
See also P150/1948 for file on Comhairle na dTeachtaí, 1926 and P150/1752 for communications between de Valera and Chief of Staff Frank Aiken for 1923 and 1924

Sinn Féin Standing Committee minute books

587  11 June–19 July 1923  33pp
588  24 July 1923–13 March 1924  97pp
589  24 March 1924–15 January 1925  216pp
590  19 January–12 November 1925  193pp
591  23 November 1925–19 November 1926  146pp
592  26 November 1926–23 October 1928  167pp

593  n.d.  Dissociated undated or incomplete Sinn Féin documents [from the 1920s].  10 items

594  n.d.  Printed British report entitled Sinn Fein and The Irish Volunteers containing a short history of Sinn Féin and the following appendices:
II. Sinn Féin Funds case, 1948

March 1937–December 1962

Documents relating to the ‘Sinn Féin Funds Case’. ‘The fund represents £8,610 odd lodged in Court on February 4, 1924, by the late Mr. Eamonn Duggan and the late Mrs. Jennie Wyse-Power under the Trustee Act, 1893, for the Sinn Fein organisation, of which they were honorary treasurers. The money, with accretions to it, has remained in Court ever since. The action is brought by Mrs. Buckley and the others on behalf of the members of the Sinn Fein organisation, established in 1905 and reconstituted in 1917, claiming a declaration that the money constitutes part of the funds and property of the organisation of which they are members. It is taken against the Attorney-General as representing the people and Government of Ireland, and against Circuit Court Judge Wyse-Power as personal representative of his mother, the late Mrs. Wyse-Power. Both the Attorney-General and Judge Wyse-Power deny that the organisation represented by Mrs. Buckley and the others is the organisation in respect of which the money was lodged in Court, and say that they are not entitled to the fund for that organisation’ (25 March 1948)

Includes:
- letters to the Editor of The Irish Press on ‘the funds of the Sinn Féin organisation, of which Mrs. Wyse Power and the late Eamonn Duggan were honorary treasurers from 1917 until 1923’ (March & June 1937, 3 items);
- copies of relevant documents (originals dated 16 January 1922 & n.d., 2 items, 1p each);
- correspondence concerning the drawing up of a memorandum and its subsequent revision, by P.S. Murray, Clontarf, Dublin, on the Sinn Fein Funds Act, 1947 ‘An Act to make provision in relation to certain moneys lodged in the High Court and in the Provincial Bank of Ireland Ltd., by the late Treasurers of the Sinn Féin Organisation’ (6 March 1958–5 April 1962, 5 items);
- folder labelled ‘Sinn Féin Funds Bill, 1947. Brief for Taoiseach’ (8 items) containing relevant briefing documents for de Valera including his annotated copy of the Bill (No. 5 of 1947) (6pp); Sinn Féin Constitution (8pp); ‘Brief for Taoiseach’ including ‘Chronological Record of Developments’ between 27 October 1921 and 7 March 1947, relating to the Sinn Féin Funds (8 March 1947, 9pp & 3pp) and ‘Brief, For the Taoiseach, for First Reading of Bill’ (8 March 1947, 2pp);
- list of the dates of the passing of the various stages of the Sinn Féin Funds Bill through the Houses of the Oireachtas between March and May 1947 (1p) and copies of Official Reports of Parliamentary Debates as follows: Dáil Éireann:
  • Sinn Féin Funds Bill, 1947: First Stage Vol. 104, No. 13 (11 March 1947);
  • Sinn Féin Funds Bill, 1947: Second Stage Vol. 104, No. 17 (19 March 1947);
  • Sinn Féin Funds Bill, 1947: Second Stage (resumed) Vol. 104, No. 18 (20 March 1947);
595 contd.  
- Sinn Féin Funds Bill, 1947: Committee Stage Vol. 105, No. 5 (16 April 1947);
- Sinn Féin Funds Bill, 1947: Committee Stage (resumed) Vol. 105, No. 10 (24 April 1947);
- Sinn Féin Funds Bill, 1947: Committee (resumed) Vol. 105, No. 11 (25 April 1947);
- Sinn Féin Funds Bill, 1947: Committee (resumed) Vol. 105, No. 12 (29 April 1947);
- Sinn Féin Funds Bill, 1947: Committee (resumed) and Report Stages Vol. 105, No. 14 (1 May 1947);
- Sinn Féin Funds Bill, 1947: Fifth Stage Vol. 105, No. 16 (6 May 1947);
- Seanad Éireann: Sinn Féin Funds Bill: Second Stage Vol. 33, No. 18 (13 May 1947);
- Sinn Féin Funds Bill, 1947: Committee and final Stages Vol. 33, No. 19 (21 May 1947);
  - copy of Irish Republican Bulletin (Vol. 5, No. 4) (New York) with a lead article entitled ‘The Sinn Fein Funds’ (July 1947, 8pp);
  - cuttings from The Irish Press on the Supreme Court hearing of an appeal by the Attorney-General against the refusal of Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy, President of the High Court, to dismiss the action claiming over £20,000 in court as the property of the Sinn Féin organisation, following the recent legislation by the Oireachtas (11–26 June 1947, 6 items);
  - correspondence between Captain Peadar Cowan, Solicitor and de Valera, or his Secretary, concerning the question of de Valera’s appearance as a witness in the case for the Plaintiffs ‘in the action of Buckley & Ors. v. the Attorney General & Ors.’ (8–16 April 1948, 4 items);
  - transcript of evidence of Eamon de Valera on 20 April 1947 in the case of ‘Buckley & ors v. the A[ttorney] G[eneral] & anor Heard Before His Lordship, Mr. Justice Kingsmill Moore the 20th and 21st April, 1948’ in the High Court (2 items, 28pp & 51pp);
  - transcript of High Court evidence of Padraig Ó Caoimh on 30 April, 4, 6 & 7 May 1948 (4 items, 28pp, 34pp, 12pp & 7pp);
  - corrected copy of ‘Judgement of the Hon. Mr. Justice Kingsmill Moore delivered on the 26th day of October 1948’ in the High Court of Justice (Margaret Buckley v The Attorney General and Charles Wyse Power) (55pp);
  - cuttings from The Irish Press on the case (19 March–27 October 1948, 24 items). ‘Judgement was given by Mr. Justice Kingsmill Moore in the High Court, Dublin, dismissing the claim of Mrs. Margaret Buckley, President, and other members of the existing Sinn Féin organisation which had been lodged in Court by the Trustees in 1924’ (27 October 1948);
  - notebook containing ‘E de Valera’s manuscript notes on reading evidence re Sinn Féin Funds’ (1948, 16pp) and
  - typescript copy of statement by ‘Patrick O’Keefe’ (Padraig Ó Caoimh), General Secretary of Sinn Féin from 1917 to 10 July 1922’ (n.d., 5pp).

See also P150/2681 & 2681a  c.80 items
## 11. BY-ELECTIONS AND ANTI-CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN,

### January–March 1918

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602 February–December 1918  Personal items belonging to de Valera.  
Includes:  
– his Dublin and Southern Railway second class season ticket for travel  
   between Harcourt Street and Greystones or Westland Row and Greystones.  
   Valid from 19 February–18 May 1918 (1918, 1 item);  
– Dublin and Southern Railway season ticket for one bicycle accompanied by  
   passenger for travel between Greystones and Dublin. Valid from 11–18 May  
   1918 (1918, 1 item);  
– Christmas cards from William O’Brien, President of the Irish Trades’ Union  
   Congress; Siobhán Bean an Phaoraigh and D.T. [Dwane/Devane] (1918, 3  
   items).  
5 items

603 1918 Typescript text of interview with de Valera on  
the Irish situation published on 15 May 1918 in  
The Christian Science Monitor.  
12pp

604 April 1918–May 1966  Documents relating to the Anti-Conscription  
Campaign and the Mansion House Conference  
on the Conscription Crisis, called by Lord Mayor Laurence O’Neill. Includes:  
– booklet by de Valera entitled Ireland’s Case Against Conscription (Dublin  
   and London: Maunsell & Co. Ltd.) (1918, 48pp). Signed by de Valera,  
   Christmas 1926. Also includes edited typescript of same, with changes in de  
   Valera’s hand, but with heading ‘Anti-Conscription Speech 1918’ (1918,  
   17pp) and extract on the booklet from The Sunday Press (26 July 1959, 1p);  
– holograph notes by de Valera for speeches, with the note on back of first  
   page, ‘Draft appeal? Date? 1918?’ (19[18], 8pp);  
– photocopy of the Declaration made by the Anti-Conscription Conference  
   (issued by the National Library of Ireland in October 1963) (35cm x 46cm)  
   and typescript page of text of Declaration (2 items, 1p each);  
– handbill ‘To The Irish People’ opposing Conscription (1918, 18cm x 25cm);  
– copybook of press cuttings labelled ‘Protestant Protest against conscription  
   Press cuttings April 18 to May 18 1918’. With name ‘Nelly O’Brien 11 Hume  
   Street Dublin’ on cover of copybook (18 April–18 May 1918, 33pp);  
– typescript extracts from the Irish Independent, Friday 19th April 1918, on  
   the Irish Catholic Bishops’ meeting in Maynooth and the Mansion House  
   Conference (29 October 1959, 1p);  
– ‘Ireland’s Solemn League and Covenant. A National Pledge’ to resist  
   Conscription. Example of a pledge form signed by William Kelly,  
   Archbishop’s Lodge, Drumcondra, Dublin (21 April 1918, 23cm x 29cm);  
– typescript copy of letter addressed to ‘Your Excellency’ appealing for  
   American help against conscription and oppression in Ireland (includes  
   notations on second page by de Valera) (n.d., 2pp);
604 contd. – booklet *The Case for Ireland Re-stated, To The President of the United States of America. With Explanatory Historical Points* (Dublin: Wilson Hartnell & Co.). With Dorothy Macardle’s name on front cover (19[20], 36pp).

18 items

605 n.d. & 1969 Photographs of Lord Mayor of Dublin Laurence O’Neill. Includes note from Fr. Finian, C.P. [Passionist Father, Mount Argus, Dublin] to President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly, enclosing a postcard reproduction of a photograph (n.d., 13cm x 8cm) and reply from Miss O’Kelly identifying the three men in the photograph as Arthur Griffith, Lord Mayor of Dublin Laurence O’Neill and de Valera. ‘It is thought that the picture was taken in the grounds of the Mansion House’.

Also mounted black and white photograph of de Valera, Mrs. de Valera, Laurence O’Neill and [Mrs. O’Neill], with pencilled note on reverse ‘Larry O’Neill. Photo taken at Portmarnock when he had retired’ (1920s, 30cm x 25cm including mount, 15cm x 20cm excluding mount).

*See also P150/636 for photo of Arthur Griffith, Eamonn De Valera, Lord Mayor Laurence O’Neill and Michael Collins, 1919.*

4 items

606 11, 18 June 1918 Copy covering letter from Laurence O’Neill, Lord Mayor of Dublin, to the American Ambassador in London enclosing an address to the President of the United States of America from a ‘Conference of Irishmen assembled in Dublin’.


Two copies–one on parchment with holograph note by de Valera on cover ‘Ireland’s Case Against Conscription (No Dáil at this time)’, and signed by O’Neill and a printed copy (10pp each).

3 items

607 1922–52 Documents concerning the disposal of the balance of the Anti-Conscription Fund including correspondence between de Valera as Chancellor of the National University of Ireland, John Dillon, James H. Delargy, Fr. Timothy Corcoran S.J., Professor of Theory and Practice of Education, University College Dublin, and Lord Mayor of Dublin Laurence O’Neill, concerning proposals for the disposal of the fund [It was decided by the Mansion House Conference that the balance of the Anti-Conscription Fund was to be devoted to such
contd. purpose as John Dillon and de Valera might agree upon]; copy agreement between de Valera, John Dillon, Dennis J. Coffey, President of University College Dublin, Laurence O’Neill and Douglas Hyde, Dean of the Faculty of Celtic Studies, U.C.D., establishing a National University of Ireland Scholarship for the encouragement of the study of Irish language, literature and history – ‘The Mansion House Conference Scholarship’ – and appointing Trustees of the Fund (original dated 1923, 6pp) and copy of deed appointing new Trustees (original dated 26 March 1952, 4pp).

24 items

n.d. List of persons who can give information about the ‘Plan for execution of members of the British Cabinet and of other persons in London hostile to Ireland 1918 in event of enforcement of conscription’ and the ‘Plan to ‘blow up’ House of Parliament, London, end Dec. 1920–not followed up; was revived during 1921 negotiations in London to be put into effect in event of breakdown in negotiations’.

See also P150/648

1p

13 March 1964 Typescript note dictated by de Valera headed ‘Volunteer Executive’ commenting on a portion of the statement [to the Bureau of Military History?] submitted by Dick Walsh ‘a member of the Volunteer Executive back in 1918’ in which Walsh claims that during a meeting of the Volunteer Executive during the Anti-Conscription crisis in Ireland in March and April 1918, a document was signed by each member of the Executive authorising a plan to execute all the members of the British Cabinet if conscription were introduced into Ireland. De Valera has no recollection of the meeting or the document referred to.

2 items, 1p & 2pp


2pp
12. LINCOLN JAIL, 1918 – 19

Escape, recollections and return visit in 1950

611    n.d.    Holograph notes in Irish by de Valera on the course of events from his arrest while coming out of the train station on Friday 17th May 1918 to the prisoners arrival in Lincoln jail. Also includes typescript copy of note.

2 items, 1p each

612    1918–66    Documents relating to de Valera’s time in prison from May 1918 following his arrest during the ‘German Plot’. Includes:
– typescript copy of a British report on ‘Edward De Valera’ consisting of a short biography of de Valera (n.d., 1p);
– correspondence between Lord Mayor of Dublin Laurence O’Neill and de Valera in jail relating to the ‘Addresses to President Woodrow Wilson’ sent by Republican leaders through the American Ambassador in London concerning the anti-conscription campaign, with de Valera’s replies and notes written by him on back of the pages (13 June, 3 August–30 October 1918, 4 items);
– documents relating to postal censorship i.e. concerning articles sent to de Valera by his wife, which were confiscated (August 1918, 4 items, 1p each);
– programme to accompany a ‘Gala Performance In Honour of President de Valera’s birthday, of Paula. The Linking Girl, a Grand Opera in Three Acts’ by P. Dawson Cusack. Produced by The Lincoln Griny Opera Co. Programme by Seán Milroy was printed at The Insect Colour Print Works c[ell]2.15 Lincoln Jail. Signed by fifteen individuals including Seán Milroy (October 1918, 17cm x 23 cm);
– original example of a menu for Christmas day 1918 from the ‘Royal Hotel Lincoln’ on blue prison paper. Signed by de Valera and sixteen other prisoners. Includes pencil sketch on back page [Seán] ‘McGarry as Garcon Xmas Day in Lincoln Jail’. Menu given to de Valera by Lieutenant-Colonel W.E. Rogers who was stationed in Dublin during 1921-22 when he collected a number of documents relating to Lincoln jail (December 1918, 11cm x 13cm);
– de Valera’s original personal copy of the Lincoln Menu. Signed by him and sixteen others (December 1918, 11cm x 14cm).

21 items
613  [1918], April 1949  Holograph letter (21 April 1949, 2pp) to de Valera from Jim Close, Wales enclosing black and white photographs of signatures, with holograph note by de Valera on back of one stating “These signatures were obtained by ‘Jim Close’ Lieutenant in British Army & in charge of the Prisoners Guard from us on train as we were taken to English Prison at time of ‘German Plot’—May 1918” (original dated 1918, 4 items, 10cm x 16cm). Also acknowledgement of receipt by de Valera’s Secretary (30 April 1949, 1p).

6 items

614  1918–19  Tin knife found in envelope labelled ‘Knife used in Lincoln 1918/1919 and later smuggled out’. Knife found wrapped in tissue paper with ‘T. Talty 15 Belmont Avenue Donnybrook’ written on it [Miss Kathleen Talty played a part in hiding de Valera after he escaped—see her account in P150/620].

2 items, 18cm x 3cm

615  December 1918  Original documents relating to the escape. – [January] 1919  Includes:

– coloured Christmas card showing Seán McGarry with life-size key in hand and captions ‘Xmas 1917 can’t get in’ and ‘Xmas 1918 can’t get out’. Contains directions and comments in English and Irish in [3] different hands including de Valera’s [directions in Irish about sending a key and files and other measures and precautions for an escape], Michael Collins and [Seán McGarry] (December 1918, 4pp, 11cm x 17cm);
– holograph notes by de Valera on code words to be used and addresses (n.d., 5pp, 7cm x 13cm);
– notes initialled by ‘M.C.’ [Michael Collins] on the route from Lincoln to Manchester and arrangements for the journey (30 January 1919, 3pp);
– pencil sketches of streets in Lincoln (1919, 2pp, 20cm x 13cm);
– correspondence between Seán O’Mahony, Fr. Kavanagh, Seán McGarry and his wife about organising the escape and obtaining keys and files by smuggling them into the jail in cakes. In English and Irish with some Latin passages. Also includes typescript copy of each letter (24 December 1918–24 January 1919, 12 items);
– correspondence between ‘Seán’ and ‘Micheál’ [de Valera and Harry Boland] following the safe arrival of the final set of files and keys; setting the date for the escape, organising communications between the inmates and those outside the jail and establishing codewords. Some letters in Irish. Also includes typescript copy of each letter (n.d., 14 items).

30 items
616  4 February 1919  Advertising poster displaying the *Evening News* headline—‘de Valera Escapes From Gaol’—for 4 February 1919.  
51cm x 75cm

617  March 1919  Documents relating to the reception to be given for de Valera at Mount Street Bridge at which he was to receive the keys of the city from the Lord Mayor following his escape from Lincoln jail. The meeting was proclaimed by the authorities. Includes:  
– typescript copy of letter from P.S. O’Hegarty to Harry Boland suggesting a course of action following the proclamation of the reception (original dated 25 March 1919, 2pp). Also includes handwritten draft notice (n.d., 3pp);  
– draft holograph letters from de Valera to the Lord Mayor (March 1919, 18pp) concerning the occasion. Includes later typescript explanatory note by de Valera stating ‘this…note was written by me when I was told that I was to be met at Mount Street Bridge…on…my return and given the keys of the City by the Lord Mayor. This was before the meeting was definitely (sic) proclaimed by the British, and I …then…considered that the occasion would not justify the shedding of blood’ (n.d., 1p).  
14 items

618  23 February 1936  Page from the *Boston Sunday Post. Color Feature Section* with article headlined ‘de Valera’s Escape – For the First Time the Daring Plot That Broke Irish Free State’s President From Lincoln Jail Is Revealed’.  
1p

619  22 January 1963– 23 March 1970  Letters to President de Valera containing recollections of relatives of those who helped in the breakout from Lincoln jail and subsequent getaway. Includes correspondence between President de Valera’s Personal Secretary and Fr. Charles O’Mahony, concerning the role his uncle Fr. Charles O’Mahony and Paddy O’Donoghue played in helping de Valera escape.  
15 items
n.d.–[29 September 1964] Various accounts of the escape from Lincoln jail by de Valera and other participants in the escape plan. Includes:

– holograph notes by de Valera entitled ‘Story of Lincoln Escape’ (n.d., 7pp);
– typescript account by de Valera of the escape. With handwritten corrections (n.d., 8pp);
– typescript notes by de Valera on his movements after escaping from the jail (n.d., 3pp);
– holograph notes by de Valera on cakes and keys, referring to the various accounts of the escape (n.d., 1p);
– covering letter from Fintan Murphy to ‘Liam’ [McMahon] (17 April 1946, 1p) enclosing ‘Escape of de Valera and others from Lincoln Jail in February, 1919’ being ‘draft notes by Fintan Murphy’ (n.d., 14pp);
– Statement of Liam McMahon. Sweetmount House, Dundrum, Co. Dublin [to the Bureau of Military History] describing the part he played in the escape and his role in the later escape of Austin Stack, Piaras Beasley, D.P. Walsh, Seán Doran, Con Connolly and Paddy McCarthy from Strangeways jail in Manchester. Signed by McMahon and witnessed by Seán Brennan [later Colonel and President de Valera’s Aide-de-Camp in 1970s] (7 July 1949, 26pp);
– typescript account of the escape which appears to be based on an undated narrative by Harry Boland (6pp);
– ‘Mr. de Valera’s Escape from Lincoln’ by Kathleen Talty, describing her role in the escape [her sister was Mrs. Liam McMahon, who baked the cake in which the key and files were hidden]. Signed by the author (1958, 3pp). Also includes associated correspondence between Ms. Talty and President de Valera’s Personal Secretary (21 March–14 May 1958, 3 items);
– copy of edited text of a radio interview with Frank Kelly by Noel Hartnett on the escape (n.d., 10pp); newspaper article reporting on the interview (n.d., 1p) and typescript entitled ‘Escape of Eamon de Valera from Lincoln Gaol’ by Frank Kelly (n.d., 7pp);
– holograph letter to de Valera from Gerry Boland, Seanad Éireann [Harry’s brother], describing his role in the escape (n.d., 2pp);
– ‘Escape from Lincoln Jail’ text of a teleplay by Howard Koch (n.d., 35pp) and correspondence and newspaper cuttings relating to the teleplay (20 July–29 September 1964, 11 items).

1960–77 Newspaper articles and magazine article, mostly from the 1960s, on de Valera’s escape from Lincoln jail in February 1919. Includes proofs of one article from The Sunday Press corrected by de Valera. 13 items
622 1950–57  File, mostly newspaper cuttings reporting on de Valera’s October 1950 visit to Lincoln to speak at a public meeting organised by the Anti-Partition League, during which he paid a visit to Lincoln jail. Also includes:
15 items

623 1950  12 black and white prints given to de Valera by *The Sunday Telegraph* of his visit to Lincoln jail in 1950. Includes photos of de Valera arriving and ringing the bell of the front door with Fenner Brockway, M.P.; de Valera talking with reporters outside the jail and walking on the grounds beside the jail wall [the wall was not there in 1919].
21cm x 16cm

624 n.d.  2 black and white prints of the wax impression and the actual key held in President de Valera’s hand taken at the time of the publication of an article by L. MacGabhann in *The Sunday Press*.
21cm x 16cm

625 n.d.; 1917  Lists of by-election results from 9 May 1917 to 21 June 1918 for South Longford; East Clare; Kilkenny; South Armagh; Waterford; East Tyrone; Offaly and East Cavan. Also overall results of General Election of 14 December 1918 (n.d., 2 items, 1p each). Also includes extract from the *Catholic Bulletin* (pp.146–151) containing an article by Rev. M[ichael] O’Flanagan on the Roscommon by-election, (March 1917, 6pp).
3 items

626 22 August 1918–27 March 1966  Documents relating to de Valera’s participation in the General Election of December 1918. Includes:
– documents on de Valera’s selection as a candidate for the constituencies of South Down, East Clare and Belfast (25 October–2 November 1918, 3 items);
– newspaper cuttings relating to the General Election (1918, 27 March 1966, 3 items);
– newspaper cuttings relating to de Valera and President Woodrow Wilson’s copy of a letter from James O’Mara, Sinn Féin Director of Elections, to Joseph Tumulty, Private Secretary to President Wilson, informing him of the
626 contd. results of the General Election. With signature of Seán T. O’Kelly on letter (9 December 1918, 1p);
– ‘Declaration of Daniel H. McParland, Election Agent to Edward de Valera’ concerning the return of election expenses in the East Clare Division. Original copy (torn in half) signed and dated (6 January 1919, 1p). Also photocopy of the original;
– pencil and stamp used at Ballaghaderreen booth by M.T. Sharkey, Personating Agent for de Valera (December 1918, 2 items);
– Director’s copy of the Register of Electors, October 1918, for the East Mayo Division, Kiltimagh Parliamentary Polling District. With markings against individuals’ names, ‘For’; ‘Against’; ‘Dead’; ‘Away’; ‘None’ and ‘In England’ (October 1918, 16pp).   16 items

Also includes covering letter to Marie O’Kelly, President de Valera’s Personal Secretary, from Mrs. Arthur E. Cunningham, Secretary, Massachusetts Chapter, Irish Georgian Society & Financial Secretary, Éire Society of Boston, seeking copies of the pamphlet (n.d., 1p).   2 items

628 December 1918 Booklet entitled An All-For-Ireland Memento. Christmas 1918 containing an address to the people of Cork from William O’Brien, M.P., Maurice Healy, Eugene Crean and John Walsh. 22pp
13. GENERAL IRISH AFFAIRS, 1919 - 23

1. 1919–20

629  15 November 1960, 3 February 19[7]2 Typescript recollections by de Valera on the period following his escape from Lincoln jail in February 1919 to June of that year. Refers to staying in Cathal Brugha’s house in Dublin with Michael Collins, the preparation of the ‘Case’ to be presented to the Peace Conference in Paris, his desire to go to the U.S.A. as he could not appear in public in Ireland without being arrested – “I felt that my escape would give the necessary publicity to enable Ireland’s ‘Case’ to be brought forcibly to the attention of the American people” – arrangements made for going to the U.S.A., his drawing up of the Constitution for the Self Determination League in England in March 1919 and his return to Ireland following the general amnesty for prisoners. Also refers to the proclamation of the reception planned for de Valera’s arrival in Dublin as Head of State, by the British government. 2 items, 2pp & 1p

630  c.March 1919 Typescript copy of speech by de Valera ‘To the Irish in England’ beginning ‘Men and women of the Irish Race–The land of your forefathers is still in bondage’. ‘You see around you today, everywhere, subject nations achieving their freedom…Self-determination, understood in the only way it has a practical meaning, is the one basis on which the Governments of nations can rest now…It is the very definition of liberty…League yourselves together so that, flung world-wide though we are, we may all act together in co-operative unison. Begin today here in the very heart of the Power that is your country’s only enemy…Irishmen and Irish women at home are doing their duty nobly though they suffer. Children of the Irish race in England, unite and assist them!’. With holograph note by de Valera ‘written about Patrick’s Day 1919’. 2pp

631  21, 22 March 1919 Letters to de Valera from Limerick Town Clerk W. M. Nolan and Mayor Stephen O’Mara inviting de Valera to make arrangements to visit the city to be conferred with the freedom of the City of Limerick. “The Limerick Corporation at the time of the ‘German Plot’ voted the Freedom of the City to you as President of the Sinn Féin Organization”. 2 items, 1p each
632 24 March 1919 Typescript letter to de Valera from ‘Scotus’ [possibly Rev. Dr. Michael Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe and one of the Trustees of the Dáil Éireann funds] on the news in Rome–‘we have the sympathy of many who count both in church and state. This is particularly true of churchmen in the higher walks; but naturally under existing circumstances we neither expect nor desire active support—it is quite sufficient for us that no adverse influences be allowed to lead to a hostile attitude. Even the Civiltà Cattolica, a well known Jesuit organ here, which has always been active against us, is now silent. That is not much indeed, but it is something to the good…Fr. C. led me to believe that a certain literary work on which you and he were labouring for come time was nearly ready. I am eagerly awaiting a copy…We are all watching the antics of Wilson with close attention. For some time after the close of hostilities, Americans here would not hear of any doubt being cast on him…and that he was not to be questioned no matter what he did. I rather gather that recent happenings during his visit to the States have tended to change their outlook. At all events we see that they are less ready to swear by his impeccability. My chief, who often hears from Shane Leslie, had a letter recently from that gentleman in which W. was more or less painted as unable to carry through his pet League owing to Irish opposition and particularly owing to the rude way in which he behaved towards the delegates from the Philadelphia meeting…The heads of the American College here are most sympathetic, as is Fr. Macksey S.J…’. 1p

633 25 March–14 April 1919 Letters to de Valera from Nora Elkington, 41 Westminster Mansions, London, and letter to Miss Elkington from William Sutherland, 10 Downing Street. London, concerning her effort to promote a peace settlement between Britain and Ireland. 4 items

634 March 1919 Copy holograph letter from de Valera to George Lansbury [Editor/Owner of the] Daily Herald on the establishment of the paper, hailing ‘the advent of what promises to be an honest paper’ and stating ‘An honest paper press has a big mission in England. May the Daily Herald prove equal to it.’ 1p

635 2 April 1919 Article from the Daily Herald entitled Sinn Fein By Eamon de Valera (the Sinn Fein President) being ‘Mr. De Valera’s first pronouncement since his escape from prison’ on Ireland’s right to independence. 1p
636  1919  Black and white photograph with handwritten caption on reverse, “A Group of Irish Leaders “Wanted by the British Government”. From left to right: Arthur Griffith, Eamon De Valera, Lord Mayor Laurence O’Neill and Michael Collins. Watching an All-Ireland Hurling final at Croke Park, Dublin, 1920’ (sic) (21cm x 16cm) © RTÉ Stills Library. A similar photograph taken on the same day and published in the Daily Sketch which is also in the folder, states the photograph was taken at an All-Ireland Football Final between Wexford and Tipperary in April 1919 (8 April 1919, 1p). [De Valera was in the U.S.A. in 1920].  2 items

637  7 May 1919  Holograph letter to Richard Mulcahy from Fr. Michael Curran [one of Rev. Dr. William J. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin’s Senior Secretaries]. ‘Although his Grace has much improved during the past two days the doctors are most unwilling to allow the America visit...Please tell Eamon so that he will not be disappointed.’ [Following his escape from Lincoln jail in February 1919 de Valera hid for some time in the gate lodge of the Archbishop’s residence. Fr. Curran was transferred to Rome as Vice-Rector of the Irish College in 1920.] See also P150/3647 for Fr. Curran’s 1952 statement to the Bureau of Military History, 1913–21  2pp

638  17, 24 May–[June] 1919  Documents relating to an attack on two R.I.C. members on 7 July 1918 in Cork by parties unknown. Includes:
- copy of a Cork Summer Assizes 1919 Civil Bill appeal. ‘Brief on behalf of the Macroom Rural District Council on hearing of appeal against Decree for £800 for compensation for personal Injuries’, Constable James Butler, R.I.C. (Applicant); Cork County Council (Respondent). Original brief in National Library of Ireland. Also includes copies of newspaper cuttings about the case (original dated [May/June] 1919; copies made 30 November 1964, 6pp);
- copies of Preliminary Notices of Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury done to James Butler. Original in National Library of Ireland (original dated 17 & 24 May 1919, 2 items, 1p each) and
- note about the attack on two R.I.C. members at Gortnabinna, Co. Cork on 7 July 1918 at 8.30pm (n.d., 1p).  4 items
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645 192[0] Carbon copy typescript by George Russell

British Ambassador to the United States, prior to his departure for
Washington…said it had been a labour of love for him during last summer
and autumn to assist in reducing to legislative form proposals for ending the
Irish question. He said the new bill for the government of Ireland was ‘a
sincere attempt to place definitely and finally in the hands of the elected
representatives of the Irish people the duty and responsibility of working out
their own salvation and the salvation of their Country’. No doubt this
statement has been cabled to America, and I propose to examine here how far
this statement is justified and how Ireland is indebted to Sir Auckland Geddes
for his interest in its welfare. I lay this down as a fundamental proposition
which I do not think will be denied that whoever controls the taxation and
trade policy of a country controls its destiny and the entire character of its
civilization.” With handwritten amendments. 19pp

646 1963 Copy of typescript extract from The Cork
Examiner of 13 March 1920, containing an
account of a raid ‘on the house of de Valera’ in Greystones by the R.I.C., in
search of Countess Markievicz. With handwritten note by Marie O'Kelly,
Personal Secretary to President de Valera, ‘According to Mrs. de Valera the
above report is fairly accurate. She told me she remembered it clearly’.
1p

647 27 June 1920 Typescript copy of letter addressed to ‘Rev.
Father’ from Constable Jeremiah Mee, R.I.C.,
Listowel, Co. Kerry comprising a statement by Constable Mee quoting the
address of Mr. Smyth, ‘Divisional Commissioner for Munster’, to policemen
in Listowel Barracks on 19 June 1920 on a plan to introduce martial law and
deal ruthlessly with Sinn Féin and civilians and the refusal of Mee and his
colleagues to co-operate with the scheme. Includes covering page stating that
the original statement is ‘in the possession of the Government of the Republic
of Ireland’ and is signed by Constable Mee on behalf of eight R.I.C. members
stationed at Listowel. 2 items, 1p & 4pp

648 n.d. List of eleven persons who can give information
about the ‘Plan for execution of 12 members of
the British Government in London on a selected date towards end 1920 (end
August-October) in event of death of Terence MacSwiney’.
See also P150/608 1p
649 1920–24 Documents relating to Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork, who died in Brixton Jail on 25 October 1920 following a hunger-strike that lasted seventy-four days. Includes:

– typescript headed ‘The Dying Irish Martyr. Terence MacSwiney—A Memory’ by Lillie O’Connell on MacSwiney’s speech at the opening of the Kilkenny Feis and his tribute to Mayor of Kilkenny, Peadar de Loughry (October 1920, 2pp);

– resolution of sympathy addressed to ‘Edmond de Valera’ in New York from La Jouventut Nacionalista Obrere ‘Patria Nova’ in Barcelona, being a message of condolence in Catalan from an extraordinary general assembly following the death of Terence MacSwiney. Signed by ten members (30 October 1920, 1p). Also includes explanatory note in Irish (14 September 1972, 1p);

– note by Fred J. Cronin, MacSwiney’s Executor, assenting to the ‘bequest to Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney of the play known as the Revolutionist and all rights thereon’ (5 March 1921, 1p);

– booklet entitled Battle Cries by Terence MacSwiney containing twenty one ‘Ballads of Battle’ published by the Rank and File, San Francisco (1920/21, 55pp);


See also P150/1041–1047 6 items

650 19[17]–20 Various photographic prints of Lord Mayor of Cork, Terence MacSwiney and his wife. Includes:

– wedding photograph of Terence in Irish Volunteer uniform and Muriel MacSwiney née Murphy. Three quarter length portrait. Oval print mounted on card (1917, max. measurements 7cm x 13cm);

– MacSwiney in Irish Volunteer uniform. Three quarter-length portrait reproduction. Copy of part of above print. With note attached ‘address reply to: T.J. MacSwiney, Regd. No. 1236. 133/24 Irish Prisoner Wakefield c/o Chief Postal Censor, London’. Mounted in a folder (n.d., 13cm x 19cm; 25cm x 30cm including mount);

– Terence and Muriel MacSwiney. Head and shoulders. With handwritten summary of the career of Terence MacSwiney ‘a martyr to the Irish cause’ presented and signed on reverse by Frank W. Egan on 4 March 1921 (16cm x 11cm, 25cm x 20cm including mount);

– memorial card of Terence MacSwiney. With photograph (2 items, photo 2cm x 3cm). 5 items
651 5 July 1957– Documents, mainly correspondence, relating to the proposal to erect a Terence MacSwiney Memorial Chapel in the rebuilt Southwark Cathedral and the work of the Cork Committee of the Terence MacSwiney Memorial Fund, mainly concerning the receipt and acknowledgement of subscriptions from politicians and members of the public.

[MacSwiney’s body lay-in-state in Southwark Cathedral on the night of October 27-28 1920, following his death in Brixton Prison. Solemn requiem Mass was offered for him the next day in the Cathedral.

The chief correspondents are:
• de Valera or Marie O’Kelly, his Personal Secretary;
• Timothy Howard, Honorary Secretary of the Terence MacSwiney Memorial Chapel of St. Patrick Committee;
• Kathleen Dowling, Secretary of the Terence MacSwiney Memorial Fund (Cork Sub-Committee);
• Tadhg Feehan, Chairman of the Terence MacSwiney Memorial Fund (Southwark);
• Con C. Cremin, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs.

Includes:
– letter by Owen Sheehy Skeffington published in The Evening Mail protesting against the ‘sectarian’ character of the proposed memorial and against the failure to consult Terence’s widow, Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, who is not a Catholic (8 November 1957, 1p);
– typescript drafts of an ‘Appeal for Subscriptions for erection of Memorial Chapel to Toirleach MacSuibhne in Southwark Cathedral, London’ being the text of a ‘Statement recorded by Taoiseach at Radio Éireann on 3rd February, 1958, for broadcasting on 16th February, 1958’ (February 1958, 3 items, 2pp each);
– copy of a letter from Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney in Paris protesting against the ‘fund launched by an English bishop for an English cathedral’ (original dated 12 February 1958, 1p);
– ‘Time schedule in connection with visit of Taoiseach and Minister for ceremonies relating to the reopening of Southwark Cathedral’ ([June/July] 1958, 1p);
– black and white print of members of the Terence MacSwiney Memorial Fund Committee taken at the meeting of the Committee in connection with the ceremony in Southwark Cathedral on 5 July 1958 (1958, 25cm x 17cm).

70 items

652 October 1954 Typescript copy of ‘Sermon of Dr. Cyril Cowderoy Bishop of Southwark, at the High Mass offered for the Repose of the Soul of Terence MacSwiney at St. George’s Pro-Cathedral, Southwark, on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday October 31st, 1954’.

4pp
n.d. Mounted studio portrait of Fr. Michael Griffin. Annotated on reverse ‘Murdered by Black and Tans Galway City’. Fr. Griffin was of the diocese of Clonfert and was shot on 14 November 1920. 10cm x 15cm excluding mount 16cm x 22cm including mount

1920 Documents relating to the organisation of the I.R.A. in 1920. Includes: typescript brief note by James L. Donovan, former member of I.R.A. General Headquarters Staff in November 1920, when the number was increased from six members to eleven (n.d., 1p) and Ordnance Survey map (scale: ten miles to one inch) depicting ‘Irish Volunteer or Irish Republican Army Brigade Areas. August 1920’. ‘The boundaries of these areas are as obtained from reports and captured documents and are approximately correct’. Printed at the war Office (1920, 73cm x 98cm). 2 items

II. Association with Mary MacSwiney, 1921–25

26 January– 1 December 1921 Holograph letters to Harry Boland from Mary MacSwiney during her 1921 lecturing tour of the U.S.A. urging American financial and moral support for the Republic. Refers to her meetings and activities in Buffalo, New York; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Cleveland, Ohio; Knoxville, Detroit, Michigan; and her meeting with Bishop Michael Gallagher in Detroit. Includes Mrs. Mary McWhorter’s report on comments made by Bishop Gallagher addressing the joint session of Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America and the Ladies Auxiliary in Detroit on 22 July 1921. Also inquires about the merger of the Benjamin Franklin Bureau with the Headquarters of the A.A.R.I.R. and asks if this means she ‘belongs’ to the A.A.R.I.R. rather than the Irish Mission—‘on no account could I consent to be put on a salary paid by Americans. I see no reason for the other members of the Mission being on any different footing to myself in that respect’. Also refers to an unauthorised collection of money in the U.S. by the Youghal Company of the I.R.A. (writing from Cork in December 1921). 5 items
Correspondence between de Valera in the U.S.A. and Mary MacSwiney back in Ireland after her lecture tour of the U.S.A. earlier in the year. Mainly includes holograph letters to de Valera from MacSwiney. Topics discussed include:

- MacSwiney’s attitude to the peace negotiations;
- her opinion as regards the importance of the U.S.A. and her views on [James] O’Mara;
- Terence MacSwiney’s book *The Revolutionist*;
- her reaction to the signing of the Treaty—‘The more I think of this disgraceful betrayal the more angry I get. Why on earth did you not recall them long ago when you found what they were like.’

See also P150/1944 for correspondence between Rutledge and MacSwiney in her role as Secretary to meetings of Republican T.D.’s elected in the General Election of August 1923

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Correspondence between de Valera (‘P.’) and Mary MacSwiney (Máire Nic Shuibhne and ‘M. Nic Sh.’), on various topics including:

- MacSwiney’s uncompromising Republican stance and de Valera’s reaction to her position—‘…Reason rather than Faith has been my master…I have felt for some time that this doctrine of mine unfitted me to be leader of the Republican Party. I cannot think as you and Count Plunkett and in another way as Liam Mellows thinks. Nature never fashioned me to be a partisan leader in any case, and I am sorry that I did not insist on Cathal’s assuming the leadership when the party was being formed. For the sake of the cause I allowed myself to be put into a position which it is impossible for one of my outlook and personal bias to fill with effect for the party…Every instinct of mine would indicate that I was meant to be a dyed-in-the-wool Tory or even a Bishop, rather than the leader of a Revolution’;
- the first meeting of the Republican Council of State of which MacSwiney is a member;
- the Republican Appeal to the Vatican;
- prospects for peace;
- MacSwiney’s hunger-strike in Mountjoy Jail and her sister Annie’s hunger-strike outside the prison gates;
- taking charge of 23 Suffolk Street ‘as the Headquarters of Cumann na Poblachta’, its organisation and administration;
- the proposed re-organisation of Sinn Féin;
- the activities of Cumann na mBan including Máire Comerford and Sighle Humphries;
- hungerstrikes, the welfare of Republican prisoners and the Prisoners’ Defence Fund;
- references to Muriel MacSwiney;
- the arrest (in February 1923) and subsequent hungerstrike of Annie MacSwiney;
- the Oath of Allegiance and Document No. 2;
• various peace proposals and the position of the Army;
• references to the peace negotiations which lead to the signing of the Anglo Irish Treaty on 6 December 1921, especially de Valera’s decision to stay in Ireland and Michael Collins’ unwillingness to be part of the Irish delegation (see letter from de Valera to Mary MacSwiney dated 14 March 1923, 2pp);
• the mission of the Papal Delegate Monsignor Luzio, to Ireland in March and April 1923;
• the death of Liam Lynch on 10 April 1923;
• Mary MacSwiney’s arrest, with Count Plunkett and Mrs. O’Callaghan on their way to attend Lynch’s funeral;
• reaction to the ‘Cease Fire Dump Arms’ Order of 24 May 1923;
• the upcoming elections, including the selection of candidates and campaign meetings;
• Mary MacSwiney’s tour of the West between 8 and 13 July 1923;
• Mary MacSwiney’s proposed visit to the U.S.A.;
• de Valera’s proposed journey to Clare in August 1923.
Also includes letter from de Valera to Muriel MacSwiney on her return from the U.S.A. (23 July 1923, 1p).

See also P150/1809 for documents on Monsignor Luzio’s mission to Ireland in March and April 1923  122 items

8–20 November 1922  Miscellaneous documents, mainly copies of letters relating to Mary MacSwiney’s hungerstrike in Mountjoy Jail in November 1922. Includes:
– copy of Straight Talk containing an announcement of the beginning of Mary MacSwiney’s hunger-strike on 4 November (8 November 1922, 3pp);
– ‘Imperfect’ copy of letter sent by Mary MacSwiney from Mountjoy Jail to Richard Mulcahy ‘after seeing the declaration from the Northern Ministers published in the Press about November 6th. that they would not appoint a Representative on the Boundary Commission and that the best legal opinion was that the Boundary Commission could not therefore be set up at all. It was the last of many attempts to appeal to the Richard Mulcahy I had believed in’ (original dated November 1922, 4pp);
– letter from Eibhlín Nic Ghráinne to the Chief of Staff concerning Mary MacSwiney’s state of health in Mountjoy (18 November 1922, 2pp);
– typescript copy of letter to Mary MacSwiney from Captain Tomas MacAodha of the Director of Intelligence’s Office in Portobello Barracks refusing permission for a visit from her sister Annie MacSwiney and copy of Mary’s reply listing ‘the real facts...(which)...will be published’ and concluding ‘I am reluctantly forced to the conclusion that the action of your authorities in this matter is one of vindictiveness against women whose spirit you cannot break any more than you can kill the Republic for which they stand’ (originals dated 19 & 20 November 1922, 2pp).

6 items
659
19 May 1923–
16 September 1924

Correspondence between Mary MacSwiney (Máire Nic Shuibhne) (‘M. Nic S’ or ‘M.N.S.’) and P.J. Ruttledge, [Acting President (‘A.P.’) of the Republic, from August 1923]. Mainly concerned with:
• the organisation of Republican support in America;
• the organisation and work of the Irish Republican Prisoners’ Dependents’ Fund and the activities of various members of Cumann na mBan;
• the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis of October 1923;
• the hungerstrike of October/November 1923 by Republican prisoners;
• the Republican Appeal to Rome;
• a threatened legal action arising out of an article in the Cork Examiner of 28 November 1923 by the Bishop of Cork, Most. Rev. Daniel Cohalan D.D. headed ‘The Burial of Denis Barry’ in which the Bishop refers to Mary MacSwiney, claims she ‘was not a Republican at all in 1916’ and condemns her for ‘gambling’ on her brother’s life—‘…she encouraged Terry to continue the strike. She never believed it would go to a fatal end. She thought he would be released, and that she would share in a sunburst of cheap glory’;
• the development of the Democratic Programme of Dáil Éireann and accounts of the meeting of the Standing Committee held on 4 January 1924 to consider the report of the Economic Sub-Committee;
• the re-organisation and administration of the Sinn Féin offices at 23 Suffolk Street, Dublin;
• the re-organisation of Sinn Féin and the administration of the Sinn Féin Publicity/Propaganda Department, including the question of its status as an official Republican government department, the appointments of Seán Ó Faoláin (‘S.Ó.F.’) [former Acting Director of Publicity in Cork] as Acting Director of Publicity in October 1923, his resignation in December and Mary MacSwiney’s appointment as D/P as of 1 January 1924 and her activities in that capacity and as Acting Director of Education, including the establishment of a Republican Directorate in 1924.

Also includes some correspondence with Frank Aiken, Chief of Staff; the Adjutant General (‘A/G’); the Editor of The Freeman’s Journal; ‘A/L’ and Michael P. Colivet the Minister for Finance (‘M/F’) and holograph draft and typescript version of statement by de Valera concerning his attitude of non-co-operation to the Tailteann Games (1 August 1924, 2 items).

Mainly holograph letters from Mary MacSwiney.

Note: Robert Barton is referred to as ‘B.B.’.

See also P150/1809 for correspondence relating to MacSwiney’s role as an intermediary in facilitating the visit of Papal Delegate Cardinal Luzio to Ireland in March and April 1923; P150/1944 for correspondence between Ruttledge and MacSwiney in MacSwiney’s role as Secretary of meetings of Republican T.D.’s elected in the General Election of August 1923; P150/1711 for correspondence between de Valera and Acting President P.J. Ruttledge, including memoranda on the establishment of the Directorate Scheme during the re-organisation of Sinn Féin in 1924

260 items
660 23 February–27 October 1925 Letters relating to Mary MacSwiney’s visit to the U.S.A. in 1925. Includes holograph letters from MacSwiney to de Valera on her activities in America and divisions among Republican groups in the U.S.A. with particular reference to Major Kelly; circular signed by L.D. O’Flanagan O.C.C. and Peter Golden appealing for funds for St. Ita’s School in Cork and copies of letters to MacSwiney from John F. Finerty and John T. Ryan on the Bond Litigation. 11 items

III. Association with other members of MacSwiney family, 1920–23

661 [1920] Statement by Peter MacSwiney [brother of Terence] during an interview with a representative of the United Press concerning his brother’s hunger-strike in Brixton Prison. States ‘My brother or any other Irishman seized by the British has only one weapon to fight with, that of the spirit. They may overwhelm us with brute force but our spirit and pure principles they will not be able to crush’. 1p

662 15; 21 December 1920 Letters of invitation to Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, Hotel St. Regis, New York City, from Diarmuid Lynch, National Secretary of the Friends of Irish Freedom, to the Pittsburgh Local Council Friends of Irish Freedom annual reception on 13 January 1921 and to be the guest of the Missouri State Council of the Friends of Irish Freedom on a visit to Kansas City, Missouri (15 December 1920, 2 items, 1p each). Also includes copy letter to Lynch from some member of the Irish Diplomatic Mission stating that they have received the invitations to Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney and informing him that Mary MacSwiney ‘will tour this country under the auspices of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic’ (21 December 1920, 1p). 3 items

663 n.d. Photograph of a small child, possibly about three years old. With the following on reverse ‘Máire Ní Suibne ó Muirgheal bean Thoirdealbhaigh le meas mór ??’ (i.e. to Mary MacSwiney from her sister in law Muriel MacSwiney) and in pencil ‘Copied by Aine Donahue’. 10cm x 15cm
664 March 1921– February 1923 Correspondence between de Valera and Muriel MacSwiney, widow of Terence, former Lord Mayor of Cork, while Mrs. MacSwiney was in Europe. Also includes letter to de Valera from Mrs. MacSwiney concerning the possibility of Robert Briscoe’s going to America to work in the propaganda department (21 August 1922, 1p) and memorandum to de Valera from John Goff stating ‘The withdrawal of Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney from her missionary and organizing work in America would be very harmful to the cause to which she is so devotedly attached…An authoritative instruction from the President for her to remain in America, at least for the present, would be of great service’ (19 February 1923, 1p).

11 items

665 29 November 1922– 4 May 1923 Correspondence between de Valera and Annie [‘Aine’ or ‘Eithne’] MacSwiney [sister of Terence and Mary] on various topics including references to the MacSwiney family especially Mary’s release from jail; French journalist André Viol[li]s; a speech by T.M. Healy in December 1922 and her suggestion that it should be followed by a Republican Declaration as outlined; Mrs. Molly Childers [widow of Erskine]; the security of the Republic; the ‘Barry–Harty–Duggan’ peace move; rumours of a cease-fire and the laying down of arms and de Valera’s Proclamation outlining his proposed peace terms.

8 items
14 MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES, 1919 – 20

I. Travel and arrival

666    1919    Typescript ‘Chief’s Diary for 1919’ detailing de Valera’s movements from 6 January, while still in Lincoln Jail, to 31 December 1919, in the middle of his U.S. tour. Diary compiled long after the events took place (n.d., 5pp). Also includes handwritten extracts [not in de Valera’s hand] from a diary for Monday 23 June [de Valera’s first official appearance in the United States, in New York] to Saturday 28 June 1919 (1919, 6pp). 2 items

See also P150/737

667    [December 1919]    Holograph letter of farewell to de Valera prior to his departure for the U.S.A. from his ‘Adopted Mother’ Countess Markievicz. Refers to Miss Boland—‘she is very hard at work at home in the absence of her brother’ [Harry] and to being on the run since December. 1p

668    June 1919    Documents relating to de Valera’s journey to and from the United States in 1919 and 1920. Includes:

– typescript account by ‘Deverant’ [Barney Downes, a ship’s boatswain], describing de Valera’s journey to and from the United States (n.d., 8pp). Includes attached explanatory note (1p) stating ‘ “Deverant’s Story” was prepared from the verbal description of the seaman who arranged Mr. de Valera’s journey from Liverpool to New York and back as a stowaway. Doctor Moloney states that the typescript was read over to this seaman and acknowledged by him to be a true description of the events’;

– typescript account of de Valera’s journey from Dublin to the United States via Liverpool, and his return journey. With handwritten note on top of first page, ‘Fr. Shanley probably’. Also describes Harry Boland’s, Liam Mellowes’ and Peter McSwiney’s return journeys to Ireland (6pp, incomplete). Also second complete copy (9pp);

– first class and saloon ticket, Kingstown Pier to Manchester [used] and return [unused] (June 1919, 2 items, 3cm x 3cm each). Also third class ticket from Limerick to Ballinasloe (n.d., 3cm x 3cm). All three tickets originally found in envelope marked ‘½ of Ret[urn] Ticket to Manchester June 1st 1919 beginning of Journey to US’. 10 items
669  9–27 June 1920  Letters and postcards to de Valera from members of the American public, mainly messages of welcome, support and advice. Includes verses and songs written in honour of de Valera and the Republic and one offer of marriage.
   c.125 items

670  21 June– 12 November 1919  Messages of welcome and resolutions of support for the Republic, presented to de Valera from various American organisations. Includes messages from:
   • the German-American Catholic District League of Cleveland ‘representing one fourth of the Catholic population of the city of Cleveland’ (21 June 1919, 1p);
   • John McKee, President of the Gaelic Society (23 June 1919, 1p);
   • Patrick Murphy, President of the New York branch of the Gaelic League (23 June 1919, 1p);
   • the Philo-Celtic Society (23 June 1919, 1p);
   • Cumann an Rinnce (23 June 1919, 1p);
   • Harlem Gaelic Society (23 June 1919, 1p);
   • Carmelite College, Middletown, New York and the Carmelite Fathers (23 June 1919, 2 items, 1p each);
   • ‘men who were born in the County Clare, which first elected you to the Dáil Éireann, and who fought with the 165th United States Infantry (formerly the Irish 69th Regiment) under the American flag for the rights of small nations and to make the world safe for democracy during the recent war’ (24 June 1919, 2pp);
   • Francis J. Finneran, President of the Democratic Club of Massachusetts, and thirty-eight others. Written on reverse of paper headed ‘Commonwealth of Massachusetts, House of Representatives’. ‘Massachusetts, the first to fire a shot against British oppression in America, welcomes the President of the Irish Republic to our shores’ (n.d., 1p);
   • members of the Dublin Club of New York (24 June 1919, 1p);
   • the County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America, Philadelphia (25 & 29 June 1919, 2 items, 2pp & 1p);
   • Citizens Alliance for Good Government Inc. of Queens County, New York. Includes acknowledgement (24 June & 1 July 1919, 2 items, 1p each).
   20 items

671  22 June 1919  Typescript copy of statement issued by Harry Boland on 22 June 1919 prior to the issuing of de Valera’s opening campaign statement to the American press on 23 June. Boland’s statement includes an announcement of de Valera’s arrival in America and the object of his mission; and a biographical sketch of the President (22 June 1919, 9pp). Also includes slightly different typescript copy of the statement (14pp).
   2 items
672 23 June 1919 Typescript draft, with handwritten corrections, of de Valera’s first ‘statement to the American press and people’ issued from the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York on 23 June 1919. Begins ‘From today, I am in America as the official head of the Republic established by the will of the Irish people, in accordance with the principles of self-determination’. Also includes typescript copy of same (2pp).

2 items, 4pp & 2pp

673 1919–20 Headed paper from the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, autographed by ‘Éamon de Bhailéara’. 1p

II. Notes and preparatory material for speeches

674 [1919-20] Articles, notes and jottings by de Valera, for use in America. Includes:

– carbon copy ‘Notes Between Germany and President Wilson Preceding Armistice’ (7pp); ‘Extract from the speech of M. Poincaré, President of the French Republic delivered at the first Session of the Peace Conference on January 18th 1919’ (2pp) and ‘Quotations from the War-Declaration of M. Clemenceau’ (2pp);

– typescript notes, with holograph note by de Valera on first page reading ‘Self determination is a principle which statesmen will ignore at their peril’. Topics include: atrocities; taxation; the crippling of Irish trade; ‘English Government Profiteering in Ireland’; quotations from speeches by Asquith, Lloyd George, including a speech of his published in the New York American on 2 May 1920, and other ‘Britishers’; and President Woodrow Wilson. With handwritten additions and amendments by de Valera (1920, 22pp);

– typescript notes on Irish trade and economics. Includes some handwritten additions and amendments by de Valera (n.d., 16pp);

– typescript entitled ‘Lord Northcliffe’s St. Patrick’s Day Speech 1917–Confirmed By Interview 1920’ (n.d., 8pp);

– typescript notes on the recognition of the Irish Republic and American history (n.d., 16pp);

– various quotations about Ireland and the Irish Republic (n.d., 11pp);

– notes on trade, including drafts of a text on ‘Ireland and The World’s Markets’, with handwritten additions and amendments by de Valera (2 items, 11pp each);

– typescript copy of ‘Note on American Trade with Ireland’ (n.d., 9pp);

– typescript entitled ‘What America Fought For’ (n.d., 7pp);

– notes on Ulster (n.d., 4 items).

49 items
Holograph duplicate copies of letters, notes and memoranda from de Valera to various individuals. Includes:

– batch of duplicates (1919–November 1920, 55pp) of notes on and letters to:
  • Diarmuid L. Fawsitt, Irish Consul in New York, concerning his ‘presence in Washington…on the 12th’ and the preparation of his evidence with regard to ‘the present consular system’ and American-Irish trade (n.d., 3pp);
  • James O’Mara concerning arrangements for de Valera’s tour of the southern states (15 December 1919, 3pp); ‘Chicago work’ (n.d., 4pp); his decision not to undertake the organisation [of a conference] (18 November 1920, 2pp);
  • Dr. Patrick McCartan concerning arrangements for bringing ‘witnesses from Ireland’ to take part in speaking tours arranged by the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic (18 November 1920, 1p);
  • Laurence Ginnell on his ‘proposed evidence’ (18 November 1920, 1p);
  • note on ‘Mr. Fawsitt’s Departments’ (n.d., 2pp) (see also P150/957);
  • Mrs. Mary McWhorter on meeting her and the foundation of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic (November 1920, 1p);
  • notes on Worcester and Cleveland (n.d., 4pp);
  • letters concerning the organisation of the A.A.R.I.R., including letters to J.J. Castellini and [J.C. Walsh] (November 1920, 8pp);
  • list of places to be visited (n.d., 2pp);
  • text of [a speech] by de Valera on British atrocities in Ireland and the killing of the ‘Cairo Gang’ by Collins’ special intelligence unit on 21 November 1920;
  • notes headed ‘General Plan’ for a National Promotion Committee with Frank P. Walsh as Chairman and Garth Healy as Secretary, in connection with promoting the bond drive (n.d., 2 items, 2pp & 1p);
  • notes [for speeches/statements for the newspapers] headed ‘Hunger Strike’ with references to Lord Mayor of Cork, Terence MacSwiney (1920, 38pp);
  • notes by de Valera and others (41pp). Includes:
    • holograph draft speech ‘To the Sons and Daughters of the Gael’ on St. Patrick’s Day 1920 (see P150/1036 for holograph originals of speech) (17 March 1920, 4pp);
    • holograph draft of speech or article headed ‘Self Determinism of Ulster’ (17 March 1920, 10pp);
    • address to the President and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates [in another hand] (n.d., 2pp);
    • draft for a speech [by Harry Boland?] (12 July 1920, 12pp).
  • duplicating notebook marked ‘A’ containing holograph notes by de Valera (c.102pp). Includes:
    • text of statement by de Valera headed ‘Interview 22-XII-19’, following the attempted assassination of the Lord Lieutenant, Lord French of Ypres (December 1919, 12pp);
    • draft of de Valera’s Christmas greetings to Arthur Griffith and the people of Ireland (December 1919, 2pp);
675 contd. • comment on the despatch from Washington by David Lawrence concerning the effect on Ireland of the Lloyd George partition proposal (n.d., 6pp);
• notes on visiting clergymen from Ulster (n.d., 3pp);
• draft of a pamphlet beginning ‘Ireland is a distinct and separate nation older than Britain—one of the oldest in Europe’ (n.d., 21pp) (see also P150/687 for typescript copy of text);
• notes on Ulster and country Antrim;
• part of a speech by de Valera at the Lexington Theatre (n.d., 11pp);
• draft on the League of Nations (n.d., 10pp);
– duplicating notebook marked ‘B’ containing holograph notes by de Valera (98pp). Includes:
• memorandum for [James] O’Mara (n.d., 1p);
• ‘Memo to Miss Hughes re Canada’ (see P150/995) (n.d., 8pp);
• notes for Brief [on Recognition] (n.d., 32pp & 23pp);
• draft letter to the editor [of The Gaelic American?] on his mission in the U.S.A. after the Chicago Convention (19pp).

9 items

676 n.d. Typescript headed ‘Exclusive for The Irish Press By George Wharton Pepper’ on President Wilson and Article X of the Covenant of the League of Nations. With handwritten corrections. Begins ‘If the unamended Covenant of the League of Nations is ratified, Ireland will lose much and gain nothing.’ 3pp

677 n.d. Typescript copy of text of speech [by de Valera?] on a resolution condemning the proposed covenant of the League of Nations. ‘...the grounds on which you condemn it are American grounds, fit and proper to be proposed to an American audience...The grounds on which we oppose the present covenant, is that it would perpetuate injustice...The American government, by accepting Article X in its present form, is committing a positive act of injustice to Ireland.’ 6pp

678 [1919–20] Opening portion of an address by [de Valera] to an unidentified meeting in the U.S.A.. Begins ‘This demonstration shows that it is really quite unnecessary for me to speak to you on the cause of Ireland. Your hearts would not have responded so unless you already understood the cause.’ 1p
679  1919-20  Miscellaneous speeches and portions of speeches by de Valera in the U.S.A. Occasions and locations unknown. Includes:
– address by de Valera beginning ‘As most of you are probably aware, the primary object of my mission to your country is to secure official recognition for the elected government of the Republic of Ireland.’ Speech is divided up under the following headings: ‘Bases of Ireland’s Claim’; ‘Americanism’; ‘Ireland A Nation’; ‘Why Exclude Ireland?’; ‘Has Ireland Sold Her Birthright?’; ‘The Plea of Secession’; ‘The Plea of Britain’s Security’; ‘Where Would This Doctrine Lead To?’ and ‘England’s Way Out’. With handwritten corrections (15pp);
– typescript copy of an address to children at a prize-giving ceremony, beginning ‘Boys and girls I am very much at home here with you tonight and it makes me very happy that I am the person to hand you your prizes given you as tokens of how your teachers appreciate your good conduct. They are not rewards. The chief reward of doing good in this world is the feeling you have when you are doing it and the knowledge afterwards that you acted well and rightly’ (n.d., 1p);
– drafts of an address with extensive holograph corrections and amendments by de Valera beginning ‘It is now some ten months since we left Ireland to come on this mission to the United States. The main objects of our mission were four…’ ([April] 1920, 2 items, 5pp & 12pp).
23 items

With holograph additions by de Valera.
2pp

681  June 1919  Typescript copy of an address to the American people, [following the conclusion of the Paris Peace Conference?]. Begins ‘Friends the great war is officially at an end today. During that war, the plain people were led out to the firing line with the cry that the peace which the war would bring was to be a lasting peace.’
4pp

682  n.d.  Typescript text of an article by de Valera on Ireland’s right to independence. With holograph corrections by de Valera.
Begins ‘Every nation has a right to its independence. This is an elemental right which has its foundation in the very nature of man.’
7pp
683  n.d.  Incomplete typescript copy of a [statement/article] by de Valera on Ireland’s right to self-determination. Divided into the following sections: ‘Ireland a Nation’ and ‘Ireland’s Title to Self-Determination’.
Begins ‘When the people of a nation have proved beyond question their desire for an independent government of their own by the civilized as well as decisive test of the ballot, have with a scrupulous regard to propriety in method taken all measures necessary to establish such a government…no State which denies them recognition can maintain at the same time that it upholds the principle of “government by the consent of the governed”’.

5pp

684  n.d.  Typescript [article by de Valera] entitled ‘The Recognised Irish Republic’. With handwritten corrections. Begins ‘For Americans, the question of Irish independence is not a question of British municipal affairs. It is no longer even an Irish question. It has become an American question of the first order.’

8pp

Begins ‘The aim of the present Republican movement in Ireland is the substitution of Irish rule in Ireland for British rule in Ireland.’

2 items, 3pp & 6pp

686  [1919]  Address by de Valera in the U.S.A. on self-determination for Ireland. Three versions [for use of different occasions?] and portion of a fourth. Begins ‘I am in America as the official head of the Republic established by the will of the Irish people, in accordance with the principles of self-determination.’ Includes list on former file cover summarising the main points of the speech [possibly given in New York City]

5 items

687  n.d.  Typescript captioned ‘The Irish People Exercised the Right of Self-Determination, and Declared for an Independent Republic’.
Text divided under the following headings:
• ‘The Basis of Ireland’s right’;
• ‘A Republic the desire of the people’;
687 contd.  
• ‘A Republic proclaimed’;
• ‘The General Elections of December, 1918’;
• ‘The issue was clearly put to the people’;
• ‘Decisive results’; ‘Results by Provinces’;
• ‘Results by Counties’;
• ‘The Map’;
• ‘Conditions under which the Elections held unfavourable to the Republicans’;
• ‘The Government of the Republic is the de jure government of Ireland’.

See also P150/675 for duplicating notebook marked ‘A’ containing notes by de Valera including draft of a pamphlet beginning ‘Ireland is a distinct and separate nation older than Britain–one of the oldest in Europe’ (n.d., 21pp)  
17pp

688 n.d.  
Series of ‘appendices’ of quotations compiled by de Valera. Includes:
– ‘Appendix. English Barbarity in Ireland’. With notes and quotations under the headings ‘Gladstone’; ‘English Frightfulness under Elizabeth’ and ‘Nature of English Rule’ (n.d., 5pp);
– ‘Appendix. Penal Laws’. With quotations under the following headings ‘Frightfulness in the 18th Century’ and ‘English Frightfulness under Pitt, 1798’ (n.d., 3pp);
– ‘Nineteenth Century Frightfulness’ (n.d., 2pp);
  4 items

689 n.d.  
Handwritten text of article directed at an American audience on the 1800/01 Act of Union.  
8pp

690 February 1920  
3pp

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691 1919–20 Small notebook of miscellaneous holograph notes by de Valera relating to his mission to the U.S.A.. c.109pp

III. Press releases, newspaper interviews & reportage

Cuttings and photocopies of cuttings from American and Irish newspapers on Irish politics and de Valera’s tour of the U.S.A..

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Typescript statements and texts of interviews given by de Valera to American newspapers. Locations and/or other identifying matter (e.g. newspaper title) not provided. Includes:

‘Subject Matter for Interview President de Valera’ comprising answers to the following ten questions: ‘What is the precise object of your visit to America?’; ‘What was the Mandate for the establishment of the Irish Republic?’; ‘How were you elected President?’; ‘What is the authority for your present mission?’; ‘Why did you select America as the most desirable place to wage your fight for international recognition?’; ‘What is the attitude of the Irish Republic towards the League of Nations?’; ‘What is your chief objection of (sic) a League of Nations as constituted at present?’; ‘Is there not relief to be had for subject nations such as Ireland through the instrumentality of Article XI?’; ‘Has President Wilson helped or hindered the Irish cause?’; and ‘Is there any prospect of Sinn Féin compromising on the demand for absolute independence and accepting the new Home Rule proposals?’ (n.d., 11pp);

– typescript statement beginning ‘I have been asked by the newspaper Press Association to tell the readers of the newspapers it represents just what it is I am seeking in America, and I am grateful for the opportunity to do so’ (n.d., 4pp);

– portion of a holograph statement by de Valera–‘Written on Train (Unfinished)’–to a representative of an unknown newspaper explaining ‘the objects of his mission to the United States’ (n.d., 4pp)

– typescript statement on the objectives of de Valera’s mission to America. With holograph amendments by de Valera (n.d., 2pp);

– ‘Ireland Can Stand Alone’ typescript of a report of an interview with ‘Dr. de Valera in his luxurious quarters on the 11th floor of the Waldorf-Astoria’ ([post 23 June 1919], 6pp);

– typescript draft of ‘Scripps McRae Interview. New York. Sept. 1919’ comprising answers to the following three questions: ‘Why cannot you, as President of the Irish Republic, if you believe in the validity of Ireland’s claim, rest her case with the League of Nations, as President Wilson suggests?’; ‘Do the people of the United States understand the Irish situation, or has Great Britain colored the question over here?’ and ‘Is the Irish question not at bottom a religious one?’ With holograph amendments and corrections by de Valera (September 1919, 10pp);
701 contd. – typescript draft answers by de Valera to points made by P.W. Wilson a ‘former member of the British Parliament, now American correspondent for the London Daily News’ (n.d., 3pp);
– typescript copy of a report of an interview given by de Valera to a representative of the New York Times ‘with reference to his views on President Wilson’s answers in California to questions relating to Ireland, and in particular to his views on the President’s answer that the Peace Conference was powerless to help Ireland, but that the League of Nations under Article XI, would take a benevolent interest in Irish freedom…’ (post 17 September 1919, 3pp);
– holograph statement by de Valera reacting to comments by Lloyd George and Lord Robert Cecil with regard to the visit of Prince Edward to America. States ‘Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Robert Cecil are still thinking and speaking in terms of the old world order … What they do not however apparently realize is that the vast majority of the plain people everywhere no longer accept a government standard of thought … Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Robert Cecil address the Ireland of 1913 but that Ireland no longer exists…’ (1919, 5pp);
– typescript copy of statement issued by de Valera on 5 December 1919 on the arrival in the U.S.A. of the delegation from the Ulster Unionist Council (December 1919, 2 items, 1p & 3pp);
– typescript report by stenographer John J. Sly of Buffalo of an interview between de Valera and an unknown newspaper mainly on de Valera’s attitude to the assassination attempt on Lord French, de Valera’s objectives in coming to America and his position as head of the government of the Republic of Ireland. With handwritten amendments and corrections (post 19 December 1919, 8pp);
– comments by de Valera and Sir Horace Plunkett on refuting a statement attributed to Professor Eoin MacNeill, ‘Minister of Industries in the Cabinet of the Irish Republic’ that Sinn Féin was ready to accept Lloyd George’s Home Rule plan, as reported by the New York Evening Sun (12 February 1920, 2pp);
– carbon copy text of interview between de Valera and an unidentified newspaper, including questions concerning the Republican and Democratic Parties’ National Conventions in June 1920. With holograph amendments by de Valera ([June 1920], 3pp);
– draft statement for the representative of the Associated Press and St. Paul Despatch following ‘the despatch sent out from Washington by Mr. Clinton Gilbert as to the new organization being formed in America to support Ireland’s cause’ [the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic]. With holograph amendments by de Valera (post 16 November 1920, 1p);
– ‘Interview with Mr. Wilfrid Gabrielson’ (24 November 1920, 5pp);
– statement beginning ‘If American citizens wish to get the full understanding of the conditions in Ireland to-day they must first understand the fundamentals. These fundamentals are that the territory of a small nation has been invaded by the troops of a powerful neighbouring nation. The little nation that has been attacked has refused through the centuries to sign a
surrender. It has insisted on its right to govern itself in its own way and to be free from the aggression of the neighbouring State’ (1 December 1920, 2pp);
– draft statement concerning the documents in his possession at the time of his arrest during the so-called ‘German Plot’ in May 1918 (2 December 1920, 1p);
– text of statement ‘commenting on the report from London that the British Government is considering protesting to the U.S. Government against de Valera’s anti-British activities in America’ (8 December 1920, 1p);
– typescript text of interview by H. W. Seaman of the Sunday Post (Boston) mainly on Sir Horace Plunkett and his ‘new proposal…to give Ireland the measure of autonomy that Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa have’ and the political situation in India and Egypt. Includes note on first page ‘The N.Y. Herald has published the story of Egyptian atrocities’ (n.d., 3pp);
– statement by de Valera commenting on an address in Belfast by Sir Edward Carson during which he stated that “‘Colonial Home Rule’ is the same thing as Sinn Féin”. With holograph corrections by de Valera (n.d., 6pp);
– typescript headed ‘The Irish Republic. Interviews with de Valera on its growth and plans, by Anise’ comprising part one headed ‘The Uprising in Ireland’ and part two ‘The Irish Republic Organises’. Both with holograph amendments and corrections by de Valera (n.d., 2 items, 4pp & 3pp);
– statement by de Valera commenting on ‘an interview which appeared in the New York Herald…[in which]…Lord French, Military Governor of Ireland, is reported to have said. (1) He was satisfied nine out of ten Irishmen would vote for the British connection as against independence. (2) That Ireland is in a state of rebellion and anarchy’. With holograph corrections by de Valera (n.d., 5pp).

2 July 1919– 15 March 1921
Correspondence between representatives of The Irish Press of Philadelphia and de Valera or Harry Boland/Joseph Begley on the supply of information for the paper and various meetings around the country.

August 1919– November 1920
Documents relating to the depiction of de Valera in American newspapers. Includes:
– typescript statement of de Valera beginning ‘The presentation of my position at Chicago as it appears in the Gaelic American is a tissue of misstatements’ (see also P150/1001 & 969) (19 June 1920, 2pp);
– telegrams between de Valera and the editor of the Public Ledger of Philadelphia following publication of only part of an interview between de Valera and representatives of the Public Ledger. De Valera protests and requests publication of his full statement (10 August 1920, 3 items);
– draft refutation of a statement attributed to de Valera in the Pioneer Press. With shorthand amendments and additions (n.d., 2pp);
letters to de Valera from members of the public enclosing cuttings from various newspapers (18 August–29 November 1920, 14 items).

27 items

Folder entitled ‘Articles that have appeared in N.Y. Evening Journal Sept. 22–28 1919’ containing:


Begins ‘A short while ago Mr. Power, of the Boston American, suggested to me to write a series of articles on Ireland’s cause. Mr. Hearst, he said, would be glad to print them in all his newspapers. Very busy though I have been, and am, with matters of another character, I felt that this was an offer which it would be wrong to refuse’;

– typescript drafts (with holograph amendments) of article entitled Ireland on the Map (n.d., 4 items, 23pp). [Final draft] begins ‘Americans hear and see the name Ireland today from the mouths and in the prints both of Ireland’s friends and of Ireland’s enemies. Very different stories are the stories as they are told by the friends and by the enemies. Which tells the truth?’;

– typescript drafts of article Is The Irish Nation a Small Nation? beginning ‘Looking at the map of the world, Ireland seems but a speck in comparison with this half-continent, the United States. It is no more than two thirds the size of the Empire State of New York, barely the size of the great Lake Superior’ (2 items, 5pp each);

– typescript draft of article entitled The Resources of Ireland. Treats of Ireland’s natural resources including its mineral and geological resources. Begins ‘If you look at the map of the world again you will notice that Ireland lies directly in the course of the Gulf Stream’ (n.d., 3 items, 10pp, 11pp & 4pp).

11 items

Typescript copies of texts of three interviews carried out by de Valera and representatives of The Chicago Examiner; Westminster Gazette and an unknown newspaper, on 17 September 1919 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City. Topics discussed include President Wilson, Article XI and the League of Nations, the resolution passed by the British Labour Congress in Glasgow accepting the principle of self-determination. The text of the third interview is very similar to one headed ‘Scripps McRae Interview. New York. Sept. 1919’ (see P150/701);

Also includes typescript statement by de Valera issued on 17 September from New York ‘with reference to the question asked of President Wilson by the San Francisco Labor Council’. Cites and comments on four questions about Ireland and the Covenant of the League of Nations and about the case of Ireland not being heard at the Paris Peace Conference. With holograph corrections by de Valera (17 September 1919, 3pp).

4 items
706  7 February 1920–19[60s]  Documents relating to de Valera’s interview on 6 February 1920 with the New York correspondent of the Westminster Gazette and the New York Globe, containing his argument ‘against Britain’s sincerity in the plea that to give Ireland independence was to menace her security’ and illustrating his argument with reference to the relationship between Cuba and the U.S.A. as demonstrated in the Monroe Doctrine and the Platt Amendment to the Cuban Settlement. The text of the interview was published on 10 February 1920 in the New York Globe [rather than in the Westminster Gazette as de Valera had intended] under the title De Valera Opens the Door. Includes:
– photocopy of an article in The Westminster Gazette headlined Example of Cuba! How De Valera Would ‘Safeguard England’ (original dated 7 February 1920, 1p);
– typescript explanatory notes by de Valera on the Westminster Gazette interview; the reason behind the commutation of his death sentence following the 1916 Rising; ‘the question of the exact office to which…(de Valera)…was elected. Was…[he]…elected President of the Republic or not?’ and his movements between his escape from Lincoln jail on 3 February and his appointment as President on 1 April 1919. Notes were probably made in connection with the O’Neill and Longford biography published in 1970 and also include references to the preparation of a speech by de Valera for delivery at Worcester, Massachusetts (see P150/913 for text of speech). With holograph amendments (n.d., 5pp);
– extracts and typescript copies of extracts from books and newspapers:
  • of quotations from relevant legislation (e.g. the ‘Platt’ Amendment) and from the actual interview given by de Valera on 6 February 1920;
  • press reaction to the interview;
  • a letter by Mrs. Kitty O’Doherty, 30 Claude Road, Dublin originally sent to the Editor of The Irish Times and subsequently published in The Irish Press on 15 April 1948 and an article by Mrs. O’Doherty published in the same paper on 16 April, on the ‘Cuban Status Myth’ (April 1948, 4 items).
16 items

707  1 October 1920  Typescript text of an interview between de Valera and a representative of the New York Globe referring to de Valera’s previous interview on 6 February 1920 with the New York correspondent of the Westminster Gazette and the New York Globe. Reaffirms de Valera’s unchanged stance and refers to the possible effects of the death of Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork, currently on hunger-strike in Brixton jail. 1p
22 September 1920  Lists of questions submitted by American newspapers and organisations, to de Valera while on his American tour. Includes:
– nine questions from Harry P. Burton of the Scripps McRae League of Newspapers (New York Bureau) for the information of ‘the Irish readers of Ohio and the great American Midwest’. Addressed to de Valera at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York (22 September 1920, 2pp);
– ten questions from Dr. G.S. Lackland, President of The Denver Open Forum For Free Speech and Democracy. The questions ‘have been submitted to be answered to the Denver Open Forum Sunday Afternoon’. Addressed to de Valera in Denver, Colorado (n.d., 1p);
– twelve questions submitted by John H. Anderson of The Evening Post (n.d., 1p);
– questions ‘from Percival H. Winner representing The Brooklyn Daily Eagle to Eamonn De Valera, Esq., President of the Irish Republic’ (n.d., 1p);
– questions for de Valera from C.A. Parker of the Boston Traveller ([June 1919], 3pp);
– set of twenty-seven questions for de Valera from the New York Evening Journal. With holograph note by de Valera on top of second page–‘Better group your questions–1 & 8 are practically same’ ([June 1919], 4pp).
12 items

November 1920  Copy of [draft] memorandum of agreement between de Valera and Guy Goltermann of The Nation’s Forum whereby de Valera undertakes to allow The Nation’s Forum to record three of his addresses–de Valera’s 1920 St. Patrick’s Day message to the ‘sons and daughters of the Gael’; the ‘Address on the Recognition of the Republic of Ireland’ and his memorial address on the late Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork–with de Valera receiving royalties of twenty-five cents per record.

See also letter of 12 November 1920 to Dr. McCartan from Guy Goltermann in P150/1237.
2pp

n.d. & 1919–20  Photograph of Guy Golterman, Director of The Nation’s Forum. Consists of studio portrait of Golterman inscribed ‘My affectionate Regards to President De Valera of Ireland. Guy Golterman. Permanent Address. New York Athletic Club, New York, N.Y.’. Print also stamped ‘Guy Golterman Founder The Nation’s Forum’. Photo by Philip De Hoskin (print has been touched up) (20cm x 25cm). Also black and white prints of Golterman in the newspaper’s office (1919/20, 2 items, each 20cm x 15cm) and with de Valera (1919/20, 20cm x 15cm). 4 items
June–July 1919, 1920

Correspondence, mainly between Harry Boland [on de Valera’s behalf] and various newspapers/news agencies in New York, mostly requests for interviews or requests to produce motion pictures on de Valera’s life or sound recordings of the President. Also includes illustrated order form for the purchase of three phonograph records of speeches by de Valera from The Nations Forum (New York). ‘A Royalty of 25 cents on each record sold will be paid as a voluntary contribution to the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic under whose sanction the records are issued’. The illustration consists of a reproduction photograph (19cm x 13cm) of de Valera ‘delivering his memorial address in honor of the late Lord Mayor MacSwiney to 40,000 people who thronged the Polo Grounds, New York’ (19[20], 1p).

See P150/1045 for documents relating to the mass meeting in the Polo Grounds, New York on 31 October 1920, following the death of Terence MacSwiney

5 April 1920


[12] May 1920

Typescript corrected text of de Valera’s statement issued from the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York on [12] May 1920, in reply to the ‘cable dispatch to the Public Ledger by Carl W. Ackermann from London that told of the findings of documents indicating the existence of a secret inner council in supreme control in Ireland and quoting what purports to be the constitution upon which the alleged inner council bases its authority’.

29 July 1920

Typescript draft text of a press statement by de Valera issued on 29 July 1920 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in reply to ‘Stories to the effect that I am secretly in favor of what is called Dominion Home Rule’. With holograph amendments and corrections by de Valera. Includes handwritten note on bottom of page ‘Press statement of President De Valera issued July 29—at Atlantic City to be released at Washington on this date.’

5 August 1920

Press release for issue on 6 August 1920, refuting allegations that de Valera ‘in letters written home had counselled acceptance of a colonial home rule plan for Ireland’ and reproducing a cablegram sent by de Valera to Arthur Griffith to that effect.
716  9 August 1920  Typescript copy of an interview between de Valera and Frederick William of the Public Ledger concerning the publication of a dispatch from the Public Ledger’s London correspondent ‘containing what purports to be original documents of the Irish Republican Government...[stating]...that...Dail Eireann voted $500,000 for use in the presidential campaign in the U.S., and also authorized...[de Valera]...to expend $1,000,000 in America to obtain official recognition for the Irish Republic’. With holograph corrections by de Valera. Includes note on first page by de Valera ‘Presdts. Copy’. 8pp

717  8 September 1920  Typescript text of an interview between de Valera and the correspondent of the Japan Advertiser in New York on 8 September 1920. ‘There can be no solution of the Irish question, now or at any time, except one which will grant the people of Ireland the right to be masters of their own destiny without outside interference.’ Also comments on the continued imprisonment of Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork. 2pp

718  [1919/20]  Statement by de Valera to an unknown newspaper, being a comment on ‘the resolution adopted by the State Convention of the American Legion, by the First Pennsylvania State Cantonment of the American Legion, protesting against public reception and honours given to me “As an insult to the men who were in the service of the United States, and a reflection on the cause” for which the American Legion fought’. Typescript, with holograph additions. 6pp

719  [1920]  Typescript copy of a [newspaper report] of an interview with Liam Mellowes [advance agent for de Valera on tour] in an unidentified American city, prior to de Valera’s’ arrival there. Report mainly consists of press statement by Mellowes, but also includes short biographical summary of Mellowes and a description of the manner of his journey to the U.S.A.. In the statement Mellowes describes the background to the establishment of Dáil Éireann in January 1919, the Declaration of Independence, the Dáil’s current activities including de Valera’s mission to the U.S.A. to seek international recognition of the Irish Republic and float part of the Dáil Éireann loan. Also details the character and qualifications of some of the Dáil’s prominent members and refers to the Dáil’s investment in the fisheries sector, the mineralogical survey of the country and the establishment of a consular service with the arrival of Diarmuid Fawsitt in the U.S.A.. 9pp
720 n.d. Texts of statements by de Valera issued in response to a speech made by Lloyd George at Caernarvon and a letter in the Westminster Gazette from Viscount Grey on ‘the solution to the Irish question’. 4 items

721 1920; 1966 Scrapbook containing ‘Clips from the files of Denis Butler…formerly native of Clonboo, Templetuohy, Co. Tipperary. Entrusted to the care of…John Patrick Butler this volume embracing for the most part excerpts from The Irish World, Gaelic-American and the Philadelphia Irish Press during the years 1920–21—refers to the efforts of a group of dedicated men and women banded together as “Citizens Of The Irish Republic”…the role played by various leaders in the struggle for Irish Independence…Extensive coverages includes the second visit of President de Valera (when he received among many honors the freedom of the city of New York); The so-called German-Irish plot…Controversy over the actions of Diarmuid Lynch and the picketing of the British embassy etc; The protest signed by nearly one hundred members of the United States Congress against the savage treatment of Irish prisoners; The trial of Jeremiah O’Leary; De Valera’s interview with a correspondent of the Westminster Gazette concerning England’s claim that she holds Ireland only for her national safety; The Cohalan-De Valera split…and resolution…by the Society of the Citizens of the Irish Republic in support of…De Valera…Interview with Laurence Ginnell on…his arrival in the United States to act as aide to President De Valera…Copy of the Dail Eireann Manifesto of June 5, 1920.’ All this information contained on a sheet inside the volume, signed by Desmond Roe Butler of Philadelphia (April 1966, 1p). Volume presented to de Valera during Mr. Butler’s visit to Ireland for the fiftieth anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising (1920, 20cm x 25cm, 76pp).
Also includes a letter and card sending good wishes to Butler from Sr. M. Helene, Immaculata, Pennsylvania, niece of the late Joseph McGarrity (21 August 1964 & April 1966, 2 items ).

3 items
IV. Correspondence with members of the public

24 June 1919–6 May 1920 Letters to de Valera from individuals willing to work for the Irish cause. Includes letters from:
– Thomas Keating of John O’Mahoney & Company, Importers, Exporters and Manufacturers Agents, offering to discuss ‘commercial relations’ between Ireland and the U.S.A. (28 June–7 July 1919, 4 items);
– Fr. Richard McKeogh, St. Teresa’s Rectory, Buffalo, New York, offering to act as ‘chaplain to the fleet of the Irish Republic’. Includes Boland’s reply (26 & 30 June 1919, 2 items, 1p each);
– Francis J. Fallon, New York, a native of South Roscommon, offering his services as a clerical assistant (4 & 8 August 1919, 2 items, 1p each);
– liberal authors and lecturers Charles T. Sprading, Edward Adams Cantrell and Walter Edgerton Holloway, the All American Bureau of Speakers and Writers, outlining their proposal to the American Commission on Irish Independence to embark on a ‘educational campaign for the Irish cause’ in America to ‘help create sentiment which will compel the recognition of the Irish Republic’. Signed by the three individuals. Also includes Harry Boland’s reply (6 May 1920, 2 items, 4pp & 1p).

21 items

25 June 1919–15 October 1920 Miscellaneous letters to de Valera mainly from members of the American public including Irish living in the U.S.A.. Includes:
– letters from N. Franks, Publicity Manager, Brooklyn F.O.I.F., seeking help in the establishment of an organisation for the young girls of Brooklyn (4–9 August 1919, 3 items);
– letter from J. Francis Walsh of The Argus, Albany, New York, seeking letters of introduction in Dublin from de Valera in order to write a series of articles. Includes reply (10 & 22 August 1919, 2 items, 1p each);
– Seumas Ó Muirgheasa [James Morrissey], Manager, Eagle Trading Company, Inc., New York, concerning the representation of Irish manufacturers with a view to the development of a substantial trade between Ireland and the U.S.A. and also the text of a poem entitled ‘Fáilte do Eamon de Valéra’ (18–21 August 1919, 3 items);
– letter from R[obert] Monteith, East 119th Street, New York, protesting against a ‘dishonest and misleading’ statement relating to Sir Roger Casement and ‘the man in the collapsible boat’ published in The Gaelic American of 29 November 1919 by Daniel T. O’Connell (15 December 1919, 3pp) (see also P150/1190 for documents relating to Casement’s trip to the U.S.A. in 1914 including references to Robert Monteith);
– correspondence between Marion MacRae of the Women’s Irish Education League and de Valera on the selection of suitable Irish history text books for use in the public schools of San Francisco (18–29 January 1920, 2 items);
– letter from Gilbert Mahaffy, Potsdam, Germany, seeking his nomination ‘as Irish Minister to the German Republic’ (21 January 1920, 3pp);
– letter from J.A. Har[mer], Berlin, Germany, offering to work ‘for the cause’ in Berlin (2 February 1920, 2pp);
– correspondence seeking de Valera’s intervention in a personal lawsuit involving a Mrs. Johanna Murphy coming before a ‘Sinn Féin law Court either at Tralee or Killarney’ on 11 June 1920 (4–16 June 1920, 4 items).
72 items & 1 envelope

724 27 January,  5 February 1920
Letter to de Valera from Thomas Russell, President of the County Claremen’s Patriotic, Benevolent and Social Association, New York City, informing him what the Association ‘have been doing to advance the cause of the Irish Republic’. Includes acknowledgement.
2 items, 2pp & 1p

725 24 June 1920
Letter to de Valera from John J. Castellini, Cincinnati, Ohio [of the American Commission on Irish Independence] offering his assistance at any time and stating ‘Have since heard some of the difficulties that you were undergoing and I can only say that you should hold steadfast, doing that which your conscience dictates for the good of the Cause. These slight differences that arise from time to time are minor in comparison with the big thing we are trying to accomplish.’
1p

V. Communications with Ireland

726 June 1919–October 1920
Correspondence between de Valera and Michael Collins [‘D’]. De Valera describes his activities in America, issuing various instructions and requests, mostly with regard to the external loan and the preparation of the bond prospectus. Collins supplies information about the political situation in Ireland and replies to de Valera’s queries and suggestions. Includes references to:
• de Valera’s wife and family;
• Seán Nunan’s salary;
• ‘Sorapure’ [Victor Edgar Sorapure] (see also P150/1125 & 1137 for references to Sorapure) and a possible British spy ‘Dr. Moloney’ [William J. Maloney] (see also P150/1011 for article by Maloney, originally published in The Gaelic American, 1920);
• Robert Barton;
• newspaper and periodical articles;
• the difficulties of conducting an undercover campaign in Ireland to raise the loan and the ‘arrests of people who have been active in Loan work … even you and my colleagues in the States, let alone those who have not had
recent experience of Irish conditions, can scarcely conceive the limits to which the English have carried their repressions and suppressions against this Loan...Yet all the attempts have signally failed’ (19 February 1920, 2pp);  
- a Home Office Order prohibiting de Valera from landing in the United Kingdom;  
- police minutes concerning the searching of American sailors;  
- the work of the Ministry, ‘we go on taking over the National Activities...We take over means of revenue also and generally support is coming our way more and more...and really the men are splendid. We have lost a few good ones lately–prisoners I mean Tom Hales, Lord Mayor of Cork (who has been glorious really) and some others. Fortunes of war. Mrs. deV will I hope be with you this time. I am sorry it took so long. My opinion was that you were all mad to have put the idea in her head but I couldn’t say that to her. The journey will do her good and she badly wanted some change. She has had a very hard time. Don’t take any notice of anything she’ll say about me. She is so grateful to me that as I say to her I must have a very bad way of doing things’ (14 August 1920, 4pp).

Also includes holograph letter to de Valera from Arthur Griffith, informing him that the Ministry at its last meeting unanimously decided to request him to remain for the present in the United States and ‘consolidate the great work you are performing...your continued stay in America is essential to our success...I am firmly convinced that your presence in America with the presidential election in the offing is our greatest asset.’ (8 December 1919, 2pp).

A few of de Valera’s holograph letters are accompanied by typescript copies, some with annotations. Many of Collins letters are signed or initialled but few are holograph.  

June 1919–August 1920 Correspondence between de Valera and Arthur Griffith, during de Valera’s time in the U.S.A.

De Valera describes his activities, issues instructions, seeks information and statistics on matters such as British ‘atrocities’ in Ireland and financial matters. Griffith keeps de Valera up to date with happenings in Ireland and informs him of the activities of the Dáil.

Topics discussed include:
- the dissemination of knowledge about British ‘atrocities’ in Ireland and the Irish cause through the preparation of pamphlets and publication of articles in newspapers and periodicals;
- pressure from the British government in the form of threatened suppression of the Irish press if it published the vote of thanks to the U.S. Senate;
- Griffith’s association with the American Consul;
- the Dáil Commission of Enquiry into Irish Resources and Industries;
- details by Griffith of British ‘atrocities’ in Ireland;
- President Wilson and the League of Nations;
- de Valera’s reception in the U.S.A.;
727 contd. • a private photograph of de Valera playing with one of the children of Shane Leslie, taken by Mrs. Leslie, and its possible propaganda use by the British;
• the organisation of the bond drive;
• obtaining international recognition of the Irish Republic and the preparation of notices ‘sent to all the Nations…discussing the ratification of the Treaty and the league of Nations giving the Irish Position and containing copies of the matter sent to the Peace Conference’ and their delivery to the embassies in Washington;
• Robert Barton;
• the need for more Irish representatives in America to organise the various departments;
• American journalists and the censorship of the press in Ireland;
• the proclamation of Dáil Éireann and the suppression of Sinn Féin, the Irish Volunteers and Cumann na mBan;
• ‘County and other rural elections to be held in Ireland…under the system of proportional representation for minorities which was used in the municipal elections last January’;
• de Valera’s clash with Judge Cohalan;
• the proposed Irish mission to the Soviet Union and the question of Irish representation in Argentina;
• the Platt Amendment;
• St. Patrick’s Day greetings, acknowledgements of de Valera’s ‘magnificent work in the United States for the recognition of the lawfully established Republic of Ireland’ and assurances of the ‘steadfast loyalty of the people of Ireland to the Republic’;
• the resignation of James O’Mara as Irish Representative and Trustee in America of Dáil Éireann funds;
• the Mason Bill;
• the American election campaign and its effect on the Irish campaign;
• the use to which the balance of the anti-conscription funds could be put;
• the role of the Irish Bulletin in providing accurate information and statistics on the situation in Ireland.
Includes:
– holograph letter from de Valera to Arthur Griffith shortly after his arrival in America outlining his objectives: ‘(1) Pressing unofficial recognition of the Republic and preparation for campaign re the Treaty…also to try later for official. I do not underestimate the difficulties. (2) The interesting of wealthy men of the race in the industrial development of Ireland–keeping the Commission idea in mind…(3) The floating of the bonds. This requires a big organisation and the fund being collected by the Friends of I[rish] Freedom is a bit disconcerting. The whole trouble is to organise the sympathy for our cause which is widespread and harness it to a definite purpose. The press is not hostile–but the English are massing their forces against us’ (9 July 1919, 2pp);
– photocopy of a letter from de Valera to Griffith remarking “Send B. along at once Also F. Both important. McCartan is in Washington, Mellowes wants a rest it is a case of the harvests great (sic) & the labourers few.
Expenses are awful here. Cost of collecting the bonds subscriptions will I fear be very high. There is no close unit of organisation here as at home. One must be created for the purpose. I wish I could devote myself to this solely. I have got a bad reputation here as being ‘a very stubborn man’. Harry is loved by everybody. Nunan is a legion’ (21 August 1919, 3pp);

– incomplete letter from de Valera to Griffith, ‘I wish I could give you a detailed picture of the conditions here—they are as complex as they could well be. The great difficulty is to get Americans to put Irish interests above their own politics—It would be unfair in a sense to ask them to do it, but the point is that the chief source of the influence they have in public life is really due to the sympathy which the people at large feel for our cause…We are ourselves debarred from entering directly into American politics—we must use other people (Americans)…’ (2 January 1920, 1p);

– holograph letter from Griffith to de Valera stating ‘The Government is functioning despite all the efforts of the Castle’ and providing a ‘synopsis of its work’ under the following headings: Fisheries, Forestry, Land, Industry, Commerce and Propaganda. ‘As I write, military & police have descended on 6 Harcourt Street and are closing the building—of course we prepared for such a contingency’ (7 January 1922, 2pp);

– typescript copy of despatch from de Valera to Griffith ‘For the Cabinet’ concerning the split between American supporters of the Republic. ‘The necessity of preventing possible serious consequences from a movement now on foot here makes it necessary for me to risk sending Dr. McCartan to you. At this distance the enemy and mischief makers could create such trouble as would make it impossible to do effective work. (1) I am presuming on this—that the moment the Cabinet or Dáil feel the slightest want of confidence in me they will let me know immediately. If I can, as I feel certain I can, count solidly on this then I can go on with my work without fearing that malicious persons can stir up misunderstandings…It is time for plain speaking now. A deadly attempt to ruin our chances for the bonds and for everything we came here to accomplish is being made. If I am asked for the ulterior motives I can only guess that they are (1) to drive me home—jealousy, envy, resentment of a rival…or (2) To compel me to be a rubber stamp for somebody. The position I have held…is the following (1) No American has a right to dictate policy to the Irish people. (2) We are here with a definite objective—Americans banded under the trade name…Friends of Irish Freedom—ought to help us to attain that objective if they are truly what the name implies. This organisation F.O.I.F. owes its life to the idea that it is an organisation to work for Irish freedom. It is not its primary object to secure in American life a prominent place for our race here. In other words the organisation is supported by the plain people primarily to help Ireland to its freedom not as a Trade Union organisation so to speak to help the group of members themselves….Consistent with this position I have insisted then that as regards Irish policy I am not bound to consult any American…On questions of tactics to secure our objectives of course Americans must be consulted…Fundamentally Irish Americans differ from us in this—they being Americans first would sacrifice Irish interests if need be to American interests—we, Irish first, would do the reverse. It is therefore a question of
finding the lines along which our interests are parallel. It is not however from fundamentals like this the trouble arises. The trouble is purely one of personalities. I cannot feel confidence enough in a certain man…[Judge Cohalan]…to let him have implicit control of tactics here without consultation and agreement with me.…I fear writing you any letters–were I to write all I would like to say and exactly as I would like to say it–if captured and published such a letter might blow our work here skyhigh. You will understand’ (original dated 17 February 1920, 2pp);
– typescript copy of letter from de Valera ‘To the Cabinet’ describing the background to his ‘clash’ with Judge Cohalan and remarking ‘I only ask you at home to remember that I never say anything here which I would not say at home. I do not believe in the old Parliamentarian policy of one sort of speech for American and another for Ireland’ (n.d., received 10 March 1920, 2pp);
– typescript copy letter to Arthur Griffith from de Valera’s Secretary Harry Boland, reporting on ‘American activities’ under the following headings: Propaganda, Political, Foreign Affairs and ‘Chile, So[uth] America’ (original dated 11 August 1920, 2pp). 36 items

23 June 1920 Private letter from Arthur Griffith to Judge Cohalan and John Devoy concerning the circulation ‘through the press in…[Ireland]…and abroad of attacks being made at present by prominent citizens of America of Irish blood on the authority and credit of the President of the Irish Republic…any word or action which might tend to discredit his office or his mission constitutes an affront and an injury to the Irish Republic. Bitter indignation exists in Ireland at the moment over the reports of these attacks on the Irish President. Public expression of that indignation, I am seeking to avoid. I therefore write personally to appeal to you, gentlemen, to give your loyal support to our President in his great work…and whatever causes of friction may exist not to permit them further to interfere with loyal support of our President in his work of securing explicit recognition of the Government of Ireland from the Government of the United States.’
Three copies, one holograph, one handwritten and one typescript.
Letter found in folder marked ‘Griffith Letter to Cohalan and Devoy (Not delivered)’. 3 items, 1p each

October 1919–July 1920 Letters to de Valera in America from Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartuigh [Secretary to the Cabinet] and Robert Barton, reporting on the situation in Ireland and answering various enquiries. Many of Ó hÉigceartuigh’s letters are covering letters with various documents. In most cases the enclosures are not extant. Includes:
– letter to de Valera from Roibárd Bartún [Robert C. Barton], Minister for Agriculture, on the ‘Land Acquisition Scheme & Banking Proposals’ of the Agricultural Committee and Land Bank Committee and the Rules of
‘Banc na Talmhan’ [Land Bank] (18 January 1920, 10pp) (see also P150/1399 & 1368 for related documents);
– covering letter to de Valera from Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartuigh, Secretary to the Government, enclosing copies of a letter and report (originally dated 19 March 1920) to the General Secretariat from Eamon Bulfin in Buenos Aires [newspaper owner, editor and writer] in which he makes the suggestion ‘that a sum of £2000 should be allocated for the establishment of a propagandist review to circulate in the Argentine’. Ó hÉigceartuigh seeks de Valera’s ‘observations and recommendations on the proposal’ (20 May 1920, 3 items) (see also P150/735 for covering letter and copy of identical report sent to Harry Boland);
– letter to de Valera from Ó hÉigceartuigh containing the Dáil’s responses to certain proposals and suggestions for their consideration’ by de Valera ‘conveyed to them on your behalf’ in a recently presented report by Harry Boland. Discusses the appointment of ‘Consuls and Diplomatic Agents’ by the Dáil to various European countries and the U.S.A.; the appointment of an Irish delegation to Russia; the direction of Irish propaganda in the U.S.A.; empowering de Valera to ‘utilise one million dollars to secure recognition’; the appointment of an ‘Ambassadord to the United States’; de Valera’s proposed visit to South America. The Ministry ‘are of the opinion that you should not return home just now. They feel that your presence in the United States at the present juncture is of more importance than a visit to South America, but they have, of course, no objection whatever to such a tour, if you think your presence in the States can be spared for the necessary time’; and financial arrangements for the mission. Also includes the text of an oath of allegiance to the Irish Republic to which all Dáil members must swear (8 June 1920, 5pp);
– letter to de Valera from Ó hÉigceartuigh responding to de Valera’s queries and providing information with regard to diplomatic agents; the proposed Irish Mission to Russia; authorisation for de Valera to spend one million dollars; ‘Constructive work of An Dail’ referring to various Dáil reports; propaganda concerning ‘moving in France for recognition’; the possibility of a resolution of sympathy with Ireland’s claim from the Austrian National Assembly; the Minister of Defence’s published manifesto against emigration and the question of resignations of Irishmen from the R.I.C. (July 1920, 4 items);
– letter to de Valera from Ó hÉigceartuigh reporting on the session of the Dáil which took place on 29 June 1920 (16 July 1920, 6pp).

15 items

3 December 1919
Holograph letter to de Valera from George Noble Count Plunkett [Seoirse Noble Ó Pluinghcéid] Minister for Foreign Affairs, on the general situation at home and abroad. ‘The general movement goes on fairly, though the clubs are a bit lax since the elections…Abroad, our propaganda goes on steadily and foreign opinion is generally inclined towards us, partly through divisions among the allies…At home, our industrial undertakings are being worked out steadily, in
730 contd. spite of every interference, and our funds are earmarked largely for these purposes. (Owing to the difficulty of finding suitable men, and to other impediments, our Consuls in Europe remain too few.) Here I must lay stress on our pressing need for an immediate supply of funds...an army, under any conditions, must have abundant resources to be efficient...The training and equipment and support of such a body should be our main concern. They want not only arms...but also motor-cars, cycles etc....I urge it on you that the necessary money be procured and applied for this purpose without delay...our people in the States must be at one with us...and must, to the end, back us, not lead us, in our fight'. 2pp

VI. Reports from foreign representatives

731 [April], September 1919–February 1922 Correspondence mainly between Seán T. O’Kelly and de Valera relating to O’Kelly’s activities as Irish Envoy in Paris. Includes some correspondence between O’Kelly and Harry Boland (12 November, 9 December 1919, 2 items) and letters written by O’Kelly to de Valera during O’Kelly’s visit to Rome in 1920. Also includes:
– typescript memorandum by O’Kelly, Irish Envoy in Rome, on ‘the present national movement in Ireland, particularly in its relation to the Catholic Church and to the Holy See’ (18 May 1920, 9pp);
– copy letter from O’Kelly to George Gavan Duffy, Minister for Foreign Affairs on foot of Gavan Duffy’s letter concerning the letter sent in the name of Harry Boland and O’Kelly ‘to various friends in Ireland asking them to support the existing Republic at the forthcoming Ard-Fheis of Sinn Féin’. In response he states ‘...when I was asked to represent Ireland in Paris, I was not told that the fact of my being a diplomatic representative abroad, would impose upon me any obligation with regard to any political action I might see fit to take in Ireland. During the three years of my tenure of the post...I have not hesitated to freely state my political views at any time the opportunity was given me in Ireland...Am I to understand from your letter that it is now your desire to put upon me an obligation to refrain from such political action as I may wish to take in Ireland’ (1 February 1922, 1p).

See also P150/1317 for documents relating to Ireland’s claim to recognition as a sovereign independent state, American support for this aim and a hearing for the Irish delegates at the Paris Peace Conference; P150/1325 for documents relating to the Irish deposition at the Paris Peace Conference and P150/978 which includes a letter to de Valera from Diarmuid Lynch concerning the duration of Seán T O’Kelly’s stay in Paris 13 items
732 11 June 1956 Typescript note dictated by de Valera in 1956 on Séan T. O’Kelly’s audience with the Pope in [February] 1920 and the drawing up of a memorandum for presentation to the Pope, on the Irish independence movement, following a rumour from the Vatican that the Pope was about to denounce the ‘Irish Movement–The Volunteers and Sinn Féin’. 3pp

733 August 1919–October 1920 Letters from George Gavan Duffy [Irish Republican Envoy in Paris] to de Valera or [Joseph Begley] and Frank P. Walsh in the U.S.A., on Gavan Duffy’s activities in Paris with regard to the peace conference and the Treaty of Versailles; the health of Seán T. Ó Ceallaigh; Gavan Duffy’s expulsion from France in September 1920 following pressure from the British government on the French authorities; and his subsequent stay in Belgium. Includes references to Roger Casement and Terence MacSwiney. Includes typescript letter to de Valera from Gavan Duffy congratulating de Valera on his ‘phenomenal success in the States which is doing a world of good at home’. Describes the political situation in France, emphasising the dependence on England and America. Signed (25 August 1919, 3pp). Some of the holograph letters are accompanied by typescript transcripts. Note: ‘K.C.’ in Gavan Duffy’s letters, stands for the Knights of Columbus, and ‘I.R.’ for Irish Republic. See also P150/1027 for copy letters from de Valera to Supreme Knight O’Flaherty asking him to bring the question of support for the official recognition of the Republic of Ireland by the Government of the United States before the Knights of Columbus Convention. ‘I have had communications from France which indicate that, if your representative were to quietly make representations to the French Government, it is possible they might reconsider their decision’ in ‘practically expelling our representative in France’ [George Gavan Duffy]. 15 items

734 31 March 1920 Carbon copy of letter from George Gavan Duffy [Irish Envoy in Paris] to Arthur Griffith stating ‘I have written to America to point out that the constant attacks on the French there are doing harm here, especially in French Catholic quarters and to suggest that the time is opportune for an attempt at a rapprochement between France and the States’. Attached is an address ‘To the Government Elect of the Republic of Ireland (Translation)’ drawing ‘attention to the case of certain prominent Irishmen residing in England and America who take part in the politico-religious crusade which is now pursued fiercely against Turkey in both countries’. 2 items, 1p & 3pp
Holograph covering letter from Eamon Bulfin [Republican Representative in Argentina] to [Harry Boland] enclosing a carbon copy report on ‘the situation here as it effects Ireland’, proposing the establishment of a bureau of ‘six or seven earnest workers’ who would by lectures, pamphlets and a small publication in Spanish ‘educate the Argentines concerning Ireland and the demands of the Irish people. The idea would be to strike at influential people here such as congressmen, senators and editors, professional and commercial men. The campaign would not be a scurrilous attack on England but a reasoned case for Irish independence calmly stated giving data on trade, industries and politics, history and the possibilities of an independent Ireland.’

See P150/729 for copy of Bulfin’s covering letter and identical report sent to the Ministry and forwarded to de Valera in the U.S.A. by Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartuigh. Ó hÉigceartuigh seeks de Valera’s ‘observations and recommendations on the proposal’

VII. Diaries and accounts of the tour

Documents, mainly schedules of de Valera’s appearances and accounts of his tour in the United States in 1919 and 1920. Includes:
– typescript copy of ‘List of American Names & Addresses’ (n.d., 4pp);
– typescript itineraries and lists of events and appearances by de Valera in America, 28 May 1919–8 March 1920 and 1 October–25 October 1919 (n.d., 5 items);
– typescript copy of ‘Rough outline of proposed line of Tour’ (n.d., 4pp);
– ‘Southern Itinerary of President de Valera. Final Copy’ (n.d., 2pp);
– typescript retrospective notes containing ‘the list of De Valera Itinerary as originally planned’, 1 October–18 December 1919, compiled by one of de Valera’s children; and a letter to de Valera from Miss Macken (28 March 1919, 8pp);
– ‘De Valera’s Itinerary in the United States of America, Oct–Dec 1919’ (n.d., 3pp);
– holograph retrospective ‘notes re American Tour’ by de Valera on the broad course of events during his time in America; recollections of his journey to the U.S.A. on the Lapland; and some personal reminiscences (n.d., 15pp);
– typescript list of locations and dates of seventeen of ‘President de Valera’s speeches during his tour of America 1919–20’ (n.d., 1p);
– typescript ‘Synopsis’ of history of de Valera in the U.S.A., June 1919–July 1920 (n.d., 4pp);
– typescript account of attempts to promote the recognition of the Republic of Ireland in the U.S.A.. Incomplete: pages numbered 2 to 7 (n.d., 6pp);
736 contd. – typescript general account of de Valera in the U.S.A. referring to the conflict between de Valera, Judge Daniel Cohalan and John Devoy; his tours in America; his reception by the Chippewa Indians; English attempts to counter his influence; Mayor Cowens of Detroit and Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi who was ‘taken to task’ by Michael J. O’Brien of New York, an eminent historian and author of ‘A Hidden Phase of American History’ for the ‘stupid and uninformed statements he had made before the Senate’. Incomplete: pages numbered 5 to 12 (n.d., 8pp);
– typescript general account referring to Father Michael Yorke, editor of the San Francisco Leader; the visit of Dr. Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne; the Bond Drive and de Valera’s letter to Dr. Michael Gallagher, Bishop of Detroit, on being selected as President of the Friends of Irish Freedom. Incomplete: pages numbered 1 to 17; 19 and 3 pages with no number (c.1945, 21pp);
– incomplete portions of typescript account of de Valera’s trip to the U.S.A. beginning with his unveiling of the statue of Robert Emmet in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco on 20 July 1919 to his visit to South Bend, Indiana and Notre Dame on 14 & 15 October 1919 (c.1945, 20pp);
– typescript portion of an account of de Valera’s visits to St. Louis, Missouri (24 October 1919); Omaha, Nebraska; Oakland, California; Seattle, Washington (12 November 1919) and San Francisco, California, (n.d., 12pp).
See also P150/1134 for arrangements for the tour in correspondence between H. Boland & Judge Cohalan; P150/1163 for correspondence between Harry Boland and Liam Mellowes and detailed reports from Mellowes for de Valera’s tours in September and October 1919 and April 1920
21 items

737 1922 Typescript ‘Chief’s Diary for 1920’ detailing de Valera’s movements from 1 January 1920 while in New York, to 17 December 1920 ‘at sea’. Typescript compiled in 1922.
See P150/666 for 1919 Diary 6pp

VIII. Progress of the Tour

a. Planning and itineraries

June 1919–February 1921 Invitations issued to de Valera, many through Harry Boland, from American organisations, dignitaries and members of the public, to lunches, receptions and attendance at various meetings. Copies of replies are also included in many cases. Includes invitations from:

- Thomas Brady, Director of the Lecture, Entertainment and Musical Bureau, to a lecture tour through the U.S.A. and Canada (28, 30 June 1919, 2 items);
- ‘Mrs. Hearst and Committee’ [Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Chairman of the Mayor’s Committee of Women on Reconstruction and Relief] to a box ‘for the Victory Celebration at the Stadium’ on 4 July 1919. Holograph reply by de Valera on reverse (2, 3 July 1919, 2 items);
- Rollo Peters, Director of the New York Theatre Guild, and Dudley Digges to attend the performance of ‘Mr. St. John Ervine’s Irish Play John Ferguson’ at the Fulton Theatre (4 July 1919, 2 items, 1p each);
- James A. Dorsey, Counsellor at Law, Boston on behalf of the Committee on Toasts and Speakers of the Charitable Irish Society of Boston, to be the guest of the society on the 183rd anniversary of its organisation on 17 March 1920 (28 January 1920, 2 items);
- John W. Dorsey, Chairman of the Irish Republic Bond Certificate Campaign, to ‘appear before the State Legislature at Albany’ during the week of 9 March 1920 (17–26 February 1920, 3 items);
- Thomas P. O’Gara, Secretary, Arrangements Committee, to the State Parade and Field Day of the C.T.A.U. of Connecticut in Torrington on 3 July 1920 (22, 26 May 1920, 2 items);
- Austin J. Ford of The Irish World, to a presentation of an album of reports from The Irish World to Archbishop Mannix on 29 July 1920 (26 July 1920, 1p);
- John F. Finerty to lunch ‘with Mr. Kelley, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and me’ (20 August 1920, 1p);
- Dr. Andrew C. Smith, Portland, Oregon, to attend a conference on the organisation of the campaign to secure official recognition for the Irish Republic to be held at the Raleigh Hotel, Washington on 16 November 1920. Also includes correspondence between Smith, Harry Boland and J.H. Fitzgerald, President of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, on the organisation of the newly established A.A.R.I.R. and Smith’s claims to be its State Director in Oregon (10 November 1920–2 February 1921, 6 items).

See also P150/1135 for correspondence between Harry Boland and Diarmuid Lynch concerning invitations to de Valera  

C.54 items
740 2, 13 August 1919  Letters to Harry Boland from John D. Moore
enclosing an itinerary ‘based on the theory that
the President will travel rapidly as is done in the campaign tours of American
presidential candidates’. The proposed tour is divided into two: ‘A. The New
England and North Atlantic states will require from 26 to 30 speaking days.
B. The Virginias and the Middle Western states will require 20 to 24 days. C
Total 46 to 54 days.’  3 items

741 29 September–  Telegrams between Liam Mellowes [advance
3 November 1919  courier for de Valera] and Charles Wheeler,
Room 404, 280 Broadway, New York,
concerning travel arrangements for de Valera’s visits to the following
locations:
• Youngstown, Cleveland and Akron, Ohio;
• Indianapolis, Indiana;
• Valparaiso, South Bend and Fort Wayne, Indiana;
• Detroit, Michigan;
• Cincinnati, Ohio;
• Muncie, Indiana;
• Chicago, Illinois;
• Milwaukee & Spooner, Wisconsin;
• Kansas City, Kansas;
• St. Joseph, [Missouri];
• Minneapolis & St. Paul, Minnesota;
• Des Moines, Iowa;
• Springfield and Bloomington, Illinois;
• St. Louis, Missouri;
• Omaha, Nebraska;
• Denver, Colorado;
• Butte, Montana;
• Spokane, Washington;
• Pocatello, Idaho.
Also includes some telegrams to/from Charles P. Sweeney.
40 items

742 7–21 April 1920  Letters and telegrams to William Kane
‘Sec[retary] to President De Valera’ from Liam
Mellowes on arrangements for de Valera’s tour of the southern states in April
1920. Encloses detailed programmes for visits to the following locations:
• Columbia, South Carolina;
• Savannah, Georgia;
• Jacksonville, Florida;
• New Orleans, Louisiana;
• Mobile, Alabama;
• Jackson, Mississippi.
20 items
Telegrams between Liam Mellowes and Liam Pedlar on arrangements for de Valera’s tour of the southern states in April 1920.  
5 items

Lists of U.S. State Governors and City Mayors who received de Valera during his tours of the U.S.A. in 1919 and 1920; State Legislatures and City Councils that passed resolutions in favour of Irish independence and State Legislatures which de Valera addressed during 1919 and 1920. Includes copies of extracts from The Irish World and the Gaelic American providing details of the adopted resolutions. Also includes list of ‘Degrees Other Than Those Conferred on President de Valera in Ireland’ comprising list of American universities and the date and type of degree conferred by them on de Valera.  
Note: a copy of the Gaelic American photocopy dated 24 July 1920, referred to by Seán Nunan can be found in P150/2910; see also P150/1012 for texts of resolutions affecting Ireland passed in the U.S. Congress and State Legislatures.  
8 items

b. Tours, June 1919–October 1920

Messages of welcome and invitations to de Valera to visit Springfield, Massachusetts from Padhraig Ó hÉigeartaigh and Conor O’Grady, Springfield, on behalf of the ‘sworn men of Dist[rict] 8’ [I.R.B.] and M.J. Davis and Thomas P. Hart of the William Young Committee. Includes letters of acknowledgement from Harry Boland.  
de Valera subsequently visited Springfield on 7 [and/or 8] February 1920.  
10 items

Copies of resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York conferring the freedom of the city upon de Valera and correspondence between Harry Boland and the Mayor’s Office on arrangements for a meeting between de Valera and John F. Hylan, Mayor of New York (26–28 June 1919, 3 items).  
See P150/905 for de Valera’s acceptance speech in New York  
11 items, 1p each
747  26 June–4 September 1919  Communications between Diarmuid Lynch, Harry Boland and Rev. E.A. Kirby, Girard, F.O.I.F., on an invitation to de Valera to visit Girard, Ohio.
3 items, 1p each

748  26 June, 16 September 1919  Correspondence between James K. Lambert, Editor of The Democrat (sic), Natchez, Mississippi, and Harry Boland concerning Lambert’s invitation to de Valera to visit Natchez. Also includes letter from Daniel T. O’Connell, Director, Irish National Bureau, Washington, D.C. to Diarmuid Lynch, National Secretary, Friends of Irish Freedom, urging de Valera to visit Natchez—‘The South needs encouragement and I do not know any place in the South which needs encouragement more than Mississippi’ (16 September 1919, 1p).
3 items

749  27 June–7 November 1919  Correspondence, mainly between Harry Boland or Diarmuid Lynch, and John J. Splain [State Chairman,] Connecticut F.O.I.F. or Michael B. McGreal of New Haven, Connecticut, National Treasurer, F.O.I.F., mainly on F.O.I.F. invitations to de Valera to visit New Haven.
8 items

750  27, 30 June 1919  Offer from A.J. Gallagher, Erie, Pennsylvania, to organise a meeting for de Valera in Erie, Pennsylvania. Includes acknowledgement.
2 items, 1p each

751  26 June–2 August 1919  Correspondence, including telegrams, between Harry Boland and J.P. Manning, or Thomas F. Dorsey, New London, on the organisation of a delegation to meet de Valera in New London, Connecticut on his way to Boston on 28 June 1919.
6 items

752  June–September 1919;  Documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Boston, Massachusetts on 29 June 1919 during which he addressed a crowd of 70,000 at Fenway Park. Includes documents concerning his address before both branches of the Massachusetts State Legislature in Boston on 30 June. Also includes invitations from various Boston organisations arising out of de Valera’s visit.
Includes:
– messages of welcome to de Valera (22–27 June 1919, 3 items);
– correspondence between Diarmuid Lynch, the Bench and Bar Committee including Daniel T. O’Connell, Joseph Begley and Harry Boland concerning arrangements for the visit (25–27 June 1919, 6 items);
752 contd. – letters from John X. Regan of Boston, to de Valera and Fr. Wheelwright, seeking de Valera’s recommendation for a pamphlet he has written (21 June–7 July 1919, 3 items);
– invitation to de Valera from Joseph E. Namers, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, inviting him to address the House on 30 June (28 June 1919, 1p);
– correspondence between de Valera’s Secretary Harry Boland and members of the public who met de Valera during his visit to Boston. Includes text of a poem by Dr. Francis Reid, President of Boston City Council, entitled ‘Erin Awake! A Tribute to His Excellency, Edward de Valera, President of the Irish Republic’ (29 June–9 August 1919, 14 items);
– telegrams between Seán Nunan and R.C. McCabe, Managing Editor, Boston American, concerning a series of articles de Valera was supposed to write for the Boston American (8–9 September 1919, 3 items).

See also P150/670 for message of welcome to de Valera from [members of the Democratic Club of Massachusetts].

42 items

753 29 June 1919 Black and white photographs relating to de Valera’s visit to Boston, Massachusetts on 29 June 1919. Includes prints of:
– de Valera ‘Entering Mission Church for Mass June 29th 1919’ (29 June 1919, 23cm x 18cm);
– Harry Boland on a podium addressing the crowd at Fenway Park, Boston (29 June 1919, 23cm x 18cm);
– two views of the crowds gathered for the rally in Fenway Park (29 June 1919, 24cm x 18cm & 25cm x 18cm).

See also P150/1162 for text of Harry Boland’s speech at Fenway Park.

4 items

754 27 June–23 August 1919 Invitation relating to de Valera’s visit to Cambridge, Massachusetts on 30 June 1919, following his Address before the Massachusetts State Legislature earlier in the day. Includes telegram from Mayor Edward J. Quinn inviting de Valera to Cambridge; Boland’s reply accepting the invitation; letter to Diarmuid Lynch, National Secretary, F.O.I.F., from John T. O’Hare, Secretary of the Organization Committee, inviting Harry Boland to speak at a mass meeting in Cambridge ‘under the auspices of the Hibernians, for the furtherance of the Irish cause’ on 30 August 1919 and Lynch’s reply.

de Valera was received at City Hall by Mayor Quinn; he addressed the City Council; was received at the Capitol and received a delegation from Manchester, New Hampshire headed by Governor John H. Bartlett.

6 items
30 June 1919
Carbon copy of text of de Valera’s speech at a wreath laying ceremony at Bunker Hill, during his visit to Boston and Cambridge, Massachusetts in June 1919. Begins ‘I am grateful to the citizens of Boston and Cambridge for this privilege with which they have honored me. So far Ireland’s history has been a Bunker Hill. For her friends that is a surety that Ireland’s liberty, too, is safe.’

[30 June 1919]
Copy of resolution by the City Council of Lewiston, Maine to invite de Valera to the city.

June–December 1919
Documents relating to invitations to de Valera to visit Jersey City, New Jersey. Includes correspondence between Harry Boland and Fr. F.J. Sexton, St. Lucy’s Rectory, Jersey City, (‘Homer in Blackrock’) and an invitation to visit the city from Mayor Frank Hague.

27 June–30 August 1919
Invitation to de Valera, issued through Edward J. Coen, 510 New York Building, Seattle, Washington, from A.L. Dickson, Secretary, Central Labor Council, to ‘speak in Tacoma under the auspices of the Central Labor Council’. Includes Harry Boland’s reply accepting the invitation.

27 June–19 September 1919
Correspondence mainly between Diarmuid Lynch or Harry Boland, and various members of the Lowell, Massachusetts Friends of Irish Freedom, concerning invitations to de Valera to visit Lowell. Includes telegram to de Valera (8 August 1919, 3pp) containing the text of a resolution passed on 8 August 1919 by Lowell Municipal Council urging U.S. official recognition of the Irish Republic and inviting de Valera to Lowell. Also includes copy of resolution (1p). de Valera subsequently visited Lowell on 8 February 1920.

28 June 1919–1 March 1920
Correspondence mainly between Harry Boland and Mayor Walter H. Creamer concerning the Mayor’s invitations to de Valera to visit Lynn, Massachusetts. Also includes an invitation to de Valera from William A. Nealey (President ‘Eighteen Monroe St.’) of Lynn to address the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor Convention in Greenfield, Massachusetts in September 1919.

See also P150/1133 for correspondence between Boland and various representatives of the American Federation of Labor in June 1919 and April 1920 to October 1921.
761 29 June, 31 July 1919  Invitations to de Valera from George J. Hurley, Mayor of Lawrence, Massachusetts and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, Corresponding Secretary, on behalf of the John McBride Branch, F.O.I.F., to visit Lawrence. De Valera subsequently visited Lawrence on 8 February 1920. 2 items

762 25 June–8 July 1919 Correspondence and telegrams concerning invitations to de Valera to visit New Hampshire. Includes:
– invitations from William J. O’Brien, City Clerk, John Bartlett, Governor of New Hampshire, and Moise Verrette, Mayor of Manchester, to visit Manchester, New Hampshire (25–27 June 1919, 6 items);
– attested copy of resolution by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester urging official recognition of the Irish Republic (1 July 1919, 1p).
De Valera visited Manchester on 30 June 1919, where, accompanied by Governor Bartlett he addressed 30,000 people. 11 items

763 June; August 1919 Copy of q resolution of the City Council of Worcester, Massachusetts inviting de Valera to the city (original dated 30 June 1919, 1p) and letter to Harry Boland from John E. Gallagher, President, Patrick Pearse Branch, F.O.I.F., about a rumoured visit to Worcester by de Valera on 28 August and Boland’s reply. De Valera subsequently visited Worcester on 6 February 1920 when he was conferred with the freedom of the city by Mayor Sullivan at City Hall (12, 21 August 1919, 2 items, 1p each).
See P150/913 & 914 for documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Worcester, Massachusetts on 6 February 1920 3 items

764 [1 July 1919] Copy of resolution of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester, New Hampshire urging official recognition of the Irish Republic. 1p

765 8 July 1919 Telegram to Harry Boland from P. H. Dea[r]mody, Reno, Nevada, inviting de Valera to ‘remain over in Reno to address the public on his way to San Francisco’. 1p

766 [8, 9 July, 9 August 1919] Certified copy of a resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Hoboken, New Hampshire urging official recognition of the Irish Republic. 3 items, 1p each
July 1919

Speech by de Valera entitled ‘What Does Ireland Want? Nothing But Her Own’, delivered in Madison Square Garden, New York on 10 July 1919. Begins ‘Public life is a great educator. It is only recently that I have come to realize fully how very blind they can be who do not want to see and how incurably deaf, those who do not want to hear.’

Three typescript copies, one with holograph corrections and amendments.

768 10 July–22 August 1919

Letters of congratulation to de Valera from members of the American public who attended his address to 50,000 in and around Madison Square Garden, New York on 10 July 1919.

7 items

769 11–29 July 1919

Message of welcome to the U.S.A. from Hugh Montague, President, Thomas Clarke Branch, F.O.I.F., on behalf of the Branch in Passaic, New Jersey; and signed poem written and dedicated to de Valera by Henry Frain (11 July 1919, 2 items, 1p each). Also letter to de Valera from Joseph A. Louglin of Passaic seeking an autographed photograph. (22 & 29 July 1919, 2 items, 1p each).

4 items

770 [between 1948 and 1951]

Black and white press photograph of ‘former Premier’ de Valera shaking hands with James Pyne of Passaic, New Jersey during Pyne’s visit to Ireland to celebrate his 60th wedding anniversary (12cm x 17cm). Accompanied by New Jersey newspaper report on Pyne’s visit illustrated by similar photograph (n.d., 1p).

‘During their 15-minute talk, the two men discussed Passaic, recalling de Valera’s visit here. Pyne was a member of the committee which conducted a drive in this area to raise funds for the benefit of the Irish Republic. De Valera came to Newark to accept the money and was a guest of Hugh Montague at his Albion Street home in Passaic. Montague was committee chairman.’

2 items

771 12–14 July 1919

Telegram from Rev. M.J. McEvoy, McHenry, Illinois, welcoming de Valera to the state on behalf of the Roger Casement Branch, F.O.I.F. and St. Patrick’s Parish. Includes letters of acknowledgement. Also copy of text of resolution by ‘American citizens in mass-meeting in Chicago on July 13, 1919’ urging official recognition of the Irish Republic, calling for the establishment of trade
relations between Ireland and America ‘for the benefit of American
Commerce and Labor’ and opposing ‘the proposed covenant of the League of
Nations, because it impairs American sovereignty, imperils the Constitution
of the United States, destroys the Monroe Doctrine and guarantees the world
supremacy of the two remaining despotic empires of the world, –Great Britain
and Japan’ ([13 July 1919], 2pp).  3 items

July 1919
Typescript copies of addresses by Frank P.
Walsh and de Valera delivered at a lunch in
honour of de Valera, held in the Gold Room, Congress Hotel, Chicago,
Illinois, Saturday 12 July 1919. De Valera was in Chicago on 12 and 13 July
1919.
De Valera’s speech begins ‘Friends: I am beginning to feel we are rather cold
blooded people in Ireland to-night. As I was going around on the shoulders of
those stalwarts, my mind went back to the last football match we played, in
which we were to take the Captain about’ (1p& 8pp).
2 items

13 July 1919
Typescript ‘Speech of President De Valera. July
13, 1919’ being opinions on Ireland’s attitude
towards the ‘general idea’ of a League of Nations and ‘Article X of the
present covenant’. De Valera addressed a mass meeting of 50,000 in Chicago,
Illinois and received a LL.D. Degree at St. Paul University, Chicago on 13
July 1919.
 Begins ‘Ireland’s attitude towards the general idea of a league of nations has
been made abundantly clear both in the documents which the Irish
Government submitted officially to the Peace Conference at Paris, and in the
speech which I made at Boston a short time ago.’
Two copies (both 4pp), one marked ‘Press’.  2 items

13 July 1919
Typescript copy of de Valera’s speech at the
Cubs Ball Park, Chicago, Illinois on Sunday 13
July 1919.
 Begins ‘My Friends: Since I have come to your land I have admired its
magnitude; I have admired the splendor of your buildings, but it is not these
things that have appealed to me as showing me I was in America. It is the new
spirit that I encountered in this country....’  10pp
Typescript copy of de Valera’s address to the Chicago City Council in [July 1919]. de Valera visited Chicago on 12 & 13 July 1919; in March 1920 and 9–14 July 1920. With holograph corrections by de Valera. Begins ‘Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the Council: I am grateful for the enthusiastic welcome with which you have received me, and I thank you with my whole heart. But I am even more grateful for this privilege of addressing you, which affords me the opportunity of presenting the case of Ireland to a body who will listen to it, and judge it calmly…’  18pp

15, 21 July 1919  Invitation to de Valera through Diarmuid Lynch from William E. Madigan of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America, Michigan, to visit Hancock, Michigan. Includes copy of reply from Lynch stating he is passing the request to Harry Boland.  2 items, 2pp & 1p

17, 22 July 1919  Telegram from C.E. Getaf, Mayor of Medford, Oregon, inviting de Valera to the city. Includes acknowledgement.  2 items, 1p each

16, 17 July 1919  Invitation to Harry Boland from John T. Flood, Philadelphia F.O.I.F., for de Valera to address a mass meeting in Shibe Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 18 July 1919. Includes Boland’s reply of regret.  2 items, 1p each

1 July–4 August 1919  Documents concerning de Valera’s visit to San Francisco, 17–20 July 1919. Includes:
– telegrams between Diarmuid Lynch and Edward Maher, Oakdale, California, concerning the visit;
– invitation to de Valera from Joseph McLaughlin, National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America, to be the Order’s guest at its 51st National Convention in San Francisco, 15–19 July 1919 and letter of acceptance (3 & 4 July 1919, 2 items, 1p each);
– letter to de Valera from M.J. Dalton of The River News. A Weekly Newspaper Devoted to the Interests of Rio Vista and Environs recounting details of his experiences in the Argentine and connections with the Argentine government with a view to his appointment in some sort of official capacity there on behalf of the Republic. Includes letter of acknowledgement (28 July, 4 August 1919, 2 items).
See also P150/784 for copy of de Valera’s address at the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America Banquet on [18] July 1919  15 items
July 1919

Typescript copy of speech delivered by de Valera at the ‘Auditorium. San Francisco’ California in July 1919. De Valera was in San Francisco, 17–20 July 1919. Begins ‘The first principle which must be accepted, and which, during the war, was recognized as absolutely necessary, is the principle of said determination of nations’ ([17] July 1919, 5pp). Also includes typescript copy of speeches made by James Rolph Jr., Mayor of San Francisco and Dr. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco in the Auditorium [on the same occasion?] ([17] July 1919, 4pp).

2 items, 4pp & 5pp

July 1919

Typescript copy of ‘Speech of President De Valera At Banquet of Clare & Mayo Men’s Association, San Francisco, July 17, 1919’. De Valera was in San Francisco, 17–20 July 1919. Begins ‘Men and women from Clare and from Mayo: Mingled with those feelings of anticipated pleasure with which I learned that my first function here was to dine with you were those of the wondrous diffusion of our race, and of the iniquity of the methods by which this diffusion was brought about.’

4pp

July 1919

Typescript copy of ‘Speech of President De Valera at City Hall San Francisco, July 18, 1919’. Begins ‘Mr. Mayor, officials of the city and county of San Francisco: I have been coming through your mighty land from the eastern shores where I thought the receptions which I received could not be excelled; coming through the centre and heart to the west, I have been moved in a way which has made it impossible to express the feelings which the receptions which I have…[received]…evoked.’

2pp

July 1919

Typescript copy of a statement by de Valera in San Francisco, in reply to questions asked in an Editorial in the St. Louis Post Dispatch. With handwritten corrections. Begins ‘In today’s Editorial in St. Louis Post Dispatch a statement of mine in this city is quoted where I said that I was putting the cause of Ireland squarely before the American people. ‘It is a question, I said, that is between England and Ireland, between right and might and I have no doubt of the verdict of the American people…’.’ (6pp). Also associated documents.

4 items

8pp

785 [July] 1919 Black and white print of a group of thirteen including de Valera, Fr. Peter Yorke, Andrew J. Gallagher, F.O.I.F., and [Seán Nunan] in San Francisco in [July] 1919. Group includes three clerics [and one Jesuit]—photograph possibly taken on the occasion of de Valera receiving an honorary Ph.D. degree at St. Ignatius University, San Francisco on 19 July. Gallagher was Chairman of the Citizens’ Reception Committee.

14cm x 8cm

786 20 July 1919 Typescript copy of speech by de Valera at the ‘Unveiling of Robert Emmett Statue’ in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California on 20 July 1919. Begins ‘My friends, I thank the artist, and I thank the donor and I thank the citizens of San Francisco that I have the opportunity here to-day of laying at the feet of the dead the homage of the living in Ireland…’

See also P150/3581 for file on statues of Robert Emmet

3pp

787 [July 1919] Typescript copy of speech delivered by de Valera at the Bethlehem Iron Works in San Francisco [in July 1919]. De Valera was in San Francisco, 17–20 July 1919. Begins ‘Citizens of San Francisco, I am delighted with this opportunity of thanking in person the men of organized labor, whose convention recently at Atlantic City asked the Government of the United States to recognize the republic set up by the Irish people in Ireland.’

Two copies, both with holograph corrections.

2 items, 3pp each

788 [July] 1919 Typescript copy of address of Dr. Michael J. Gallagher, Bishop of Detroit in San Francisco in [July] 1919, prior to de Valera’s speech on the same platform. Begins ‘Mr. President, Mr. Mayor, Rev. Fathers, friends of Irish freedom all: The warm reception that has been given to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the ladies auxiliary, and the enthusiastic welcome that has been accorded
by the people of San Francisco and the people of California, to President de Valera, tells us that the heart of the people of California beats true to those eternal principles of human rights and human liberties that are inscribed in the declaration of independence and enshrined in our glorious Constitution.’

6pp

Typescript copy of speech of Fr. Peter C. Yorke at a meeting in San Francisco, California in [July 1919]. Begins ‘You good people out there in front of me have a very great advantage; your backs are turned to the face of the clock. If I were to keep you here to-night any longer, I am greatly afraid that I would never have the courage to look a clock in the face again….’

6pp

Series of black and white photographs taken by Lothers & Young of San Francisco, of two meetings [probably taken during de Valera’s visit to the city, 17–20 July 1919], one of delegates at a mass meeting in a large hall [the National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held on 18 July?] (3 prints, 25cm x 18cm, 25cm x 19cm & 19cm x 24 cm) and delegates in a small room [Frank P. Walsh standing on left, wearing glasses] (25cm x 19cm).

Also includes print of crowds standing outside a building (24cm x 19cm) and print of Frank P. Walsh and de Valera [at the Ancient Order of Hibernians National Convention?] (24cm x 19cm).

6 items

Black and white photographs relating to de Valera’s visit to San Francisco, California.

Includes:

– group including de Valera outside ‘Father Yorke’s Church’ in San Francisco (July 1919, 14cm x 8cm). Also enlarged print of same, individuals identified on reverse by Seán Nunan as follows: ‘From left. 1. Seán Nunan, 2. Father Hunt, 3. Father Augustine, 4., [possibly Mrs. Mary McWhorter President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians], 5. Eamon de Valera, 6. Father Peter Yorke, 7. Dr. Healy, Catholic University, Washington D.C.. Back row: 2. ? J. Gallagher, 5.Charles Sweeney’ (July 1919, 25cm x 17cm) and further enlargement (26cm x 21cm);

– photographic montage of de Valera’s visit to San Francisco featuring images of de Valera and Mrs. Mary McWhorter, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians; de Valera being presented with a gold plaque by James Rolph, Mayor of San Francisco and the inscription on the plaque (July 1919, 40cm x 30cm);
791 contd.  

– de Valera in the midst of crowds at City Hall, San Francisco, following his address to the City Council on 18 July (July 1919, 3 items, 27cm x 34cm each);

– panoramic view of diners attending the ‘National Convention Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and Ladies Auxiliary Banquet, in Exposition Auditorium’ in San Francisco on 19 July. Photographer: Cardinell-Vincent Co., Market Street, San Francisco (19 July 1919, 4 copies, 49cm x 29cm each);

– de Valera in front of the Robert Emmet Monument during the ‘Benediction at Unveiling Ceremonies of Robert Emmet Monument, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, Cal. July 20th 1919’. Photograph torn in two pieces lengthwise (c. 35cm x 28cm);

– close-up of a smiling de Valera with press caption ‘Eamonn de Valera delighted by San Francisco Reception’. ©: Underwood & Underwood, New York (15cm x 20cm);

– mounted studio portrait in presentation folder of de Valera, Martin Gallagher and David Murphy. Hartsook Studios (July 1919, 2 copies, each 18cm x 23cm excluding mount, 24cm x 34cm including mount);

– group photograph including de Valera ‘taken at the Mission, San Juan Capistrano, California in 1919 during the President’s visit to the U.S.A. en route to Los Angeles to San Diego’.

*Front row. L. to R. Liam Mellowes, Fr. St. John Sullivan, Pastor San Juan Capistrano, Joe O’Connor, the President, James O’Mara, Seán Nunan, Charlie Sweeney.*

*Back row.* Peter Murray, Fr. Quinlan, P.J. O’Connor, Fr. John Powers, Joe Scott, Charles F. Horan, P.F. McCarthy, John P. Coyne, ([July] 1919, 25cm x 20cm). Also page listing the individuals in the photograph, supplied by Charles F. Horan in October 1959, on which date he notes ‘Myself and Joe O’Connor are the only members of the group at this end who are left’ (1p);

– group including de Valera, Fr. Peter Yorke and Frank P. Walshe (with glasses) on a podium at a rally in San Francisco [identified by Seán Nunan on reverse]. Photograph by Lothers & Young, Post Street, San Francisco (July 1919, 24cm x 20cm);

– [de Valera and Seán Nunan on arrival in San Francisco] welcomed by Senator J.C. Nealon, Joseph Mulvihill, City Supervisor, and Andrew J. Gallagher, City Supervisor [identified by Seán Nunan]. (July 1919, 35cm x 27cm);

Letter to Seán Nunan from Andrew J. Gallagher, President, Irish Freedom Fund Committee of San Francisco, giving details of de Valera’s activities during his visit to San Francisco and Oakland, California, Thursday 17 July–Tuesday 22 July 1919.

Covering letters to the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and President de Valera’s Secretary enclosing a copy of the Resolution (29cm x 38cm) passed by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the visit to the city by de Valera. Seal of the City and County of San Francisco attached.

Black and white photographs of a banquet in honour of de Valera held at Oakland, California on 20 July 1919. Includes prints of ‘Banquet at Oakland, Cal. July 1919. At head table. 4. Charles Sweeney, 5. Patrick Lee, 6. Seán Nunan, President de Valera, standing speaking, On his right Andrew J. Gallagher’ [identified by Seán Nunan]. Estey Photo Co., 55th Street, Oakland, California (20 July 1919, 35cm x 28cm) and different view of head table (37cm x 24cm).

Black and white copy of a photograph captioned ‘Eamon de Valera. Now President of Ireland, photographed with members of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic at Big Trees, Redwood National Park, Santa Cruz, California in 1919’. Given/sent to de Valera by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Curran of Newcastle, Galway.

Copy of resolution of the City Council of Milwaukee, Wisconsin to invite de Valera to the city. De Valera subsequently visited Milwaukee on 17 October 1919.
24 July 1919   Typescript copy of ‘Speech of President De Valera at Utah Hotel, Salt Lake City, July 24, 1919’. With handwritten corrections.

Begins ‘The pleasure of addressing an audience such as this here in Salt Lake City was an unexpected one for me also. I only intended passing through the city, as the arrangements were that we should pass but a few hours in your city. And so it is has been possible that after having enjoyed the hospitality of your city I should be able to tell you a few things that I have to say about our cause tonight.’ 6pp

24 July 1919   Typescript copy of text of an ‘Interview With President De Valera’ in Salt Lake City, Utah on 24 July 1919. Consists of fourteen questions and answers covering de Valera’s object in visiting America; Article X and the League of Nations; President Wilson; the extent of support for Sinn Féin; ‘the prospect of obtaining unity of all the Irish’; the question of Ulster; ‘how far does the religious rather than the political element enter into the situation’; British administration in Ireland and Irish participation in the World War.

9pp

25 July 1919   Typescript copy of the front page of an ‘Address of President De Valera at Butte, Montana. July 25, 1919’. De Valera visited Butte, 25–28 July 1919. He received the freedom of the state of Montana from Lieutenant Governor W.W. McDowell and the freedom of the city of Butte from Mayor William T. Stodden. He was also invited by Governor McDowell to address a joint session of the State Legislature, which he did at Helena on 30 July 1919.

Begins ‘(The President first spoke in Irish). My friends, I found on my way through this vast country that there was scarcely a spot in which I did not find somebody who could speak to me in the language of Ireland; and I feel it my duty therefore to speak in that language at the beginning of every meeting. I do so now because that language of ours is one of the distinctive marks of our nationhood.’ Incomplete.

1p


Begins ‘Mr. Chairman, and citizens of Butte: I am glad to have the opportunity of saying a few words to the workers of this great mining city. I have come to America to appeal to the sense of justice of all Americans, and I believe that in no class is that sense purer and more developed than amongst the workers.’ 8pp
801 28 July 1919 Carbon copy reports by Charles P. Sweeney in Butte, Montana for the International News Service, Chicago, Illinois on de Valera’s address ‘to an audience of ten thousand organized mine and smelter workers’ in Butte on 27 July 1919 and the address of Sergeant Jack Sullivan of Seattle, Washington, First Vice-President of the American Legion, who occupied the same platform as de Valera. 2 items, 2pp & 1p

802 [25–28] July 1919 Typescript copies of speeches made by Lieutenant Governor W.W. McDowell, in which he extends an invitation to de Valera to address the State Legislature at Helena, William T. Stodden, Mayor of Butte, Toastmaster James E. Murray and de Valera (the latter 7pp, incomplete) at the reception and banquet attended by de Valera at the Silver Bow Club in Butte, Montana in July 1919 [sometime between 25 and 28 July]. 3 items

803 July 1919 Black and white photographs taken during de Valera’s visit to Butte, Montana. Consists of mounted studio portrait of de Valera, Mayor William T. Stodden and Judge Jeremiah J. Lynch. Labelled by Seán Nunan. Zubick Art Studio, Butte, Montana (18cm x 26cm excluding mount, 27cm x 35cm including mount) and de Valera and party on the steps of a large building in Butte labelled on reverse by Seán Nunan as follows: ‘On the President’s left: Judge Jeremiah Lynch. Behind Judge Lynch, Dr. Pat McCartan. On Dr. McCartan’s right Sean Nunan and Charlie Sweeney. Behind Nunan and Sweeney, James E. Murray (wearing hat)’. Zubick Art Studio, Butte, Montana (1919, c.26cm x 16cm excluding mount, 38cm x 28cm including mount). 2 items

804 27 July 1919 Typescript copy of ‘Address of President De Valera. Anaconda, Montana, July 27, 1919’. Typed on back of paper headed ‘Hotel St. Francis, San Francisco’. Begins ‘I am glad that it has been possible for me to remain over to be with you here this evening. What I have to say to you have probably heard from others or seen it already in reports of speeches of mine in the newspapers. The object of my mission is simple. My appeal is to justice and to American principles.’ 6pp
27 July 1919

Typescript copy of the ‘Address of President Eamon De Valera at the Banquet Hall, Anaconda Montana, Sunday, July 27, 1919’.
Begins ‘Mr. Toastmaster and Friends: I have spoken at all hours, I think, and all places, but I don’t think that I ever spoke as late as this before, and I really have said, or others have said, all that we have got to say and all that is necessary to say here, I am sure. I find that I have spoken and I have touched on practically all the points that are necessary for our cause that I scarcely ever know where to begin.’

806  
[27] July 1919

Incomplete typescript copy of text of speech by de Valera delivered during his visit to Anaconda, Montana, [27] July 1919, on self-determination and the principles which inspired President Wilson to enter the war and how poorly Lloyd George applied these principles, especially in the Irish Convention, 1917–18.
Begins ‘… and we contested every seat except I think the University seat, which was not really essential to the plebiscite, seeing that these men had voted elsewhere. Every seat was contested, and a bare twenty per cent of the total vote was cast for union with England.’

807  
28 July 1919

Typescript copy of text of speech by de Valera delivered on the steps of the Court House in Butte, Montana, 7.45pm on 28 July 1919. With handwritten corrections.
Begins ‘Mr. Chairman, citizens of Butte: I am very glad for the opportunity of saying a few words to you; I had a similar opportunity of speaking to the workers in San Francisco, and my object in speaking to you is that I believe that there is no class in this great nation that is more closely affected by this question than you are.’

808  
28 July, 1 August 1919

Invitation from James Drury, Secretary, Dr. Thomas Addis Emmett Branch, F.O.I.F, to de Valera to address a public meeting in Staten Island, New York in August or September 1919. Includes acknowledgement.

809  
30 July 1919

Typescript copies of ‘Speech of President De Valera Before Mass Meeting at Capitol Building, July 30, 1919’ [in Helena, Montana]. Three copies, all with handwritten corrections and amendments.
Begins ‘Mr. Governor, Ladies and Gentlemen. It should be inspiring for me to address you here so many thousands of miles away from the home land, and to see in front of me the statue of the first Governor of this great territory, Meagher…[the first governor of Montana]…stands for what Ireland stands today for.’
810 30 July 1919  Typescript copy of ‘Speech of President De Valera Before Joint Session of Montana Legislature’ at Helena on 30 July 1919. With holograph amendments by de Valera. Begins ‘Mr. President and gentlemen of the legislature: I wish to thank you for extending to me the privilege of your house and for giving me this opportunity to explain to you the objects of my mission to your country. I would wish also to avail of the occasion to thank you on behalf of the Irish people for the resolution of sympathy with our cause which you adopted.’
5pp

811 29, 31 July; 7 November 1919  Invitation to de Valera from the St. Alphonsus Association, ‘the largest Catholic Club in New England’, to attend a grand opening and ladies night in Roxbury, Massachusetts, ‘this being the first opportunity accorded the Public of viewing the Memorial Tablet which the Association dedicated in honor of their One Hundred and Eighty-Five members who responded to the call of our Beloved Country in the recent World War’. Includes reply of regret. Also includes letter of regret to an invitation to the Roscommon Benevolent Association Costume Ball on 18 December 1919 in Roxbury. 3 items

812 2 August– 22 September 1919  Correspondence between Harry Boland, Diarmuid Lynch and A.F. Sweeney, Oklahoma State Chairman, F.O.I.F., on the latter’s suggestion that de Valera visit Tulsa, Oklahoma. 6 items

813 5, 7 August 1919  Correspondence between William J. Flaherty, Cumberland County Board of Maine Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Harry Boland, concerning that organisation’s invitation to de Valera to visit Portland, Maine. 2 items, 1p each

814 5 August– 12 December 1919  Correspondence between John Trenor, Secretary, James Connolly Branch, Friends of Irish Freedom, and Diarmuid Lynch, National Secretary, F.O.I.F., and between Trenor and Harry Boland, concerning the James Connolly Branch’s invitation to de Valera and Boland to visit Troy, New York. Both are unavailable due to the ‘vast tour’ due to begin in October. 8 items
815  6 August 1919  Copy letter from Diarmuid Lynch to Fr. Charles F. Farrelly, Robert Emmett Branch, F.O.I.F., concerning the invitation to de Valera to visit Rensselaer, New York. With handwritten note on top of page ‘near Albany. Promises big things’. 1p

816  [12 August 1919]  Typescript copy of [newspaper] account of de Valera’s speech at a reception given in his honour in the Hall of the Knights of Columbus in New Rochelle, New York [12 August 1919]. With holograph corrections and amendments by de Valera. 7pp

817  22, 27 August 1919  Letter to de Valera from Mary E. Scully, Secretary, on behalf of the members of the St. Enda’s Branch, F.O.I.F., offering their support and assistance during his visit to New Rochelle. Includes letter of acknowledgement. 2 items, 1p each

818  7 July; 25 September 1919  Letters from Stephen J. McDonough, Orator, Baltimore F.O.I.F., [see also P150/922] To Diarmuid Lynch and James Reidy and cutting from a Maryland newspaper concerning the issuing of an invitation to de Valera by the local branch of the Friends of Irish Freedom to visit Baltimore, Maryland. De Valera subsequently visited Baltimore on 25 August 1919 on the invitation of the City Council. 4 items

819  12, 14 August 1919  Letter of invitation to de Valera to visit Binghamton, New York on 25 August 1919, from Rev. J.J. McLoghlin, on behalf of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Ladies Auxiliary of Binghamton. Includes reply. 2 items, 1p each

820  18 July–6 September 1919  Documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Syracuse, New York on 28 August 1919, during which he addressed the State Convention of the New York State Federation of Labor and a mass meeting organised by the [Brian Boru Branch] F.O.I.F. Includes:
820 contd. Sun, Syracuse, concerning arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Syracuse (18 July–27 August 1919, 13 items);
– letter to de Valera from Edward A. Bates, Secretary-Treasurer, The New York State Federation of Labor, giving the text of a resolution urging U.S. government official recognition of the Irish Republic, adopted at the New York State Federation of Labor Annual Convention held at Syracuse between 26 and 30 August 1919. Also includes letter of acknowledgement (4, 6 September 1919, 2 items, 1p each);
– correspondence between Harry Boland and John V. McCarthy, State President and National Director, Ancient Order of Hibernians, on an invitation to de Valera by the A.O.H., to deliver an address at the State Convention of the Order to be held in Poughkeepsie, New York in September 1919 (28 August–2 September 1919, 4 items). 19 items

821 28 August 1919 Typescript text of de Valera’s speech before the New York State Federation of Labor, at the Onondaga Hotel, Syracuse, N.Y., 28 August 1919.
Begins ‘Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: I would like to tell you how much I appreciate the opportunity that is being given me of addressing you here. The first good news I had when I came to your shores was that, in Atlantic City, you had passed that resolution which recognized the right of the Irish people to govern themselves. That was the recognition which I expected from American labor.’ 10pp

822 28 August 1919 Typescript text of de Valera’s speech ‘at the Mass Meeting held at the Arena, Syracuse, N. Y., August 28, 1919.’
Begins ‘I have been through the breadth of this great land and there are few places that I have been in which I have not been welcomed in our own mother tongue and whenever I hear that I know that there are sons of Ireland driven out, not because they wanted to leave it, but driven out by the power into whose tender mercies it is proposed to give us back under the new league of nations.’ 15pp

823 28 August 1919 Black and white photographs of de Valera and supporters during his visit to Syracuse, New York when he addressed the State Convention of the New York State Federation of Labor and a mass meeting organised by the [Brian Boru Branch] F.O.I.F. Consists of mounted print captioned ‘Honorable Eamon de Valera President of the Republic of Ireland and N.Y. State Federation of Labor Committee. Syracuse’ (30cm x 25cm including mount, 24cm x 20cm excluding mount), one with individuals named on reverse by Seán Nunan as follows: ‘From left. (1)
contd. Charles Sweeney, (4) Charles Wheeler, (5) Thomas Rock, (6) Sean Nunan, (7) E. de Valera’ and one with same names written on front of photograph and also [Jonathon] Sullivan and Thomas Curtis. Also smaller copies of same, one with caption and noted on reverse ‘Property of Miss K. O’Connell’ (2 items, 17cm x 12cm each).  

5 items

24 June–26 August 1919; 29 March–1 May 1920 Documents relating to a proposed visit by de Valera to Richmond, Virginia in August 1919, its cancellation and de Valera’s later visit on 10 April. Includes letter of welcome to de Valera from Daniel C. O’Flaherty, President, Patrick Henry Branch, F.O.I.F., Richmond (24 June 1919, 1p) and telegrams to Harry Boland from Joseph T. Lawless and O’Flaherty (14, 18 August 1919, 2 items) and from Boland to Seán Nunan calling off the meeting in Richmond (26 August 1919, 1p). Also correspondence between Boland and O’Flaherty on arrangements for de Valera’s visit on 10 April 1920 and suggestions that de Valera visit Staunton, Virginia (29 March–1 May 1920, 11 items).  

See also P150/983 for correspondence between O’Flaherty and de Valera.  

15 items

August–September 1919; August 1920 Correspondence between Vincent Maloney, Irish Fellowship Club, Oswego, and Harry Boland, and between James Reidy of The Gaelic American and Boland, concerning Maloney’s invitation to de Valera, on behalf of the Irish Fellowship Club, to visit Oswego, New York. Also includes carbon copy letter to John Fitzgibbons,, Mayor of Oswego, from [Harry Boland] regretting that de Valera ‘cannot address the public meeting on the 5th September. The pressure of work is such that he has had to practically give up speaking in public’ (25 August 1920, 1p).  

5 items

September 1919 Typescript copy issued by the ‘Irish Republican Mission in the U.S.’ of an address by de Valera before the ‘Central Federated Unions of New York City at the great Labor Day celebration on September 1.’ ‘In his address Mr. De Valera called upon labor to save the world from another century of imperialist aggression ending in a repetition of the war just concluded and declared that one of the prerequisites of a lasting and just peace is the recognition of the right of self-determination in Ireland. The case of Ireland he said is the test case before the world today. By Ireland’s fate, the world may judge whether or not autocracy has been dethroned and democracy made safe, he asserted, and added that it is the duty of the workers of the world to themselves to see that Ireland be free to live as a Republic.’  

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23 June–7 November 1919  Correspondence, mainly between Harry Boland or Diarmuid Lynch and Cornelius C. Moore, President, Robert Emmet Branch, F.O.I.F., on arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Newport, Rhode Island, 13 and 14 September 1919, and between Boland or Lynch and Thomas F. Cooney, Providence, on arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Providence, Rhode Island on the same days. Includes invitation to de Valera to visit Providence from Jeremiah P. Mahoney, City Mayor, and Boland’s copy letter of acceptance (12, 21 August 1919, 2 items, 1p each).

Includes attested copy of resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Newport to confer the freedom of the city upon de Valera (11 September 1919, 1p). Also includes photocopy from a microfilm of an illustrated cutting from The Providence Journal on de Valera’s visit to Providence, headed ‘Big Throng Greets Eamonn de Valera’ (original dated 13 September 1919, 1p).

31 items

September 1919  Black and white photographs relating to de Valera’s visit to Providence, Rhode Island on 13 and 14 September 1919. Two prints labelled as follows [unidentified hand] ‘President De Valera at City Hall, Providence, R.I. September 13. 1919. Left to right: Miles McNamee; Thos. Cooney; Pres. De Valera; Mayor Joseph Gainer; Senator Peter Gerry’ (13 September 1919, 22cm x 8cm); ‘President De Valera at State House Providence, R.I., September 13. 1919. Left to Right: Daniel Morrissey; Miles McNamee; U.S. Senator Gerry; President De Valera; Governor Beeckman; Thos. F. Cooney; Mrs. Ellen Ryan Jolly’ (13 September 1919, 24cm x 17cm). Also print of the latter party on the steps of the State House (13 September 1919, 16cm x 12cm).

3 items

September 1919  Series of black and white photographs recording de Valera’s visit to Newport, Rhode Island on 13 and 14 September 1919. Photographer: S. Kerschner, Newport, R.I. Includes prints of de Valera’s arrival by ferry accompanied by Harry Boland, his reception by Mayor Mahoney, the crowds at City Hall where the Freedom of the City was bestowed on him and crowds at Freebody Park addressed by de Valera.

16 items

July–September 1919; April 1920  Correspondence on arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Newark, New Jersey on 15 September 1919. He was welcomed at City Hall by Mayor Gillen on behalf of the city and went on to address a mass meeting. Includes covering letter to Harry Boland from William J. Egan, City Clerk, Newark, New Jersey, enclosing a certified copy of a resolution adopted by the
835 contd. Board of Commissioners of the City of Newark, at a meeting on 14 August 1919, conferring the freedom of the city of Newark upon de Valera (5, 6 September 1919, 2 items, 1p each). Also includes correspondence arising out of the visit and its description in the Newark Evening News; and an invitation by Mayor Gillen to de Valera, on behalf of the Newark Irish Bond Drive Committee, to the Irish Republic Ball in the Armory on 23 April 1920 [de Valera is on tour in the southern states in April and cannot attend]. Includes correspondence between:
• Mary M. Smith of the Richard Coleman Branch, F.O.I.F.;
• T. Hubert MacAuley, Newark, New Jersey;
• Padraic J. MacManus, de Valera Reception Committee Secretary;
• Harry Boland;
• William J. Egan, City Clerk, Newark, N.J.;
• Charles P. Gillen, Mayor of Newark, N.J.

19 items

836 11, 16 September 1919 Holograph letter to Harry Boland from Luke Dillon on his visit to Trenton, New Jersey, to prepare for a proposed visit by de Valera to the city. Includes Boland’s reply stating that he has decided not to include Trenton on the President’s tour. De Valera subsequently visited Trenton on 2 February 1920.

5 items

837 July–September 1919 Correspondence on arrangements for de Valera’s proposed visit to Brooklyn, New York on 18 September 1919, where he addressed a mass meeting of 20,000. Includes correspondence between:
• Michael J. Roche, Secretary, Knights of Columbus, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, New York;
• Mrs. Laura R. Wilkie of The Brooklyn Standard Union;
• Harry Boland;
• Fr. Edward F. O’Reilly, Chairman, F.O.I.F., Brooklyn, N.Y.

6 items

838 18 September 1919 Typescript copy of de Valera’s address to a meeting of 20,000 people in Brooklyn, New York on 18 September 1919. With holograph corrections and amendments. Incomplete. Begins ‘Mr. Chairman–American citizens: There has been one abiding thought with me since I came to this country, particularly when I look out on meetings such as this–it is how helpless are the plain people.’

8pp
[18 September 1919] Typescript portion of de Valera’s speech in the 13th Regiment Armory, Brooklyn, New York during his visit to Brooklyn [on 18 September 1919]. Begins ‘The project of founding a new world order in which the rule of right might replace the rule of violence in which war with its economic waste and human misery might be prevented and a lasting peace guaranteed, is a project in which every nation of the world and every individual man and woman is concerned’.

3pp

August–September 1919 Correspondence concerning an invitation to de Valera from the F.O.I.F. and Mayor Victor Mravlag, to visit Elizabeth, New Jersey and arrangements for the proposed visit in September 1919. Comprises mainly correspondence between Major Eugene F. Kinkead, Diarmuid Lynch and Dennis F. Collins, Comptroller, Elizabeth, New Jersey and Chairman, Elizabeth F.O.I.F.; between Boland and Victor Mravlag, Mayor of Elizabeth, and a resolution of support for de Valera adopted by the City Council of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

15 items

July–September 1919 Correspondence relating to an invitation and arrangements for a proposed visit to Bayonne, New Jersey, 22 September 1919. Comprises mainly correspondence between Diarmuid Lynch, Harry Boland and Mary E. Mann, Bayonne, F.O.I.F., and a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Bayonne inviting de Valera to visit the city.

14 items

23 September 1919 Letter to Diarmuid Lynch from Jeremiah C. Daly of the F.O.I.F., Holyoke, Massachusetts, informing him of a resolution passed by the city government of Holyoke inviting de Valera to visit the city and seeking information ‘as to the proper person and address where the letter of invitation should be sent to’.

1p

19, 22 August 1919 Invitation to de Valera from Joseph V. McKee, New York State Assembly, to address a public meeting at the headquarters of the Democratic County Committee of Bronx County on 26 September 1919. Includes letter of regret.

2 items, 1p each
844  September–October 1919; 12, 20 March 1920

Documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 1 October 1919. Includes copy letters from Harry Boland to Michael Donohoe, and Michael J. Ryan, Philadelphia, F.O.I.F.; invitation to de Valera to visit the city from Thomas B. Smith, Mayor of Philadelphia, and souvenir menu/programme to accompany a dinner for de Valera at The Bellevue-Stratford, hosted by the Philadelphia Council of the Friends of Irish Freedom on the first day of his visit to Philadelphia, in October 1919 (1 October 1919, 13cm x 19cm).

De Valera opened his grand U.S. tour on 1 October in Philadelphia. He left for Pittsburgh on 3 October.

9 items

845  2 October 1919


Begins ‘Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: As I said in Independence Hall, I have looked forward to coming to Philadelphia with feelings of especial pleasure. Philadelphia, in the minds of the people of the World, is not merely the Mecca of America towards which liberty loving people of America look, but is the Mecca of the World toward which liberty loving, the plain people of the World look.’

15pp

846  2 October 1919

Black and white photograph of de Valera and a group of Holy Ghost fathers in their parlour.

Labelled ‘[Cornwelle], Pa. Holy Ghost College’. On 2 October 1919 de Valera was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 12cm x 10cm

847  12–18 September 1919

Correspondence between Diarmuid Lynch, Harry Boland, Fr. D. Murphy, President, F.O.I.F. Local Council, Pittsburgh, Mary E. Leonard, Secretary, and John J. Killeen concerning arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 3–5 October 1919.

4 items

848  4 October 1919

Typescript copy of de Valera’s speech at a mass meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Saturday 4 October 1919.

8pp
849  4, 5 October 1919  Typescript text of de Valera’s speech at the Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Saturday 4 October 1919. With extensive holograph corrections and amendments by de Valera. Begins ‘Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: The difficulty in stating the Irish case is its simplicity. When the framers of the American Declaration of Independence tried to set forth their motives and make men understand them, they started out by saying that there are certain principles which were self-evident, principles which needed no proof.’  16pp

850  22–29 September 1919  Correspondence between Harry Boland, and Thurdon Morgan, Burgess, Sharon, Pennsylvania, concerning an invitation to de Valera to visit Sharon, Pennsylvania while in Youngstown, Ohio in October 1919.  3 items

851  5, 7 October 1919  Invitation to de Valera to visit Northampton, Massachusetts issued by the Robert Emmet Branch, F.O.I.F.. Includes acknowledgement.  2 items, 1p each

852  September–October 1919  Correspondence relating to de Valera’s visit to Youngstown, Ohio, 5–6 October 1919. Comprises invitation to de Valera to visit the city issued by the Ohio City Council and correspondence between Harry Boland and Fr. John R. Kenney concerning the visit. See also P150/944 for documents on de Valera’s visit to Youngstown on 20 June 1920  10 items

853  October 1919  Typescript copy of de Valera’s address at Idora Park in Youngstown, Ohio on Sunday 5 October 1919. Begins ‘I am in America as the official head of the Republic established by the will of the Irish people, in accordance with the principles of self-determination...’  6pp
October 1919 Typescript copy of text of ‘Address By the Honorable Eamon De Valera President of the Republic of Ireland, Delivered at the Armory, Akron, Ohio, October 6th, 1919, at 8.00p.m…’ Points which the reporter was unable to understand are indicated by dashes. 13pp

July–October 1919 Documents relating to invitations to de Valera to address a mass meeting in Cleveland, Ohio on 13 July and in September 1919 and arrangements for de Valera’s visit on 7 October 1919. Includes telegrams between Harry Boland, Diarmuid Lynch, Dr. Patrick McCartan, James P. Mooney, President, Cleveland F.O.I.F. and member of the Irish Fund Committee, and Fr. Gilbert P. Jennings, Cleveland F.O.I.F., member of the Irish Fund Committee and Chancellor of the Cleveland diocese; correspondence between Diarmuid Lynch, Harry Boland, Frank P. Walsh and Fr. A. Scullen, President Irish Liberty Committee; correspondence between Harry Boland and Martin L. Sweeney, Vice-President, Cleveland, F.O.I.F., and Eugene McCarthy; and letter to Charles N. Wheeler from W.P. Kelly, Secretary, de Valera Reception Committee. 5 items

[October 1919] Typescript texts of speeches of Michael J. Ryan (16pp), de Valera (23pp) and Rev. Francis X. McCabe, President of De Paul University, Chicago (11pp), at a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio on [7] October 1919. 3 items

July–October 1919 Documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Columbus, Ohio on 8 October 1919. Comprises mainly communications between Harry Boland, Diarmuid Lynch, Charles N. Wheeler and Timothy S. Hogan, Columbus F.O.I.F. and Chairman of the de Valera reception committee, on arrangements for de Valera’s visit. 28 items

8 October 1919 Typescript copy of de Valera’s speech in Columbus, Ohio on 8 October 1919. Begins ‘The difficulty in stating the Irish case is its simplicity. When the framers of the Declaration of Independence tried to set forth their motives and make men understand them, they started out by saying that there are certain principles which are self-evident, principles which needed no proof.’ 6pp
June–October 1919  Documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Cincinnati, Ohio on 9 October 1919 mainly correspondence between Diarmuid Lynch, Harry Boland and members of the Padriac (sic) Pearse Branch, F.O.I.F., Charles J. Fitzgerald, President, and Paul V. Connolly, Secretary, concerning invitations and arrangements for de Valera visit to Cincinnati. 18 items

9 October 1919  Typescript copy of de Valera’s speech in Cincinnati, Ohio on 9 October 1919. With handwritten corrections. Begins ‘The difficulty in stating the Irish case is its simplicity. When the framers of the Declaration of Independence tried to set forth their motives and make men understand them, they started out by saying that there are certain principles which are self-evident, principles which needed no proof.’ 9pp

July–October 1919  Correspondence between Diarmuid Lynch, John J. Barry of the Kentucky Irish American, E.J. McDermott, Louisville, Kentucky, P.H. Callahan and Charles Wheeler concerning an invitation and arrangements for de Valera to visit Louisville, Kentucky on 10 October 1919. 6 items

10, 15 October 1919  Telegrams between Charles N. Wheeler and Bishop O’Reilly on a tentative suggestion that de Valera visit Lincoln, Nebraska. 2 items, 1p each

October 1919  Typescript drafts of a report of de Valera’s speech at a mass meeting in Fort Wayne, Indiana on 13 October 1919. Begins ‘An Irishman can be a traitor only to Ireland…’. Three drafts, one with holograph amendments by de Valera. 3 items, 2pp each

July–October 1919  Documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Portland, Oregon between 13 and 15 October 1919. Includes invitations to visit Portland from the United Irish Societies and the Pearse Branch, F.O.I.F., Portland, and correspondence on arrangements for the visit, between Harry Boland and Anna Kearns, Secretary of the United Irish Societies, Portland, and Harry Boland and Dennis J. Galvin, Secretary, Portland F.O.I.F.. 10 items
October 1919
3 items, 15cm x 9cm each

15 October 1919;
Covering letter to President de Valera from Mrs. Alice O’Connor, Burbank, California, 19 July 1967
enclosing a photograph taken by her late husband when he was a student at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana in 1919. The photo depicts de Valera standing at the top of a grand staircase in the company of a large number of clerics (10cm x 6cm).
2 items

June–October 1919
Correspondence by letter and telegram, mainly between Harry Boland and John F. Flaharty, F.O.I.F. Michigan, about the date and arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Detroit on 16 October 1919. Also includes two telegrams from Flaharty to Diarmuid Lynch, and telegrams to Flaharty from Charles N. Wheeler. Includes:
– copy of letter to Senators from the Chairman of the Executive Committee, F.O.I.F., Michigan protesting ‘against the acceptance by the United States Senate of that portion of the Treaty of Peace which deals with the so-called League of Nations’ (n.d., 3pp);
– telegram from Boland to Flaharty stating that de Valera will spend one day at Notre Dame on 15 October (26 September 1919, 1p).
De Valera’s party in Detroit included Harry Boland, Seán Nunan and Miss Martin. De Valera was welcomed at City Hall by Mayor Couzens, the City Council, Chamber of Commerce and the Bishop of Detroit and received the freedom of the city. Speakers at the later mass meeting included Dudley Field Malone, de Valera, Boland, Lindsay Crawford and Rev. Mythen.
46 items

October–November 1919
Correspondence between Frank P. Walsh or Charles N. Wheeler and Peter Ryan, President, Arizona F.O.I.F. concerning arrangements for a visit to the Grand Canyon and Phoenix, Arizona. Visit cancelled on 12 November with telegram from Wheeler. Also includes letter to de Valera from J. Brick on the need for increasing awareness of the Irish situation in the U.S.A. through widespread publication of articles of Irish interest in American newspapers and letter of acknowledgement.
6 items
869  16 October 1919  Carbon copy circular letter from [Harry Boland?] to various press agencies commenting on the lack of coverage of de Valera’s tour in the national press, as opposed to the huge enthusiasm of local newspapers. Also announces that ‘on…Saturday, October 18, the Chippewa Indian Nation at Reserve, Wisconsin, will stage an all day celebration in honor of the president of the Irish Republic, and will adopt him into the tribe which…is the second time in the history of the Chippewa Nation that such an honour has been conferred upon a white man’.  
1p

870  August–October 1919  Correspondence, mainly between Diarmuid Lynch, Harry Boland or Charles N. Wheeler and John L. Lynch, Minneapolis, Minnesota; T.F. Kelleher, St. Paul, and T.J. Doyle, St. Paul, concerning the Minnesota F.O.I.F invitation to de Valera, and arrangements for a visit to the Chippewa Indian Reserve at Spooner, Wisconsin; and to St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, 18–20 October 1919. The visits to St. Paul and Minneapolis were arranged by a joint committee from the two cities.
Also includes telegrams between Harry Boland and Fr. Philip Gordon relating to the Indian Reserve visit (3, 4 October 1919, 2 items) and letter to Boland from Cornelius D. Mahoney of The Irish Standard, ‘Official State Organ of the A.O.H. in Minnesota’, referring to an invitation to de Valera from A.J. Williams of Fargo, North Dakota to visit Fargo (13, 14 October 1919, 2 items, 1p each).  
28 items

871  16 November 1919, 4 October 1948  Typescript letter from Fr. Philip Gordon, Chairman of the Lac Court Oreille Band of Chippewa of Lake Superior, to Kennedy Brothers, Minneapolis, Minnesota, stating ‘The DeValera rifles arrived in first-class shape…the Indians were immensely pleased…the name plates were without an error which is very remarkable since Indian names are so unusual and unspellable as a rule…everybody concerned up here is thoroughly satisfied that the whole present proceedings from the visit of President DeValera to the distribution yesterday was a big success…’ (16 November 1919, 1p);
– black and white photographs of de Valera with Fr. Gordon at the Chippewa Reservation in Reserve, Wisconsin, the latter wearing native American ceremonial head-dress, also print of de Valera wearing the head-dress (1919, 2 items, 20 cm x 16cm each);
De Valera was made Chief of a Chippewa tribe of Indians at the reserve when he visited it on 18 October 1919.
– postcard to de Valera from Michael Hourican, Minnesota, telling him of the death of Fr. Philip Gordon, ‘Native Red Indian & our dear friend’ (4 October 1948, 1p).  
4 items
October 1919

Typescript copy of text of ‘Address of President De Valera, delivered at the Auditorium, St. Paul, Minn[nesota], October 19, 1919’. Begins ‘Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen: I came here to America less to speak myself than to provide an occasion for others to speak. It was my hope, and my hope has been fulfilled, that when I came here, I should find Americans pleading the cause of Ireland as whole heartedly and as sympathetically as we from Ireland could plead it, and I knew that there was nobody could plead our cause here in America as well as Americans.’

31pp

October–November 1919

Correspondence between Charles N. Wheeler and William H. Caine, Secretary, Patrick Pearse Branch, F.O.I.F. concerning the Branch’s invitation to de Valera to visit Fall River, Massachusetts. Also includes correspondence between Diarmuid Lynch or Harry Boland, and John Manion, member of the Patrick Pearse Branch, F.O.I.F., Robert Emmett Literary Association and Chairman of the ‘organization of thirty Societies of our City formed for the purpose of extending an invitation to President De Valera…to visit our City’, on the same subject. Includes copy reply from [Harry Boland] stating that he will ‘take the matter up with the President and do everything possible to induce him to set a date for a Fall River meeting’ (7 November 1919, 1p).

8 items

September–October 1919

Correspondence, mainly between Harry Boland or Charles N. Wheeler and Fr. Timothy G. Smith, Springfield, Illinois, or telegrams between Boland or Wheeler and James M. Graham, Chairman, [Springfield, F.O.I.F.] on arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Springfield, Illinois on 23 October 1919.

18 items

June–October 1919

Documents relating to de Valera’s visit to St. Louis, Missouri on 24 October 1919. Includes:

– telegrams of welcome and invitations to de Valera and Judge Cohalan to visit St. Louis, from members of the public including Hon. O’Neill Ryan of St. Louis (June 1919, 3 items);
– correspondence between Diarmuid Lynch and John A. Leahy, St. Louis, referring to the St. Louis Board of Aldermens’ resolution conferring the freedom of the city on de Valera (23 & 25 July 1919, 2 items, 1p each);
– correspondence between Charles J. Dolan, St. Louis, and Charles N. Wheeler and Harry Boland on arrangements for the visit (10–16 September 1919, 3 items);
– telegrams, mainly between Charles N. Wheeler; James K. McGuire; Dr. Patrick McCartan; Frank P. Walsh; Joseph B. Shannon and Dr. R. Emmet Kane, St. Louis, on arrangements for the visit (30 September–24 October 1919, 14 items).

25 items
876 [October 1919] Typescript copy of de Valera’s speech in St. Louis, Missouri on 24 October 1919. Begins ‘Mr. Mayor, Mr. Chairman. Ladies and Gentlemen: I expected to find here, as I have found in every other assembly that I have addressed in this great country of yours, a number of the Irish race who still understand the Irish language, and I speak to them in the tongue of the Gale (sic) to give them a message and to tell them that the old spirit is still alive in the people of Ireland, to tell them that the old language is still alive in Ireland, and that the invader and usurper, England, has failed as hopelessly to kill the Irish language as she has failed to kill Irish nationality…’ 15pp

877 June–October 1919 Correspondence, mainly telegrams, concerning the F.O.I.F. invitation to de Valera to visit Kansas City, Missouri; an invitation by the Ancient Order of Hibernians to de Valera to attend the Annual Picnic of the United Irish Societies in Kansas City on 17 August 1919; arrangements for de Valera’s visit to the city on 25 and 26 October 1919 and Liam Mellows arrival in the city [on 17 August]. Correspondents include:
• members of the Committee of Kansas City Friends of Irish Freedom including Patrick W. Tarpey; James Ahern; John J. O’Sullivan and John J. O’Connor;
• Diarmuid Lynch;
• Patrick W. Tarpey, D.J. Dunn and Daniel Fitzgerald of the County Board, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Kansas City;
• Harry Boland;
• J.F. Henehan, Secretary of the Central Council of Irish-American Societies of Kansas City, Missouri;
• Charles N. Wheeler.
De Valera visited the city on 25 and 26 October 1919, addressed a mass meeting at the Convention Hall, visited the courts and attended a banquet. He was accompanied by Frank P. Walsh, Rev. James Grattan Mythen and Lindsay Crawford ‘of Canada, both Protestants’ See also P150/1112 for 1956 letter to de Valera from the Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, concerning the presentation of the Key of the City to de Valera and the conferral upon him ‘of the title of honorary and most illustrious citizen’ of Kansas City 20 items

878 29 September–26 October 1919 Correspondence, mainly between James McGuire and John J. Downey, St. Joseph, Missouri, and telegrams from Charles N. Wheeler to Senator Thomas J. Lysaght on arrangements for de Valera’s visit to St. Joseph, Missouri on 26 October 1919, where he was accompanied by Rev. James Grattan Mythen and Lindsay Crawford.
Includes letters to Wheeler, James K. McGuire and Colonel C.H. Callahan from Senator Lysaght, Missouri Senate, enclosing cuttings from the St.
contd. **Joseph Gazette** containing reports on the committee appointed to arrange de Valera’s reception in the city (29 September 1919, 3 items, 2pp each) and letter to de Valera from Frederick H. Wilson, St. Joseph Lodge No. 315 (26 October 1919, 1p) enclosing a ‘copy of the dramatic story of Robert Emmet’ [Acts II & III only] by Wilson (16pp & 14pp). 11 items

879 June–October 1919 Documents relating to invitations and arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Omaha, Nebraska on 27 and 28 October 1919. He spoke at Creighton Gymnasium Auditorium on 27th and placed wreaths on the graves of Generals John O’Neill, Butler and Thomas Mulcahy and unveiled a monument to General O’Neill on 28 October. Comprises mainly telegrams between Harry Boland or Charles N. Wheeler, Louis D. Kavanagh, President of the Irish Self-Determination Club and Fr. E.J. Flanagan. Also includes:
– covering letter to Harry Boland from Louis D. Kavanagh, President, The Irish Self-Determination Club of Nebraska, enclosing a copy of a letter to Kavanagh from J.H. O’Neill recounting some facts about General John O’Neill (1834–78), for de Valera’s information before his visit to Omaha, Nebraska. De Valera unveiled a monument to General O’Neill on 28 October 1919 during his visit to Omaha (24 October 1919, 2 items, 1p & 2pp) 40 items

880 27 or 28 October 1919 Typescript text of de Valera’s address at the Creighton Gymnasium, Omaha, Nebraska. With handwritten amendments. 11pp

881 September 1919; March 1920 Correspondence between Harry Boland and Fr. Patrick O’Brien and John A. O’Dwyer, Toledo, Ohio, on arrangements for a proposed visit by de Valera to Toledo, Ohio in October 1919 and correspondence following de Valera’s subsequent visit to the city in [February/March?] 1920. 16 items

882 10, 27 September 1919 Invitation to de Valera through Diarmuid Lynch from the Andrew Jackson Branch, F.O.I.F., to visit Pueblo, Colorado during his western tour and reply from de Valera’s Secretary stating that de Valera will arrive in Denver, Colorado on 30 October and remain in the vicinity until 4 November, so a visit to Pueblo may be possible. De Valera visited Pueblo on 1 November 1919. 2 items, 1p each
September–October 1919 Mainly telegrams between Harry Boland or Charles N. Wheeler and Con K. O’Byrne, Treasurer, Emmet Club, F.O.I.F., concerning arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Denver, 30 October–4 November 1919. Includes correspondence between Diarmuid Lynch and John J. Guiry, F.O.I.F., Denver. Includes references to his visit to Pueblo and his party in Denver which should include Harry Boland and Seán Nunan. Dudley Field Malone, Frank P. Walsh and Rev. Mythen are also mentioned.

9 items


2 items

24 September, 16 October 1919 Letters to Harry Boland and Charles N. Wheeler from James T. Ahern, Spokane, concerning arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Spokane, Washington on 9 November 1919.

2 items, 1p each

27 June–1 November 1919 Documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Seattle, Washington, 10–12 November 1919. Includes invitations to de Valera to visit Seattle from the Central Labor Council of Seattle and Vicinity and the United Irish Societies of Seattle; telegram on the appointment of Edward J. Coen, newspaper editor, State President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America and F.O.I.F. member, as consul of the Irish Republic in Seattle and the Northwest, and arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Seattle in November 1919.

16 items

888  November 1919  Typescript copy of de Valera’s speech at Oakland, California, 17 November 1919. Begins ‘Mr. Chairman and Friends: I do not remember since I came to this country feeling so happy as when I heard the Venerable Archdeacon Dr. Mythen saying what I would have said if I were an American. We in Ireland only regretted that we were a small nation of four and one half millions, or so, when this crusade for freedom everywhere was being preached.’  7pp

889  11, 16 October 1919  Telegrams concerning arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Los Angeles, California, [19]–23 November 1919.  2 items


891  September–November 1919  Mainly correspondence between Charles N. Wheeler and J. W. Maney, President, George Washington Branch, F.O.I.F., on arrangements for de Valera’s proposed visit to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on 1 December 1919. Includes letters from Maney to Diarmuid Lynch and Harry Boland. Also includes telegram of 12 November 1919 from Wheeler to Maney cancelling the visit.  10 items
892 July–November 1919;  Correspondence between Harry Boland and 
March–May 1920 W.J. Vollor, Chairman of the Committee on 
arrangements for de Valera’s proposed visit to Vicksburg, Mississippi on 6 
December 1919. The visit was cancelled on 12 November 1919—‘Strain long 
tour forced De Valera cancel southern trip for present as must have 
rest…Please keep up enthusiasm for bond drive and president will come to 
you later, probably after first year…’. Also includes correspondence between 
the two on arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Vicksburg on 20 April 1920 
as part of his tour of the southern states beginning on 8 April 1920 (15 
March–6 May 1920, 7 items). 12 items

893 November 1919; Correspondence between John T. Savage, 
March–April 1920 Jackson, Mississippi, and Charles N. Wheeler, 
concerning 
Irish Diplomatic Mission, New York, 
arrangements for a proposed visit to Jackson, Mississippi by de Valera on 6 
December 1919 and correspondence between Harry Boland and John T. 
Savage and P.P. McGough, Jackson, Mississippi, on arrangements; and a 
report on de Valera’s visit to Jackson on 19 April 1920. 
9 items

894 June–November 1919; Documents relating to de Valera’s proposed 
March–May 1920 visit to New Orleans, Louisiana on 7 December 
1919 and his later visit on 16 & 17 April 1920. Includes:
– telegrams of welcome to de Valera and invitations from Michael O’Connor; 
‘Caillen’ O’Lee and the New Orleans Ancient Order of Hibernians including 
Fr. Patrick Walshe, State Chaplain, A.O.H. (21–25 June 1919, 3 items);
– correspondence, mainly between Harry Boland or Charles N. Wheeler and 
Fr. Walshe and A.G. Williams, President, [Louisiana] F.O.I.F., on 
arrangements for de Valera’s proposed visit to New Orleans on 7 December 
1919. Tour cancelled on 12 November 1919 (27 June–12 November 1919, 7 
items);
– telegrams between Harry Boland and Fr. Walshe on arrangements for de 
Valera’s visit of 16 and 17 April 1920 (21 March–18 May 1920, 8 items). 
22 items

895 9 December 1919 Copy letter from [Frank P. Walsh?] to Sallie 
Keefe, [F.O.I.F.] Rochester, New York, 
concerning de Valera’s intention to spend Christmas with his mother in 
Rochester and seeking suitable dates for the arrangement of mass meetings in 
Rochester, Buffalo and Albany 
See also P150/920 for documents concerning the Albany meeting. 
1p
27 October–12 November 1919

Correspondence between Charles Wheeler, Irish Diplomatic Mission, New York, and Edward J. Dowd, Corresponding Secretary, Anthony Wayne Branch, F.O.I.F., concerning arrangements for de Valera’s proposed visit to Nashville, Tennessee on 10 December 1919. The visit was cancelled on 12 November – “Strain long tour forced De Valera cancel southern trip for present as must have rest.”

4 items

June–November 1919; March–June 1920

Documents on de Valera’s proposed visit to Jacksonville, Florida on 13 December 1919 and actual visit on 14 April 1920. Comprises telegrams of welcome from Jacksonville F.O.I.F.; invitations to de Valera to visit Jacksonville and correspondence on arrangements for the visit on 14 April 1920. The proposed visit in December was cancelled on 12 November – see telegram of notification sent by Charles N. Wheeler to Jacksonville. Similar telegrams were sent to a number of other locations cancelling the visits, ‘Strain long tour forced De Valera cancel southern trip for present…’.

Also includes copies of correspondence between A.N. O’Keefe, Jacksonville City, and W.R. Carter, Advertising Manager, The Florida Metropolis, concerning the reporting of the meeting in the Duval Theatre on 14 April attended by de Valera, Rev. James A.H. Irwin and Bishop Michael J. Curley (16, 17 April 1920, 2 items) and carbon copy text of a resolution addressed to the U.S. President and representatives of the State of Florida in Congress in favour of recognition of the Irish Republic (n.d., 1p).

14 items

June–November 1919; March–April 1920

Documents relating to de Valera’s proposed visit to Charleston, South Carolina on 15 December 1919 [cancelled on 12 November 1919] and arrangements for his visit on 10 & 11 April 1920. Includes letters of welcome to de Valera and invitations to visit Charleston from Rev. J.A. Hyland, St. Peter’s Church, Charleston, W.M. Dooley, News Editor, Charleston American, and Rev. J. McGuirk, St. Anthony’s Rectory, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, and correspondence between Harry Boland, Charles N. Wheeler and Hon. John P. Grace on arrangements for, and the cancellation of, the proposed visit of 15 December 1919.

Also includes correspondence between Harry Boland and Hon. John P. Grace on arrangements for de Valera’s visit on 10 & 11 April 1920 and telegram from Liam Pedlar to Boland describing de Valera’s reception in Charleston (10 April 1920, 1p).

14 items
June–December 1919 Correspondence, mainly telegrams, on an invitation to de Valera by the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Buffalo and Erie County, to visit Buffalo, New York and arrangements for the visit on 22 December 1919.
Correspondents include:
- Anthony O’Donnell, President, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Buffalo & Erie County;
- Charles N. Wheeler;
- John A. Murphy, Peoples Bank Building, Buffalo;
- Fr. W.J. Kerwin, Holy Angels Church, Buffalo, N.Y.;
- Frank P. Walsh;
- T.J. Smith, F.O.I.F., Buffalo. 17 items

June–September 1919 Resolutions of support and invitations from the Friends of Irish Freedom to de Valera to visit Bridgeport, Connecticut. Includes text of address to de Valera by the Bridgeport F.O.I.F. intended to be delivered to him when his train stopped ‘for a few minutes en route to Boston at Bridgeport’ on 28 June 1919 (28 June 1919, 2 items, 1p each) and correspondence between Thomas J. Blewett, Director of Publicity, Thomas F. Meagher Branch, F.O.I.F., and Diarmuid Lynch, Harry Boland and Liam Mellows concerning the invitations and resolutions of support for the Republic passed by Bridgeport Common Council and Bridgeport Friends of Irish Freedom.
Also includes letter to de Valera from J. Alex H. Robinson, Bridgeport City Clerk, enclosing a copy of the resolution passed by the Common Council of the City of Bridgeport on 7 July 1919 urging the official recognition of the Irish Republic by Congress and inviting de Valera to visit the city. Includes acknowledgement and promise to visit the city in the near future (29 July, 4 August 1919, 3 items). De Valera visited Bridgeport on 2 January 1920. 16 items

2 January 1920 Typescript copy of de Valera’s speech in Bridgeport Casino, Bridgeport, Connecticut on 2 January 1920. 10pp

June 1919–January 1920 Documents concerning invitations to visit Hartford, Connecticut and the conferral of the freedom of the city on de Valera. Includes:
- invitation to de Valera to visit Hartford from Charlotte Molyneux Holloway, on behalf of the Padraic Pearse Branch, F.O.I.F., Connecticut, also a member of the National Council of the F.O.I.F., State Director of Connecticut; former Vice-President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America and founder of the Padraic Pearse Branch. Includes copy reply from
902 contd. Harry Boland stating ‘No arrangements concerning meetings have yet been made’ (25, 27 June 1919, 2 items, 1p each);
– letter of invitation to de Valera from Molyneux to Charles N. Wheeler. States ‘This city was the first to have its municipal government, in February 1919, declare for the acknowledgment (sic) of the Irish Republic. It also unanimously passed a resolution through its common council signed by all the members and supported in a fine speech by the Hon. Richard J. Kinsella, mayor of the city, to extend the freedom of Hartford to President De Valera. Personally, I can guarantee his welcome by his excellency the governor of the state’. Includes reply [by Harry Boland] asking her to renew the invitation when de Valera returns to New York, following the completion of his western and southern tour (30 October, 7 November 1919, 2 items, 1p each);
– letter and newspaper cutting on de Valera’s failure to acknowledge Mayor Richard J. Kinsella’s invitation to the city (5, 6 December 1919, 2 items, 1p each);
– copies of resolution whereby Mayor Kinsella extends the freedom of the city of Hartford on de Valera (October 1919 & 2 January 1920, 1p each).
13 items

903 [3 January 1920] Black and white photograph of de Valera with a group of supporters, inscribed on reverse as follows ‘With Compliments. To the President of the Irish Republic Eamon de Valera From Daniel McAuliffe…Hartford, Conn. Sinn Féin’.
De Valera visited Hartford, Connecticut, on 3 January 1920, and was conferred with the Freedom of the City. 17cm x 12cm

904 7 January 1920 Typescript text of de Valera’s speech in ‘Liberty Hut’, Washington, D.C. on 7 January 1920. 31pp

905 [17 January 1920] & n.d. Carbon copy of de Valera’s speech in New York City Hall following the conferral on him of the Freedom of the City of New York [17 January 1920]. Begins ‘It is highly gratifying to me personally, I do not deny to find myself an honorary freeman of this mighty city. I remember with pride that it is the city of my birth and I thank you Messrs. Aldermen from the bottom of my heart for the privilege and honour you have bestowed on me.’ Includes holograph notes by de Valera, written on Waldorf Astoria headed paper, for an acceptance speech upon receiving the freedom of the city (n.d., 3pp).
See P150/746 for June 1919 Resolutions of New York City Aldermen to confer the Freedom of the City on de Valera 2 items, 1p & 3pp
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<td>Typescript transcript of addresses by Bourke Cochran, Mayor Hylan[d] and de Valera at a civic reception in honour of de Valera following his acceptance of the Freedom of the City of New York on 17 January 1920. De Valera’s speech begins ‘Mr. Mayor, members of the Board of Aldermen, Citizens of New York: It is always a high honor to be received by the official head of New York City. It is an honor doubly to be prized by me because of the cordiality and the warmth of the reception which I have received.’ 1p &amp; 7pp</td>
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<td>Typescript draft of de Valera’s speech at a mass meeting in Lexington Avenue Opera House, New York on 18 January 1920. With extensive holograph amendments and corrections by de Valera. 5pp</td>
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<td>7 January 1920</td>
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<td>31 July, 8 August 1919</td>
<td>Invitation from Yonkers F.O.I.F. to de Valera to visit Yonkers, New York. Includes acknowledgement. De Valera subsequently visited Yonkers on 1 February 1920. 2 items, 2pp &amp; 1p</td>
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911 1 February 1920 Typescript copy of de Valera’s speech at a meeting in Warburton Hall, Yonkers, New York on 1 February 1920. Begins ‘Ladies and Gentlemen: I said if it is true—as your Chairman says it is—that there is nobody in this city without some Irish blood in them, there is no doubt whatever that some people here will know Irish.’

11pp

912 2, 3 February 1920 Invitation from Mrs. William Curtin, President, Joyce Kilmer Branch, F.O.I.F., to de Valera and Harry Boland to visit Mount Vernon, New York and regrets from Boland.

2 items, 2pp & 1p


10pp

914 24 August, 6 September 1961 Letter to President de Valera from Florence J. Donoghue enclosing photocopies of articles on de Valera’s visit to Worcester, Massachusetts on 6 February 1920 from The Worcester Telegraph [not present]. Also includes acknowledgement.

3 items, 10pp

915 7 February 1920 Printed programme with a photograph of a young de Valera on cover, to accompany a reception in his honour at Holy Cross College, Massachusetts, on 7 February 1920.

5pp

916 September 1919 Correspondence between Diarmuid Lynch, National Secretary, F.O.I.F., and John Regan, concerning the invitation to de Valera issued by Mayor Charles A. Ashley at the behest of the Thomas Clarke Branch, F.O.I.F. to visit New Bedford, Massachusetts (22, 24 September 1919, 2 items). Also includes copy reply by Harry Boland to Mayor Ashley accepting the invitation and setting a date of 9 February 1920 for the visit.

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<td>Documents relating to de Valera’s proposed visit to Chester, Pennsylvania in December 1919 and invitation from the Mayor, William T. Ramsey to visit the city in March 1920. 6 items</td>
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<td>Letters to Harry Boland from John P. Killeen on a proposed visit by de Valera to Pittsburgh, the progress of the bond campaign and the Mason Bill. 3 items</td>
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<td>919</td>
<td>7 March 1920</td>
<td>Typescript copy of de Valera’s speech at the Metropolitan Opera House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 7 March 1920. Begins ‘Ladies and gentlemen: The last time I was here I spoke in Irish also at the beginning of my speech, and I will explain why I did so, and why I have kept up that practice at every meeting I have addressed...’ 1p &amp; 23pp</td>
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| 920 | December 1919; February–May 1920 | Correspondence relating to two proposed visits by de Valera to Albany in 1919 and early 1920. Includes:  
– correspondence between Martin Glynn, Editor, *Times Union*, Albany, Frank P. Walsh, James K. McGuire and Katherine Crowe, Albany, concerning arrangements for a proposed visit to Albany by de Valera in December 1919 [de Valera subsequently visited the city on 21 January 1920];  
– correspondence between John H. Waters, 38th District Temporary President, The Senate of the State of New York, Albany, John Dorsey, Chairman of the Irish Republic Bond Certificate Campaign, and Harry Boland, on an invitation and arrangements for de Valera’s proposed address to the New York State Legislature at Albany during March 1920. Also letter from Charles H. Willoughby of the Albany Evening Journal seeking an autographed photograph of de Valera following his recent visit to Albany and copy reply (18 March; 22 May 1920, 2 items). 10 items |
| 921 | 29 March–6 May 1920 | Invitations to de Valera to visit Roanoke, Virginia, from the Andrew Lewis Branch, F.O.I.F., Roanoke. Includes letters of acknowledgement from Harry Boland. 4 items, 1p each |
25 March–5 April 1920 Correspondence between James O’Mara and Harry Boland and between Boland and Albert C. Ritchie, Governor of Maryland, and Stephen J. McDonough, Orator, Baltimore F.O.I.F., (see also P150/818) concerning the Governor of Maryland’s invitation to de Valera to address the State Legislature at Annapolis on 1 April 1920. 4 items

[1 April] 1920 Documents relating to de Valera’s address before the Maryland Legislature at Annapolis on [1 April] 1920. Includes:
– holograph notes by de Valera for the speech (7pp)
– drafts of address with holograph amendments (2 items, 5pp & 4pp);
– typescript copy of extract from the Journal of Proceedings of the House of Delegates of de Valera’s address (3pp);
– cutting from unknown American newspaper on the speech (1 item). 5 items

September 1919; March–May 1920 Correspondence between Harry Boland and Edward Melchior, Jr., Corresponding Secretary, F.O.I.F., Delaware, and John E. Healy F.O.I.F., Wilmington, on a joint Irish-American Club and F.O.I.F. invitation to de Valera to visit Wilmington, Delaware, and arrangements for the actual visit on 6 April 1920 during which de Valera addressed the Delaware Legislature. 13 items

6 April 1920 First page of de Valera’s speech before the Delaware State Legislature in Dover on 6 April 1920. With handwritten note on top of page ‘For release in afternoon paper of Apr. 6’. Incomplete. Begins ‘Mr. Speaker, Members of the House of Delegates, I would like to express my deep appreciation of the honor of your invitation and of the rare privilege of addressing you. I know that I express the feelings of the people of Ireland at this mark of interest in their cause, shown them in the dark hours of their present trial.’ 1p

June 1919; March–April 1920 Correspondence mainly between Harry Boland and Joseph T. Lawless or James C. Gordon, President, Norfolk F.O.I.F., on arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Norfolk, Virginia on [8 & 9] April 1920. Includes telegram from Gordon welcoming de Valera to the U.S.A. on behalf of the Yorktown Branch, F.O.I.F. (27 June 1919, 1p). 8 items
927  [April 1920] Carbon copy account of de Valera’s speech in Richmond, Virginia on [10 April 1920]. With handwritten amendments and corrections. See also P150/824 for documents relating to de Valera’s proposed visit to Richmond, Virginia in August 1919 and his actual visit on 10 April 1920. 12pp

928  9 April 1920 Carbon copy letter from L.R. McCaddon, General Secretary, Knights of Columbus, Community Service, to Hon. John P. Grace concerning arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Columbia, South Carolina on 12 April 1920. 1p

929  October, November 1919; March–April 1920 Correspondence relating to arrangements for de Valera’s proposed visit to Savannah, Georgia in October/November 1919 and actual visit on 13 April 1920. Correspondents include Agnes Oliver, F.O.I.F., Savannah, Georgia; Charles N. Wheeler; Jennie Louise Walker, Savannah; Harry Boland and Thomas F. Walsh, F.O.I.F., Savannah. 11 items

930  14 April 1920 File containing ‘Transcript of addresses delivered at the Duval Theatre, Jacksonville, Florida, Wednesday evening, April 14th, 1920.’ Comprises addresses of Mr. O’Keefe; Dr. M.J. Curley, Bishop of St. Augustine [Michael J. Curley, later Archbishop of Baltimore?]; Major M.A. Kelley ‘of the old 69th’; Rev, Dr. James A.H. Irwin and de Valera. 61pp

931  [April 1920] Photograph of a train crash [possibly the crash encountered by de Valera and party on 15 April 1920 en route to New Orleans, about a mile on the Jacksonville side of Bay Minette, approximately one hour from Mobile]. 15cm x 10cm

932  15 March–6 May 1920 Correspondence between Harry Boland and John E. O’Flynn, Meridian, Mississippi, concerning arrangements for de Valera’s brief visit to Meridian, Mississippi on 21 April 1920 on his way to Birmingham, Alabama. Also includes letter to Boland from Thomas Welsh of the American Commission on Irish Independence, on an invitation issued to de Valera by the Common Council of Meridian on 23 April 1920. 6 items
Documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Atlanta, Georgia on 23 & 25 April 1920.

Includes telegrams between Harry Boland and Robert Morris Jr., [Secretary, F.O.I.F., Atlanta], on arrangements for the visit; letter of welcome to de Valera from Mrs. E. Kathleen Powell, Atlanta, and correspondence between H.G. Keeney, Atlanta, F.O.I.F. and Harry Boland concerning the preparation of a souvenir booklet containing the texts of de Valera’s and Dr. James A.H. Irwin’s addresses in Atlanta.

23 April 1920

Transcript of addresses delivered at a meeting in Taft Hall in Atlanta, Georgia on 23 April 1920 by Frederick J. Paxon; Mr. Carroll, President of the Irish Society of Atlanta; Rev. Dr. James A.H. Irwin; James B. Nevin and de Valera.

15 March–3 June 1920

Documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Augusta, Georgia on 28 April 1920. Includes:

– telegrams between Harry Boland and E.J. O’Connor, [Knights of Columbus, Augusta] and Trustee of the John F. Armstrong Branch, F.O.I.F., on arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Augusta on 28 April 1920 (31 March–10 April 1920, 9 items);

– souvenir programme of the meeting at the Grand Opera House, Augusta on 28 April (April 1920, 1 item);

– covering letter from L.J. Henry, President, F.O.I.F., John F. Armstrong Branch, to Frank P. Walsh enclosing copy of letter sent to President Wilson with copies of the resolutions passed by ‘2,000 citizens at the Grand Opera House, Augusta, April 28 1920’ during de Valera’s visit (3 May 1920, 4 items).

28 April 1920

Transcript of de Valera’s address in Augusta, Georgia on 28 April 1920.

16pp

30 April 1920

Typescript set of sixteen questions with answers by de Valera. With handwritten corrections. Interview took place during de Valera’s visit to Charlotte, North Carolina between 29 April and 1 May 1920.

17pp
16, 19 April 1920
Letter to Harry Boland from S.J. Collins, Chairman of Virginia Bond Certificate Committee, seeking details on de Valera’s rumoured visit to Staunton, Virginia in May 1920 and Boland’s reply that the exact date of de Valera’s proposed visit to Staunton is undecided.
2 items, 1p each

19 March–4 May 1920
Correspondence, mainly between Harry Boland and James L. Martin, Recording Secretary, Lynchburg F.O.I.F., on arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Lynchburg, Virginia on 3 May 1920. Also includes telegrams between Boland and Rev. O.F. Murphy (Lynchburg); telegram to Boland from Liam Pedlar and from Liam Mellows to Pedlar. Also cutting from the [Lynchburg News] reporting on de Valera’s and Dr. James A.H. Irwin’s speeches in Lynchburg.
13 items

2, 3 May 1920
Telegrams between Harry Boland and M.A. Kelly and E.R. Hays on an invitation to de Valera to visit New Brunswick, New Jersey on 9 May 1920 and replies of regret.
3 items, 1p each

3 May 1920
Letter to Harry Boland from the Robert Emmet Branch, Friends of Irish Freedom, Emmitsburg, Maryland inviting de Valera to Emmitsburg.
1p

9 June 1920
Transcript of addresses at a ‘Mass Meeting at Auditorium, June 9, 1920, For the recognition by the American Government of the Irish Republic’ [in Chicago, Illinois]. Comprises addresses by Senator William E. Mason; Prof. Connely (sic); George E. Gorman, Chairman; Frank P. Walsh; Rev. Dr. James A.H. Irwin; Daniel C. O’Flaherty of Richmond, Virginia and de Valera.
De Valera’s speech begins ‘Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen: It is unnecessary to speak of the cause of Ireland after a demonstration such as that which we have seen, because it is obvious that if you did not know the cause of Ireland, your hearts could not have responded so.’
1p & 80pp
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<td>Typescript report of the proceedings of a ‘Mass Meeting at Auditorium June 9, 1920. For the Recognition by the American Government of the Irish Republic’ in Chicago. Includes texts of speeches of Senator William E. Mason; Professor Connelly, ‘temporary chairman’, George E. Gorman Chairman; Frank P. Walsh; Rev. Dr. James A.H. Irwin; D.C. O’Flaherty; de Valera and Major Michael A. Kelly. 78pp</td>
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<td>944 8, 11 June 1920</td>
<td>Invitation to de Valera from Patrick J. Kavanagh, Chairman, inviting him to address a mass meeting in Youngstown, Ohio on 20 June 1920 organised by the Tri-State Friends of Irish Freedom. Includes acceptance. See also P150/852 &amp; 853 for documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Youngstown, Ohio on 5 &amp; 6 October 1919 2 items, 1p each</td>
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<td>945 5 July 1919</td>
<td>Typescript copy of article from The Irish Press of Philadelphia (Vol. 2 No. 16) of 5 July 1919 headlined Irish President...Addresses Massachusetts Legislature. Senate and House Give President A Great Ovation. Both Houses of Bay State Join in Enthusiastic Welcome. Address was given on 30 June 1919. 5pp</td>
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<td>947 12 September 1920</td>
<td>Transcripts of de Valera’s speech at a meeting on Boston Common on 12 September 1920 and addresses by Charles S. O’Connor (Chairman), Diarmuid L. Fawsitt and Harry Boland at a mass meeting held in the Mechanics Building, Boston on the same day (23pp). De Valera’s speech on Boston Common begins ‘Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, a little way over a year ago I had the honor to be here to begin a campaign among the plain people of America for the rights of the plain people everywhere, for that is really what the Irish fight today is, and on that occasion Boston began with the greatest meeting, I think, that I have had in America, in which it was said there were some sixty thousand people present.’</td>
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Also includes de Valera’s speech in the Mechanics Building beginning ‘Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I am very glad that the committee arranged so that you might hear all the other speakers before I spoke, for this reason: That I regard it most unfortunate that the only work I could do for Ireland here in America was simply to talk’ (15pp).

Correspondence between Harry Boland and Edward L. Bader, Mayor of Atlantic City, New Jersey, concerning de Valera’s visit to Atlantic City on 26 September 1920.

‘Address of Martin Mallory, Secretary of the Gaelic School at reception to President De Valera…’ under the auspices of the Bench and Bar of the State of Massachusetts. Holograph texts in Irish and English.

Black and white photographs of de Valera on the veranda of a large house in Rochester, New York, addressing a rally. De Valera’s mother Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright shown in three of the prints [extreme right, wearing hat].

Typescript statement by Liam Mellowes in Springfield, Illinois or Massachusetts. With handwritten corrections and amendments. Begins ‘The case that Ireland presents to the world at this time is very different from that presented at any other time in the past. At this moment Ireland is, by the will of the people, an independent country, a Republic. The manner in which the republic came to be established was as follows…’.
n.d. Typescript copy of a speech by de Valera in New York City beginning ‘Mr. Mayor: To be received by the Chief Magistrate of New York City is always a high honour. To be received in the courteous cordial manner in which you have received me makes the honour doubly prized. I do not know anything that one could suggest which could add to the significance of the two occasions on which you have received me.’ 3pp

n.d. Typescript speech by de Valera to American soldiers, headed ‘Red Cross Building–Presidio’. Begins ‘I find that when I look down on you men, words disappear from me. I can scarcely get words at all, because to me this is the greatest privilege I have had in America. The American soldiers coming to Ireland have understood, by meeting the people of Ireland, what we have been out for, and they have been everywhere sympathetic with Ireland and Ireland’s cause. And when I look down on you I see the men who have fought and suffered for the ideals which we are striving to bring to fruition.’ 3pp

IX. Diaries of Seán Nunan & Liam Mellowes

8 July 1919–24 June 1921 Correspondence, mainly between de Valera and Seán Nunan. Includes:

– holograph letter to [Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartuigh?] in Dublin from Seán Nunan in the U.S.A. requesting ‘full details of all British atrocities in Ireland’ on de Valera’s behalf. Also refers to the American attitudes towards President Wilson (8 July 1919, 1p);

– typescript copy of letter of farewell from de Valera to Nunan, acknowledging Nunan’s service during de Valera’s time in the U.S.A. and commenting ‘I will not write the sentimental things I feel lest I loose your good opinion–for thinking over the companionship of the year and a half the recollections of various sorts that crowd upon me are such that what I am tempted to write you could count as womanish…When I arrived here, as you know, I was full of remorse for having set such a task to such a ‘fragile’ youth as I thought. I leave with no fear that any task that may come your way will prove too difficult…Your soberer judgement may often be needed to modify Harry’s impetuosity. Don’t fail to insinuate it when you find it necessary” (original dated 10 December 1920, 1p). 6 items
955 19[19]

Retrospective diary of Seán Nunan. Desk diary for 1963 adapted to give entries for the following dates in 1919:

* 12; 14 & 22–30 June;
* 1–31 July;
* 1; 3; 12; 17; 22; 25–26 & 28–29 August;
* 1; 7; 10; 13–15; 18; 20 & 22 September;
* 1–31 October;
* 1–3; 6 & 8–29 November.

Also includes an entry for 8 July 1920 [3rd Party Convention, Chicago].

1 item

956 1919

Diary of Liam Mellowes for 1919 with entries for the following dates:

* 18–25 January;
* 30 January–1 February;
* 3–5 March;
* 2; 8; 18–19 & 27 May;
* 11–14 & 27–30 June;
* 1–6 July.

Attached note ‘Diary of Liam Mellowes 1919 Identified by Mr. T. O’Neill 3/4/1975’.

2 items

X. Activities of the Irish Diplomatic Mission

957 September, October 1920

Notes and diagrams on the organisation and administrative structure of the Irish Diplomatic Mission in the U.S.A.. Includes:

– typescript notes on ‘Funds etc.’ with information under the following headings: ‘Substitutes of Funds’; ‘Management of Funds’; ‘Duties of Trustees’ and ‘Powers of Trustees in regard to Disbursement of Funds’ (n.d., 2pp);

– list of names in those in the ‘Irish Mission’, ‘Irish Consulate’, and those concerned with Defence and ‘General Propaganda and Meetings etc.’. Also names of those in the ‘All American Bureau of Speakers and Writers’ (n.d., 1p);

– diagrams illustrating the structure of: the Irish Mission in America, divided into five main sections–commercial; political; defence; diplomatic and Trustees (13 October 1920, 1p); ‘Financial Agent. Diagram of Organisation’ (n.d., 1p); ‘Political Department Diagram of Organisation’ (n.d., 1p) and ‘Diagram of American Executive Organisation’ (n.d., 1p).

10 items
958  n.d.  Annotated list of names and addresses of individuals and institutions, mainly libraries and newspapers, in Europe, Australia, New York and Boston [probably a distribution list for Irish propaganda]. ‘Gaffney’ written in pencil on top of first page.  7pp

959  n.d.  Miscellaneous lists of names and addresses probably used as mailing and invitation lists. Includes:
- amended list of names and addresses of National Officers and the National Council of Friends of Irish Freedom (n.d. 7pp) *(see P150/ 976 for similar list)*;
- amended list of newspapers by state and place of publication, marked ‘List for Mr. President’ ([1919/20], 4pp);
- alphabetical list of Representatives listing the states each individual represents (n.d., 2pp);
- amended list of ‘Governors of States’; ‘Mayors of Cities’ and Chairmen of Reception Committees (n.d., 6pp);
- list of key persons in various cities in each state (n.d., 18pp);
- carbon copy list of Catholic and Protestant clergy and their addresses (n.d., 6pp);
- ‘A list of names from National Women’s Party list of women at various centres likely to help us with effectiveness if once interested. Useful for Miss MacSwiney’s Tour’. List headed ‘National Advisory Council’ and ‘This is the correct list on October 13th 1920’ (13 October 1920, 5pp);
- list of names and addresses labelled ‘Basis for invitation list, to be kept on file for Reference 1045, Munsey Bldg.’ headed ‘Committee on Reception to Mrs. MacSwiney’; includes lists of Chairwomen; members of Council of American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic; ‘The House’; ‘Official’; ‘The Press’; Senators at a dinner for de Valera in April 1920; Women’s Party members; Senators; ‘Club Women’; University members’; individuals ‘of Irish blood’; ‘Prominent Society Women’ and ‘G.W.U.’ members (n.d., 15pp);
- signatures with addresses written on headed paper from The Raleigh Hotel, Washington, D.C. (n.d., 15pp);
- handwritten list of Presidents and other officers in banks (n.d., 2pp);
- names of individuals in Mayo, Ireland, sent by J.T. Gibbons, New Orleans being a ‘Partial list of Father’s relations in the mountains of Tourmakeady…Gurthnacullen is the name of the village in which my father was born’ (n.d., 2pp).  17 items
21 May–22 December 1920  Correspondence mainly between Kathleen O’Connell at 1045 Munsey Building, Washington, D.C. and Joseph Begley, signed as ‘Joe’ and in one instance ‘Seosamh Ó Beaglaoich’. Also includes correspondence between Miss O’Connell and Seán Nunan; Liam Pedlar; de Valera; [Liam Mellowes]; George Gordon Rorke; Harry Boland and Diarmuid L. Fawsitt. Letters concern the forwarding of letters and financial documents, mainly between Miss O’Connell and Begley; references to de Valera’s tour including arrangements and the provision of information such as election statistics and addresses for de Valera; the ordering of stationery for the Irish Legation (see also P150/1018 for Dr. Constantine McGuire’s letter to de Valera on the matter); the lease of the office in the Munsey Building and the acquisition of a new premises in Washington for the Irish Legation (see also P150/1018); the production of copies of newspaper articles; the administration of the Washington office, including the settlement of bills and expense accounts; diplomatic representation in Argentina and Chile and the provision of autographed photos of de Valera for individuals and newspaper men. Also includes:

– holograph letter from Seán Nunan stating ‘The Democrats are like the rest of the politicians here, thoroughly dishonest. Ireland will get nothing from official America I’m afraid. Expediency not principles, is their motto. The fight is going on in great style at home and there and there only will we win. I wish to God I was back again and away from this insincere crowd here. Don’t let in the blues. The news is great and everything is good. Did you see the vote of confidence the Dáil passed in DeV?’ (3 July 1920, 2pp).

38 items

4 June 1920  Holograph letter to [Liam] Pedlar from Jeremiah Lawler of The Irish World originally enclosing a cutting from ‘the New York World of June 3rd which contains an interview with the President of the Loyal Legion Boston in which he makes the statement that President De Valera prepared the resolution of sympathy with Ireland which was passed by the House of Representatives as a substitute for the Mason Bill…I thought you might wish to call President De Valera’s attention to the matter…the President may consider it worth while denying that he actually wrote the resolution…I enclose two editorials from the current issue of the paper…’ Editorial headed ‘Mason Bill Emasculated’ and ‘An Oversupply of Congressional Sympathy’.

3 items
XI. The activities of Frank P. Walsh, Head of the American Commission on Irish Independence [A.C.I.I.]

962 1919–27 Documents relating to the issuing of bond certificates in the United States by Dáil Éireann. Includes:
– photographic reproduction of a letter from de Valera to ‘The Trustees, Friends of Irish Freedom’ stating ‘The preliminary arrangements for the placing of the Bond-Certificates for subscription with the American public are now made. The intention is to spend the next two months, roughly, in completing the necessary organisation so as to be able to make an intensive drive not later than the first week of December’; estimating the expenses in collecting the subscriptions as between 6 and 10% of the total and suggesting that the ‘Friends of Irish Freedom give in advance their subscription for the amount in Certificates which the Organisation proposes to take. This sum can then be placed at the disposal of the directors of the drive’ (original dated 20 September 1920, 1p);
– designs and proofs for Bond Certificates authorised by Dáil Éireann for issue in the United States, to the value of 10, 25, 50 100 and 500 dollars (1920, 13 items);
– circular letters issued by Michael Collins and de Valera, in one case, concerning the publication and distribution of a Prospectus of the Loan (19 May & 5 August 1919, 2 items) and copy of the Republic of Ireland Prospectus of the First Issue of Bond Certificates Authorised By Dáil Éireann...American Quota—$10,000,000. Purpose To finance The Elected Government of the Republic in projects of National Reconstruction and for such other purposes as the Government may decide. ‘American subscription under the direction of The Chairman of the American Commission on Irish Independence’ (originally dated September/October 1919, 4pp);
– holograph draft by de Valera of general instructions concerning the Bond Campaign; notes on the duties of State Chairmen; City Treasurers and City Chairmen (n.d., 11pp). Also copy typescript of same headed ‘General Instructions for the Irish Bond Certificate Campaign. Set No. 1’ and ‘Duties of State Chairmen’ (n.d., 2pp);
– correspondence between de Valera’s Secretary and Eugene C. Bonniwell, State Chairman, American Commission on Irish Independence, Pennsylvania Division (7 January–23 March 1920, 7 items);
– statements issued by Dáil Éireann of receipts of expenditure of the First Loan of the Republic of Ireland, to 13 June 1921 (28 October 1921, 1p);
– typescript copy extracts from the records and accounts of Irish Republican Bond Drives in the U.S.A. from 1920 to 1922 (1927, 2pp).
31 items
963 8 July 1919  Carbon copy text of ‘Interview with Frank P. Walsh. American Commission on Irish Independence’ in which he outlines the territorial gains of England in the 1914–18 War and comments on her control of the League of Nations through Sir Eric Drummond, being a member of its Secretariat. 6pp

964 12–18 August 1919  Photocopies of correspondence between Frank P. Walsh and Governor E.F. Dunne, on the organisation of the Bond Drive under the direction of the American Commission on Irish Independence and Walsh’s attempts to convince Dunne to play a role in the new organisation. 3 items

965 18 August 1919– [15 June 1920]  Correspondence between de Valera and Frank P. Walsh, Chairman of the American Commission on Irish Independence. Includes:
- copy memorandum (18 August 1919, 1p) from de Valera to Walsh on de Valera's proposed tour and preparation for the bond campaign. States “The ‘preliminary tour’ refers to certain isolated meetings for which arrangements are being made now, and with which your department will not have to bother. The ‘complementary tour’ is intended to cover such important places as may not have been reached in the general tour. The Friends of Irish Freedom should be put to work at once on the procuring of invitations etc….Assume that the tour starts about Sept. 10th.”. Encloses:
  • list of destinations comprising ‘Rough outline of proposed line of Tour–Details to be worked out carefully by experts’ (1p);
  • note on the ‘Complementary Tour’ (1p);
  • list of ‘Cities in the U.S. with a population over 200,000’ (1p);
  • list of ‘States in which there is no town over 100,000’ (1p);
  • ‘Observations with respect to Tour’ (1p);
  • list of ‘Official Invitations’ (1p);
  • list of destinations divided into the following areas: ‘North Atlantic and New England’, ‘New England’ and ‘Virginias and Middle West’ (2pp);
  • ‘Memoranda on Bond Issue–First Irish Liberty Loan’ (2pp);
- handwritten draft (hand unknown) of a letter from de Valera to Walsh about terminating the payment of subscriptions to the First External Loan of Dáil Éireann on 14 October 19[20] and the intention to ask for authorisation to issue a second loan. With note on top of page, ‘Remind Chief’. Also includes note of acknowledgement in the same hand from Walsh to de Valera (n.d., 2 items, 2pp & 1p). 12 items
21 January, 1 June 1920  

Miscellaneous correspondence of Frank P. Walsh. Subjects referred to include:

- the sending of speakers to the cities of Knoxville, Chattanooga, Memphis, Nashville and Jackson in relation to the Bond Drive campaign;
- a meeting in Springfield, Ohio in May 1920 addressed by members of the All American Bureau of Speakers and Writers;
- an associated membership drive for the Friends of Irish Freedom in Springfield;
- and the proposed launch of the bond drive in the city.

Correspondents are Edward F. Walsh of the Knights of Columbus, Tennessee and P.J. Shouvlin, Springfield, Ohio.  

2 items

19–26 February 1920  

Letters of acknowledgement to Frank P. Walsh by or on behalf of U.S. Senators and Congressmen, of receipt of George Creel’s book Ireland’s Fight for Freedom. Many autographed.  

64 items

6 April 1920  

Letter from The Irish World to the American Commission on Irish Independence concerning the Saint Enda’s Fund, the trustees [of the fund?] and a donation of $15,763 lodged in the New York Produce Exchange Bank. Also informs the Commission of the death of the paper’s Treasurer Robert E. Ford and the appointment of a new Treasurer, his brother Austin J. Ford.  

1p

May–December 1920  

Correspondence of Frank P. Walsh, Chairman of the American Commission on Irish Independence, mainly on the Democratic Party National Convention in San Francisco in June 1920 and the Republican Party Convention in Chicago on 9 June 1920. Includes covering letters to Walsh from Paul V. Connolly, President, Greater Cincinnati Council, F.O.I.F. and Margaret M. Madden, Secretary to the Council, enclosing copies of letters sent by Senator Warren G. Harding [later President of the U.S.] to various members of the F.O.I.F. in Cincinnati, mainly concerning his receipt of resolutions adopted by the F.O.I.F. in support of official recognition of the Irish Republic and the Senate’s attitude towards the cause (23 August 1919–19 June 1920, 7 items).

Also includes ‘letters to Frank P. Walsh from various Bond Drive State Chairmen re canvassing of State Democratic Delegations to [Democratic Party National] Convention’. Also includes a statement by de Valera on the need for a reorganisation of the Friends of Irish Freedom following the rejection of the inclusion of the plank of recognition of the Irish Republic at both conventions.

Correspondents include:

- Harry C. Cotter, Portland, Maine;
969 contd.  

- The Irish World;  
- T.F. McGuire, Louisville, Kentucky;  
- E.L. Doyle, Denver, Colorado;  
- Robert C. Duff, Houston, Texas;  
- Patrick Leonard, Burlington, Vermont;  
- P. H. McCormack, West Rutland, Vermont;  
- John Manion, Fall River, Massachusetts;  
- Anne Kearns, Portland, Oregon;  
- John P. Raftery, [North] Dakota;  
- Colonel T.J. Murphy, Bridgeport, Connecticut;  
- John Brown, Portland, Maine, President of St. Brendan Branch, F.O.I.F.;  
- J.J. Mulready, Fargo, North Dakota;  
- P. A. Richardson, Dallas, Texas;  
- Dermot Kyne, Los Angeles, California, Secretary, Southern California Local Council, F.O.I.F.;  
- Hugh Gallagher, Montgomery, Alabama;  
- Richard E. Harvey, Portland, Maine;  
- James E. Deery, National President, Ancient Order of Hibernians;  
- John S. Clifford, M.D., Charlotte, North Carolina;  
- A. J. Donahoe, President of the Irish Self-Determination Club, Omaha, Nebraska;  
- A.F. Sweeney, Tulsa, Oklahoma;  

See P150/965 for correspondence between Walsh & de Valera; P150/1140 for correspondence between Walsh & Harry Boland; P150/1209 for letters from Walsh to James O’Mara; P150/703 & 1001 for draft statement by de Valera following the Republican National Convention; P150/1003 for documents on the Democrats’ National Convention in June 1920; P150/1000 for documents on the Republican National Convention in June 1920; 43 items

970  
11 May 1927– 19 August 1938  
Correspondence between de Valera and Frank P. Walsh, former head of the American Commission on Irish Independence and U.S. Counsel for the Republic, between 1927 and 1938. Walsh died in May 1939. 
Topics discussed include:

- the Dáil Éireann Bond Litigation Case in the U.S.A. [the opinion of Judge Peter’s of the Supreme Court of New York, given on 11 May 1927 that neither the Irish Free State government nor the Republican Party in Ireland were entitled to the funds];
- the effect of the legislation introduced by the Cosgrave administration following the assassination of Kevin O’Higgins on 10 July 1927 with regard to Fianna Fáil’s policy towards the Oath of Allegiance;
- the use of the Federation Bank & Trust Co. as a depository for Irish Press funds;
contd. • the presentation of an Irish tricolour carried by Rear Admiral Byrd in his flight over the South Pole, to Frank P. Walsh, for transmittal to de Valera;
• American support in ‘the campaign necessary to secure the inclusion of the Irish payments to the British Government in the proposed moratorium on inter-Governmental payments’;
• Walsh’s suggestion that T. St. John Gaffney be appointed Envoy to Berlin;
• Walsh’s hope that de Valera will ‘correct’ Section 2 of the Nationality and Citizenship Bill ‘so that mothers will have equal rights with fathers to transmit nationality to their offspring’.

Includes letter to Walsh and William P. Lyndon from de Valera on 3 August 1927 − ‘The political situation here has been completely changed by the projected Free State legislation. A new movement will now be required. The Fianna Fáil way of removing the oath from outside is being made definitely impossible, and will I expect have to be abandoned. It will take me some time to have the dispositions necessary to meet the new situation made, and it would be premature to indicate the lines I have in mind at the moment for dealing with it. I will write you as soon as they become clearly defined’ (3 August 1927, 1p).

24 items

May–[September] 1939 Documents relating to the death of Frank P. Walsh on 2 May 1939. Includes:
– copy of telegram sent by de Valera to Mrs. Kate Walsh on the death of her husband (original dated 2 May 1939, 1p);
– cuttings from American newspapers on the death of Frank P. Walsh (2–5 May 1939, 12 items);
– correspondence between de Valera and Mrs. Kate Walsh following the death of her husband (June & [September] 1939, 2 items);
– typescript appreciation of Walsh by de Valera written as an addendum to an article giving a ‘general account of Walsh’s life and his association with the cause of Ireland’s freedom’. Signed by de Valera (20 July 1939, 1p);
– copy of The Recorder, Bulletin of the American Irish Historical Society vol. 10, no. 2, containing an appreciation of the late Frank P. Walsh (pp.18–20).
‘For Miss Kathleen O’Connell–Compliments of James McGurrin’ [President of the Society] (1 July 1939, 1 item).
See also P150/1101 for letters to de Valera from the children of Frank P. Walsh and also their obituary notices. 21 items

Correspondence between Seán Nunan, Jerome Walsh, son of the late Frank P. Walsh, and Robert W. Hill, Keeper of Manuscripts, The New York Public Library, concerning Nunan’s examination of the papers of the late Frank P. Walsh deposited in the New York Public Library, relating to Irish affairs, 1919–21, and the papers on the Bond Litigation. Also includes pencil notes by Nunan on viewing the papers (12pp).

4 items

XII. Association with the Friends of Irish Freedom [F.O.I.F.]

973 19[19–21]

Documents relating to the ‘Irish Victory Fund’ launched by the Friends of Irish Freedom in 1916 and wound up in [August 1919]. Includes:
– list of names and addresses of Irish Victory Fund Committees (n.d., 1p);
– pamphlet *The Irish Mess and An Attack on the U.S. Navy. Quotations from the News and Observer, Raleigh, N.C., With Correspondence Between Its Owner, Hon. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the U.S. Navy, and the Advisory Committee, Irish Victory Fund, Boston, Mass.* (November 1919, 5pp);
– carbon copy letter from Diarmuid Lynch, National Secretary, Friends of Irish Freedom, to [Frank P. Walsh] of the American Commission on Irish Independence, requesting Bond Certificates to the sum of $100,000 loaned by the F.O.I.F. for use in connection with the initial expenses of the Bond Certificate campaign (original dated 5 January 1922, 1p);
– carbon copy letter from Gilbert Ward to Stephen O’Mara outlining the reasons he thinks the Certificates should not be issued (original dated 6 January 1922, 2pp).

5 items

974 22 June–14 August 1919

Resolutions of support and welcome for de Valera by various branches of the Friends of Irish Freedom.

12 items
June 1919–November 1921; Correspondence of Mrs. Mary McWhorter of Chicago, Illinois, a National Vice-President of the Friends of Irish Freedom and President of the Ladies’ Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians of America. Mainly comprises correspondence with de Valera and Harry Boland. Correspondents and subjects include:
– with de Valera welcoming him to America and discussing
  • the bond drive;
  • the Mason Bill and the hearing before the Foreign affairs Committee;
  • a subject discussed while she was in Dublin—the effect on the morale of the men if the Black and Tans turned to the violation of women during the raids and the establishment of a ‘national plan of relief’ which ‘will give us a chance for all sorts of publicity and propaganda’;
  • the activities of the Friends of Irish Freedom;
  • the depiction of the Irish Republican cause in the American newspapers;
– with Dr. Patrick McCartan on the National Conventions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America and Ladies Auxiliary and de Valera’s visit to Chicago;
– with Harry Boland on:
  • arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Chicago in July 1919 and San Francisco for the above National Conventions;
  • Mrs. McWhorter’s speaking engagements around the country and other activities promoting the bond drive;
  • arrangements for de Valera’s tour of the eastern and southern states as far as Denver, Colorado, and the assistance of the Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians of America;
  • the organisation of the fundraising activities of the Celtic Cross Association of which Mrs. McWhorter is President, on behalf of the Irish Republican Prisoners’ Dependants’ Fund;
  • criticism of an Irish propaganda film entitled ‘Ireland a Nation’ produced by the Capital Film Company;
  • a proposed Irish Race Convention;
  • fundraising activities of the Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians of America;
  • Mary MacSwiney’s visit to Chicago;
  • the Committee of One Hundred;
  • the re-organisation of the Friends of Irish Freedom;
  • the American Auxiliary to the Irish White Cross and the foundation of the Celtic Cross Association;
– with Kathleen O’Connell on:
  • a one act play by Harry Phibbs dealing with the 1916 Easter Rising, the proceeds of which are to be sent to Mrs. Pearse for the St. Enda’s school fund;
  • the bond drive;
  • fundraising by the Ladies’ Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians of America for the Irish Relief Fund;
  • Mrs. McWhorter’s dealings with the American Commission of Investigation [the Atrocities Commission] and Muriel and Mary MacSwiney.
975 contd.  Also includes:

– correspondence between Mrs. McWhorter and de Valera or his Private Secretary, M.G. Moynihan, on her visit to Fr. Albert shortly before his death on 14 February 1925; his funeral arrangements and the possibility of his remains being sent home to Ireland. Includes a memoir of Fr. Albert, O.F.S.C. by Mrs. McWhorter (n.d., 5pp);
– documents relating to attempts to repatriate the remains of Frs. Albert and Dominic to Ireland (1938; 1939, 4 items);
– correspondence concerning Mrs. McWhorter’s recommendation of Maurice Cotter as Consul in Chicago (31 March–11 June 1942, 3 items);
– holograph draft by de Valera of cable sent by the Department of External Affairs on the death of Mrs. Mary McWhorter in 1944 (21 August 1944, 1p).

See also P150/1173 for Mrs. McWhorter’s account of Harry Boland’s death & P150/675 for draft letter from de Valera to Mrs. McWhorter on his meeting with her and the foundation of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic (November 1920)

38 items

976  July 1919–  Circular letters issued by the Friends of Irish
[December] 1921  Freedom to its members and lists of National
Officers and members of organisation. Includes:

– circular letter from Diarmuid Lynch, F.O.I.F. National Secretary, following the meeting of the National Council on 11 July 1919 referring to an amendment to the F.O.I.F. Constitution; State Conventions and recruiting State Organisers (19 July 1919, 1p);
– circular letter from Diarmuid Lynch, F.O.I.F. National Secretary, to ‘the Secretary of each Regular and Associate Branch’ of the organisation urging district delegations to attend a public hearing ‘on the Bill introduced by Hon. Wm. E. Mason of Illinois…[to]…be held by the Committee on Foreign Affairs on Friday, Dec. 12th,…at Washington, D.C.’ (25 November 1919, 1p);
– circular letter from Lynch to the ‘Secretary of Each Regular and Associate Branch, and Each Member of the National Council, F.O.I.F.’ on amendments to the F.O.I.F. Constitution and comprising a ‘statement dealing with the important phases of this subject’ in order to present ‘a basis for intelligent discussion of the matter by the National Council’ and to ensure members can ‘realize the why and wherefore of things and draw their own conclusions therefrom’ (7 October 1920, 4pp);
– circular letter from Lynch to individual members of the organisation beginning ‘It is almost a year since we had the pleasure of addressing a communication to the individual members of the Friends of Irish Freedom. In the meantime this organization has accomplished much. Regrettable incidents have also occurred and recent circumstances which threaten the continued development of the F.O.I.F. compel us to relate herein many details which it would otherwise be our wish to leave unrecorded’. 
Letter deals with subjects under the following headings: League of Nations; Irish bond certificates; Republican National Convention, Chicago, June 8, 1920; other attacks against the F.O.I.F.; distribution of the *Gaelic American*; John Devoy; State conventions; branch elections; Constitution; suspended branches; renewal of membership; boycott of English goods in the U.S.A.; literature published and distributed by the F.O.I.F.; news on Ireland; and tercentenary of the Pilgrims (19 November 1920, 8pp);

– circular letter to individual members of the organisation from Lynch and Michael Gallagher, National President, urging ‘Our erstwhile friends of a year or more ago vehemently criticized the F.O.I.F. for devoting so much of its attention to what they were pleased to call purely American questions; they criticized us for having our National Headquarters in New York and our Information Bureau in Washington, D.C. They criticized us for doing many things in the way that experience proved to be the most effective for the interest of America and Ireland. To argue that we should not challenge the English-made League of Nations, English hypocrisy in respect to the Panama Canal, the debt which England owes us, the Disarmament Conference and many other such questions, was shallow and insincere if not stupid or vicious…The tactics of our critics were solely for the purpose of defaming the F.O.I.F., embittering the uninformed friends of Ireland against the organization and its leaders, thus depriving us of their loyal co-operation… *Our immediate duty* is to initiate an active campaign for 1922 membership…’ (12 November 1921, 1p).

Attached was found a circular letter from James M. McHugh, Business Manager of the *Gaelic American*, addressed to ‘Dear Friend’ seeking more extensive circulation of *The Gaelic American* (12 November 1921, 1p);


*See also P150/1135 for correspondence between Harry Boland and Diarmuid Lynch*  
14 items

11, 14 August 1919  
Letter of congratulation to de Valera from Victor Herbert, past President of the Friends of Irish Freedom, offering advice with regard to the size of the Dáil Éireann External Loan—‘Outside of New England, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio, Illinois, Montana, and California, the Irish people are few in numbers, and little can be expected of them in thirty states in the way of money, and the times are very bad for them at present. Therefore I believe the safest policy in regard to the size of the Fund would be to fix the amount at approximately two billions of dollars. If the maximum figure is too high and failure to secure this sum should follow, a great falling off would be noticeable *(sic)* and I fear might seriously affect the prestige of your otherwise wonderfully successful mission to the United States.’ Also includes letter of acknowledgement.  
2 items, 1p each
Correspondence, including telegrams, between de Valera and Diarmuid Lynch, National Secretary of the Friends of Irish Freedom. Includes:

– copy letter from de Valera’s Secretary to Lynch on confusion caused by a leaflet on the establishment of local councils of the American Commission on Irish Independence, prepared by Colonel Callaghan during his time as Director of the Bond-Certificate Drive—‘Undoubtedly, that leaflet should never have been sent, for even a casual reading would show that it was bound to give rise to all sorts of troubles. It represented neither the nature nor the general intention of the organisation for the Bond Drive desired by the President, and gave legitimate ground for complaint by the existing Organisation’ (10 December 1919, 1p) (see also letter from Lynch to Harry Boland dated 23 December 1919 in P150/1135);

– letter to de Valera from Lynch concerning the duration of Seán T O’Kelly’s stay in Paris—‘He desires to have your opinion as to whether or not he should remain in Paris for some time longer and adds that indirectly he learned it was your opinion that he should remain there until the question of the Treaty has been definitely settled in the U.S.. He has had an idea of paying a visit to Rome but it is doubtful if he will be able to return from there to Paris’ (27 January 1920, 1p). Also includes de Valera’s copy reply agreeing that O’Kelly should remain in Paris (29 January 1920, 1p);

– covering letter from Lynch to de Valera enclosing a copy of his letter addressed to the people of South East Cork announcing his resignation as T.D. for the Cork South East constituency and explaining the reasons for his actions (19 July 1920, 2 items, 1p & 3pp) (see also P150/1125 for reference to Lynch’s resignation in correspondence between Harry Boland and Michael Collins).

Carbon copy letter from Robert [Brennan] to Diarmuid Lynch stating ‘In addition to the weekly list of Acts of Agression (sic) we are now sending out a daily bulletin of important news items to the foreign correspondents here and in England. I expect that you are doing work of a similar nature. I would be glad to know if you have any suggestions to make concerning the copy we sent you, and whether you are kept well enough supplied’. 2pp

Correspondence between de Valera and Diarmuid Lynch, relating to de Valera’s request to Lynch to convene a special meeting of the National Council of the F.O.I.F. in March 1920 to ‘secure co-ordination’ for an ‘intense effort’ in the campaign for securing recognition of the Irish Republic and another special meeting in September 1920.

Includes handwritten copy statement suggesting the formation of an advisory committee of the F.O.I.F. ‘to secure and consider with a friendly mind all
such suggestions and advices (*sic*) to be offered to President De Valera’ (19 March 1920, 1p).  

21 March– 21 September 1920  
Correspondence between de Valera and Rossa F. Downing, President, Padraic H. Pearse Branch, F.O.I.F., Washington, D.C., mainly on the conflict between de Valera and Judge Cohalan/John Devoy and their respective supporters, especially the resulting internal divisions within the Friends of Irish Freedom. Includes:  
– letter to de Valera from Downing and ten other officials calling de Valera’s attention ‘to the fact that in our judgement there is nothing more dangerous or detrimental to the mission on which you are engaged than the controversies being carried on in the pages of The Irish Press, The Irish World, and The Gaelic American…the appeal to you to use your best endeavours to bring this unfortunate and destructive contention to an end. A letter similar in content and tenor is going out to Hon. Daniel F. Cohalan, in the hope that he will use what influence he has to the same effect…these dissensions are demoralizing to those within the movement, and will alienate the sympathies of those who are without…’. (19 May 1920, 1p);  
– copy covering letter from Downing to de Valera urging de Valera to request Bishop Michael Gallagher to call a meeting of the National Council of the Friends of Irish Freedom; enclosing copy of a letter from Downing to the Bishop [National President of the Friends of Irish Freedom] on the matter and a copy of the petition prepared by members of the National Council ‘and others interested in our cause, at New York on September 18th’ asking him to call the special meeting not later than 6 October 1920 (21 & 22 September 1920, 3 items).  

19 May 1920  
Letter to de Valera from Thomas J. Owens, Corresponding Secretary of the F.O.I.F.  
Commodore John Barry Branch, Ancon, Panama, informing him that $3,515 has been raised for the Dáil Éireann loan from 200 ‘friends of the Irish Republic residing in the Panama Canal Zone’ and stating that there are ‘three active branches of the Friends of Irish Freedom down here in Panama and they are doing great work for the cause’.  

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983  9–27 July; 13 August; 10, 14 November 1920  Correspondence between Daniel C. O’Flaherty, President, Patrick Henry Branch, F.O.I.F., Richmond, and Harry Boland and de Valera enclosing copy of letter sent by O’Flaherty to Diarmuid Lynch seeking clarification about the establishment of ‘a corporation…known as the Friends of Irish Freedom, Incorporated, with offices at 280 Broadway’ and its status with regard to the National Organisation—the Friends of Irish Freedom (26 July 1920, 2pp). Includes reply from de Valera on the matter and reference to the circumstances of the drawing up of the resolutions presented to the recent Democratic Party National Convention in San Francisco. Also includes copy of letter from Martin Conboy, Legal Advisor, to Frank P. Walsh giving his opinion on ‘whether the Friends of Irish Freedom can be legally incorporated as an association or company without the consent of the members’ (original dated 13 August 1920, 1p).

See also P150/824 for correspondence between O’Flaherty and Boland re arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Richmond, Virginia on 10 April 1920 7 items

984  November 19[19]  Black and white photograph of Daniel C. O’Flaherty, President, Patrick Henry Branch, F.O.I.F., Richmond, Virginia, and his son Daniel C. O’Flaherty, Jr., inscribed ‘To President De Valera from his sincere friend D.C. O’Flaherty, Jr.’. 8cm x 14cm

985  1 January 1920  Telegram to de Valera from Edward J. Coen, newspaper editor, State President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America and F.O.I.F. member, sending New Year’s greetings on behalf of the A.O.H.. See also P150/886 & 1123 for documents relating to Edward Coen 1p

986  April 1920–January 1921  Resolutions passed by branches of the Friends of Irish Freedom pledging support and loyalty to de Valera, mainly following the conflict between de Valera and the Cohalan Committee over their respective submissions to the Resolutions Committee of the Republican National Convention in Chicago in June 1920. A number of the resolutions passed call for an end to divisions and the restoration of harmony while others demand the removal of members of the National Council opposed to de Valera and condemn John Devoy’s campaign against de Valera waged mainly in The Gaelic American. Includes resolutions calling on the Democratic Party to insert a plank on its national platform recognising the independence of the Irish Republic.
Also includes a small number of similar resolutions from the Quebec Section of the Self-Determination for Ireland League; the County Sligo Men’s Social and Benevolent Association, New York; the Pearse Circle of the Banban Brotherhood of America; Ancient Order of Hibernians, Portland, Oregon; the Irish Self-Determination Club of Nebraska; branches of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America; the Universal Negro Improvement Association; the Central Council of Irish County Associations; the Cavan Men’s Association, New York, and the Limerick Men’s Irish Patriotic B. and S. Association. Copy acknowledgements from President de Valera’s Secretary are included in most cases.

Also circular letter to members of the St. Coman’s Branch, F.O.I.F. from its President and Secretary stating that resolutions will be proposed at their next meeting to ‘sever our relations with the Friends of Irish Freedom and join the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, so that we may give our most effective assistance to the People of Ireland in their heroic struggle for freedom…’ (December 1920, 1p).

See also P150/669 for letters of support to de Valera from members of American public; P150/1013 for telegrams to de Valera from McCartan & Boland informing him of various resolutions passed by American organisations & P150/1012 for Resolutions affecting Ireland passed in U.S. House of Representatives & Senate & various State Legislatures

135 items

August–October 1920

Copy letters to Dr. Michael J. Gallagher, Bishop of Detroit, Michigan, from:
– de Valera concerning the proposal for Bishop Gallagher to consent to accept the position of National President of the Friends of Irish Freedom and the steps he would take ‘to bring about that co-operation and harmonious working which every supporter of Ireland’s cause naturally desires’. Discusses ‘amendments to the Constitution of the Friends of Irish Freedom organisation’ and calls for the summoning of a ‘special general meeting of the National Council’ to discuss the changes. Also comments on the Bishop’s speech at the last meeting of the National Council of Friends of Irish Freedom, as reported in The Gaelic American (6 August 1920, 2 copies, 1 with holograph amendments by de Valera, 4pp each);
– [Dr. Patrick McCartan] commenting on an alleged speech which ‘had been sent out officially from the national headquarters of the Friends of Irish Freedom’ and defending de Valera (7 August 1920, 2 copies, 1 incomplete (2pp) & 3pp). Attached was found copy telegram to Dr. McCartan from John M. Doyle, Chancellor, Episcopal Residence, Detroit, Michigan, stating ‘You have taken wrong impression from Bishop Gallagher’s speech because not wholly published…Request that Irish papers cease wrangling until Bishop has opportunity to attempt to settle differences. Bishop criticised Gaelic American as well as others’ (original dated 11 August 1920, 1p) and copies of letter sent by Doyle to de Valera stating ‘The Rt. Rev. Bishop Gallagher upon leaving for Washington, directed me to write you and request that you ask His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons to bring before the American
987 contd. Hierarchy the question of recognition for the Republic of Ireland’ (20 September 1920, 2 items, 1p each);
– Thomas A. McEvoy, Counsellor at Law, Worcester, Massachusetts, and ‘a member of the Council’ setting out ‘some basic facts, such as they appear to me, and the remedies that seem to be necessary’ (24 September 1920, 7pp);
– de Valera to Bishop Gallagher outlining his proposals for the ‘immediate consideration of your Executive–an organized campaign proceeding simultaneously in all parts of the United States with…the following objectives’–an organised campaign on recognition; exposing British ‘atrocities’ in Ireland (‘Cinematograph education has scarcely yet been touched…’); encouraging ‘adoption’ of devastated Irish towns by individual American cities; press[ing forward the boycott of British goods and promoting a final grand ‘drive’ for subscriptions to the Irish Loan–‘A joint appeal by your lordship and myself…is certain to secure a favourable response’ (8 October 1920, 6pp);
– copy confidential letter from de Valera to Bishop Gallagher stating ‘The misrepresentations in the Gaelic American are becoming intolerable, and the harm they are doing irreparable. If they continue, no choice will be left me but to publicly expose Mr. Devoy’s tactics. It is useless to talk of support from the Friends of Irish Freedom organization as long as this man is allowed to use his paper to foster misunderstandings and bitterness by his wilful perversions of the truth’ (13 October 1920, 1p). 13 items

988 12 August 1920 Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to Fr. P.E. Magennis, O.C.C., on Fr. Magennis’ resignation from the Presidentship of the F.O.I.F., Bishop Michael Gallagher’s appointment in his stead and media reaction to the news. Encloses circular letter from Lynch to each Regular and Associate Branch Secretary and members of the National Council of the F.O.I.F. on the matter.
2 items, 3pp & 1p

989 6–1[8] September 1920 Documents relating to the meeting of the National Council of the F.O.I.F. in September 1920 in New York at which proposals for an amendment of the F.O.I.F. Constitution were submitted. Comprises:
– correspondence between de Valera or his secretary and members of the Friends of Irish Freedom–John F. Kelly of Pittsfield, Massachusetts and Mrs. J.J. Castellini, Corresponding Secretary, Lincoln Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio;
– copy of wire from de Valera addressed to the National Council of the F.O.I.F. urging them to attend the meeting–‘Far reaching decisions have to be arrived at. The Irish cause has now reached a crisis. Further delay in cooperating means failing Ireland at the vital moment’ (n.d., 1p);
contd. – typescript copy of ‘Resolutions adopted by meeting of National Councillors of F.O.I.F. Branch Officers and other Friends Of The Irish Republic at meeting held in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel Saturday afternoon, September 18th, 1920’ including ‘That we proceed at once to work energetically within the present organization of the Friends of Irish Freedom in our respective States for the cause of the Irish Republic, but that until the present Constitution of the organization be made more democratic and modified according to the wishes of the various branches and State Councils…we recommend withholding the payment of further funds to the National Council…until the desired reform…be accomplished we see to it that…all Branches, State and Local Councils recognize as their supreme and primary guiding principles the needs and wishes of the Irish people as expressed through the Irish President or other duly authorized spokesmen of the Republic of Ireland’ (n.d., 1p);

– proofs of ‘Extracts from the Speech of President De Valera To Members of the National Council of the Friends of Irish Freedom and others at the Waldorf Hotel, Saturday Noon, September 18th, with reference to the desirability of changing constitution of the F. of I. F.’ (n.d., 4pp) and typescript draft of speech, with holograph corrections by de Valera (18 September 1920, 9pp).

12 items

19, 23 October 1920
Letter to de Valera from Thomas Barrett, Acting President of the Thomas Ashe Branch, Holyoke, Massachusetts F.O.I.F., seeking clarification concerning rumours of hostility towards de Valera by the F.O.I.F. National Council, following the heightening of tensions between supporters of de Valera and supporters of Judge Cohalan and John Devoy. Includes acknowledgement.

3 items

21 October; 8, 19 November 1920
Letters to de Valera from officials of the Friends of Irish Freedom in Chicago concerning dissent among the Chicago members following the Republican and Democratic Parties’ National Conventions in June 1920 and the subsequent heightening of tensions between supporters of de Valera and supporters of Judge Cohalan and John Devoy.
Comprises copy letter from John M. Flynn, Secretary, Local Council, F.O.I.F., Chicago, enclosing a report adopted by the Local Council on 17 October 1920 which resolved not to pay funds to the National Council until the Constitution is amended [to conform with de Valera’s views] (21 October 1920, 2 items, 2pp & 4pp) and copy letter from Mary Teresa O’Donnell, Financial Secretary, John Boyle O’Reilly Branch, F.O.I.F., Chicago, seeking guidance from de Valera on promoting unity to avoid the Chicago branches breaking from Headquarters and a proposal to ‘send no more money to the National Council…amalgamate under the Local Council’. Also includes copy acknowledgement (8 & 19 November 1920, 6pp & 1p).

3 items
– typescript copy containing text of a cablegram sent to Lloyd George and to the Parliament of Great Britain from 88 named members of the House of Representatives, ‘Protesting against further imprisonment without arraignment or trial of persons arrested in Ireland for acts of a political nature…The cablegram supports the resolution introduced two weeks ago by Congressman Peter F. Tague, of Massachusetts, who also headed the committee of twenty congressmen who conferred with Secretary of State Colby, asking that the State Department seek some form of relief for those held in prison without arraignment or trial’. Includes second slightly different list of names of the members of the House of Representatives (2pp);
– News Bulletin (No. 32) comprising a statement by Daniel T. O’Connell, Director of the Friends of Irish Freedom disassociating the organisation from the actions of women ‘pickets’ in Washington and elsewhere, commonly known as ‘Friends of Ireland’, ‘these women act only as individuals and have no sanction whatever from any of the large bodies of American men and women of Irish blood who act by and through the direction of the Friends of Irish Freedom and affiliated organizations’ (3 June [1920], 1p);
– News Bulletin no. 33, containing a statement by Congressman Mason on his resolution ‘favoring the establishment in Ireland of a government of its own choice’ which was ‘favorably reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations’ but will not be allowed to come up for action at this session of Congress (3 June [1920], 2pp).

4 items

993 n.d. Handwritten list of names and addresses of Friends of Irish Freedom officials in the southern states with remarks on their operational status i.e. whether they are ‘working’, ‘working well’ or ‘resigned’. Possibly in relation to arranging de Valera’s tour of the southern states in April and May 1920. On headed paper from the American Commission on Irish Independence, New York.

4pp

994 n.d. Set of notices ‘Published Under the Auspices of Friends of Irish Freedom and Associated Societies’ advocating the rejection of the League of Nations and making references to ‘the case of Ireland with relation to the British Empire’.

3 items, 48cm x 63cm each
2 items, 31cm x 47cm each
Mainly holograph letters to de Valera or Harry Boland from Katherine Hughes [Caitlín Ní Aodha], Secretary, Irish National Bureau, Washington, and National Organiser of the Self-Determination for Ireland League of Canada and Newfoundland, reporting on her activities preparing for de Valera’s tour of the southern states and on her visits to Canada, Newfoundland, Australia and New Zealand between 1919 and 1922. Includes reports to Boland and Joseph Begley and reports on the World Congress of the Irish Race and Fine Ghaedheal in Paris in January 1922. With some copy replies from de Valera, Kathleen O’Connell and Harry Boland.

Also includes:

– list of Provincial Secretaries of the League in Canada and Newfoundland, with attached note ‘The Pres[iden]t asked to have all these addresses kept on file in this office’ (n.d., 2pp);

– letters calling for American intervention ‘in the name of Humanity’ in the Irish situation and on the organisation of her proposed tour of Australia to establish a Self-Determination League for Ireland in that country. Encloses carbon copy list headed ‘Who’s Who In Canada’ with names and addresses of fifteen Canadian individuals with indication of their support for the Republic (n.d., 1p).

– extract from a printed railroad map of the Lake Ontario region (20cm x 11cm) and ‘Map Showing Reid Newfoundland Company’s Railway and Steamship Lines’ with note ‘For the Chief’ on top of sheet (45cm x 46cm);

– cuttings from Canadian newspapers mainly on the speeches of Katherine Hughes at meetings organised under the auspices of the Self-Determination for Ireland League of Canada in Winnipeg, Manitoba; Calgary, Alberta and Vancouver, British Colombia in July and August 1920 (July–August 1920, 9 items);

– correspondence between de Valera and Cornelia Hughes (sister of Katherine) following Katherine’s death on 1 July 1952 concerning the disposal of her papers (12 May, 1 June 1953, 2 items). 116 items

Black and white print of Katherine Hughes, National Organiser, Self-Determination for Ireland League of Canada. 10cm x 15cm

Correspondence between Charles N. Wheeler and Daniel T. O’Connell, Director, Irish National Bureau, Washington, D.C., concerning the promotion of de Valera’s tour of the U.S.A.. Refers to de Valera’s itinerary; hotel addresses for part of his tour; the preparation of a ‘complete scrap-book’ on de Valera’s tour to act as a ‘reference and as a record for the president to take with him back home’ and the distribution of telegrams to the press ‘covering the progress of President De Valera’s trip’. 6 items
Notice issued by the Irish National Bureau, Washington, D.C. stating ‘America’s Pledge to Ireland. Given by Congress, through Benjamin Franklin’ i.e. text of message sent by Franklin from France to the ‘Good People of Ireland’ on 4 October 1788. 20cm x 25cm

Typescript letter to de Valera from Daniel T. O’Connell, former Director, F.O.I.F. National Bureau of Information, stating ‘I shall return Tuesday, April 6, to resume direction of the Bureau. When I previously withdrew I thought I was strong enough to resist further urging to continue the work begun last August. Reflection has persuaded me, the cause of Ireland required sacrifice from so many that perhaps it would be selfish on my part to refrain from giving the best I possess if my efforts could be of any advantage in bringing about the great object which has commanded the attention of the world’.

1p

XIII. Republican and Democratic Party Conventions, June 1920

Documents relating to the Republican Party’s National Convention in Chicago on 9 June 1920 and the ensuing conflict between de Valera and Judge Cohalan/John Devoy and their respective supporters, as reported in the press. Includes:
– letter to de Valera from Fr. Thomas Hurton [National Vice-President of the Friends of Irish Freedom] sending his practical ideas concerning the upcoming National Conventions in San Francisco and Chicago and canvassing for support for the inclusion of a plank in the parties’ platforms on the official recognition of the Irish Republic. Also includes some ‘Suggested Plans That Might Do Good After the Conventions’. Part typescript, part holograph. Amended and annotated by the writer (3 June 1920, 6pp);
– typescript copy of circular letter sent by Congressman William E. Mason to ‘the Members of the Committee on Resolutions, The Republican National Convention’ citing a number of ‘cases of recognition without intervention and without any threat of war…[which]…have occurred’ (original dated 7 June 1920, 2pp) and attached notes and statement on U.S. practises in regard to recognition; on ‘the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their gov[ern]m[en]t’ and opinions on the expediency of recognition (n.d., 3 items);
– typescript ‘Reports on attitude of members of State Delegations to Republican Party Convention’ [[this note in the hand of Seán Nunan] (n.d., 1p & 10pp);
1000 contd. – ‘Copy of draft–apparently minutes–that came into the hands of President de Valera’. ‘On Monday afternoon, June 8th, an informal meeting of men prominent in Irish-American affairs, in various parts of the United States and Canada, was held in Room 414 of the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, to consider the situation which had arisen in connection with the presence of President De Valera in Chicago, and his rumored contemplated appeal to the Republican National Convention for a plank in its platform recognizing Ireland’ (n.d., 2 copies, 11pp & 14pp, the latter with handwritten annotations); – carbon copy of ‘Resolution Submitted to Resolutions Committee for Inclusion in Republican Platform’ (1p);
– typescript statement signed by Peter Golden [F.O.I.F. organiser in Colorado in 1920 and later National Secretary of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic] on his recollection of a meeting between [members of the Irish Mission and the F.O.I.F.] including Golden and ‘the Cohalan group’ comprising P.H. O’Donnell ‘the lawyer of Chicago’, O’Mahony ‘editor of the Indiana Catholic’ and ‘a Mr. Sullivan from Indiana’, the latter urging support for the election of Johnson as a means of ensuring official U.S. recognition of the Irish Republic and the abandonment of attempts ‘to secure a plank in the Republican platform recognising the Irish Republic’ (n.d., 1p);
– documents relating to the de Valera and Cohalan/Devoy clash following the Republican, and later the Democratic Party National Conventions in Chicago (June–July 1920, 13 items) including:
  • copies of extracts from and about an interview with Rev. F.X. McCabe, C.M., LL.D., formerly President of De Paul University and the Chicago Herald-Examiner and his statement issued subsequent to the interview denying that he ‘was at variance in any way whatsoever with President De Valera’ (June 1920, 4 items) and
  • draft letters or opinions written in support of de Valera and attacking Judge Cohalan and John Devoy (n.d., 2 items, 4pp each).
See also P150/969 for correspondence of Frank P. Walsh on the Democratic and Republican Parties’ National Conventions

See also P150/703 for a copy of de Valera’s statement of 19 June 1920 concerning the report in the Gaelic American.
1002 [1919/20] Black and white photograph of de Valera and Wendell Wilkie [identified on reverse by Seán Nunan as the ‘Republican candidate for U.S. Presidency’]. Studio: Lafayette Ltd. 15cm x 20cm

1003 March, June 1920; Documents relating to the Democratic Party National Convention in San Francisco on 28 and 29 June 1920. Includes:
– ‘lists of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention…furnished to correspondents for their information’ ([1920], 32pp);
– ‘President de Valera’s proposed drafts…[of speeches]…where there was no plank concerning Ireland’ (1920, 2 items, 6pp each). Both with holograph amendments and corrections, one signed by de Valera;
– ‘President de Valera’s proposed statement or speech in case there was a mere resolution for self-determination passed’ (1920, 6pp);
– drafts of ‘President de Valera’s proposed address (incomplete) in case he should be asked to speak to the Convention’ (28 June 1920, 2pp & 3pp);
– typescript draft of ‘Advance De Valera address’. With holograph corrections and amendments by de Valera (28 June 1920, 4pp);
– typescript text of a speech following the ‘Rejection of the plank pledging the Democratic party to the recognition of the Republic of Ireland’ (n.d., 3pp);

21 items

1004 [1919/20] Handwritten and printed lists names of Democrats and Republicans and whether they will vote ‘For’ or ‘Against’ an unidentified motion.

5 items, 1p each
XIV. Judge Daniel Cohalan & John Devoy

1005 21–26 April; May 1919  Correspondence between John Devoy and Dr. Patrick McCartan, Irish Envoy in Washington. Includes:
– typescript letter ‘written in reply to one received by John Devoy from Dr. McCartan which attempted to justify his wanton and malignant attack, made at the first meeting of the National Council of the F.O.I.F. on Judge Daniel F. Cohalan and on the Resolutions passed by the Irish Race Convention in Philadelphia on February 22 and 23, 1919. McCartan’s letter was given to Harry Boland to be handed to President De Valera, but repeated requests by John Devoy for its return proved fruitless’. With handwritten corrections and amendments. 5 items

1006 20 December 1919– [18 February 1920]  Correspondence between de Valera and John Devoy, Editor of the Gaelic American, on their conflict, mainly arising out of the series of articles attacking de Valera published by Devoy in his paper. Includes:
draft letter from de Valera to James Deery, National President, Ancient Order of Hibernians of America, on the articles in the Gaelic American. ‘My attitude…is that Irish policy is a matter for the Irish people alone, and to them only am I responsible….Mr. Devoy or the man who is really behind this–Judge Cohalan–do not need to teach me my duty. They make a mistake too if they imagine that I shall allow my desire for united effort to be used as a club against me. I know where blackmail of that sort leads to…’. With note by de Valera ‘Draft. Was any such letter sent?’. Typescript and holograph (18 February 1920, 1p);
– draft typescript letter to [John Devoy, Editor of the Gaelic American] defending de Valera. With holograph amendments by de Valera and de Valera’s holograph note ‘Draft. Was this sent?’ (n.d., 3pp);
– draft typescript letter to Devoy written on behalf of de Valera by an unknown individual protesting ‘against what appears to him wilful misrepresentations of his personal and official attitude appearing in editorials and signed articles in your paper’. With holograph amendments by de Valera and note ‘Draft Was this sent? (n.d., 2pp). 5 items

1007 [September 1919– March’1920]  Copies of letters written to a ‘Friend’ from an unknown person [possibly John Devoy?]. Letters refer to the use or mis-use of funds; to disagreements with Harry [Boland?]; ‘D.V.’ [de Valera] and Joe [McGarrity] and generally praise the Judge [Cohalan]. 7pp
1008 13 September 1917– 26 November 1920
Correspondence between John Devoy and various individuals comprising mainly correspondence arising out of articles in the Gaelic American of which Devoy was editor. Many of the letters refer to the Friends of Irish Freedom, de Valera, Judge Cohalan (see P150/1134 for correspondence between de Valera and Judge Cohalan), de Valera’s interview with the Westminster Gazette (see P150/706), the League of Nations and President Wilson’s attitude to Irish independence. Correspondents includes:
• Major Eugene F. Kinkead;
• James W. Power, All Saints Rectory, New York;
• Thomas Mannix, Attorney and Counsellor at Law;
• Thomas McGuire;
• John Walsh of the McNevin Club, Clan na Gael, Cleveland, Ohio;
• Fr. Peter C. Yorke;
Includes:
– typescript memorandum concerning attempts by a deputation from the Irish Race Convention to secure a meeting on 4 March 1919 with President Wilson to present a resolution calling upon the President to place before the Peace Conference and support with all his influence, Ireland’s right to self-determination; President Wilson’s refusal to receive the delegation if Judge Cohalan was present; and Cohalan’s withdrawal (n.d., 5pp);
– memorandum/statement concerning a libel action arising from an article in the Gaelic American, 20 October 1917. The defendant in the libel case, the author of the article and of the statement, refers to attempts by the plaintiff McNulty, to ‘prostitute the Irish National Cause to his own sordid personal and financial interests in American political elections’. The article was written ‘for the purpose of warning the public against the untruthful character of the attacks made by the Plaintiff on the Defendant’. Combination of typescript and holograph by Devoy (n.d., 15pp). 25 items

1009 1 November 1962– 20 September 1965
Correspondence concerning an invitation to Taoiseach de Valera to become a patron of the John Devoy Memorial Fund and related press cuttings. Includes:
– John Devoy. Story of a Remarkable Career by Sean McGarry in The Sunday Independent (9 June 1929, 1p);
– articles from The Irish Times on Devoy by Padraic Colum (22; 24 January 1964, 2 items);
– an exchange of letters in The Irish Times between ‘An Unknown Soldier’ and Sean Nunan about de Valera, who ‘did not deliberately split the Irish movement in America’ (1 February–15 April 1964, 4 items). 14 items
1010  n.d.  Black and white print of Judge Daniel Cohalan (1867–1946) and two unknown men, in a garden setting. According to a note on the back of the photograph Cohalan is in the dark suit standing to the right of the seated man wearing a top hat. 23cm x 18cm

1011  [1920]  Typescript article by William J.M.A. Maloney concerning the actions of Judge Daniel Cohalan who had denounced the author as a British spy and ‘decided that President de Valera should be ordered back to Ireland’. The article is in answer to a pamphlet which ‘is being circulated broadcast over the signature of the National President of the Friends of Irish Freedom containing serious allegations against the Elected Representatives of the Irish Republic. The Gaelic American is now publishing this pamphlet as a serial…It has been pointed out to me that the only way to end the harmfulness of those who are thus attacking the Irish people, is to reveal now the history of their actions against the Irish Republic’. 1p & 26pp

XV. Congressional activity

1012  January 1919–April 1922; Texts of resolutions affecting Ireland passed in October 1964 the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and resolutions passed in the legislatures of the following states: Massachusetts, Montana, Rhode Island, California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Louisiana and New Jersey. Includes documentation associated with the Bill introduced by Congressman William Mason of Illinois on 27 May 1919, ‘to provide for the salaries of a minister and consuls to the Republic of Ireland’ (66th Congress, 1st Session, H.R. 3404).
Mainly resolutions:
• ‘in favour of Irish Independence’;
• calling for U.S. government official recognition of the Irish Republic and urging the U.S. President to use his influence to obtain self-government for Ireland;
• protesting against the threatened deportation of Donal O’Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork (52nd General Assembly, Illinois, House Resolution No. 19);
• ‘Protesting against the looting and burning of the city of Cork and appealing to the British Government to recognize the government established by a majority of the Irish people’ (66th Congress, 3rd Session, H. Res. 614);
• protesting against British atrocities in Ireland;
• congratulations on the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty on 6 December 1921.
Includes correspondence between Joseph Begley, Secretary, Irish Diplomatic Mission, and the clerks of various State Legislatures concerning the supply of copies of resolutions affecting Ireland passed in those assemblies since 1919. Also includes covering letter from Róisín [Ní Dhochartaigh], Department of External Affairs to Marie O’Kelly, President de Valera’s Personal Secretary, enclosing photocopies of:

– ‘House Joint Resolution 357, reported on 11 February 1919, requesting the Commissioners Plenipotentiary of the U.S.A. to the International Peace Conference to present to the said Conference the right of Ireland to freedom, independence, and self-determination’ (2pp);
– ‘Extract from Congressional Record of March 4, 1919, concerning a House Resolution (the Senate concurring) That it is the earnest hope of the Congress of the United States of America that the Peace Conference, now sitting in Paris, in passing upon the rights of various peoples, will favourably consider the claims of Ireland to the right of self-determination’ (4pp);
– ‘Senate Resolution 48 referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations on June 2, 1919, resolving That the Senate of the United States earnestly requests the American Peace Commission at Versailles to secure if possible for the representatives chosen by the people of Ireland, to wit, Edward de Valera, Arthur Griffiths, (sic) and Count George Noble Plunkett, a hearing before said peace conference in order that said representatives may present the cause of Ireland and ask international recognition of the government, republican in form, established by the people of Ireland’ (2pp);
– ‘Senate Resolution 215 submitted October 18, 1919, resolving That it is the sense of the Senate that whenever the United States becomes a member of the said treaty or otherwise, the Government of the United States should present to the council or the assembly of the league the state of affairs in Ireland and the right of its people to self-government’ (2pp).

See also P150/744 for lists of state legislatures de Valera addressed and state legislatures who passed resolutions in favour of Irish independence

61 items

12 June–29 June 1919

Telegram to de Valera from Dr. Patrick McCartan, Harry Boland, Monsignor Hugh T. Henry in Philadelphia and New York informing him of resolutions passed by various American organisations urging the U.S. government’s recognition of the Irish Republic. Includes notification of the Senate’s resolve by ‘sixty to one [that] Irish delegates be heard at Peace Conference’.

See also P150/986 for resolutions passed by American organisations between April and Dec 1920

5 items
1014 10, 12 July 1919 Copy letters to Senator John Sharp Williams from Rossa F. Downing and W.E. Ryan refuting the allegations made in Senator Williams’ ‘communication’ of 9 July 1919 ‘addressed to Messrs. P.J. Ryan, R.F. Downing and...[W.E. Ryan]...in reply to a preamble and resolutions of the Patrick Pearse Branch of the Friends of Irish Freedom at a meeting held in Washington, D.C., July 6th, 1919. Said preamble and resolutions were sent to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Vice President...the Hon. Cabot Lodge and all other members...of the Foreign Relations Committee...’.

2 items, 1p & 5pp

1015 28 April 1920 Telegram from de Valera to Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, formally protesting against the ‘recognition of the British Ambassador as a representative of Ireland or an organ of its Government’ following the ‘announcement in this morning’s press that Sir Auckland Geddes is to be given an audience by Your Excellency...The appointee of this Government the Honorable Doctor Patrick McCartan member of the Irish Congress is the only Ambassador accredited by Ireland to the United States...A foreign Government’s arbitrary naming of him does not give Sir Auckland Geddes the right to represent the Irish people...’.

1p


6 items

1017 10, 16 August 1920 Letter to de Valera from John E. Milholland on de Valera’s dealings with himself, Senator George Moses and Senator George Thompson (16 August 1920, 4pp). Encloses letters relating to the accidental non-payment of a hotel bill in Chicago following Liam Mellows visit there [as advance agent for de Valera] (9, 10 August 1920, 2 items).

See also P150/1131 for references to dealings between de Valera and John Milholland; P150/1065 for documents relating to the foundation of the American Commission of Investigation and Milholland’s role in its establishment

3 items
1018 11 March–30 October 1920  Correspondence between de Valera or his Secretary and Dr. Constantine E. McGuire, International High Commission, U.S. Section, Treasury Department, on:
• the preparation of a brief for submission to the U.S. State Department applying for the official recognition of the Irish Republic [Professor Edwin M. Borchard of Yale University is recommended to prepare the brief and argue the case before the relevant bodies][see P150/1020 for correspondence between de Valera and Professor Borchard] (11 March–21 September 1920, 12 items);
• McGuire’s draft memorandum concerning an economic survey of Ireland and his advice to de Valera to summon a conference in Chicago following the Democratic and Republican Party’s National Conventions, outlining what he thinks de Valera’s course of action should be (12 April 1920, 3 items);
• finding suitable premises in Washington D.C. for an Irish Legation. This includes correspondence between McGuire and the F.H. Smith Real Estate Company. The most favoured location is ‘Westinghouse House’ on 2000 Massachusetts Avenue, near Dupont Circle, ‘occupied for many years by James G. Blaine, former Senator from Maine and Secretary of State—whose mother (née Gillespie) was an Irish Catholic’ (6 May–30 October 1920, 22 items);
• the purchase of customised stationery for the Irish Legation in Washington (22 June 1920, 2pp) [see also P150/960];
• the proposal for the establishment of a trust fund in the U.S.A. for the proceeds of the bond campaign and other financial measures (30 June 1920, 1 item, 3pp);
• a ‘list of persons who…would consent to serve as informal advisers (1) in the formulation of plans for the economic and social betterment of the Irish people, and (2), on relations, official and otherwise, between the people and government of the Irish Republic and the people and government of the United States’ (26 July 1920, 3pp);
• the possibility of acquiring gold mines in Columbia as an investment for Dáil Éireann. Includes reports on, and sketch maps of the Zaragoza and Manzanares District Mines (7–11 August 1920, 5 items).

49 items

1019 28 July–9 December 1920  Correspondence relating to Michael F. Doyle, [the attorney who prepared the petition presented by de Valera on 20 October 1920 to the U.S. Government for the recognition of the Republic of Ireland as a Sovereign State]. Includes correspondence between Doyle and de Valera on Doyle’s relations with the U.S. State Department; his suggestion that ‘some one with diplomatic experience’ should attend the opening session of the Assembly of the League of Nations in Geneva to present the application of the Republic of Ireland to the League and newspaper reports in the Public Ledger (Philadelphia) that the British Government is ‘considering the
contd. question of asking the United States Government to take official notice of Eamon de Valera’s activities’ (23 November–9 December 1920, 4 items). See also P150/1131 for correspondence between Harry Boland and Doyle on Doyle’s services in the matter; P150/1143 for 1921 correspondence between H. Boland & Joseph Begley enclosing documents relating to payments to Doyle for professional services rendered in the case of ‘U.S. of America vs Donal O’Callaghan’ 5 items

2 October– 9 December 1920

Correspondence between de Valera and Joseph Begley, and Professor Edwin M. Borchard, Yale University, School of Law, concerning the preparation of the brief relating to de Valera’s formal appeal, 20 October 1920, to the Government of the United States for the recognition of the Republic of Ireland as a sovereign independent state and Professor Borchard’s fee for the assignment. Includes:
– typescript copy opening words of the brief. With holograph amendments by de Valera (4pp);
– holograph notes by de Valera entitled ‘Ireland’s Claim for Recognition’ (13pp).
 Also includes references to the filing of a formal protest by Dr. Patrick McCartan, Irish Envoy in Washington, to the State Department on 24 October, about the atrocities committed by the British in Ireland See also P150/1252 for copy of McCartan’s letter to U.S. Secretary of State, dated 14 October). 15 items

Carbon copy typescript headed ‘Ireland’s Case’.
With handwritten note on first page ‘This has been strung together with some modifications’. 10pp

Typescript article by de Valera headed ‘Ireland’s Case for Recognition’. Begins:
Ireland’s claim for recognition as an Independent Republic is based on the following propositions: 1. That the people of every nation have in general the right to choose for themselves the governmental institutions under which they shall live. 2. That the people of Ireland in particular have this right. 3. That in fact the people of Ireland have exercised the right and have demonstrated their will in an unmistakeable (sic) manner.’ 11pp
       10 items

1024  1917–20  Documents relating to the formal petition presented by de Valera to the U.S. government on 20 October 1920 for the recognition of the Republic of Ireland as a sovereign independent state. Includes:
– letter to de Valera from Michael F. Doyle [the attorney who prepared the petition and arranged the matter with the State Department] (see also P150/1131 for correspondence between Harry Boland and Doyle, 27 January & 7 March 1921, 2 items, 1p each) on Doyle’s services in the matter on the outcome of a meeting between [Frank P.] Walsh, himself and Mr. Shaw of the State Department with regard to the presentation of the petition (18 October 1920, 2pp) (see also P150/1019 for miscellaneous correspondence relating to Doyle);
– draft material relating to the case, mainly various drafts of the brief, many amended and corrected by de Valera; and memoranda of steps involved in the preparation of the case for presentation (n.d., 20 items) (see also P150/1000 for notes concerning America’s official recognition of the Republic);
– ‘Ireland’s Request to the Government of the United States of America for Recognition as a Sovereign Independent State’. ‘Proof with corrections’ (77pp) and ‘Exhibits’ (20pp);
– booklet entitled Ireland’s Request to the Government of the United States of America for Recognition as a Sovereign Independent State. Issued at the office of the Irish Diplomatic Mission, Washington, D.C.. Autographed by de Valera; also marked with delta symbol (1920, 136pp);
– typescript copies of ‘Exhibits’ A; D–G; J–L; Q and R as follows:
  – ‘Exhibit A.’– ‘Address from Irish Republican Leaders To the President and Congress of the United States’. The document ‘was brought to the United States by Dr. Patrick McCartan, Envoy of the Provisional Government of Ireland, and was publicly received at the Capitol by Secretary Tumulty’ (original dated 18 June 1917, 2pp) [see P150/545 for photocopy of original document and other associated documentation];
  – ‘Exhibit D.’– ‘Proclamation To the Citizens of the Republic of Ireland Who Are at Present Resident in the United States and Canada’ by Dr. Patrick McCartan, Envoy of the Provisional Government of Ireland’ (original dated 30 December 1918, 2pp);
  – ‘Exhibit F.’– ‘Ireland’s Message to the Nations. Translation’ (original dated 21 January 1919, 1p);
  – ‘Exhibit G.’– ‘Ireland’s Democratic Program Proclaimed by Dail Eireann’ (original dated 21 January 1919, 1p);
  – ‘Exhibit J.’– ‘The Government of the Republic of Ireland States Its Views on a World League of Nations and Expresses Its Readiness to Participate Therein’ (original dates to 11 April 1919, 1p);
– ‘Exhibit K.’–‘Presidential Statement of Policy at Session of Dáil Éireann’ (original dated 10 April 1919, 2pp);
– ‘Exhibit L.’–‘Ireland Repudiates Britain’s Claim to Speak or Act on Behalf of the Irish Nation’–letter to Clemenceau, President of the Peace Conference, Paris from de Valera; Arthur Griffith and George Noble Count Plunkett (original dated 17 May 1919, 1p);
– ‘Exhibit Q.’–‘The Irish Congress Thanks the U.S. Senate. Translation from Gaelic text’ Arthur Griffith, Acting President and Séan T. Ó Ceallaigh, Speaker, send to the President of the United States a resolution adopted by Dáil Éireann on 17 June 1919. The resolution quotes a resolution of the U.S. Senate in favour of a hearing for de Valera, Arthur Griffith and George Noble Count Plunkett before the Paris Peace Conference (original dated 1919, 1p);
– ‘Exhibit R.’–‘The President of the Irish Republic Repudiates the Claim of the British Ambassador to represent Ireland in the U.S.A.’. Letter to the U.S. Secretary of State from Harry Boland quoting a telegram of 28 April 1920 from de Valera to the U.S. President (original dated 5 May 1920, 2 copies, one with handwritten annotations, 2pp each). 43 items

27 October 1920 Copy draft typescript entitled ‘Hearing before the Honorable Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State, of a special committee appointed to present the cause of the Republic of Ireland appealing through the Secretary of State to the President for recognition of the Republic of Ireland by the government of the United States of America. Held in the office of the Secretary of State Washington, D.C. Oct. 27, 1920’, consisting of a shorthand reporter’s account of the hearing. The Committee consisted of Frank P. Walsh, Chairman, Major Eugene F. Kineaid of New Jersey, Joseph F. Dailey of Washington D.C, Rossa F. Downing of New York, Joseph K. McGuire of New York and Daniel C. O’Flaherty of Richmond, Virginia. Incomplete. 50pp

15 July–8 October 1920 Correspondence between de Valera or Harry Boland and U.S. Congressman William E. Mason, concerning the Boy Scout movement in America, England and Ireland in connection with the Sinn Féin movement and Mason’s support for self-determination for Ireland. 11 items
2 August, 25 September 1920

Typescript copy letters from de Valera to Supreme Knight [O’]Flaherty asking him to bring the question of support for the official recognition of the Republic of Ireland by the Government of the United States before the Knights of Columbus Convention and stating ‘I have had communications from France which indicate that, if your representative were to quietly make representations to the French Government, it is possible they might reconsider their decision’ in ‘practically expelling our representative in France’ [George Gavan Duffy]. Letter dated 2 August 1920 signed by de Valera.

See also P150/733 for letters to de Valera and Frank P. Walsh in the U.S.A. from Irish Envoy in Paris George Gavan Duffy concerning his expulsion from France in September 1920 2 items

[1919-20]

Black and white photographs of American women picketing the U.S. Congress.

Includes prints of:

– ‘Pickets at the U.S. Congress, Washington D.C.. On left [holding placard] Mrs. Walsh. In centre [holding placard] Mary Brennan’, with slogans such as ‘Congress! Prevent the Massacre Impending in Ireland by Abrogating All Treaties with England’ (25cm x 20cm);

– seven American women protestors [behind a burning Union Jack] holding placards with slogans such as: ‘Armenian Massacres Intervention. Irish Massacres Silence! Intervention. A Question of Oil & Copper?; ‘Congress: You Need Not Enact Tax Laws To Pay Soldiers’ Bonus–Call The Loans On England!’; ‘Sec. Houston! England Pays Bonus To Her Soldiers Fighting Ireland And India. Call the Loans On England And Pay Our Boys’ and ‘Mr. President Make England Pay 4 Billion Dollars Owed Us On Demand Notes’. ([1919/20], 12cm x 10cm);

– protesters carrying an American flag and carrying banners. Photo by Carl T. Thoner (12 cm x 10cm) and

– ‘Champ Clarke – Speaker of House being interrogated by Mrs. Annie Riley Hale, and reading the demand of the American Women that Congress stop the massacre of the Irish race. Mrs. Annie Riley Hale is from Tennessee and is a cousin of Senator Shields. She is a Presbyterian and a daughter of the American Revolution. She wrote a biography of Rooseveldt (sic) and is a prominent woman in literary and social circles’ ([1919/20], 25cm x 20cm). 4 items
1029 1919 [or 1920] [Extract from an unknown American periodical]
comprising a reproduction of two photographs—
one depicting an unknown man and woman seated at a desk in an office and
the other showing a demonstration by seven American women with placards
and banner reading ‘Congress. Prevent the Massacre Impending in Ireland by
Abrogating All Treaties with England’. 1p

XVI. Relationship with the American Association
for the Recognition of the Irish Republic [A.A.R.I.R.]

1030 8 February 1919– 19 May 1922
Documents of Fr. Denis O’Connor, O.C.C.,
New York State Treasurer of the American
Association for the Recognition of the Irish
Republic and Treasurer New York State Committee for Relief of Suffering in
Ireland (see P150/1303 for documents on the American Commission for Relief
in Ireland and donations to it by the New York State Committee for Relief of
Suffering), relating to his activities as Treasurer of New York District
A.A.R.I.R..
Includes:
– Bond Certificate for Ten Dollars made out in the name of Martha Milling
(21 January 1920, 22cm x 14cm);
– copies of blank ‘First Loan Subscription’ forms (2 items, 23cm x 11cm);
– return showing number of: Councils formed; Councils formed from which
no returns have been filed; membership stubs on file in the office and amount
of money received. Arranged by District 1–7. Includes breakdown of names
of individual Councils; membership figures and amount of membership fees
paid in each District (1 June 1921, 10pp);
– list of ‘Deposits’ and ‘Checks Drawn’, American Association for the
Recognition of the Irish Republic ([August 1921], 1p);
– copies of correspondence sent to Fr. O’Connor, between Leo A.
MacSweeney, New York State President, and Joseph E. Driscoll, Secretary,
A.A.R.I.R., concerning a dispute about carrying out instructions on financial
statements and cutting expenses (6–9 July 1921, 6 items);
– letter to Fr. O’Connor as New York State Treasurer, A.A.R.I.R. from
O’Driscoll detailing amounts of membership fees being forwarded to Fr.
O’Connor (27 July 1921, 2pp);
– copies of financial statements for the New York District Office of the
A.A.R.I.R. for July 1921 and December 1920 to July 1921 (July 1921, 2
items, 1p each);
– receipts of Fr. O’Connor for sums received (mostly from the Manhattan
Committee, American Commission of Irish Independence) (21 January 1920–
8 February 1921, 29 items);
1030 contd. – orders to Fr. O’Connor to pay various sums to named individuals on behalf of the A.A.R.I.R. (7 November 1921–19 May 1922, 19 items);
– bank statements from the Fifth National Bank of the City of New York for the A.A.R.I.R. addressed to Fr. O’Connor as New York State Treasurer, for months ending 31 January 1922 and 28 February 1922 (January, February 1922, 2 items);
– notes of sums received and placed to the credit of Harry Boland and Joseph Begley in the Columbia Bank, 507 Fifth Avenue, New York [by the A.A.R.I.R.] (3 March–11 August 1921, 8 items);

84 items

1031 [1919/20] Black and white group photograph of seven Carmelite fathers [from the Carmel Priory, New York City], including Fr. Denis O’Connor, O.C.C., Treasurer, New York State Committee for Relief of Suffering in Ireland, later New York State Treasurer, Friends of Irish Freedom.
See also P150/1280 for 1922–23 correspondence between de Valera and Monsignor Denis O’Connor, O.C.C., New York State Treasurer, A.A.R.I.R. including letters from de Valera to Monsignor O’Connor and Fr. Ronayne, O.C.C., members of the Carmelite community, 29 East Street, New York, in the aftermath of the Cease Fire Dump Arms Order
17cm x 23cm

1032 [1920] Album of 60 black and white photographs of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic Convention held in Chicago on 21 April 1920, urging President Harding to recognise the Irish Republic. Mary MacSwiney, Peter Golden and J.J. Castellini are among the few individuals named. Also includes photograph of Harry Boland.
60pp

1033 16, 27 November 1920 Transcript of ‘President De Valera’s Speech Read at Opening Conference of Sympathizers with Ireland’s Freedom Raleigh Hotel, Washington, D.C.’, 16 November 1920, during which the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish
1033 contd. Republic was founded. Two versions, one with holograph corrections and amendments by de Valera (16 November 1920, 3pp each).

Begins ‘Ladies and Gentlemen: It is not necessary for me to paint a picture of the tragedy that is being enacted in Ireland, to tell you of the sufferings of the people and the doings of the cruel horde Lloyd George and his masters have let loose amongst a kindly but spirited people.’

Also includes cutting from The Irish World and American Industrial Liberator reporting on the two day conference in Washington, D.C. on 16 & 17 November and the establishment of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic (27 November 1920, 1 item).

3 items

1034 November 1920– December 1921 Documents relating to the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic. Includes:

– ‘Outline of speech which Pres[ident] de Valera proposed to make at which A.A.R.I.R. started’. Holograph, with amendments ([1920], 5pp) and typescript ‘Paragraph excised from Speech at Washington Conference’ (1p);

– printed promotional handbill headed ‘The American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic’ explaining the objectives and background of the Association (n.d., 15cm x 22cm);

– printed pamphlet ‘Constitution of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic’ (16 November 1920, 11pp);

– draft letter from Harry Boland to the ‘Chairman of the New York State Convention, Syracuse, N.Y.’ explaining he cannot attend the first New York State Convention of the A.A.R.I.R. and proposes to send Padraic Fleming in his place. Encourages the work of the Association and sends good wishes for the success of the first convention. Part typescript, part holograph (21 February 1921, 3pp);

– American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic. New York State Constitution and By-Laws (April 1921, 16pp);

– typescript copy of ‘Minutes of the Meeting of the National Executive of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic’ held in the Arlington Hotel, Washington, D.C. on 17 December 1921 (December 1921, 4pp);

– typescript copy of a ‘Special Official Bulletin to all officers and members of the A.A.R.I.R.’ being a report on the above meeting of the National Executive held in Washington on 17 December (20 December 1921, 2pp);


11 items
1035  22 November 1920  Typescript copy of statement by ‘Crom Aboo’ on a visit ‘by a lawyer’ to U.S. Secretary of State Colby on an ‘extremely delicate matter’; his views on the selection of Edward L. Doheny as [National President of the American Association for theRecognition of the Irish Republic] and his views on Archbishop Hayes’ declaration against the Irish Republic, because ‘Repulics have a tendency to be irreligious’ as working ‘equally against any other republic. It is the key to his support to De Valera’s proposition that Ireland would be satisfied with Cuban or Dominion Home Rule’.  1p

XVII. St. Patrick’s Day, 1920

1036  March 1920  Holograph and typescript drafts of de Valera’s 1920 St. Patrick’s Day message beginning ‘Sons and Daughters of the Gael wherever you be today, in the name of the motherland, greeting!’  4 items

1037  23 March 1920  Covering letter to de Valera from Patrick Lee of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick enclosing transcript of a speech given by de Valera at the Banquet in New York of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick on 17 March 1920, for revision prior to publication by the Society.  2 items, 1p & 19pp

1038  March 1920  Black and white panoramic view of diners at the ‘One Hundred & Thirty-Sixth Dinner, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Hotel Astor, N.Y., March 17, 1920’. Photographers: Drucker & Co., New York.  59cm x 33cm

1039  17 March 1920  Draft telegram from de Valera comprising a St. Patrick’s Day message to Ireland’s ‘loyal friends in Chicago’. Begins ‘Another St. Patrick’s Day sees Ireland still engaged in her age-long struggle for independence. To her loyal friends in Chicago I would say to-day Time is on our side and in the revolt of struggling peoples against those who would hold them in subjection the Irish people will not be the last to win freedom’.  1p
XVIII. Reaction to the arrest & death of Terence MacSwiney

1041  25 August 1920  Holograph draft by de Valera of telegram of sympathy to Mrs. MacSwiney following the arrest of her husband Terence MacSwiney Lord Mayor of Cork and copy of telegram sent. 2 items, 1p each

1042  27 August 1920  Typescript [draft press release] consisting of extracts from de Valera’s speech at a meeting in the Lexington Theatre, New York City on 27 August 1920, ‘called to draw the attention of the American people to the nature of the present British terrorist regime in Ireland and in particular to the operation of the new British Coercion Act—a first consequence of which is the protest of the Lord Mayor of Cork…who is dying on a hunger strike, now protracted over fifteen days, in Brixton Prison’. With holograph corrections by de Valera. 3pp & 1p

1043  August 1920  Handwritten draft of resolution of support for the people of Ireland and Terence MacSwiney, adopted at a mass meeting of ‘American citizens…assembled in the city of New York’ on 27 August 1920. Also copy of request by John F. Hylan, Mayor of New York urging [the British government] ‘not to disgrace our war aims by further imprisonment of Lord Mayor McSwiney of Cork’ (n.d., 1p). 2 items, 3pp & 1p

1044  October 1920  Handbill Has MacSwiney Died in Vain? Commandant Fleming of the Irish army, a prison comrade of his, will answer that question before a Mass Meeting of the citizens of this district… on 28 October 1920 in Redondo Beach. 16cm x 23cm
1045 31 October 1920; 29 November 1967  Documents relating to the mass meeting of 100,000 at the Polo Grounds, New York on 31 October 1920, following the death of Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork. Includes:
– ‘Advance extracts from President De Valera’s speech at Polo Grounds New York Sunday, Oct. 31st. 1920 For release’. Begins ‘England has killed another son for Ireland to mourn.’ (3pp);
– copy of resolution of support for the three dead hunger-strikers and the Irish Republic adopted by the meeting (1p).
See also P150/711 for reproduction of a photograph of de Valera ‘delivering his memorial address in honor of the late Lord Mayor MacSwiney to 40,000 people who thronged the Polo Grounds’  5 items

1046 5 November 1920  Advertisement in the Rochester Herald announcing the abandonment of a ‘Solemn High Requiem Mass’ for the souls of ‘the late Lord Mayor of Cork and his compatriots’ due to ‘the refusal of the Bishop of Rochester to permit the use of St. Patrick’s Cathedral for this purpose unless a condition of no publicity were observed’.
Signed by L.A. MacSweeney, City Chairman, American Commission [on Irish Independence], Michael T. Ryan, County President, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and P.F. Fogarty, President, Friends of Irish Freedom.
17cm x 16cm

1047 October 1926  Handbill headed ‘MacSwiney Memorial’ advertising a mass meeting at Wallack’s Theatre in New York on 24 October 1926 under the auspices of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic.
14cm x 14cm
XIX. U.S. tour by Dr. James A.H. Irwin, 1920

1048 n.d. & 1967  Mainly biographical details on Dr. James A.H. Irwin, Presbyterian Minister, Killead, Co. Antrim, who toured the United States and Canada in 1920, lecturing in support of the Irish Republic. Also includes some material relating to his son Roy Irwin. Includes:
– holograph account of the academic qualifications and positions held by Dr. Irwin, prepared in connection with his American tour ([1920], 3pp);
– photocopy of obituary notice of Dr. Irwin and accompanying editorial on him (n.d., 1p). 6 items

1049 6 March 1920  Copy letters of invitation to a lunch for Dr. James A.H. Irwin on 10 March 1920 in the University Club, Washington D.C., sent to Rev. Levi M. Powers, Universalist Minister, Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, Unitarian Minister, and Rev. Patrick Murphy, Episcopalian Minister. Probably sent by some member of the Irish Diplomatic Mission, such as Joseph Begley. 3 items, 1p each

1050 19[20]  Schedule of Dr. James A.H. Irwin’s tour of the southern states of America between 8 and 28 April 1920, beginning in Norfolk, Virginia and ending in Richmond, Virginia. 1p

‘This essay was written on trains & steam boats & in hotels in America and Canada far from the ordinary facilities of a great study & books of reference. It is written in the hope & good faith that many people in the States and Canada who have hitherto only looked at this question from wrong angles or with jaundiced eyes may study the question for themselves without passion or prejudice & realize that the true solution of the Irish question lies at the basis of world peace & good understanding between all peoples on earth…’.
Includes holograph covering note (1p) by Dr. Irwin stating ‘I would like if the President would read this over if he has time at all…If a copy could be sent to every Protestant clergyman in America & Canada I think it would do good’.
1051 contd. Also includes typescript copy of essay (35pp), which discusses the characteristics of the Irish, the country’s recent history, the non-sectarian kernel of the recent demand for independence and the development of industry with particular reference to Ulster. With handwritten corrections. ‘Dr. Irwin’ written in red ink on last page. 3 items

1052 n.d. Holograph speech by Dr. James A.H. Irwin beginning ‘As to the issue it is absolutely & entirely false to say that it is a religious one. True the majority of Irish people are Catholic & true the Catholic element is largely in favour of Independence while the Unionist support largely comes from the Protestant element, but here the whole truth & so called religious aspect of the question ends.’ Incomplete. Pages marked ‘III 1’; ‘III 2’; ‘III 3’ and ‘IV 1’; ‘IV 2’ and IV 3’. Include typescript copy of part IV (3pp). 9pp

XX. Friends of Freedom for India and the Hindustan Gadar Party

1053 9 March 1919– [5 December 1920] Documents relating to the Friends of Freedom for India, mainly correspondence between de Valera in the U.S.A. and members of the organisation in New York (9 March 1919; 31 May & 5 December 1920, 4 items). Also includes autographed booklet by de Valera entitled India and Ireland (New York: Friends of Freedom for India) (1920, 24pp) and newsletter Invincible India written by Ed Gammons for the Hindustan Gadar Party containing articles on Ireland and extracts from a speech by de Valera in Chicago, Illinois in March 1920, giving a ‘graphic instance of English hatred of Ireland’ ([1920], 16pp). 9 items

1054 March; April 1958; September–October 1970; 1973 Documents relating to the presentation to de Valera on 21 July 1919, of an engraved sword and silk Irish flag by the Hindustan Gadar Party, represented by Jagat Singh, Secretary, and Gopal Singh, at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. Includes:
– covering letter to de Valera from Jagat Singh enclosing a reproduction of a photograph of the presentation to de Valera (21cm x 16cm) and acknowledgement from de Valera. ‘President gave flag to Indians in Birmingham? 1948’ written on reverse of reproduction (25 March & 18 April 1958, 3 items);
– black and white print of the flag and sword. ©: The Irish Press (n.d., 16cm x 16cm);
1054 contd. – correspondence between de Valera’s Personal Secretary and Dr. Thomas G. Fraser, School of Humanities (History), The New University of Ulster, on the presentation to de Valera of the engraved sword and silk Irish flag, by the Pacific Coast Hindustani Association or the Hindustani Gadar Party, ‘as a token of the sympathy of the people of India with the Irish people in their struggle for freedom’ (19 September–8 October 1970, 5 items). See also P150/2955 for file on de Valera’s trip to India in June 1948 and subsequent correspondence with Indians between 1948 and 1950 including de Valera’s return of the Irish tricolour presented by the Hindustan Gadar Party in 1919 at the celebrations in Birmingham marking the declaration of India as a Republic in January 1950 14 items

1055 18, 21 August 1919 Letter to de Valera from S. Karr, on behalf of the ‘Hindu residents in New York’, seeking an interview with a view to arranging a reception for de Valera. ‘Realizing the importance of cordial spirit with which the people of Ireland and India should direct their thought and action in the struggle for Freedom, the Hindu residents of New York are desirous of expressing their warm feeling and showing their sincere respects for you in a manner that will suit your convenience’. Includes letter arranging a time for a meeting. 2 items, 1p each

1056 28 February 1920 Typescript copy of de Valera’s speech delivered to the Friends of Freedom for India in the Central Opera House, New York City on 28 February 1920. With handwritten corrections. Begins “Some one hundred and forty odd years ago George Washington sent the following message to the patriots of Ireland: ‘Patriots of Ireland, your cause is identical with mine’”. 1p & 11pp
XXI. Personal material

1057

1919, 1920, 1969, 1972  
Personal documents relating to de Valera’s time in the U.S.A., June 1919–December 1920. 
Includes: 
– letter to Mrs. de Valera from Fr. Gerald O’Connor P.P. Bruree, Limerick, requesting she ask her husband to help in Fr. O’Connor’s campaign to build a new parish church in Bruree by the presentation of a watch as a raffle prize. Includes de Valera’s reply stating he is writing to Mrs. de Valera to purchase the watch and present it in his name and holograph letter of thanks to de Valera from Fr. O’Connor (21 April; 20 May & 26 July 1920, 3 items); 
– negative photocopy of letter of congratulations to de Valera from ‘C OM’ [Countess Markievicz] wishing him good luck on the tour and commenting ‘We’ve all just received death notices from the police, on our own stolen note paper too! but no one seemed to mind much’. Original in National Library of Ireland. Copy made 21 February 1962 (original n.d. [late 1919 or early 1920], 1p); 
– covering letter from Prof. Eamon de Valera to Marie O’Kelly enclosing some American newspaper articles on de Valera’s trip to the United States, fifty years previously (1969, 5 items); 
– original and copy of a facsimile reproduction of a letter from de Valera on saving the national language as a special duty of this generation (original dated [March 1919], 2 items, 1p each). 12 items

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1920  
Personal documents from 1920, while de Valera was in the United States. Includes cablegram from his wife stating ‘Children and self very well have I think temporarily at least solved schooling problem for Viv’ (11 March 1920, 1p).  2 items
XXII. American Commission of Investigation
[Atrocities Commission]

12 September 1919– 21 May 1920

Documents from official British and pro-British sources relating to Ireland, in a folder entitled ‘British Propaganda–1920’. Some of the documents are marked ‘B. propaganda’ in pencil. Includes:
– typescript ‘Irish Facts and Figures’ being ‘facts and statistics with brief explanatory notes and quotations’ prepared by the British Embassy [in Washington?] ‘as a guide to facilitate the answering of questions’ from ‘American citizens who are anxious to know the facts about the administration of Ireland now and in the past.’
Includes information under the following headings: Population; Religion; Ireland’s Military Effort in the War; Representation in Parliament; Areas; Movement of Population; Land Legislation; Irish Exports and Imports; Finance; Education and ‘The Late John Redmond’s Opinion’ (12 September 1919, 18pp);
– copy of typescript ‘Figures of Irish Municipal Elections. January 1920’ ([1920], 3pp);
– typescript copy of ‘Summary of Home Rule Bill (Introduced Feb. 27, 1920)’ ([1920], 3pp);
– typescript copy of text headed ‘Irish Troops in the East’ being a document quoting and refuting a statement made, according to the Irish World, 3 April [1920], in Chicago on 21 March 1920, by de Valera about Irish Divisions in Gallipoli and Mesopotamia (n.d., 1p);
– copy typescript headed ‘Outrages in Ireland’ [being an extract from The Irish Times of 8 April 1920] referring to ‘Outrages attributed to the Sinn Féin movement…recorded between the 1st January, 1919, and the 29th March, 1920’. Includes the sworn statement of a Mrs. Perceval ‘whose home was recently entered by a Sinn Féin band…The methods and behaviour described are typical of hundreds of similar incidents’ ([1920], 3pp);
– synopsis of a White Paper issued to Parliament, on 8 April 1920, as a return ‘showing the number of murders of members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, and of soldiers, officials, and civilians, and the number of political outrages on persons and property in Ireland since the 1st day of January, 1919’ ([1920], 1p);
– typescript copy of an article from The Irish Times of 16 April 1920 being a statement from the ‘Southern Irish Loyalists’ with respect to ‘criminal statistics published in the White Paper recently issued’ ([1920], 3pp);
– covering letter and information from the British Library of Information, New York, relating to ‘Evidence of Sinn Féin–German Alliance’ (21 May 1920, 2 items, 1p & 2pp).

See also P150/1125 for references to the establishment of the Commission in correspondence between Harry Boland and Michael Collins
12 items
1060 1916–[19]  Summary of British Government ‘Outrages’ committed in Ireland between 1 May 1916 and 31 December 1919, comprising:
   – carbon copy typescript headed ‘Summary of Outrages Committed by the British Government in Ireland during the period from May 1st, 1916, to December 31st, 1919’ ([31 December 1919], 6pp).

2 items

1061 6 September 1919– Carbon copy typescripts summarising ‘Acts of Aggression Committed in Ireland by the Military and Police of the usurping English Government as reported in the Daily Press’ from the weeks ending: 6 September to 27 December 1919 (17 items); 24 April 1920 (1 item, 3pp); 1 May to 26 June 1920 (9 items) and 10 July to 7 August 1920 (5 items).

32 items

1062 19[20/21] Folder labelled ‘Material re Acts of Violence Suppressed by Censor’, with handwritten note to de Valera from his son Eamonn stating ‘Dad, Do not let anyone but “the right people” have this stuff’. Contents include:
   – typescript report on ‘English Atrocities in Ireland’ compiled for ‘the American public’. Labelled ‘Atrocities Burke’ on first page ([post August 1920], 114pp);
   – ‘Collection of Statements by Leading English Men and Papers–Valuable, (Draft Handbook on Atrocities)’ ([1920/21], 127pp). Comprises the following chapters:
      • ‘What England’s Government of Might is Doing in Ireland’ (17pp);
      • ‘The Type of Men Upon Whom England Makes War On Ireland’ (4pp);
      • ‘Court and Press Report of English Atrocities in Ireland’ (63pp) is divided into eight sections headed: ‘Murders of Irish Patriots (10pp); ‘Deportations 2,162’ (5pp); ‘Armed Assaults: Baton and Bayonet Charges: 609’ (10pp); ‘Raids: 19,023’ (7pp); ‘Arrests: 6,157’ (16pp); ‘Sentences: 2,107’ (2pp); ‘Suppressions and Proclamations: 389’ (4pp); ‘Suppression of 53 Newspapers’ (2pp); ‘Courts-martial: 519’ (4pp);
      • ‘Crimes Attributed to Sinn Féin’ (18pp);
      • ‘1916 and 1920’ (9pp);
      • ‘Miscellaneous Outrages’ (17pp);
      • ‘America’s Interest in This’ (9pp);
contd. – carbon copy series of letters to the Editor of The Irish Independent ‘in reference to Macpherson’s reply to the charges of the Irish American delegation’ and which ‘were suppressed by the English Press censor in Ireland’ (June 1919, 9 items, 19pp). Letters concern:

• the illegal arrest and detention of Timothy Connors (11 years old) and his brother (18 years old) in February 1919 in Greenane, Co. Tipperary (2pp);
• the shooting of a young woman, Margaret Hayes in Dawson Street by a member of the R.I.C. in June 1919 (2pp);
• the arrest and brutal treatment in detention of T.E. Hardy from Armagh between May 1918 and January 1920 (2pp);
• the treatment of prisoners in Belfast jail (3pp);
• the suspension of the newspaper Waterford News (2pp);
• the fatal shooting of ‘Mr. Milling’ in Westport (2pp);
• the raid on the house of Margaret O’Connor in Tipperary town in February 1919 (2pp);
• the arrest and trial, in June 1919, of Frank Gallagher charged with ‘making statements likely to injure the dignity of the King of England and the authority of his Government’ (2pp);

– compilations of statistics connected with the alleged violence and aggression of the British in Ireland. Most items are labelled ‘Return to D[airmuid] Lynch’. Comprises:

• monthly figures for the total number of ‘Arrests’; ‘Raids’; ‘Bayonet & Baton charges’; ‘Meetings Suppressed’; ‘Deportations’; ‘Papers suppressed’; ‘Court Martial’; ‘Sentences’ and ‘Murders’ in 1917 and 1918 (2pp);
• ‘detailed list of the acts of aggression committed against the Irish people by the English military forces in Ireland during the short period of the visit of the Irish-American Peace Delegation, which extended from May 2nd, to May 12th, 1919’ (7pp);
• ‘acts of aggression committed in Ireland by the military and police of the usurping English government in the latter weeks of the month of May 1919’ (8pp); ‘in the first week of June 1919’ (4pp); ‘during the week ending June 14th, 1919’ (4pp); ‘during the week ending June 21st, 1919’ (5pp);

– reports and statements on the ‘North King Street murders’—the shooting of fifteen individuals by members of the 2nd and 6th South Staffordshire Regiment on 28 and 29 April 1916 (4pp; 20pp & 1p);

– “Inquest on Miss Georgina O’Brien. Passenger on the S.S. ‘Leinster’. Sunk. October 10th. 1918” (61pp);

– copies of statements by victims and relatives of victims of attacks between June 1917 and July 1919, many taken from newspaper reports (15 items);

– draft and printed pamphlet entitled England’s ‘Goodwill’. How it operates in Ireland ([1919], 2 items, 4pp & 3pp);

– carbon copy of [article] entitled ‘The Irish Nations and the English-Controlled Police’. With handwritten amendments and corrections. Includes note ‘This is being revised to include mention of police as agents provocateurs instancing Sheridan case and the police in U.S.A. aerodrome this year. Also to include more details of present day atrocities including the case of the Tipperary children and others’ (24pp);

– typescripts captioned ‘Murders’ (3pp); ‘Miscellaneous Outrages’ (4pp) and ‘Prison Horrors’ (2 items, handwritten 7pp, typescript 9pp);
1062 contd. – copies of the News Bulletin (June & July 1920, 4 items) published by the Friends of Irish Freedom National Bureau of Information, with the following captions:

- Crime in Ireland Fostered by British Army of Occupation. List of Recent Outrages (No. 43, 16 June 1920, 1p);
- Irish Opinion Coerced. England’s War on the Irish Language (No. 42, n.d., 1p);
- Irish Civilians at the Mercy of British Soldiery. England’s War in Ireland (No. 43, July 1920, 8pp);
- ‘Law and Order’ – as the Irish know it (No. 49, n.d., 1p).

63 items

1063 14 February–[24 April] 1920 Photographic reproductions of letters from British intelligence officers in Dublin, comprising reports to their superior officers. Includes report of Captain F. Harper S[have], General Staff I[ntelligence], Dublin District, to the Chief Commissioner, D.M.P., Dublin Castle, on information received about ‘a grand coup’ by Sinn Féin—the capture of Government securities…[by]…simultaneous raids on or burning of Post Offices etc., throughout the country’ and on the hunger-strike by Sinn Féin members in Mountjoy Prison (original dated 24 April 1920, 1p).

3 items

1064 post October 1920 Typescript [portions of articles] and/or notes for speeches by de Valera on British military rule in Ireland and ‘English atrocities in Ireland’ in 1919 and 1920.

5 items, 32pp

1065 September–November 1920 Documents relating to the foundation of the American Commission of Investigation. Includes:

- correspondence between de Valera or Joseph Begley and William MacDonald, Associate Editor, The Nation; later Secretary to the Committee and to the Commission, on the formation of the Committee of One Hundred; lists of members of the Committee of One Hundred; the issuing of invitations to witnesses to appear before the Commission; relations between de Valera and others ‘officially connected with the Irish Republic’ and the Commission; communications with the British Embassy in Washington concerning the issuing of passports to witnesses travelling to the U.S.A. to appear before the Commission; notification of the formal establishment of the Commission and its members (16 September–16 October 1920 & 5–22 November 1920, 19 items);
1065 contd. – text of press releases issued by The Nation on 16 September and 4 October 1920;
– text of message, cabled to the Archbishop of Canterbury by The Nation, sent by the Committee of One Hundred on Ireland ['one hundred representative American citizens…formed for investigation of atrocities in Ireland'] seeking the Archbishop’s ‘cordial endorsement of the proposed American investigation and…[his]…help in ending unspeakable conditions in Ireland’ (29 September 1920, 1p);
– copy of press release issued by the Committee of One Hundred on Ireland on 7 October 1920, announcing a ‘country-wide subscription’ that has been opened ‘to defray the expenses of the public inquiry to be opened by the Committee…to establish the facts and fix the responsibility for outrages in Ireland…A number of witnesses have been invited from Ireland, and their travelling expenses are to be paid….The nation-wide fund was started at the suggestion of John E. Milholland…’ (October 1920, 1p);
– [draft] texts of invitation sent out to ‘second 100’ of the Committee of One Hundred inviting them to ‘serve as member [of a] nonpartisan committee of representative Americans who shall designate a select commission to sit at Washington or elsewhere for impartial investigation of atrocities in Ireland’ (n.d., 2 items, 1p each);
– copies of texts of cablegrams to the Editor of The Nation from Arthur Griffith; Denis Morgan, Chairman of Thurles Urban Council, and John Derham, Town Commissioner, Balbriggan, on difficulties encountered in obtaining passports for witnesses (originals dated 16 & 18 October 1920, 12 items, 1p each);
– copy letter from James A. Burke on headed paper from the Irish Consulate in New York to Fr. Denis O’Connor seeking donations towards the work of the Commission (30 October 1920, 3pp). 38 items

XXIII. Songs, films and poetry

1066 8, 10 July 1919 Letter to de Valera from Marvin B. Cannon, Cincinnati, Ohio, offering to sell him the rights to an ‘Irish motion picture story, which when produced will be a master piece. The story is rich in romance, but back of it all lies the complete history of Ireland back before the time of the first English invasion in the 12th century. For Irish propaganda work in this country, this picture will never be surpassed’. Also includes acknowledgement.

2 items, 1p each
1067  3, 16 September 1919  Covering letter to de Valera from Fred Clinton of New York enclosing the words of a song he has written for vaudeville and asking de Valera’s permission to dedicate the song ‘to The Irish Cause in America’. Includes reply stating ‘Since President de Valera’s arrival in this country he has been deluged with requests similar to yours, and he has made it a point not to lend his name for any such purpose’. 3 items, 1p each

1068  22 November 1919  Holograph note to de Valera from Charles Ostley ‘author & music composer’, Los Angeles, who hopes ‘to compose some day a great song–words and music–worthy of the great cause of Ireland’s Freedom’. Encloses words of The Old Piano beg. ‘At midnight plays the Piano, Down in the corridor’ by Ostley (1p). 4pp

1069  3 March 1920  Handwritten musical score for ‘Irish Lads from Killarney’ with words and music by John O’Brien, marked ‘© 1906’. Originally in an envelope addressed to Rev. L.D. (Lawrence D.) Flanagan, Carmelite Priory, 338 East 29th Street, New York. 25cm x 34cm

1070  27 May–1 August 1920  Documents concerning the production of a romantic film in favour of the Republican cause by from poet and playwright Padraic Colum. Includes: typescript letter to James K. McGuire, Hotel Raleigh, Washington, D.C., from Padraic Colum concerning the production of the film. States ‘I want you to have a conference with a friend of mine, Mr. Wilton Barrett, who is on the Board of Censorship of the Movies. Mr. Barrett has a great deal of experience in the Movie World, and it is his opinion that we could get Mr. Powers, who is Irish, and belongs to one of the great producing syndicates to take it up, and put if necessary $100,000 in it.’ Encloses ‘Abstract of Synopsis of Movie Picture Scenario’ (27 May 1920, 1p & 12pp). Also includes letter from W.D. McGuire of the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures to James K. McGuire (27 July 1920, 2pp) stating ‘I have been with the National Board as its secretary for over ten years and realize the value of pictures of this type in reaching the people and emotionalizing the various subjects. Unquestionably, a fine Irish picture can be made from Mr. Colum’s story with some slight revision and…building up the dramatic element. I think you will recognize the sincerity of the atmosphere appearing in the story.’ 5 items
1071 11 December 1920  Autographed printed poem by Thomas J. O'Connell, St. Louis, Missouri, entitled *A Call to Arms* beg. ‘Young Ireland’s call rings loud afar, it sounds o’er land and sea’. 1p

1072 n.d.  Copybook containing handwritten outline, scene by scene, of a Republican propaganda film covering the course of events from 1913 and the foundation of the Irish Volunteers to 1919 and de Valera’s arrival in America, as seen through the eyes of a fictional character, Desmond O’Connor. 26pp

**XXIV. Departure for Ireland**


1. Dr. McCartan to see the two persons primarily interested in the formation of the American Branch of the Irish Red Cross and to report to-morrow if possible.

2. Mr. Fawsitt to make arrangements for sending food-ships to East and West Coast, with discretionary powers to send cargoes etc., up to sum of half a million dollars…

3. Miss MacSwiney to be taken up by us…and then …transferred to the American Branch of the Irish Red Cross.

4. Harry to secure an advisory committee…with regard to State matters such as securing political action…

5. Friendly Irish papers to help the new organization [American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic]

6. Departments …[to be]…: General Department; Foreign Affairs Department; Propaganda Dept; Consular Dept; Financial Dept. (O’Mara if he will accept it); Account Department…The Political Department to be as free as possible. Harry to draw up a scheme of what is to be done’.

1p
1074 15 October 1968; Letter to President de Valera from Mary M. Hearn of Massachusetts, Jury’s Hotel, College Green, Dublin, stating she is enclosing the original copy of his ‘Farewell to America’ (15 October 1968, 1p). Includes holograph message of farewell from de Valera to America (December 1920, 2pp). Also copy typescript copy (n.d., 1p). 4 items

XXV. Dissociated photographs

1075 [1919/20] Print of de Valera sitting in a rocking chair in a garden, reading a book. Taken during his tour of America between June 1919 and December 1920. 12cm x 17cm

1076 1919/20 Mounted black and white photograph of de Valera. Labelled ‘1919-20’ on reverse. 17cm x 21cm

1077 [1919/20] Mounted black and white full length photograph of de Valera standing in a garden. Taken during his tour of America between June 1919 and December 1920. Foxing on mount (26cm x 40cm excluding mount, 35cm x 55cm including mount). Also smaller copies of same printed as postcards (two autographed by de Valera) (3 items, 8cm x 13cm each). 4 items

1078 1919/20 Black and white prints of de Valera and Harry Boland sitting together in an open carriage in [New York]. Three copies: print mounted on cardboard for hanging, with label ‘F.L.K. E de V 1302’ on back (17cm x 12cm); enlargement in presentation folder with Boland’s visiting card attached (‘Harry J. Boland Waldorf Astoria Hotel New York’) (©: P.J. Kennelly, Tralee) (19cm x 15cm) and enlargement [used in Irish Press series?] (21cm x 16cm).
1078 contd. Also cutting of same print as published in the Kerryman on 9 October 1954 with the caption ‘This historic picture taken in U.S.A. shows Mr. Eamon de Valera and the late Mr. Harry Boland when they were seeking recognition for the Irish Republic and urging the purchase of Republican Bonds.’

4 items

1079 1919 & 1920 Black and white photographs taken in New York City in 1919 and 1920. Includes prints of:

– Harry Boland, Liam Mellowes, de Valera, Dr. Patrick McCartan, Diarmuid Lynch and John Devoy (individuals all identified on reverse in Seán Nunan’s hand) (1919, 30cm x 25cm);

– group of seven men including de Valera and John Devoy (rest unidentified) (1919, 2 copies, 25cm x 20cm each);

– Annie Ryan (Nunan), Harry Boland, Mary MacSwiney, Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney and James O’Mara (individuals all identified on reverse in Seán Nunan’s hand) (1920, 21cm x 16cm);

– group outside City Hall, New York including Judge Owen Bohan, de Valera, Mayor James J. Walton and Frank P. Walsh (n.d., 11cm x 7cm) and

– de Valera standing in an open-topped car waving to crowds outside City Hall (n.d., 25cm x 27cm).

6 items

1080 1919 Black and white studio portrait of Seán Nunan, de Valera and Dr. Patrick McCartan, taken in New York in 1919. Studio: Hartsook (18cm x 23 cm).

4 items

1081 November 1920 Studio portrait of Frank Egan, Representative of the Irish Republic in Chile. Inscribed ‘To the President of the Irish Republic H.E. Eamonn De Valera, With respects and adherence. Frank Egan, Santiago de Chile Nov. 3rd 20’. Oval photograph, mounted on paper.

See also P150/1145 for 1920/1921 correspondence relating to Frank Egan.

10cm x 13cm
1082  [1919/20]  Copy print of ‘Judge Goff’ [John W. Goff?] in presentation folder, stamped ‘Anna Frances Levins, 34 West 51 Street, New York’.  
17cm x 12cm

10cm x 15cm

1084  n.d.  Mounted hand coloured studio portrait of Joe Smartt in [Volunteer] uniform (19cm x 24cm excluding mount; 38cm x 30cm including mount). Labelled on reverse [in Marie O'Kelly’s hand] ‘Joe Smartt went with E. de V. to America in 1927 as photographer’. Accompanied by postcard ‘Smartt’s Snaps Service, 11 Ellis’s Quay, Dublin, W.6’, ‘A last memento of Joe Smartt, who loved his Chief Eamonn de Valera. A remembrance in your prayers to-morrow 26th April (Joe’s birthday) will be remembered by His Mother’.  
2 items, 1 print & 1p

1085  [1919/20]  Covering letter to President de Valera from Mrs. Paul Frohnappel, Bradford, Pennsylvania, enclosing a black and white print of a group of eleven, four clerics and seven laymen, including de Valera, Fr. James Kavanagh and Fr. Michael McTierney (others unidentified) (14cm x 9cm).  
2 items, 1p & 14cm x 9cm

1086  [1919/20]  Black and white photograph of an unidentified American, his wife and three young sons.  
18cm x 23cm

1087  [1919/20]  Black and white photographs of de Valera and others taken during his tour of America between June 1919 and December 1920. Location, dates and occasions unknown. Includes prints of:  
− de Valera laying a wreath at an unidentified statue (9 items, 9cm x 14cm each);  
− de Valera, unidentified man and Seán Nunan in a garden (8cm x 7cm);  
− massive crowds at an outdoor stadium (24cm x 19cm);
1087 contd. – group of eleven religious and laymen including de Valera (25cm x 25cm);
– group of seven men including de Valera and Seán Nunan (extreme right), one unidentified woman and priest. (2 copies, each 39cm x 24cm);
– cavalcade driving through the streets of an unknown city, with de Valera in the leading car holding a bunch of flowers (37cm x 27cm).

15 items

XXVI. Dissociated documents

1088 n.d. Typescript report by an unknown individual on his consultation in Montreal with Messrs. Edouard Montpetit and Jean Deasy ‘graduates of the Ecole des Sciences Politiques of Paris and professors at Laval University, Montreal’, about the preparation of a brief for the recognition of the Republic of Ireland by the Republic of France.

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<td>Documents relating to the delegation of Ulster Protestants led by William Coote, M.P. for South Tyrone, to the U.S.A. in November and December 1919, mainly handbills and extracts from newspaper articles on the delegation. 14 items</td>
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<td>1920</td>
<td>Printed annotated extracts from an interview with Lord Northcliffe by Hayden Talbot, ‘© 1920 by Universal Service’. Includes handwritten draft covering page ‘The Truth About Ireland. By Lord Northcliffe. Irish Prosperity. Irish Wages. Irish Industry. Irish Water Power. Irish Employment. Irish Enterprise. What England Has Done to Develop Irish Industry…the Irish department of the British Government has been badly managed…the welfare of Ireland and the good reputation of Great Britain can be restored only by an honest effort to find a good government for Ireland…the complexities of the situation are numerous enough, but I know the chief cause of Irish unrest. It is the Irish poverty.’ 4pp</td>
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| 1095      | 7, 21 January 1920; 2 February 1921 | Correspondence between de Valera and Dr. Patrick J. Hayes, Archbishop of New York concerning a meeting between de Valera, the Archbishop and ‘several prominent gentlemen’ at the Archbishop’s residence, 452 Madison Avenue, New York on 15 January 1920 (7 & 21 January 1920, 2 items, 1p each) and letter to the Archbishop from de Valera who has ‘sure information to the effect that the English have actually succeeded in impressing their views upon His Holiness and upon his advisers, and that His Holiness is on the point of issuing what will be regarded as a condemnation of those who are nobly striving in the cause of their country’s liberty and freely offering their lives as a sacrifice…I warn that if such a pronouncement be
1095 contd. issued it will prove a disaster to the two sacred causes most dear to us...It will be for Britain a victory such as she has not achieved even by the victory of the great war. It will be a blow to Ireland that will rend her asunder...I pray Your Grace will make occasion to bring the seriousness of this question before His Holiness...We are willing...to have our case investigated by any neutral international tribunal. The first step surely is to get an impartial investigation of the facts' (2 February 1921, 2 copies, 2pp each).

4 items

1096 February, March 1920 Copies of financial reports on Europe and the U.S.A. in the aftermath of the war.

3 items

1097 8 October– 20 November 1920 Correspondence between Captain E.L. Macnaghten, Joseph Begley, Secretary to President de Valera in the U.S.A., and Harry Boland concerning Macnaghten’s expenses in connection with his speaking tour on behalf of the Irish Republic. Includes references to the establishment of the All American Bureau of Speakers by ‘Mr. Holloway’ and Macnaghten’s proposed connection with the Protestant Friends of Irish Freedom. Also includes typescript copy of an address delivered by Macnaghten at Boston College Hall on 17 October 1920 (26pp).

11 items


2 items

1098a n.d. Typescript recounting ‘certain events in Irish history accompanied by a truthful statement of the Irish people’s national attitude during the course of these events. The historic facts related are intended to point out the uncompromising stand taken by the Irish, particularly since 1172 A.D. in asserting their national Rights as a Sovran (sic) people and also to arouse attention towards a Race which presents the unrivalled spectacle of national survival after undergoing the unmitigated horrors of war in one shape or another for weary centuries.’ Author unknown. Comprises preface and twelve chapters with the following headings: ‘The Sinn Féin Movement’; ‘De Valera’; ‘Pearse & Easter Week 1919’; ‘Ireland A Nation’; ‘The Norman Invasion and the Bull’; ‘Why the


XXVII. Recollections of the tour & correspondence with American republicans, 1946 – 71

1100 19 November 1962 Recollections by de Valera of his American mission, June 1919–December 1920, dictated to Marie O’Kelly in November 1962. Paragraphs are labelled in the margins under the following headings: Division in F.O.I.F.; Cohalan & McGarrity Groups; Victory Fund; Harry Boland & Clan na Gael; My Arrival & first meeting with Cohalan etc.; Victory Fund; The Loan & Recognition; Bond Drive, Certificate, Ad Hoc Organisation; Tour re Recognition; Bond Drive; Organiser Col. O’Callaghan; James O’Mara; Campaign to Secure Recognition; Congress; Cohalan and Devoys Attacks; Westminster Gazette (Cuba); Establishment of H.Q. for Irish Legation; American Politics; Chicago Convention; San Francisco Convention; Bishop Gallagher; Boland and Clan; National Convention F.O.I.F.; A.A.R.I.R.. 17pp
Letters to de Valera from various American well-wishers, mainly individuals de Valera met or associated with while on tour of America between June 1919 and December 1920 or the children of those individuals. The letters are mostly congratulatory and contain reminiscences of de Valera’s visit to America; news of the death of individuals who worked for the cause in the U.S.A. or requests for appointments with the President. Includes copy replies. Arranged alphabetically under correspondents surnames:

- **Prof. Robert J. Alexander**, Rutgers State University, New Brunswick, New Jersey;
- **Dr. Gerard Baggot**, St. Louis, Missouri;
- **Martin P. Beirne**, Newark, New Jersey. Encloses a reproduction of the General Order of George Washington’s Army for 17 March 1780, giving the Irish soldiers the day off, from the Washington papers in the Library of Congress (2pp);
- **Charles J. Belot** [son of Mary M. Belot née Reilly], Fort Wayne, Indiana;
- **Mrs. Celia Walsh Bradley** [daughter of Frank P. Walsh], Kansas City, Missouri;
- **William J. Bradley**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
- **Michael Brennan**;
- **Hugh A. Carney**, Arlington, Massachusetts;
- **John and John Jnr. Castellini**, Manhasset, New York;
- **James P. Cleary**;
- **Edward Coen** and members of the Jesuit Order, Frs. Peter J. Halpin S.J. and Anthony A. Bischoff S.J.;
- **Br. M. Ailbe Collins**, Ava, Missouri;
- **Gerald J. Collins**, brother of the late John Collins) (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;
- **Mrs. Dean Conley née Mildred Casey** [niece of Fr. Francis Solanus, O.F.M. and John T. Casey], Narbeth, Pennsylvania;
- **Mrs. Anne McGee Cunningham** [daughter of the late John McGee], Astoria, New York;
- **Rev. Dr. David F. Cunningham**, Auxiliary Bishop of Syracuse, New York;
- **Frank Curran** [cousin of Mrs. Margaret McCullough of Santa Cruz, California], Newcastle, Galway;
- **Edward Dunnigan**, New York City;
- **Lucille Erskine** [Mrs. Joseph McComish];
- **Roger Faherty**, Evanston, Illinois;
- **James J. Fahey** [husband of Mary McGuire, a niece of James K. McGuire, former Mayor of Syracuse], Syracuse, New York;
- **Most. Rev. John Fearns**, St. Francis de Sales Rectory, New York City;
- **John Quentin Feller**, Baltimore, Maryland;
- **Andrew J. Gallagher**, [former President United Irish Societies and former Chairman of the Irish Republican Bond Drive], San Francisco, California. Includes obituaries of Gallagher, who died in January 1966;
- **Denis Joseph Galvin**, Portland, Oregon;
- **Thomas H. Gibbons** [husband of Ann Marian Bohan, a cousin of the late Owen W. Bohan], Chicago, Illinois;
- **Daniel F. Herlihy**, Massachusetts;
• Mrs. Margaret Kane Han[iberg] [sister of Fr. James A. Kane];
• Dr. E.J. Holland, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
• Dermot P. Honan, Clare, Michigan;
• Fr. G. Thomas Hughes, Brooklyn, Massachusetts;
• Kevin H. Jones, Brooklyn, New York;
• Dr. Robert Emmet Kane, St. Louis, Missouri;
• George Kent [European Editor, The Reader’s Digest], Paris;
• Mr. Keohane, Dorchester, Massachusetts;
• Major Eugene F. Kinkead/Kincaid, New York City;
• John A. Love [Governor of Colorado];
• Willard de Lue [of The Globe, Dorchester, Massachusetts];
• John Lydon;
• Matthew McCloskey, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
• James Coleman McCoy [friend of the late Mrs. Mary K. Duffy], East Cleveland, Ohio;
• Regina McGranery, Washington D.C.;
• Nora McSweeny, Hernet, California;
• Brendan Malin, West Roxbury, Massachusetts;
• George C. Miller [friend of the late Joseph L. Ernst], Rochester, New York;
• John D. J. Moore, New York;
• Miss. Catherine Mullins, Kansas City, Missouri;
• Monsignor James F. Murphy, Sharon, Pennsylvania;
• Thomas Nevins, New York City;
• Mrs. Katherine O’Brien [widow of James J. O’Brien], The Bronx, New York;
• Fr. Donald M. O’Callaghan, O.Carm.;
• Daniel O’Hare, Queens, New York;
• Stephen W. O’Leary [son of Jeremiah A. O’Leary], Jamaica, New York;
• Lambert S. O’Malley, Chicago, Illinois;
• Dorothy Reed, Mobile, Alabama;
• Mollie Riordan [daughter of the late Michael Riordan], San Francisco, California;
• Mrs. Mary Roberts, Shawnee Mission, Kansas;
• Michael Roache, Chicago, Illinois;
• Ken Shane, Camarillo, California;
• John Shields, Newark, New Jersey;
• Betty Short;
• Christopher Sigerson Tenley, Staten Island, New York;
• Mrs. Mary Lawler Walsh [widow of Jerome Walsh], Kansas City, Missouri;
• William F. Walsh [Mayor of the City of Syracuse, New York].

Includes:
– copy text of a telegram from de Valera to Eugene F. Kinkead stating that the National University of Ireland is to confer an honorary degree (LL.D) on Kinkead (26 April 1958, 1p) (see P150/1108);
– text of de Valera’s recollection of a speech he made while dining with members of the Carmelite Order on 29th Street, New York in June 1919. Includes references to Fr. Magennis (President of the Friends of Irish Freedom), Fr. [Denis] O’Connor [Treasurer, New York State Committee for Relief of Suffering in Ireland], Fr. [Lawrence D.] Flanagan, and Liam
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1101 contd. Mellowes, Harry Boland, Séan Nunan and himself as frequent visitors to the community (28 July 1962, 2 items, 1p & 2pp);
– letter to de Valera from William J. Bradley (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) concerning the President’s concern to have explanatory notes presenting his viewpoints prepared by a qualified historian about matters in the papers of Joseph McGarrity bequeathed to the Library of Villanova University (12 June 1963, 2pp) (see P150/1201 for correspondence concerning the late Joseph McGarrity’s books and papers in Villanova);
– documents relating to de Valera’s and Séan Nunan’s views on Dr. Patrick McCartan’s book *With de Valera in America* (1932) and *American and the Fight for Irish Freedom, 1866–1922* (1957) by Charles Callan Tansill (6–30 September 1965, 5 items);
– obituary notices of Constantine McGuire (1881–1956) published in *The Tablet* (Brooklyn) (October 1965, 2 items);
– copy letter from de Valera to Most. Rev. John Farns stating ‘For some eight or ten days before I appeared publicly at the Waldorf Hotel I stayed quietly with Mr. Joe McGarrity in Philadelphia. On the evening before I appeared at the Waldorf I came to the Carmelite Priory at 29th Street, and from there I went straight to the Waldorf on June 23rd’ (22 June 1966, 1p);
– programme for a testimonial dinner in honour of Joseph Scott, held on 13 August 1951. Also newspaper cutting on the unveiling of a statue of Scott [in Los Angeles] in August 1966 (1951 & August 1966, 2 items);
– obituary notices of John, Sr. Frances Marie and Jerome K. Walsh [children of Frank P. Walsh] (1960s, 4 items);
– documents relating to the publication of a book *Oh Ireland. Oh San Francisco*, an autobiography of Michael Riordan [former San Francisco Chief of Police] (24 October 1966–December 1967, 11 items);
– documents relating to the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Redemptorist Fathers Mission Church in Roxbury, Massachusetts (4 March–6 April 1971, 4 items).

188 items

1102 December 1946 Black and white photographs of an exhibition of the John T. Hughes Memorial Collection held in Boston College Library between 1 and 15 December 1946. Comprises views of ‘Large Case in the Great Hall of Library’, ‘Committee Room of Library (Looking North)’, ‘Committee Room of Library (Looking South)’ and display of the published works of Fr. Stephen Brown S.J.’ (Irish Jesuit, author and librarian (founder of the Catholic Library of Ireland)). George M. Cushing Jr. Photography, Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

4 items, 28cm x 18cm
1103 1946 & 8 January 1947 Correspondence between Taoiseach de Valera and J.C. Walsh, Yonkers, New York, sending Christmas greetings and referring to the phrasing on the face of the Bond Certificates issued during 1919 and 1920 in the U.S.A. to raise money for Dáil ‘Eireann. 2 items

1104 26 February 1949– 7 February 1950 Personal correspondence between de Valera and Joseph Scott, President, American League for an Undivided Ireland & former Vice-President of the A.A.R.I.R., including cutting from The Leader (San Francisco) on the death of Fr. Ralph Hunt, S.T.L., ‘Pastor of St. Peter’s Church’ ‘devoted friend of Father Yorke’ on 1 December 1949. See also P150/1138 for letters from Joseph Scott in 1919−21; P150/2948 for correspondence between de Valera and Joseph Scott relating to de Valera’s 1948 Anti-Partition tour of the U.S.A.; P150/791, 890 & 1301 for photographs of Joseph Scott; P150/3668 for memorial card of Joseph Scott (died 24 March 1958); P150/1101 for programme for a testimonial dinner in honour of Joseph Scott, held on 13 August 1951. Also newspaper cutting on the unveiling of a statue of Scott [in Los Angeles] in August 1966 4 items

1105 31 May 1949– 7 December 1964 Documents relating to the life of Fr. Peter Yorke [social activist, founder of The Leader, San Francisco and California State President, A.A.R.I.R.], mainly correspondence between Marie O’Kelly and various American writers and academics seeking information on the life of, or tributes from de Valera to, the late Fr. Yorke. Includes: – photocopy of a cutting headed Maynooth Priest Fought Cause of Workers from The Irish Independent on the life of Fr. Yorke, as detailed in an R.T.E. radio broadcast by Dr. Michael Browne, Bishop of Galway in May 1949 (31 May 1949, 1p); – article entitled Profile of a Controversialist. Peter C. Yorke of San Francisco by Robert J. Dunn, published in The Priest (Huntington, Indiana) (September 1964, 5pp); – Christmas card sent by Fr. Yorke to de Valera in 1922 (1922, 1 item); – draft and typescript copy of a lecture/article on Fr. Yorke’s lecture, ‘The Turning of the Tide’ delivered on 6 September 1899 to the Gaelic League in Dublin (n.d., 2 items, 7pp & 6pp). 16 items
1106 [20 January 1921]; Covering note [by Marie O’Kelly] stating ‘President de Valera explained to me that attached are examples of letters circulated during the Cohalan Campaign. They were sent all over the country’ (n.d., 1p). With typescript copies of two letters—one from John Devoy to Jeremiah J. Lynch, F.O.I.F., Butte, Montana, in which he states ‘De Valera wants war with us, not co-operation, and is determined on getting organizations here that will do his bidding when it comes to a settlement with Lloyd George. It is a hard thing to say, but I arrived at the conclusion long ago that he is not a sincere Republican, but wants to keep Ireland in the British Empire…If you knew the way they are working in the new public organization you would see the impossibility of effecting any understanding with them. It can’t last very long because most of the membership is on paper and there are no able men among their leaders…As for the attempt to split the Clan, it is a bad failure already…Maloney wrote every document which bears McCartan’s name and also De Valera’s first statement to the press and he dictates the whole policy…He played on McCartan’s and McGarrity’s vanity and filled De Valera with jealousy of Cohalan, which was an easy job—for he is the vainest man intellectually that I ever met. He is really a half breed Jew and his mother was a Palatine—that is, of German descent. His temperament is not Irish and no man can get along with him except on the condition of absolute submission to his will—which means accepting Maloney’s schemes which De Valera fathers, for he has not an original mind nor any real grasp of politics’ (original dated 20 January 1921, 9pp). 3 items

1107 2 June 1953 Letter from Seán Nunan, Department of External Affairs, to Kathleen O’Connell enclosing copy of a letter to Nunan from J.C. Walsh in New York containing reminiscences about the Bond Drive in the U.S.A. (copy dated 25 May 1953, 3pp). 2 items

1108 9 April 1954— Mainly correspondence between de Valera, his 8 October 1963 Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly, and John F. Finerty [former National President, American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic and lawyer who represented de Valera in the Republican Bond Case before the New York Supreme Court in the 1920s], about the transmission to de Valera by Finerty of mementoes associated with Rory O’Connor, Liam Mellows, Joseph McKelvey and Richard Barrett, executed on 8 December 1922, the death of de Valera’s Personal Secretary Kathleen O’Connell in 1956 and documents concerning the Republican Bond Case.

Note: the two manuscripts associated with Rory O’Connor referred to in letter dated 9 April 1954 can be found in P150/3626. 28 items
June 1967–December 1968  
Correspondence between de Valera, Marie O'Kelly and Mrs. Catherine Finerty, Long Island, New York, widow of John F. Finerty, mainly concerning the proper place of deposit of her husband’s Irish papers. Also includes a cutting from an American newspaper on Finerty’s death (6 June 1967, 1 item).  
10 items

[1950s]  
Extract from The Recorder, journal of the American Irish Historical Society (pp.22–24) reporting that on 10 July 1958 the National University of Ireland conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws on Eugene F. Kinkead, one of the founders of the Friends of Irish Freedom and National Vice-President of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic. Includes reproduction of photograph of Major Kinkead.  
4pp

October 1955  
‘Draft Interview (Broadcast Recording) with Miss Joan Hickey, Wisconsin, U.S., Saturday Oct. 8th 1955’ on de Valera’s reminiscences of his tour of the U.S.A. between June 1919 and December 1920, with special reference to the Chippewa Indians and the current problem of partition.  
2pp

15 August 1956  
Letter to de Valera from H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, concerning the presentation of the Key of the City to de Valera and the conferral upon him ‘of the title of honorary and most illustrious citizen’ of Kansas City.  
See also P150/877 for correspondence relating to invitations and arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Kansas City, Missouri, on 25 & 26 October 1919  
1p

17 December 1956  
Copy letter from de Valera to [Thomas J.] Ford [Editor of The Irish World] seeking a copy of an editorial in The Irish World and American Industrial Liberator advocating the ‘Sinn Féin policy of abstention from the British House of Commons...many years before Arthur Griffith proposed it. What has fixed this in my mind was the fact that the editorial was dated the 14th of October, 1882 – the day of my birth’.  
1p
June 1957–March 1969; File on Mrs. Katherine [Kitty] O’Doherty, author of *Assignment America* (1957), comprising mainly correspondence between Mrs. O’Doherty and de Valera or his Personal Secretary, on a letter of introduction from de Valera for the publisher of her book, Boris G. de Tanko, to Judge Owen W. Bohan in New York; letters to President de Valera from Mrs. O’Doherty providing details of *The Irish Press* of Philadelphia mainly names of various staff members from 1918 to the early 1920s (14 February 1962–30 November 1963, 4 items); reviews of the book published in the *Derry Journal* (14 & 21 October 1957, 2 items); holograph notes by Mrs. O’Doherty captioned ‘Ireland’ tracing Irish history from 1916 to de Valera’s visit to the U.S.A. in June 1919 (May 1963, 11pp); holograph notes by Mrs. O’Doherty contrasting de Valera’s visit to the U.S.A. in 1919/20 with President Kennedy’s visit to Ireland in 1963 (n.d., 11pp) and cutting from *The Irish Press* on Mrs. O’Doherty’s funeral (26 March 1969, 1 item).

‘Mrs. O’Doherty assisted in the Irish bond drive in the U.S. in the 20s and also in the organisation of the Women’s Auxiliary of Clann na Gael there where she had been a teacher’. She assisted in the writing of Dan Breen’s *My Fight for Irish Freedom* and became secretary of the National Aid Society following the 1916 Rising and a trustee of the archives in the National Museum.

See also P150/1201 & 702 for documents concerning the *Irish Press* of Philadelphia; P150/706 for 1948 documents relating to the Cuban status myth including a letter by Mrs. Kitty O’Doherty, originally sent to the Editor of *The Irish Times* and subsequently published in *The Irish Press* and an article by Mrs. O’Doherty published in the same paper on 16 April on the ‘Cuban Status Myth’; P150/1192 for letter to de Valera from Kitty O’Doherty concerning monies raised in USA. 18 items

23 March, 1 May 1961

Letter to President de Valera from James P. Walsh of San Francisco containing some general questions about de Valera’s trip to the U.S.A. and the role of America in Ireland’s fight for independence, as part of research work for his master’s thesis at the University of San Francisco [formerly Saint Ignatius College, San Francisco], on Woodrow Wilson and his relations with the Irish after World War I. Also includes a reply from President de Valera’s Personal Secretary. 2 items
1116  19 October 1962–15 February 1963  Correspondence between de Valera and Owen B. Hunt of Philadelphia about George Washington and the failure of negotiations with Admiral Howe and his brother General Howe in 1776. Includes an opinion on the matter by Dr. Owen Edwards, Professor of History at John Hopkins University, Baltimore.

See P150/1201 for correspondence between de Valera & Hunt on the papers of the late Joseph McGarrity and obtaining copies of the Irish Press of Philadelphia

6 items


116pp

1118  30 April–21 August 1964  Correspondence between President de Valera and John Quentin Feller, Baltimore, Maryland, Memorial Director in honour of Cardinal James Gibbons, relating to de Valera’s tribute to the late Cardinal Gibbons, former Archbishop of Baltimore, in connection with the creation of a suite of rooms in the library building of Loyola College dedicated to the Cardinal. De Valera recalls his two meetings with the Cardinal in June and August 1919.

7 items

1119  June 1921, February 1922;  Letter to the Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach from the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs enclosing two letters to James E. Murray, President, A.A.R.I.R., Butte, Montana, from James J. Flaherty, Great Falls, Montana, to be forwarded to the President. The letters addressed to Murray concern a paper entitled ‘Young Ireland’ that Flaherty is sending to Murray (2 June 1921, 1p) and a petition signed by 12 ‘American citizens of Irish extraction’ urging ‘Mr. De Valva’ (sic) ‘to accept the Irish Free State Treaty and not to let any split or signature among the Irish people loose the tremendous advantage which they have now gained’ (27 February 1922, 2pp). Also includes associated correspondence relating to the forwarding of the two letters to de Valera.

6 items
1120  January–February 1969  Letter to the Editor published in The Irish Press from Sean MacEntee, refuting the implication made in a recent review of Sean Neeson’s book The Life and Death of Michael Collins that de Valera ‘having been elected President of Dáil Éireann at its meeting on April 1st, 1919 forsook his post a few weeks later’ to go to America and stressing the importance of de Valera’s mission to the U.S.A. (19 January 1969); and copy of MacEntee’s letter sent to the Sunday Independent in reply to questions put by Cornelius Kelliher of Cork in the paper on 2 February, relating to de Valera’s American mission.

2 items

1121  6 August 1969  Letter to President de Valera from Thomas C. Nolan, Magnolia, Massachusetts, recalling events during de Valera’s visit to the U.S.A. and reply by President de Valera’s Personal Secretary.

9pp & 1p

1122  6 October 1969  Letter to President de Valera from James A. Dougherty, Connecticut, enclosing copy letters and documentation associated with his donation of $2,500 to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee in de Valera’s honour. Includes black and white print of plaque erected in the hospital reading ‘This room is maintained in honour and memory of Eamon de Valera, the Great Irish Patriot and Fine Catholic Gentleman’ (1969, 13cm x 10cm).

8 items

1123  26 February, 6 March 1971  Letter to President de Valera from Peter J. Halpin S.J., Seattle University, Seattle, Washington, referring to Edward J. Coen who worked for the Republican cause in Seattle in 1919/1920 [Coen was State President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America for Washington] and reply from de Valera who refers to Coen as a ‘very old and good friend…When I was in the United States in 1919/20 we depended upon him for all the work that was done in Seattle…Frequently he came to see us in New York on Irish affairs.’ See P150/886 for telegram on the appointment of Edward J. Coen as consul of the Irish Republic to Seattle and the Northwest.
15. HARRY BOLAND’S ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S.A., 1919 – 22

I. Correspondence with Ireland

1124

May 1919; February– December 1921

Memoranda between Harry Boland in the U.S.A. and Robert Brennan (‘R.O’B’), Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and reports on the activities of the Washington Office prepared for Brennan. Includes reports for the following dates:

– week ending January 29 1921 (2pp);
– February and March 1921 (2pp);
– July 1921 (2pp);
– August 1921 (3pp).

Subjects discussed in memoranda include:

• evidence for the supply of arms and ammunition from the U.S.A. to Ireland;
• a resolution passed by Waterford Corporation to be conveyed to the governments ‘of the various countries on the American Continent, and also to Japan and China’ (see P150/1357 for covering letter and resolution sent by Robert Barton, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, to Harry Boland. The resolution, passed by Waterford Corporation on 5 April 1921, protested against the hanging of six Republican prisoners in Mountjoy jail on 14 March 1914);
• the publication in America of L’Irlande dans la Crise Universelle (1914–1918) by Y.M. Goblet (Louis Tréguiz) (see also P150/1126, correspondence between Harry Boland and Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartaigh concerning the publication of the book);
• the distribution by Harry Boland of the Address to Representatives of Foreign Nations to members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and to every other country on the American continent;
• publicity/propaganda matters including a proposal to start a fortnightly Review in Argentina; the establishment of press bureaux in South American countries; the distribution of the Irish Bulletin and the production in London of counterfeit Bulletins;
• news of the current situation in Ireland;
• news of Boland’s family;
• the work of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic;
• a proposal to have Gerald B. Giffard appointed ‘as a Press Representative in Zebe for some American paper’;
• publicity concerning the anti-emigration decree;
• Laurence Ginnell’s departure on 3 July 1921 for Buenos Aires as a Special Envoy of the Republic;
• the American Committee for Relief in Ireland, the American and Irish White Cross and the raising of money for the Irish Republican Prisoners’ Dependants’ Fund;
• Seán T O’Kelly’s wish to obtain films dealing with Ireland to be shown at the Irish Race Congress;
• the Disarmament Conference in Washington;
1124 contd.

- the peace negotiations in London and the opinion of friends in this country [America] as to the possibilities of America converting the Allied debt into long term securities...[and]... the possible cancellation of the debt...;
- the bond campaign in America;
- the Address of the American Hierarchy to the Irish bishops;
- an inquiry to Mrs. Wheelwright, de Valera’s mother, concerning the name of de Valera’s paternal grandmother to aid the research of a Jesuit Fr. de Valera in Madrid.

The following codewords are used: ‘Oldhouse’ for Sean T. O’Kelly; ‘Northman’ for Russia; ‘Townie’ for L. Delacey; ‘Boar’ for Turkey, ‘Jetter’ for John T. Ryan and ‘Toddles’ for Harry Boland.

Includes:
- memorandum to Brennan possibly by St. John Gaffney submitting recommendations regarding the methods to be followed in order to secure action on the part of Congress towards gaining official recognition of the Irish Republic by the Executive branch of the Government of the United States’ (3 February 1921, 3pp);
- memorandum from Brennan to Boland enclosing ‘copies of all decrees promulgated by the Dáil from the first session in 1919 down to the end of April 1921’ (11 May 1921, 19pp);
- the Spanish text of the Manifesto of the Irish Episcopacy issued from Maynooth on 19 October 1920 (30 May 1921, 2 items);
- ‘General Directions to each Representative of the Irish Republic abroad’ with attached form F.R., an estimate of proposed expenditure for the next quarter (28 June 1921, 3 items);
- memorandum from Brennan to Boland containing ‘an extract from the memo written by the Minister of Trade concerning Mr. J.F. Moore of New Rochelle’ concerning the pro-British attitude of the American Consul in Dublin (8 June 1921, 1p);
- memorandum from Brennan informing Boland that the code-names for countries, towns and persons ‘is in the hands of the enemy’ and a new list will be forwarded (27 June 1921, 1p);
- a ‘Report on Political Activity in Washington’ by Boland (20 July 1921, 2pp) and a supplementary report (28 July 1921, 2pp).

52 items

1125

7 July 1919– Correspondence between Harry Boland in America and Michael Collins (‘D’) on Boland’s and de Valera’s activities in the U.S.A. and events in Ireland. Many of the letters deal with financial matters in Ireland and the U.S.A., with Collins in his role as Minister for Finance and Boland acting as Dáil Éireann representative in the U.S.A.

Includes correspondence between the two concerning the affairs of the ‘Home Organisation’ [the I.R.B.] and of Clan na Gael [or Clan na Gael Re-Organised], with Collins writing as ‘W. Field’ (‘W.F.’) and Boland as ‘James Wood’ (‘J.W.’).

Also includes some letters from Collins to Seán Nunan and also a number of letters addressed to Boland or Seán Nunan (‘S.N.’).
Topics discussed include:

- the use to which the funds of the Wolfe Tone Memorial Association in America can be put and the erection [in Dublin] of a statue to Tone;
- the military situation in county Tipperary;
- the transmission of documents, including Dáil reports, between Ireland and the U.S.A. and the difficulties of secure communication between the two countries;
- de Valera’s reception in America and the course of his campaign and tours;
- the establishment of Irish diplomatic representatives abroad;
- preparation for the bond campaign, floatation of the loan in the U.S.A., and the progress of the campaign;
- advertising the work of the Dáil and the raising of the internal loan in Ireland under Collins’ direction, under increasingly difficult circumstances;
- a proposal for Collins’ to visit the U.S.A. to help with the bond campaign–‘We are fully alive to the vital necessity of making the Floatation a big success in the U.S.A., but the question of success here is of no less importance. You will readily see to (sic) that there are other reasons, (for instance, communications, Volunteers, etc.) why I should remain here. Then there is my own predilection against going except for the one purpose…’ (Collins to Boland, 13 September 1919, 1p);
- Collins’ frequent escapes and evasions of arrest;
- the supposed spy ‘Sorapure’–‘I would regard the fellow as being not more than a boastful liar with probably ambitions to be an adventurer’ (Collins to Boland, 6 October 1919, 1p) (see also P150/726 and 1137 for references to Sorapur) and other alleged spies in the U.S.A. and Ireland;
- the arrival and activities of James O’Mara in the U.S.A.;
- raids on the Dáil offices in Harcourt Street and the capture of key individuals such as Ernest Blythe and Robert Barton;
- municipal and rural election results;
- details of British military activity in Ireland;
- the Mason Bill seeking an appropriation to finance a direct representative from America to Ireland; and the Irish wish ‘to secure if possible as a plank in the platform of the candidates for presidency the recognition of the right of the people of Ireland to the principle of national self-determination…this…is the immediate object of the President’ (Boland to Collins, 13 January 1920, 6pp);
- the dissemination of information on behalf of the Republican cause and the countermanding of British propaganda;
- the arrival and activities of the ‘Ulster Delegation’ in the U.S.A.;
- resolutions ‘directed to the American Government demanding economic freedom and direct trade with America’ (Boland to Collins, 30 January 1920, 6pp);
- the relationship between de Valera and the Friends of Irish Freedom and the clash between de Valera and Judge Cohalan and John Devoy–‘the main difference arose on the question of the floatation of the Bond Issue. Judge Cohalan, speaking as the leader of the Irish race in America, could not see how the Bond Issue could be floated; considered it impracticable, and suggested in its stead that the Victory Drive then on in America be extended, and that agreement be reached as to the amount that should go to Ireland. The President, supported by the members of the Irish Delegation, and by Joe
McGarrity, urged the necessity of floating the Bond, pointed out...that the Governmental act was essential, that we could not as a Government accept subscriptions, and further held that the time had come in America when a genuine effort should be made to spread the Movement so that it would embrace all lovers of Ireland and of liberty in America...my opinion...is that these men felt that we were interlopers and they look with disfavour on the taking of so much money from America...Mr. Devoy...the poor old man is very, very deaf...he cannot hear what takes place at a meeting, and therefore is at a great disadvantage and is at the mercy of those who whisper in his ear. I feel sure that if his hearing were such that it permitted him to follow discussions at meetings none of this unfortunate bickering would have arisen...Judge Cohalan is a very able man and a sincere lover of Ireland—a man who is rated high by everyone in America, and who, himself, has a wonderful opinion of his own ability and is a little vain of the magnificent work he has accomplished...he has an intolerance for the opinions or ability of others, and to put it bluntly he is a little envious of De Valera...Judge Cohalan does not look with approval on representatives from Ireland in America. He has failed to grasp the significance of DÁIL ÉIREANN and the fact that we must have our representatives in every country...’ (Boland to Collins, 30 January 1920, 6pp. See also same to same dated 26 February 1920, 6pp and 22 September 1920, 3pp and 4pp, both incomplete; 4 November 1920, 3pp);

- de Valera’s interview on 6 February 1920 with the Westminster Gazette, his quotation of the Platt Amendment and the response of The Gaelic American;
- I.R.B. and Clan na Gael personnel and affairs in the U.S.A. including the raising of money and the supply of arms to Ireland; Boland’s role as representative of the Supreme Council (‘S.C.’) in the U.S.A.; communications with Ireland and the Supreme Council; their role in the clash between de Valera and Judge Cohalan and John Devoy; the meeting between Harry Boland as I.R.B. representative and the Clan na Gael Executive on 15 August in New York and the agreement reached; the subsequent severing of the connection between the I.R.B. and Clan na Gael and the removal of Devoy and four other members of the Clan na Gael Executive (see also P150/1155) and the re-organisation of the organisation (see especially: letters from Collins to Boland dated 26 April 1920; Boland to Collins dated [12 August] 1920; 27 August 1920; 22 September 1920; Collins to Boland of 1 October 1920, 2pp; Boland to Collins dated 4 November 1920, 3pp; Collins to Boland of 19 November 1920, 3pp and Boland’s reply of 10 December 1920, 3pp; Collins to Boland dated 7 February 1921, 3pp and Boland to Collins of 30 March 1921, 3pp);
- the murder of Lord Mayor of Cork Tomás MacCurtain by the R.I.C. on 20 March 1920;
- the proposed Irish diplomatic mission to Russia;
- efforts to secure the American government’s official recognition of the Irish Republic;
- the supply of arms and ammunition from America to Ireland (the ‘big project’) (see especially Boland to Collins dated [12 August] 1920, 2pp and 22 September 1920, 3pp, incomplete; Collins to Boland dated 1 October 1920, 2pp and 15 October 1920, 2pp; Boland to Collins, 4 November 1920, 5pp and 13 January 1921, 2pp; Boland to Collins dated 7 February 1921, 1p;
1125 contd. 14 April 1921, 2pp and 16 May 1921, 2pp; see also P150/1128 for correspondence between Harry Boland and Cathal Brugha on the purchase and shipment of arms for Ireland;
• the urgent need for money to carry out Dáil Éireann’s various activities such as the operation of the Land Bank, the fisheries societies and housing requirements in Dublin;
• the railway strike and stoppages all over the country;
• the secret meeting of Dáil Éireann on 29 June 1920 at which a message of support for de Valera was put forward;
• the resignation of large numbers from the R.I.C.;
• the resignation of Diarmuid Lynch Secretary of the Friends of Irish Freedom, [as T.D. for South-East Cork] (see also P150/978 for letter to de Valera from Lynch concerning his resignation);
• the establishment of an American Commission of Investigation into the ‘atrocities perpetrated in Ireland’ (see Boland to Collins dated 22 September 1920, 4pp);
• the arrest of Tom Hales on 27 July 1920;
• the American Presidential election;
• the death of Sean Treacy on 14 October 1920;
• Collins’s brother P.J. in Chicago and his uncle Tom O’Brien;
• references to Padraic Fleming; David O’Connor and Shane Leslie;
• the foundation of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic in November 1920;
• preliminary negotiations with the Unionists and Lloyd George and the truce declaration;
• shipping arrangements between Ireland and the U.S.A. with regard to the U.S. Mail Steamship Company;
• references to the activities of James Douglas;
• the question of Harry Boland’s salary.
Collins’ letters are mainly typescript carbon copies, signed or initialled by him, often with holograph additions. A few are holograph. Boland’s letters are mainly typescript copies of the originals, not signed or initialled.

1126 July 1919– November 1920 Correspondence between Diarmuid Ó hÉigeartuigh in Dublin and Harry Boland in America, mainly letters from Ó hÉigeartuigh to Boland. Subjects addressed include:
• the resignation of James O’Mara;
• authorisation from the Dáil for de Valera to spend between $250,000 and $500,000 from the U.S. loan funds during the American presidential election campaign;
• the Irish diplomatic mission to Russia;
• Sean T. O’Kelly’s illness in Rome;
• Dáil authorisation for the preparation in the U.S.A. of a trade report for Ireland;
1126 contd  • resolutions passed by various Town Commissioners, U.D.C.’s and Borough
Councils acknowledging the authority of Dáil Éireann, to be passed to the
U.S. government;
• the publication in America of a new edition of *L’Irlande dans la Crise
Universelle (1914–1918)* by Y.M. Goblet [Louis Tréguiz] (see also P150/1124, correspondence between Harry Boland and Robert Brennan,
concerning the book);
• ‘the possibilities of moving for recognition of the Republic of France’;
• Osmond Esmonde’s departure for America and
• seeking U.S. government official recognition for the Republic of Ireland.
Includes:
– letter from Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartuigh to Boland instructing him to convey
to President Wilson a letter from President de Valera and the Dáil Éireann
resolution ‘recording their appreciation of the action of the Congress of the
United States on behalf of Ireland’ (copies not enclosed) (8 July 1919, 1p);
– letter from Ó hÉigceartuigh to Boland outlining ‘the main planks in our
Reconstruction platform’. Also provides news of the current Irish situation (12
July 1919, 4pp).
11 items

1127 9 July–1 August 1919  Correspondence between Harry Boland and
Arthur Griffith. Includes:
– telegrams between the two concerning de Valera’s reception in Chicago,
Illinois; San Francisco, California and Butte, Montana and Griffith’s
expression of appreciation of ‘the enthusiasm of the American people for the
cause of justice and freedom’ (29 July; 1 August 1919, 3 items, 1p each) and
– typescript copy letter from Harry Boland in the U.S.A. to Arthur Griffith on
efforts to seek U.S. government support for international recognition of the
Irish Republic; de Valera’s reception on arrival in New York; American
public opinion on Ireland and the bond drive. Signed by Boland.
4 items

1128 11 August 1919– 30 November 1921  Correspondence between Harry Boland
(‘Annraoi’ or ‘Éinri Ó Beoláin’) and Cathal
Brugha, Minister for Defence, mainly on the
purchase of arms and ammunition in the U.S.A., their transfer to Ireland and
queries about moneys collected or payments made for them.
The following code-names are used: ‘C. Porter’ [and ‘Waters’] for Brugha;
‘Cowe’, ‘Bo’ or ‘Toddles’ for Boland; ‘Cahan’ for de Valera; ‘Jordan’ [and
‘Leamy’?] for Liam Mellows; ‘Lyon’ for Arthur Griffith and ‘Gould’ for
Michael Collins; ‘Garry’ for Italy.
Brugha’s letters are mostly holograph. Only one letter from Boland to Brugha
is holograph.
26 items
1129 9 December 1920– 10 March 1921  Letters to Harry Boland from Austin Stack, Substitute Minister for Home Affairs [acting for Arthur Griffith] relating to emigration permits. 4 items

1130  April–December 1921  Correspondence between Harry Boland and Liam Mellows in Dublin. Comprises:
– copy letter from Boland to Mellows (‘Mr. Bawn’) on the auditing of Mellows’ American accounts (1 April 1921, 1p);
– carbon copy personal letter to Boland (‘Cowe’) from Mellows (‘M. Bawn’), I.R.A. Director of Purchases, following his return to Ireland. Includes references to Michael Collins (‘Mr. Goolde’), de Valera (Mr. Cahill’) and Seán Nunan (‘Meridian’) (16 April 1921, 1p);
– cable from Mellows to Boland to return home for debates on the Anglo-Irish Treaty (23 December 1921, 1p). 3 items

II. Correspondence in the U.S.A.

1131 25 March 1919– 23 December 1921  Miscellaneous correspondence of Harry Boland on a variety of subjects. Topics include:
• the proclamation by Dublin Castle of a reception for de Valera;
• the bond campaign;
• the depiction by the press at home of the Irish Mission members and their activities;
• a proposal by Fr. Michael O’Flanagan to ‘organise an office here in Roscommon or in Dublin, that would undertake in the first place to send pictures of interesting spots in any locality in Ireland, to people in America who come from there, and after a time to develop into an organisation that would be able…to procure information about the relatives of people who were born in America and even to get photographs taken of their old homesteads and those who are still living there. It could be made a means of bringing Irish National sentiment into closer touch with the people an America…’ (25 November 1919, 3pp);
• news from Dublin from Piaras Béaslaí concerning his literary work, the capture of Robert Barton and the death of Tom Curtin in Cork;
• Patrick C. Flanagan’s invention of a suit of ‘Individual Protective Armour’ and its presentation to the Irish authorities;
• dealings between de Valera and John P. Milholland;
• the proposed Irish Mission to Russia (see letter of Boland to Dr. Patrick McCartan of 9 August 1920, 2pp);
1131 contd. • letters from members of [Clan na Gael] and Sinn Féin in America;
• the reports of the activities of the Seattle branch of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic;
• the influence of the Self-Determination for Ireland League of Canada and Newfoundland at the Imperial Conference in London in June 1921;
• the proposal to establish a news service to America;
• the American White Cross;
• Boland’s imminent departure for Ireland and Kathleen O’Connell’s good wishes for the journey;
• the Self-Determination for Ireland League of Canada and its degree of support throughout the country (see also P150/995 for letters to de Valera from Kathleen Hughes of the same organisation);
• a report on the Irish in Bolivia and the history and present state of the [I.R.B.] in Bolivia, especially in connection with the Irish Race Convention in Paris in January 1922;
• funds raised in America for the Irish Republican Prisoners’ Dependants’ Fund;
• estimates of the cost of sending the report ‘Evidence On Conditions In Ireland’ by the American Commission on Conditions in Ireland’ to ‘various strategic public men and institutions’;
• advice from Boland about securing American co-operation for a fund ‘for the erection of a memorial for the late Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork…to found a school in Cork, for the education of Irish boys, and girls; to give them an education which would fulfil Terence MacSwiney’s ideal’;
• notice of the design of a new flag for the Irish Republic by a John J. Geraghty of the Ancient Order of Hibernians] (includes picture of flag);
• reaction to the signing of the Treaty on 6 December 1921;
• organisation of the return to Ireland of Daniel Sheehy, who had ‘been on the run’ in Ireland for over twelve months before his arrival in the U.S.A. and messages of good will prior to Boland’s departure for Ireland.
Correspondents include:
• P.S. O’Hegarty;
• John W. Walsh, Baltimore;
• David O’Connor, on the Editorial Staff of the Bronx Home News;
• the Columbia Gramophone Company;
• Fr. Michael O’Flanagan, Roscommon;
• members of the American public;
• Piaras Béaslaí;
• Patrick C. Flanagan, New York;
• Joseph P. O’Mahony, Editor of The Indiana Catholic and Record;
• Michael Francis Doyle, Land Title Building, Philadelphia
(see also P150/1024 for documents relating to the formal appeal presented by de Valera on 20 October 1920 to the U.S. Government for the recognition of the Republic of Ireland as a Sovereign State);
• W. E Donohue, State Secretary of the A.A.R.I.R., Seattle;
• Henry Anderson, Hotel St. Petersburg, Reval, Estland [now Tallinn, Estonia];
• James A. Healy of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland;
• Sam [Jordan], Organiser for the Self-Determination League for Ireland of Manitoba;
1131 contd.  • M.J. Twomey, President of the Terence MacSwiney Council, A.A.R.I.R., Boston;
  • Art O’Brien;
  • Kathleen O’Connell;
  • Desmond Fitzgerald, Director of Publicity, Dáil Éireann Publicity Department;
  • Katherine Greany, New Brunswick;
  • Gaspar Nicolls, Bolivia;
  • ‘Tanners’;
  • ‘George’;
  • I.R.A. Adjutant General [Con Maloney?]?
  • Bertha A. Newton;
  • Katherine A. Moynihan, Baltimore, Maryland;
  • Albert Coyle, Official Reporter, American Commission on Conditions in Ireland;
  • Madame O’Rahilly;
  • John M. Greene of the San Salvador Council of the Knights of Columbus, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
  • Barry M. Egan of Patrick Street, Cork;
  • John M. Flynn, Secretary of the 2nd External Loan, Illinois Committee;
  • John A. Connolly, 1010 Flatiron Building, New York;
  • the Intelligence Department of the Clansmen, New York;
  • Daniel Sheehy, New York;
  • [N]ora Cullinan of the Padraic Pierce Council of Yonkers, New York;
  • Kathryn F. McGee, County Secretary of the A.A.R.I.R., Buffalo;
  • Joseph Scott;
  • J.C. Walsh, Director of the 2nd External Loan;
  • Rev. Dr. D.J. Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

  108 items

1132  30 April 1919–
    Correspondence between de Valera and Harry
21 December 1921   Boland, Special Envoy from the elected
                    Government of the Irish Republic to the U.S.A.
Consists mainly of reports by Boland on the course of his work and
instructions and information on the political situation in Ireland from de
Valera.
Also includes typescript notes by de Valera summarising the main points in a
number of the letters between January and May 1921, and explanatory note
dictated by de Valera in April 1963 on a letter he ‘sent, or proposed sending,
to…Boland in the Spring 1921. A casual reading might suggest that it
confirms some of the charges made by Judge Cohalan and Co. to the effect
that I was controlling American organisations or dictating to them’ (1 April
1963, 1p and 5pp).
Includes:
– document of appointment of Boland as ‘Special Envoy’, authorised by de Valera on 30 April 1919 (30 April 1819, 1p);
– list of code words for persons active in the U.S.A. and Ireland, organisations, places, and items required such as arms (n.d., 2pp);
– carbon copy of note of introduction for Boland to ‘Lee’ signed by Michael Collins (‘W. Field’) stating ‘The bearer...has full authority to act in every capacity on behalf of the COUNCIL. He has been acting Chairman of that body since the general round-up in May last. He is visiting you in his official capacity’. Typed on tissue paper for easy concealment ([1919], 1p);
– draft letter and memorandum by de Valera on Harry Boland’s behalf to [Provincial Secretaries of the Self-Determination for Ireland League of Canada] concerning the launch of the League at the first National Convention ([1920], 2 items, 5pp and 6pp);
– holograph letter from de Valera to Boland with de Valera’s message of farewell to America (see P150/1074 for message) containing instructions concerning its publication and outlining what Boland’s ‘most important work will be–(1) To set the American Commission for the Relief of Ireland going...(2) The publication of the book [on] Ireland’s case & its presentation to the State Dept. (3) The getting [of] action by the Congress & Senate re necessity for peace etc. (4) The pushing ahead of the New organisation...You will represent us here till a permanent appointment is made by the Cabinet–Be careful of the words you use in interviews–words are really important things in politics....I know you will aim at cutting down expenditure by striving to get the American organisations to take over step by step our functions–eg the Labour Bureau and propaganda’ (December 1920, 2pp).

C. 82 items

29 June 1919; 24 April 1920; 28 October 1921

Correspondence mainly between Harry Boland and Daniel F. Cohalan, Supreme Court Justice, New York and between Judge Cohalan and de Valera.

Subjects include:
• arrangements for de Valera’s tour of the U.S.A. begun on 1 October, with Harry Boland acting as Secretary;
• the ‘preparations of the Bond procedure’ and the launch of the campaign;
• Boland’s accounts of de Valera’s reception at various mass meetings in the eastern States;
• correspondence between de Valera and Judge Cohalan concerning Devoy’s series of articles attacking de Valera, published in the Gaelic American.
‘After mature consideration I have decided that to continue to ignore the articles in the Gaelic American would result in injury to the cause I have been sent here to promote. The articles themselves are of course the least matter. It is the evident purpose behind them, and the general attitude of mind they reveal, that is the menace....I see added force being applied day by day to the power end of the great lever of American public opinion with which I hope to accomplish my purpose. I must satisfy myself as to the temper of the other end of the lever. The articles in the Gaelic American, and certain incidents that have resulted from them, give me grounds for the fear that in a moment of stress the point of the lever would fail me. I am led to understand that these articles in the ‘Gaelic American’ have your consent and approval. Is this so?...You are the officer of the Friends of Irish Freedom, who, de facto, wields unchallenged the executive power of that organisation....It is vital that I know exactly how you stand in this matter’ (20 February 1920, 2pp).

Judge Cohalan replies disclaiming any responsibility for the articles; discusses the contents of the articles; and states ‘Are you not in great danger of making a grave mistake when you talk in your communication of selecting “instruments” in this country, and of “levers” and “power end” and “other end of the lever” through which you hope to accomplish your purpose here? Do you really think for a moment that American public opinion will permit any citizen of another country to interfere as you suggest in American affairs? Do you think that any self-respecting American will permit himself to be used in such a manner by you?’ (22 February 1920, 4pp).

Paragraphs in the preceding letter have been numbered by de Valera and the letter is accompanied by a typescript commentary on its contents by de Valera, beginning ‘The letter as a whole of course is written for the American public, and is written with the express purpose of making it difficult for me to speak to Americans by making it appear that I wish to subordinate American interests to Irish interests’. Comments on each numbered point in the letter and defends his position (n.d. (1920), 4pp)

(see also P150/1191 for report by [Joseph McGarrity] on meeting of 19 March 1920 attended by prominent Irish-Americans including Judge Cohalan and John Devoy, and de Valera);

• the favourable publicity to be generated from the amendment of a bill introduced into the Assembly of the State of Rhode Island relating to investment of American depositors’ funds in the bonds of foreign countries. The proposed amendment by the writer of the letter [Harry Boland?] involves the changing of the wording of the clause ‘the governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland’ to ‘the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain; of the Republic of Ireland’ (8 March 1920, 2pp);

• an invitation from Judge Cohalan to Frank P. Walsh to a private conference at the Park Avenue Hotel on 19 March 1920 ‘to consider and discuss questions of great public moment’ (see P150/1191 for report by [Joseph McGarrity] on proceedings of meeting);

• text of a ‘Resolution suggested by Executive to deV. Thurs March 18th ’20 and rejected by Chief and party’ proposing that the Friends of Irish Freedom be ‘allowed to conduct and control the public affairs and political activities to be continued in the bringing about action by the Government of America in recognising the Republic of Ireland’ (sic) and the formation of an advisory
1134 contd. committee ‘to receive and consider with a friendly mind all such suggestions and advice to be offered by President De Valera’ (19 March 1920, 2pp);
• Judge Cohalan’s statement issued by the Friends of Irish Freedom and ‘emitted to all Branch chairmen, Sec[retaries] and Treasurers’, beginning ‘I regret greatly the efforts being made in certain quarters to spread the impression that there are division and dissension in the ranks of Americans who are interested in the independence of Ireland.’ Refers to the resolution drafted by Cohalan in the name of the Friends of Irish Freedom, for submission before the Resolutions Committee of the Republican National Convention in Chicago and to de Valera’s Resolution both of which came before the Committee at the Convention on 9 June 1920 (21 June 1920, 1p). Also includes copy of private letter sent by Vice-President Arthur Griffith on behalf of the Ministry, to Judge Cohalan and John Devoy stating ‘President de Valera is in the United States vested with the full authority of the Cabinet and Congress of Ireland to secure explicit recognition by the Government of the United States for the Irish Republic. In such circumstances any word or action which might tend to discredit his office or his mission constitutes an affront and an injury to the Irish Republic. Bitter indignation exists in Ireland at the moment over the reports of these attacks on the Irish President….I therefore write personally to appeal to you gentlemen to give your loyal support to our President in his great work…’ (original dated 23 June 1920, 1p).

24 items

1135 10 July 1919–7 July 1920 Correspondence between Harry Boland and Diarmuid Lynch, Secretary of the Friends of Irish Freedom, on various topics, mainly routine administrative matters such as the transmission and receipt of documents. Includes references to:
• invitations to de Valera to visit Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Atlantic City and the Commodore John Barry Branch of the Friends of Irish Freedom;
• the misuse of the Friends of Irish Freedom name by the Shamrock Producing Company;
• correspondence with the National Tuberculosis Association, New York on T.B. in Co. Sligo.
Also includes letter to Boland from Lynch on the withdrawal of a leaflet on the establishment of local councils of the American Commission on Irish Independence, prepared by Colonel Callaghan during his time as Director of the Bond-Certificate Drive (23 December 1919, 2 items, 1p each)
See also P150/978 for de Valera’s letter to Lynch on confusion caused by the leaflet.

40 items

1136 July 1919–April 1921 Correspondence between Seán Nunan and Harry Boland.
See also P150/1171 for 1922 correspondence between Boland and Nunan

9 items
1137  July; December 1919 – August 1920
Correspondence between Harry Boland and Dr. Patrick McCartan. Includes:
– typescript copy of report on Victor Edgar Sorapure. Initialled by Dr. McCartan and ‘submitted on condition it will not be published in whole or in part’ (n.d., 2pp) (see also P150/726 and 1125 for references to ‘Sorapure’ in correspondence between de Valera and Michael Collins and between Harry Boland and Collins);
– correspondence between the two on Bishop Michael Gallagher’s speech of acceptance [of the position of National President of the Friends of Irish Freedom]; its apparent hostility towards de Valera and the need to publish an answering statement in the press.
17 items

1138  9 December 1919– 17 May 1921
Correspondence, including telegrams, between Harry Boland and James O’Mara on various topics including:
• arrangements for various meetings, mostly connected with the Bond Drive around the country;
• arrangements for de Valera’s stay in New York in November/December 1919 and Washington in December;
• references to de Valera’s tour of the southern states and his trip to Springfield and Rochester in February 1920;
• the proposal for de Valera to make phonograph records;
• O’Mara’s status with regard to the American Commission on Irish Independence;
• Laurence Ginnell;
• the proposal to ask Joseph Scott to come to Washington and ‘take charge of Congressional matters and also all negotiations with the White House and members of the Cabinet’—‘Scott is one of the leading lawyers of the West—an independent Republican in politics, a distinguished Catholic, and one of the leaders of the Knights of Columbus. On several occasions his name has been mentioned for the United States Senatorship of California. He is very intimate with Johnson and the other Western Senators. He supported Johnson for the Presidency and was one of the chiefs of his committee…it is absolutely essential that we are represented in Washington before the Administration by a man who belongs to the Republican Party and a man to whom that Party is under obligations’ (4 April 1921, 2pp);
• O’Mara’s resignation in May 1921, his decision to ‘withdraw from the struggle for Ireland’s freedom’ following the establishment of the Benjamin Franklin Bureau in Chicago. Boland writes ‘I want to pay tribute to your unselfish devotion and untiring work during the past two years. I am happy to pay tribute to the splendid manner in which you have directed the flotation of the Bond Drive, and I very deeply regret that you have selected this moment to retire from the movement’ (11 May 1921, 3pp) Includes references to John Devoy.
See also P150/727; 1126 and 1204 for references to O’Mara’s attempts to resign in March 1920 in correspondence between de Valera and Arthur Griffith; Harry Boland and Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartaigh; and O’Mara and de
Valera; P150/1175 for correspondence between O’Mara and members of Irish Diplomatic Mission—Begley, St. John Gaffney and Rosser. Some of the letters included in P150/497 to O’Mara may not be from Boland but from members of the Mission and some letters in P150/1175 may likewise be from Boland to O’Mara, most of the copy letters are unsigned.

35 items

20 December 1919–10 November 1921

Correspondence and telegrams between Harry Boland and Joseph McGarrity concerning an invitation to Boland to spend Christmas with McGarrity and arrangements for Boland and de Valera to speak at various meetings around the country.

9 items

February–May 1920; February 1921–February 1922

Correspondence between Harry Boland, Frank P. Walsh, and Seán Nunan. Subjects referred to include:

• resolutions before Congress on British atrocities in Ireland and official recognition of the Irish Republic;
• the meeting in February 1921 between Most Rev. John Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and a delegation consisting of Major Eugene Kinkead, John W. Goff, [James K.] McGuire and others; and the drawing up of a memorial for presentation to the Apostolic Delegate concerning the rumour that ‘efforts are being made at Rome through influential channels at the instance of England to procure from the Holy Father a formal expression or pronouncement of hostility to the present struggle of the Irish people to achieve independence and maintain their established Republic’ (see also P150/1095 for letter from de Valera to Archbishop Hayes referred to in letter from Walsh to Boland dated 28 February 1921 and P150/1304 for copy of actual memorial);
• the American Committee for Relief in Ireland and the American Commission on Conditions in Ireland;
• issues relating to ‘the enormous expenditures being made by Great Britain in Ireland in connection with the question of Great Britain’s ability to pay interest on her debt’ to the U.S.A.;
• the printing and issuing of the Address of Dáil Éireann to Representatives of Foreign Nations;
• Mary MacSwiney in the U.S.A.;
• the deportation of Osmond Grattan Esmonde;
• seeking the assistance of the American Federation of Labor in lobbying for official recognition of the Irish Republic;
• Diarmuid L. Fawsitt and an immigration case and presenting a brief on ‘Belligerency Rights’ to the State Department (17 May 1921, 2pp);
1140 contd. • Walsh’s official status following Boland’s dismissal as Envoy of the Irish Republic.

Includes:
– letters to Boland transmitting extracts from letters, or copies of letters, received mainly from Congressmen and Senators, on their support for the Irish Republic; the lobby for official recognition of the Republic; the Mason Bill and arrangements for de Valera’s tour, including references to Philadelphia in March 1920 and a suggested visit to Staunton, Virginia. Includes many references to George Creel’s book Ireland’s Fight for Freedom, sent to members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives by Walsh, and some references to A Hidden Phase of American History by Michael J. O’Brien (19 February–25 May 1920, 33 items).

Includes letter from Walsh to Boland stating news from Judge Bonniwell of Philadelphia that at a meeting in Philadelphia in early April 1920 the Pennsylvania Democrats ‘adopted a Democratic platform in opposition to the leadership of A. Mitchel Palmer and the Wilson administration…the place of America is on the side of free institutions and we proclaim our sympathy and support for every nation struggling for freedom and for nationality’ (5 April 1920, 1p).

See also P150/967 for acknowledgements of receipt of George Creel’s book, by or on behalf of U.S. Congressmen and Senators, to Frank P. Walsh
105 items

1141 12 March 1920– 13 August 1921
Correspondence between Harry Boland and J.L [Diarmuid] Fawsitt, Irish Consul in New York, on various matters including:
• Fawsitt’s protests concerning the form of the flag officially adopted for the celebration of St. Patrick’s Day in New York City and its ‘incorrectness and the indignity to both the Irish Republic and the United States in having the Flag of the latter country sewn on to that, or what is alleged to be that of the former’ (12 March 1920, 1p). Encloses cloth sample of the flag (10cm x 6cm);
• an Irish-Continental shipping service;
• a report in the Cork Examiner of a raid on the S.S. Tashmoo of the Moore and McCormack Line, recently arrived from New York and berthed along the Cork quays
• an inquiry by Dr. G. Mahon Bowyer, originally from Dublin who wishes to become a Citizen of the Irish Republic and practise his profession as a veterinary surgeon in Ireland;
• an incident that took place on the S.S. Panhandle;
• an invitation to Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney and Mary MacSwiney to visit Providence, Rhode Island;
• the bona fides of the American Irish Liberty League according to Fr. Peter Yorke of San Francisco, California.

Also includes:
– typescript copy of statement ‘issued from the Offices of the Irish Consul General at New York’ on ‘Distress in Ireland’ and stating ‘Early in the
coming week a nationwide campaign headed by prominent and sympathetic American citizens will be launched and opportunity will then be accorded to everyone to contribute to the relief of Ireland’s great distress and the rehabilitation of her people in the devastated areas’ (original dated 17 December 1920, 1p);
– copy typescript memorandum on ‘Irish Agricultural Development’ by Fawsitt (n.d., 6pp);
See also P150/1263 for correspondence between de Valera and Fawsitt

23 March–22 May 1920    Covering letters to Harry Boland from James O’Mara, Dáil Éireann Trustee in America, Thomas Welsh, and Seán Nunan, Clerk of Dáil Éireann, originally enclosing various American bank cards for de Valera’s signature. All letters are on headed paper from the American Commission on Irish Independence. Includes references to:
– a donation from the Rev. Edmund Hayes comprising ‘United States Liberty Bond, value $5000.00 in payment of one $10.00 Bond-Certificate of the Republic of Ireland and the balance to go to St. Enda’s Fund…Mr. O’Mara suggests that we should purchase the Bond at the market value on the day we received it and send the check to St. Enda’s Fund, but of course we will have to hear from the President on this’ (Nunan to Boland, 7 April 1920, 1p);
– Liam Mellowes salary cheque;
– the transmission of files to Boland in connection with de Valera’s tour of the U.S.A.;
– a telegram ‘from one of the Gaelic Societies in New York pledging them to purchase Bond-Certificates for $1000.00’.

13 October 1920– 5 August 1921    Correspondence between Harry Boland in New York and Joseph Begley in Washington, D.C. [Secretary to de Valera in the U.S.A. after Boland and later Secretary of the Irish Diplomatic Mission in Washington] on various administrative and financial matters including:
• arrangements concerning the services of Rev. Herbert Dunnico, General Secretary of the International Peace Society in furthering the cause of the Republic, while on a tour of Canada;
• the payment of expense accounts of various members of the Irish Mission and the American Commission on Irish Independence;
• a meeting of the leaders of the American Federation of Labor on 23 February 1921 in Washington, D.C.;
• the translation of the ‘Address to Representatives of Foreign Governments’ into Spanish, Japanese and Chinese;
• Senator Kenyon’s ‘mission to Ireland’;
1143 contd. • the translated text of a letter sent to Senor Don Merry Del Val, the Spanish Ambassador in London by de Valera’s Private Secretary, informing him of a racist comment made by Sir Hamar Greenwood in a recent copy of the Weekly Summary, relating to de Valera and his Spanish ancestry;
• references to Basil Manly and Laurence Ginnell.
Includes:
– letter from Begley to Boland seeking information for de Valera from Boland on topics such as the administration of American-raised funds for the relief of towns and other devastated areas in Ireland, the American Commission of Investigation of Atrocities in Ireland and the names and appointments at the first secret session of Dáil Éireann (15 October 1920, 2pp);
– correspondence between Boland and Begley enclosing documents relating to payments to Michael Francis Doyle, Law Officer, Philadelphia, and Joseph T. Lawless, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, Norfolk, Virginia, for professional services rendered in the case of ‘U.S. of America vs Donal O’Callaghan’, Lord Mayor of Cork (20 July–5 August 1921, 8 items)
See also P150/1171 for correspondence between Boland and Begley, following Boland’s return to Ireland
43 items

1144 18 October–18 December 1920 Correspondence concerning James Larkin’s imprisonment in Sing Sing and efforts to free him by the James Larkin Defense (sic) Committee. Comprises letter from Harry Boland to de Valera and correspondence between Harry Boland and Thomas J. O’Flaherty, Secretary of the Defence Committee.
See also P150/1132 for correspondence between Boland and de Valera
4 items

1145 15 November 1920–27 August 1921 Correspondence relating to Frank Egan, Santiago, Representative of the Irish Republic in Chile. Includes:
– typescript copy of letter from [de Valera] to ‘Señor Presidente de la Federación del Trabajo, Santiago, Chile’ thanking the National Convention of Chile for the vote of sympathy to the Irish people transmitted by Frank Egan (15 November 1920, 2pp);
– holograph letters to Harry Boland and Joseph Begley from Egan on his activities in Chile and the country’s government’s attitude towards Ireland and the Irish cause; the receipt of ‘credentials and other correspondence from our Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs’ [Robert Brennan]; Laurence Ginnell’s proposed trip to Chile; Egan’s recent illness and a meeting with Robert Brennan to discuss the proposed World Convention of the Irish Race (27 December 1920–27 August 1921, 4 items).
See also P150/1398 for 1921 Department of Foreign Affairs reports including activities in Chile.
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| 1146 | 23 December 1920–16 December 1921 | Correspondence mainly between Harry Boland and Basil Manly on:  
| | | • the publication and distribution of the Address of Dáil Éireann to the Elected Representatives of Foreign Governments;  
| | | • the drafting of two resolutions for introduction at the Convention of the American Federation of Labour in Denver (see also P150/1133 for correspondence between Boland and representatives of the Federation);  
| | | • the pro-British attitude of Dumont the American Consul in Dublin (see also P150/1124 for memorandum from Robert Brennan to Harry Boland concerning the Consul’s attitude);  
| | | • Senate action in the case of Seán MacEoin, in prison under sentence of death.  
| | | 22 items |
| 1147 | January–August 1921 | Notices to the Columbia Bank, 42nd Street, New York City, of cheques deposited to the credit of Harry Boland by Joseph Begley in Washington, D.C.  
| | | See P150/1143 for correspondence between Harry Boland and Begley concerning cheques  
| | | 18 items |
| 1148 | February–March 1921 | Letters to Harry Boland from [G. Waldron], [Joseph Begley?] and J.J. Conway concerning Argentina. Includes copy report by J.J. Conway to Boland on Argentine and Irish Republican activity there (20 March 1920, 3pp).  
| | | See also P150/1398 for 1921 reports of the Department of Foreign Affairs concerning Argentina; P150/113 for letter to de Valera from Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartúigh enclosing report by Eamon Bulfin in Buenos Aires (19 March 1920); P150/1124 for correspondence between Harry Boland and Robert Brennan for references to a proposal to start a fortnightly review in Argentina and the establishment of press bureaux in South American cities; P150/727 for references to Irish diplomatic representation in Argentina in correspondence between de Valera and Arthur Griffith).  
| | | 3 items |
| 1149 | 19 August 1921–13 June 1922 | Memoranda from Liam Pedlar [member of the Irish Mission in New York], to Harry Boland on Pedlar’s activities and personal affairs, and James Douglas’ tour, starting on 31 October 1921 through Pittsburgh, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Washington.  
| | | 9 items |
III. Correspondence with members of the A.A.R.I.R.

1150  5 November 1919–19 December 1921  Correspondence between Peter Golden, General Secretary, Irish Progressive League [later National Secretary, American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic] and Harry Boland, on the Irish Progressive League’s support for de Valera and the Bond Drive. Also includes letter to Boland from Golden requesting a leave of absence from his duties in the A.A.R.I.R. as a result of his ill-health; and a reply by the Secretary [Joseph Begley?] on Boland’s behalf stating that it is a matter to be dealt with by the A.A.R.I.R. and not Boland (7, 19 December 1921, 2 items, 1p each).

6 items

1151  March 1920; October–November 1921  Correspondence between Jeremiah O’Leary and Harry Boland explaining why he retired from the Irish Republican movement owing to the conduct of Boland.

6 items

1152  May–November 1921  Correspondence mainly between Harry Boland and various members of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic concerning dissension in the Massachusetts branch of the A.A.R.I.R., surrounding the suspension of Mary Culhane, Director of the Eighth Congressional District and Joseph O’Brien, President of the Springfield Council [the largest Council in the state], by John F. Harrigan, State President of the A.A.R.I.R..

16 items

1153  12–25 November 1921  Correspondence between Harry Boland and members of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic including John F. Harrigan, President of the Boston, Massachusetts A.A.R.I.R. relating to Boland’s visit to Boston in November 1921. Also includes copy of the State Bulletin of the Massachusetts Council of the A.A.R.I.R. containing articles on Boland’s reception and address at the mass meeting in the Boston Arena described as the ‘Greatest Meeting in Attendance, in Enthusiasm and in Loyalty Ever Held in America’ and ‘the greatest tribute ever paid a public man in Boston in the last decade’ (25 November 1921, 8pp).

4 items
IV. Clan na Gael and the I.R.B.

1154  
6 September 1919–  Correspondence between Harry Boland and  
19 October 1920   Seán Ó Duibhgháin [John Devoy], Secretary of  
Clan na Gael, mainly on events surrounding  
the meeting on 15 August 1920, between the Clan na Gael Executive and  
Harry Boland as representative of the I.R.B.’s Supreme Council in the U.S.A.;  
the severing of relations between the two bodies in October 1920, as a result  
of the split between de Valera, Judge Cohalan and Devoy; and the campaign  
against de Valera and the other members of the Irish Mission in The Gaelic  
American  
See P150/1191 for report by Joseph McGarrity on the meeting on 19 March  
1920 between prominent Irish-Americans including Judge Cohalan and John  
Devoy, and de Valera.  
31 items

1155  
15 August–   Copies of circular letters and resolutions  
20 November 1920  relating to the meeting on 15 August 1920  
between the Executive of Clan na Gael and  
Harry Boland, representative of the I.R.B.; the agreement reached in an  
attempt to heal the rift between de Valera and ‘the leaders of the Irish  
organizations in America’ [John Devoy and Judge Cohalan]; and the  
subsequent severing of the connection between Clan na Gael in America and  
the I.R.B. in Ireland on 18 October 1920.  
‘In the view of the parent organization it is intolerable that the Gaelic  
American, well known here and in Ireland to be the organization organ,  
should be using its circulation amongst the members to propagate  
misrepresentation and falsehood, despite our remonstrance, unjustifiably  
sapping the strength and unity of the efforts to secure recognition for the  
Republic of Ireland…Until it is clear, therefore, that the organization is free to  
cooperate with us, speaking with full authority in the name of the Supreme  
Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, I hereby announce that the Clan  
a Gael organization is no longer affiliated with the Brotherhood’ (circular  
letter to newspapers by Harry Boland, 22 October 1920, 1p).  
Also includes carbon copy draft and printed version of a circular letter [from  
Harry Boland to Clan na Gael members] ‘To be read to the Members of your  
D[istrict] at the first meeting after its receipt’ explaining the background to the  
situation and instructing ‘every member of the order…[to]…cease to have any  
进一步 communication with the following men concerning the business or  
interests of the Organization, as these men have ceased to be members of the  
Organization or to be worthy of the confidence of the men who compose it.  
They are: John Devoy, of New York, former Secretary; John A. Murphy, of  
Buffalo, N.Y.; John A. McGarry, of Chicago, Ill.; Joseph Liddy, of Ind.,  
Indiana, and Michael McGrail, of New Haven, Conn. All communications  
concerning the Organization will, for the future, be addressed to Mr. Luke  
Dillon, 5436 Catharine Street, Phila., Pa., who has consented to act as  
Secretary until such time as a convention is called and a new Executive is  
chosen…’ (9, 11 November 1920, 2 items, 4pp and 3pp).  
6 items
1156 [post August 1920], 14 January 1921

Reports on the activities of Clan na Gael submitted to the Supreme Council of the I.R.B. in Ireland. Comprises:
– carbon copy typescript headed ‘Original First Report of the Clan to Ireland. H. Boland, Jan 14th 1921’. Report is by ‘The Executive of the American Organization which consists of but three men, two men of the old Executive and one new man who is the acting Secretary’ (Luke Dillon) and recounts the course of events from the meeting of 15 August 1920 in New York between the Executive Council of Clan na Gael and IRB representative Harry Boland, to January 1921 and gives an account of the support in the various districts throughout the U.S.A. (14 January 1921, 2pp);
– typescript report by Harry Boland headed ‘Harry Boland to Supreme Council, I.R.B.’ recounting what happened during and after the meeting of 15 August 1920 between himself and the Clan na Gael Executive and summarising the present position as follows: ‘The Clan na Gael reorganised and recognised. The Clan na Gael (Cohalan–Devoy) seeking recognition…The present status of the new Clan is, that it is a subordinate body of the I.R.B., under the command and at the disposal of the S.[upreme C.[ouncil], willing to take orders from and obey the Executive on all questions, and hopes to be of immediate assistance by providing men, money, and arms to Ireland…’. Signed by Harry Boland (post August 1920, 3pp).

2 items

1157 25 July 1920– 29 November 1921

Correspondence between Harry Boland and various members of Clan na Gael following the severing of connections between the I.R.B. and Clan na Gael on 18 October 1920 and Boland’s letter of notification published in U.S. newspapers on 22 October.
Subjects include:
• members’ reactions to the news;
• suggestions for re-organisation;
• criticisms of de Valera;
• reactions of members of the Friends of Irish Freedom;
• the foundation by de Valera on 16 November 1920 of a new organisation, the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic to provide a co-ordinated and unified movement to supply the channels by which the popular sentiment in the U.S.A. in favour of justice might express itself;
• the status of Clan members apparently ‘outlawed’ by the split;
• a request from John Devoy, former Secretary of Clan na Gael to Hugh Montague, Clan na Gael Treasurer, to hand over ‘certain moneys, books, papers and records which I…[Montague]…have in my possession as the Treasurer of the Executive’;
• the transferral of money to the home organisation.
Includes letters from:
– Colonel James J. Reilly of Chicago (‘D.O.19’);
– J. Flynn of Chicago;
– S.J. Dunleavy of New York city;
1157 contd.  – James Quinn, Secretary of the Litchfield County Board, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Torrington, Connecticut, ‘a member of the Clan na Gael for the past 18 years’;
  – T.J. Quinn, Claremorris, Co. Mayo, ‘an old Member of the Organisation’;
  – Thomas O’Flanagan of Providence, Rhode Island;
  – James McGuire, Syracuse, New York, Chairman of the Clan-na-Gael Executive (see also correspondence between the two in P150/1171 following Boland’s return to Ireland);
  – John J. Burke, Attorney at Law, Hartford, Connecticut;
  – Eamon S. Garrity of Medford, Massachusetts, a Clan na Gael member for 46 years;
  – John F. Buckley of John Mitchel Club, Scranton, Pennsylvania;
  – Hugh Montague of Passaic, New Jersey, Treasurer of the Clan na Gael Executive and a representative of the I.R.B. Supreme Council in the U.S.A.;
  – Archbishop Glennon, St. Louis, Missouri to David O’Conor, Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota concerning the Archbishop’s ability to ‘settle these troubles by bringing the now hostile factions together’.

36 items

1158   [March 1921]  Text of an address ‘To the members of the Committee of the Clan na Gael called in conference March 1921’ on the state of the organisation.

5pp

1159   [1906]  Booklet entitled Ritual [of Clan na Gael?] containing ‘Instructions for Officers’;
‘Reception of a Transferred Member’; ‘Obligation for Retiring or Resigned Member’; ‘Obligation of a Delegate and Alternate’; ‘Obligation for Members of Executive’; ‘Obligation of Delegate at Convention’ and ‘Closing of Camp’.

40pp
V. Invitations to functions

1160  8 August 1919–1 December 1921  Letters of invitation to Harry Boland from various American organisations to attend functions. Includes invitations from William Bourke Cochran, U.S. House of Representatives, on behalf of a committee of which Bishop Shahan is Chairman, to a dinner for representatives of the government of Ireland in New York on 8 December 1921 (1 December 1921, 1p).

13 items

1161  4–9 September 1919  Correspondence concerning an invitation to Harry Boland by the officials of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America to address the State Convention of the A.O.H. and Ladies Auxiliary in Danbury, Connecticut on 10 September 1919. Boland is unable to attend and sends Dr, Patrick McCartan instead. Correspondence is between John McCarthy, State Secretary, A.O.H.; Marie C. Coleman, Secretary, Convention Committee, and Harry Boland. Also includes telegram from Dr. McCartan to Kathleen O’Connell concerning the convention.

4 items

VI. Speeches and statements

1162  29 June 1919; 1921  Texts of speeches and statements by Harry Boland in the U.S.A.. Includes:

– statement issued by Boland ‘Honorary Secretary of the Sinn Fein organisation, member of the Dáil Éireann (National Assembly) who is in America with De Valera’ entitled ‘The President of the Irish Republic is in America’ (22 June 1919, 9pp);

– typescript copy of report of a speech by Boland at Fenway Park, Boston on [29 June 1919]. Begins ‘I am astonished on visiting America to find that the people of this great country have not an intelligent idea of the actual situation in Ireland and the aspirations of its people. I quite realize and fully appreciate that, owing to the control of the cables by England, America secures only such information concerning Ireland, that England thinks would be good for her. I will endeavour in this brief statement to clear the air’. Incomplete ([29 June 1919], 5pp);

– carbon copy text of speech given by Boland in the Orchestral Hall, Chicago on 7 March 1921. ‘All we ask is that America would remain even neutral in this fight…so long as your Government recognises Sir Auckland Geddes as
1162 contd. the representative of Ireland as well as Great Britain so long does America give her official sanction to every act of England in Ireland’ (6pp);
– statement by ‘Hon. Harry J. Boland, T.D. Irish Diplomatic Representative in the United States’ beginning ‘Ireland is vitally interested in the Conference now in session in Washington—more vitally interested in the proposed limitation of armaments than any of the smaller nations of the world. Ireland would welcome the scrapping of all the battleships in the world.…A crisis has arisen in the London negotiations brought by the intransigence of the Orange Party…the following are the facts of the Ulster situation; they are grouped under the headings Historical and Political’ (1921).

6 items

VII. Arrangements for de Valera’s tours

1163 29 September 1919–1 June 1920

Correspondence, including telegrams between Harry Boland and Liam Mellowes [advance courier for de Valera] concerning travel arrangements and some briefings for de Valera on tour in September and October 1919 and in April 1920 on his tour of the southern states. Comprises:
– holograph reports by Mellowes; programmes containing details of de Valera’s movements each day in each location; and arrangements for the following locations:
  • Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Youngstown and Akron, Ohio;
  • Fort Wayne, Indiana;
  • South Bend, Indiana and Detroit, Michigan;
  • Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
  • Chippewa Indian Reserve, Wisconsin (see also P150/781 and 869 for documents concerning Chippewa Indians); St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota and Des Moines, Iowa;
  • Bloomington and Springfield, Illinois;
  • St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, Missouri;
  • Omaha, Nebraska.
– telegrams between Mellowes and Boland (31 March–1 May 1920, c.57 items) about arrangements for meetings in the following locations on the tour of the southern states:
  • Norfolk, Virginia and Charleston, South Carolina;
  • Richmond, Virginia;
  • Columbia, South Carolina;
  • Savannah, Georgia;
  • Jacksonville, Florida;
  • New Orleans, Louisiana;
  • Mobile, Alabama;
  • Jackson, Mississippi;
  • Birmingham, Alabama;
  • Montgomery, Alabama;
  • Vicksburg, Mississippi;
1163 contd. • Macon, Georgia;
• Atlanta, Georgia;
• Chicago, Illinois;
• Augusta, Georgia;
• Charlotte, North Carolina;
• Lynchburg, Virginia.
– holograph reports by Mellowes; programmes containing details of de Valera’s movements each day in each location; and arrangements for the following locations:
• Norfolk, Virginia and Charleston, South Carolina;
• Columbia, South Carolina;
• Savannah, Georgia;
• Jacksonville, Florida;
• New Orleans, Louisiana;
• Mobile and Birmingham, Alabama;
• Jackson and Vicksburg, Mississippi;
• Montgomery, Atlanta, Macon and Augusta, Georgia;
• Charlotte, North Carolina;
• Lynchburg, Virginia.
Includes statement of tour accounts for July and September 1919 (1p) and statement of accounts of the [Friends of Irish Freedom] from 14 October to 26 December 1919 (22 December 1922, 1p).
See also P150/736 for itineraries/schedules of de Valera’s appearances and accounts of his tours in the U.S.A. during 1919 and 1920;
P150/741 for similar telegrams concerning arrangements in September/October 1919 between Liam Mellowes and Charles N. Wheeler;
P150/743 for similar telegrams between Mellowes and Liam Pedlar on arrangements during April 1920;
P150/742 for letters to William Kane enclosing reports on, and programmes for locations also during April 1920;
P150/740 for letters to Harry Boland from John D. Moore enclosing a proposed itinerary for de Valera in the U.S.A. in two parts: New England and the North Atlantic States and the Virginias and Mid Western States.
c.129 items
VIII. Dissociated documents

1164    n.d.    Typescript list of code names used in 1920–21 for individuals, countries and counties. See also P150/1124 for memorandum from Robert Brennan informing Harry Boland that the code-names for countries, towns and persons ‘is in the hands of the enemy’ and a new list would be forwarded (27 June 1921) and list of code-words used in the U.S.A. and Ireland in [1919–20] in P150/1132

– ‘S.S. Celtic…Extract of Official Log Book Dated 10th May [19]19’ stating ‘E. Boland (sic)…Fireman, disrated to Trimmer…from 8th inst. owing to incompetancy’ (10 May 1919, 1p);
– United States of America Alien Seaman’s Identification Card made out in the name of William Goggin, on the Lapland, age 19 on 22 Oct 1918, height 5ft 10”. Includes photograph (June 1919, 1 item);
– photographic reproduction of holograph letter from Boland to his mother describing his work and travels accompanying de Valera in America. Original in the National Library of Ireland (8 July 1919, 2pp); (see also P150/668 for brief account of Boland’s return journey to Ireland in 1922);
– holograph letter from Austin Stack (Number 148) in Manchester prison to Boland, discussing members of his family in the U.S.A. whom Boland and de Valera are likely to meet and listing ‘old friends of mine’ in various cities around the country who are willing to help the cause. Also refers to some of his fellow prisoners especially ‘Fionán’ and some who have been recently released or are soon to be released (14 August 1919, 4pp);
– correspondence between Boland and Margaret Murphy, Shrubs House, Santry, Co. Dublin, on the purchase by Boland of a set of silver spoons on Mrs. Murphy’s behalf as a wedding present for a friend in the U.S.A. (1 October–8 November 1921, 3 items, 1p each);
– holograph letter to Boland from a friend, Jenny Peelo, in Philadelphia.

1166    [1920]    Script of a play in three acts entitled ‘West Britons’. In covers stamped ‘R. Goulding Bright. 20 Green Street, Leicester Square, W.C.’ Folder containing first act with handwritten notes on front ‘Mr. Harry Boland’ and ‘Brandon Tynan Esq. 427 E. 84th Rhinelander 7657’.
November 1920  Framed photograph of Harry Boland ‘who, also, acted as Secretary to Eamon de Valera during part of his American tour in 1919–20’. Print inscribed ‘To Kathleen my friend and co-worker during strenuous days in America. From H. Boland, Washington Nov. 16th 1920’. Photograph stood in de Valera’s study during his years as Taoiseach and President.

19cm x 23cm excluding mount
26cm x 31cm including mount

8 January 1922  Receipt issued by de Valera of £500 ‘as a loan for the paper Republic of Ireland’ from Harry Boland. Signed by de Valera on paper headed ‘Office of the President. Saorstát Éireann’.

1p

IX. Diaries

Diaries of Harry Boland mainly written while in the U.S.A. between 1 October 1919 and December 1921, but also including entries relating to his return to Ireland in January 1922.

Pocket diary covering period from 1 October 18 August 1920 1919 when he and de Valera left New York for a ‘Grand tour of America’ to 18 August 1920. Describes the tour stopping at Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; Youngstown; Cleveland; Columbus; Cincinnati; Indianapolis; Muncie; Fort Wayne; Notre Dame; Detroit; Chicago; St. Paul; Minneapolis; Des Moines; Illinois; St. Louis; Kansas City; Chicago; New York; Philadelphia; New York (31 October–21 November 1919); Philadelphia; Atlantic City; New York (27 November–9 December 1919); Washington (10–23 December 1919); New York (24–29 December 1919); Washington (30 December 1919–1 January 1920); and travelling between New York; New Haven; Washington; Philadelphia; Chicago and Albany until 14 May 1920. Boland left New York bound for Ireland on 15 May 1920; arrived home on 29 May; left Dublin on 23 June and arrived back in the U.S.A. on 5 July 1920. Travelled between New York; Chicago; Atlantic City and Washington. Last entry dated 18 August 1920 ‘Atlantic City. Convention’.

87pp, c.10cmx15cm
1169b January–December 1920 1920 ‘Date Book’. Entries mainly comprise dates and locations. Notebook separated from cover with numerous loose pages. 101 pp, c.6 cm x 13 cm

1169c January–December 1921 Pocket diary with inscription on inside page ‘This little book was given me by de Valera on the night he left America for Ireland. H. Boland’. Entries describe Boland’s work in, and travels between New York; Chagrin Falls Ohio; Washington; Chicago; Baltimore; Boston; Cleveland and Philadelphia.
He left New York for Ireland on 11 August 1921; arrived in Dublin on 21 August; went to Granard, Armagh, Roscommon; Athlone and Gairloch in Scotland to meet Lloyd George; left Cobh on 2 October and arrived back in New York on 10 October. Left New York on 28 December.
Last entry on 3 January 1921 ‘Panhandle State. At Sea. all well. Ja[me]s O’Mara wireless’.
109 pp, 7 cm x 10 cm

1169d 1 January–22 July 1922 Pocket diary with address ‘24 Fitzwilliam Place 5271 phone’ on inside cover. Brief entries covering the period from 1 January ‘At Sea S.S. Panhandle State’ to arrival in Cobh on 5 January; departure for Paris on 19 January to attend the Irish Race Congress; return to Dublin on 29 January, work in the city and travels around the country.
Last entry on 22 July 1922, ‘Dublin. I see slip of Paper at Foleys compels me to take every precaution.’
60 pp, 8 cm x 10 cm

1170 n.d. Typescript transcript of diary entries of Harry Boland covering the period 1 October 1919 to 4 August 1920.
26 pp
X. Return from the U.S.A. and his death

17 January–24 July 1922  Mainly correspondence of Harry Boland following his return to Ireland from the U.S.A. on 5 January 1922 and his dismissal on 16 February as Republican Representative in the U.S.A.. Various topics discussed include:

• the declaration that a deposit of $60,000 in the Merchants’ Bank, Washington D.C, in the name of Harry Boland is the property of the Irish Republican Brotherhood and ‘will be handed over to that body when the R.D. of the Clan-na-Gael and Mr. Boland are satisfied that the money will be devoted by the Irish Republican Brotherhood towards the realization of an Irish Republic’ and the forwarding of the money to Boland by the Merchants’ Bank, following a request by Joseph McGarrity;

• the drafting of a letter by Boland seeking the support of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic for Cumann Léigheacht an Phobail;

• Boland’s support for a ‘measure to extend the franchise to women under thirty, on the same terms as at present granted to men’ which will ‘come shortly before the Dail’. With handwritten note in blue pencil ‘Support the measure. HB’;

• the departure of James O’Mara on a mission to the U.S.A. in early March and the views of J.J. Castellini ‘about the result of a public split in America’;

• Batt O’Connor’s views on the Irish situation–‘Civil war is only a step away…I am surprised Mick does not step down and take a holiday, and give De Valera a chance to see what better terms he will be able to get. I never thought Mick would have the patience to stand it, and I am certain it is nothing but love for the plain people of Ireland has influenced him to try and carry on even as long as this….So let us stop talking and go on with the fight (all those who believe in a fight)…’ (7 April 1922, 1p);

• the use of American-raised Republican funds by the I.R.A. and that organisation’s financial arrangements;

• the departure of Austin Stack and J.J. O’Kelly [Cumann na Poblachta delegation] for the U.S.A. in early March;

• the Collins-de Valera election pact; Boland’s role in its organisation and Collins’ repudiation of it two days before the June Elections.

Also includes:
– letters to Boland from Joseph Begley [de Valera’s Private Secretary in America after Boland and later member of the Irish Mission in the U.S.A.] and Gilbert Ward [Mac an Bháird’ member of the Irish Mission in New York] reporting on American affairs (1 March–12 April 1922, 6 items);
– correspondence between Boland and Stephen M. O’Mara [Mayor of Limerick and former Financial Agent and Plenipotentiary of Dáil Éireann in the U.S.A.] concerning O’Mara’s acceptance of the nomination for the Mayoralty; the ‘forthcoming meeting in Limerick’ following the signing of the Treaty—‘unless a policy is formulated and announced at once there is the gravest danger of a rash and violent lead from the Country which would force your hands perhaps in the wrong direction’; the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis on 21 February 1922; and the letter from George Gavan Duffy terminating his appointment.
‘Following our recent correspondence, this letter terminates your appointment under the diplomatic service of the Government. I regret that you did not see your way to sending in your resignation’. (28 January–16 February 1822, 3 items) (see also P150/1211 for copies of correspondence between O’Mara, Boland, de Valera and Robert Brennan on O’Mara’s and Boland’s activities in the U.S.A. in 1921 and P150/1172 for correspondence between Boland and George Gavan Duffy on Boland’s dismissal as Special Envoy to the U.S.A.);
– letter to Boland from Seán Nunan in which he comments ‘You can be certain that I’ll see you often as of old, as your friendship is one of the greatest treasures I have got from the movement since my connection with it and God forbid I should ever lose it’ (21 April 1922, 2pp).

Correspondents include:
• Stephen M. O’Mara, Mayor of Limerick;
• Peter A. Drury, President of the Merchants Bank, Washington D.C.;
• Joseph Connolly, Irish Consul, New York;
• Máire Ní Chomatun of Cumann Léigheacht an Phobail;
• James E. Campion, member of the Roger Casement Branch of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic of Boston;
• Joseph McGarrrity;
• John Moore, General Secretary of the Irish National Union of Woodworkers;
• Hanna Sheehy Skeffington, Chairman of the Irish Women’s Franchise League;
• Dómhnall Ó Ceallacháin, Lord Mayor of Cork;
• The L.S.E. Motor Co. Ltd. ‘Automobile Engineers and Motor Agents’;
• Batt O’Connor;
• Liam Lynch;
• Seán Nunan;
• Fr. Seumas Ó Duibhir of Melbourne, Australia;
• Eamon Dee of Cumann na Poblachta, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford;
• James K. McGuire of New York, one of Boland’s ‘oldest and dearest…American friends’ [former Mayor of Syracuse, New York and Chairman of the Clan na Gael Executive] (see also P150/1157 for correspondence between Boland and McGuire in 1920);
• Liam Pedlar;
• W.H. O’Brien of the U.S. Department of Public Utilities.

71 items

1172
18 January–12 April 1922 Correspondence between Harry Boland and George Gavan Duffy Minister for Foreign Affairs, on Boland’s dismissal as diplomatic representative in the U.S.A. following the publication of a circular in which Gavan Duffy views Boland as ‘publicly identifying yourself with active party propaganda against the present Government’.
Includes correspondence between the two with regard to the salaries of Dr. Patrick McCartan and Boland—‘Dr McCartan left Ireland in June 1917 as representative of the Republic…was officially accredited by Dáil Éireann in April 1919. I carried written credentials to him from the President and
1172 contd. Cabinet and presented them to him in Philadelphia towards the end of May 1919. The members...[of the]...Irish Mission to America were not placed on salary until December 1919 and at that time Dr. McCartan was placed on the same financial basis as myself—100 dollars per week. This system continued for about six months, when Mr. James O’Mara made new arrangements whereby we received 40 dollars per week with expenses...the new conditions were not acceptable to Dr. McCartan and as a result of his protest the old system of 100 dollars was restored in his case, and that system prevailed until he sailed for Russia early in the New Year of 1920 after which so far as the American end is concerned he received no salary; thus Dr. McCartan received no money from Ireland as from June 1917 until December 1920, and from December 1920 until January 1st, 1921 he drew salary of 100 dollars per week, which sum covered his expenses...I worked solely on expenses during my term in America, from May 1919 until October 1st, 1921, when a definite salary was apportioned to the Washington office. I drew salary from October 1st, 1921 until January 1st of the present year’ (letter from Boland to Gavan Duffy, 10 March 1922, 2pp).

Also includes two letters from Boland following his dismissal, to The Trustees, Dáil Éireann, and to Luke Dillon, Philadelphia, concerning the transfer of the money collected by Boland in America known as the ‘Refugee Fund’, to the Executive of the I.R.A., the ‘body that is determined to preserve the Republic’.

17 items

1173 [August 1922]–April 1963 Documents relating to the death of Harry Boland at 9.10pm on 1 August 1922 in St. Vincent’s Hospital following his shooting by Free State troops in the Grand Hotel, Skerries at 1.50am on the morning of 31 July. Comprises:

– photocopy of extracts from The Cork Examiner, 5 August 1922, reporting Boland’s death and containing an appreciation of him by Peter Golden, [National Secretary] American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic (2pp);

– typescript copy of ‘Arrangements for removal and funeral’ of Boland (n.d., 1p);

– memoriam cards (1922, 2 items);

– photocopy of holograph letter from Kate Boland to Sr. Bartholomew following the death of her son. Refers to Harry’s brothers, Gerald in Mountjoy jail and Edmund; and to her daughter Kathleen. Includes pencil note ‘Original given by President E. de Valera to Kevin Boland 10/3/70’ (original dated 26 October 1922, 4pp);

– correspondence between de Valera and Mrs. Kate Boland. Includes references to Harry’s brother Gerald; Harry’s last words and financial arrangements (12–21 June 1923, 3 items);

– photocopy of article entitled Harry Boland. Some Random Reflections By a Waterford Ex-Internee published in The Waterford News (9 May 1924, 1p);

– typescript notes by de Valera concerning the circumstances of Boland’s death (7 December 1962; 18 April 1963, 2 items, 1p each);
1173 contd. – edited and signed typescript account of Boland’s death and movements in the weeks prior to his death on 1 August, by a friend, Mrs. Mary F. McWhorter, a Vice-President of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, who had been in close contact with Boland and his family between the end of June and August 1922 (n.d., 2 items, 14pp and 15pp).

15 items

1174 6 June–19 September 1924 Correspondence relating to the late Harry Boland’s salary as Republican Representative in the U.S.A.. Includes letters or copies of letters between Acting President P.J. Rutledge; Siobhán Bean An Phoairgh; de Valera’s Secretary; Mrs. Boland; [Donal O’Callaghan] Minister for Foreign Affairs and Matthew Garth Healy.

6 items

16. REPUBLICAN ACTIVITY IN THE U.S.A. AFTER 1920

I. Activities of the Irish Diplomatic Mission, Washington D.C.

1175 March 1920–May 1921 Correspondence between James O’Mara, mainly from the Benjamin Franklin Bureau, Chicago, Illinois, and Joseph Begley, St. John Gaffney and Miss Rosser [of the Irish Diplomatic Mission in Washington] on propaganda matters including:
• the publication and distribution of propaganda and publicity material such as Old Ireland and the ‘weekly Bulletin’ [the Irish Bulletin?];
• the monitoring of British propaganda;
• the preparation of a cable on the occasion of W.G. Harding’s election as President of the U.S.A.;
• resulting changes in the American administration, especially the list of Senators to serve on the new Foreign Relations Committee, and the despatch of documents, such as protests against executions in Cork, to the White House, State Department and various embassies;
• references to the preparation and publication of the report of the American Commission on Conditions in Ireland (see also P150/1131 for letter from Coyle (official stenographer of the Atrocities Commission);
• the preparation of a petition for U.S. citizens to demand Congress to ‘take the necessary action, to bring about the recognition of the existing duly elected Government of the Republic of Ireland by the Government of the United States’;
• references to the Convention of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic held in Chicago on 21 April 1921.

See also P150/1209 for correspondence between O’Mara and Frank P. Walsh

50 items
1176  April 1920–June 1922  Correspondence concerning the Bond Drive sponsored by the American Commission on Irish Independence and the expenses of the Irish Diplomatic Mission in Washington, D.C. mainly relating to the payment, acknowledgement and transmission of cheques; requisitions on the Finance Department, 411 5th Avenue, New York, for funds; furnishing of accounts and estimates, salary payments and money received for bond certificates. Correspondents are Gilbert Ward (Mac an Bhaird), Accountant); Joseph Begley, Secretary of the Irish Diplomatic Mission in Washington D.C.; James and later his brother Stephen O’Mara, Dáil Éireann Trustee in America; Seán Nunan, Clerk of Dáil Éireann; Matthew (Garth) Healy, Accountant, A. Ni Riain, Secretary to the Trustees and Thomas Walsh. Majority of correspondence is between Begley and Ward. Also includes some correspondence between Stephen O’Mara, Ward and Harry Boland or his secretary. Includes references to: • a donation of $2,000 from Rev. John A. MacErlean, Manila, P.I.; • the appointment of Professor T. A. Smiddy as Envoy of the Republic–‘I today received some further communications from Gavan Duffy, in one of which I am notified officially that Prof. T.A. Smiddy has been appointed representative of Dáil Éireann in succession to Mr. Boland in the United States. He is evidently on the sea now’ ([Begley] to Ward, 29 March 1922, 1p); • ‘list of Staff and Salaries, Office of Irish Diplomatic Mission, 1045 Munsey Building. Washington, D.C.’ (n.d., 1p). 99 items

1177  24 May–6 November 1920  Statements of accounts of the Bond Certificate Finance Department, 411 5th Avenue, New York, arranged for each weekly period under the headings ‘Recapitulation’ and ‘Disbursements’. The latter detailed under the following headings: State Chairman Expenses; Organizer’s Expenses; Salaries (Luke Dillon; Maurice J. Splaine; Gilbert Ward; Liam Mellowes; Laurence Ginnell; Kathleen O’Connell; Prof. Louis B. Ward; Thomas Welsh’s Staff; Dr. Patrick McCartan; Rev. Albert W. Allen; President’s Staff; Trustee Staff; Bond Issue Staff; Cashier Department; Organizing Staff in 411 5th Avenue and in the field; Seán Nunan and his staff; John F. Hickey; Dispatch Staff and Tenderform Department; Printing; Postage; Petty Cash; Telephone and Telegraph; Rent; Office Stationery and Supplies, Furniture and Fixtures; Collection and Exchange; Lighting; Freight; Advertising; General Expenses; Trustee Disbursements; Harry Boland’s Department; Irish Mission and Miscellaneous. Includes some handwritten amendments and annotations. Some of the accounts are marked for the attention of the President. 22 items, c.202pp

3 items, 1p each

1179 May 1920–March 1921 Correspondence of Padraic Fleming (Pléamonn) who escaped from Mountjoy Jail in 1920 and was employed by the American Commission on Irish Independence and, from October 1920, the Irish Mission in the U.S.A. Includes:
– correspondence between Fleming and Frank P. Walsh on Fleming’s health, his address at two meetings in Santa Barbara and his transfer from the payroll of the American Commission on Irish Independence to that of the Irish Diplomatic Mission (22 September and 4 October 1920, 2 items, 1p each);
– holograph letter from Fleming to James O’Mara on his transfer to the Irish Mission; thanking him and de Valera for their interest in his health; referring to invitations from San Francisco to address meetings there and requesting instructions from de Valera with regard to the State Convention in Fresno (9 [October] 1920, 1p) and
– letter to Fleming from J.C. Walsh, Benjamin Franklin Bureau, asking him to call to the office to make ‘definite plans for further engagements’ (10 March 1921, 1p).
See also P150/1125 for references to Fleming in correspondence between Harry Boland and Michael Collins, 1919-21.

6 items

1180 4 February–24 June; 26 December 1921 Holograph letters from Luke Dillon to Padraic Fleming on the re-organisation of Clan na Gael. Encloses a number of holograph letters sent to Dillon from Ohio members John J. Flanagan, James Rochford and Tom J. Meehan of Columbus; Martin Dunne, Michael McGovern and John Scully of Youngstown and John Castellini of Cincinnati, reacting to the contents of the circular sent to them by Dillon, on the severing of the connection between the I.R.B. and Clan na Gael on 18 October 1920. Includes copy of the printed circular (19 November 1920, 3pp) and holograph letter from Dillon to Harry Boland stating ‘Give my regards to De Valeri (sic) and say to him I will go the limit if need be for Him…don’t forget Magarity (sic) and that fool paper if something is not soon done I fear the results. Anything you can do will be seconded by me…When you want money don’t stand on too much ceremony’ (26 December 1921, 1p).

16 items

20cm x 25cm including mount
12cm x 18cm excluding mount

1182  15 June; 22 July 1975  Letter to de Valera from Sergeant Thomas J. Dillon of the U.S. Army seeking biographical information about his great-grandfather, Clan na Gael leader Luke Dillon and letter from Seán Nunan to Marie O’Kelly, de Valera’s Personal Secretary, containing brief biographical details of Dillon.

2 items

1183  6 December 1920– 19 December 1921  Correspondence of Joseph Begley [President de Valera’s Private Secretary and later Secretary of the Irish Mission in Washington, D.C.] and Gilbert Ward, Irish Mission, New York, mainly on routine administrative matters such as the acknowledgement of receipt of documents, cables, packages and of loan subscriptions. Includes correspondence between Boland and Ward concerning the forthcoming publication of a biography of Roger Casement in ten issues of The Nation commencing on 25 November 1921; the distribution of The Nation and a special Irish edition of the Graphic Survey in relation to boosting the bond campaign; contacts with the American Auxiliary of the Irish White Cross and Boland’s imminent return to Ireland (12 November–19 December 1921, 9 items). Includes correspondence with:
• Harry Boland;
• Rev. Michael L. Lyons, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento, California;
• Liam Pedlar;
• Patrick H. Loughran, Attorney at Law, Washington D.C.;
• Basil M. Manly;
• Mary Donegan, President, American Auxiliary, Irish White Cross.
Also includes documents dealing with Gilbert Ward’s meeting of 9 November with the American Auxiliary of the Irish White Cross (12–15 November 1921, 5 items).

See also P150/1171 for correspondence between Boland and Begley and Ward when Boland was back in Ireland; P150/1143 for correspondence between Boland in USA and Begley (March–April 1922)

28 items
1184 23 March 1921 Carbon copy letter to Edmund M. O'Sullivan, Clerk, Munsey Building, Washington, from Darrell Figgis, Secretary of the Commission of Inquiry into the Resources and Industries of Ireland, concerning the distribution of various reports in the U.S.A. and seeking 'details as to the people who actually consume the Cured Mackerel shipped' from Ireland and 'the effect likely to be had on this branch of our Commerce by the changed tariff policy of the new Executive of the United States'.

2pp

1185 November 1920; Miscellaneous letters addressed to the Irish May 1921 Diplomatic Mission in Munsey Building, Washington, D.C. from members of the American public and American newspapers seeking information on various subjects. Comprises:
– letter to Joseph Begley from Edward A. Collins, Secretary-Treasurer of the Newspaper Writers’ Syndicate of Americanization Propagandists, on their production of a bust of Terence MacSwiney and requesting de Valera to 'write a testimonial to the Irish Art Association…saying a little something about these busts; that they should be in every home, etc.…whatever the Newspaper Writers’ Syndicate can do in the way of furthering propaganda for the recognition of Ireland it shall be ever ready to respond'. Includes acknowledgement (20 and 23 November 1920, 2 items, 2pp and 1p);
– inquiry from Frederic J. Haskin, Director of Haskin’s Newspaper Syndicate, Washington, D.C. concerning the accuracy of a statement in the course of a lecture by Mary MacSwiney in San Francisco 'to the effect that the Irish sent a relief ship to America during the critical period of the Revolutionary War' (6 May 1921, 1p). Also includes incomplete copy reply (9 May 1921, 1p).
4 items

1186 17 January–  Letters to Joseph Begley, Secretary, Irish 9 September 1921 Diplomatic Mission, Washington D.C., from Diarmuid L. Fawsitt, Irish Consul, New York, and Daniel McGrath, Acting Consul, on routine administrative matters including the proposed import duty on salted fish. See also P150/1266 for correspondence between Begley, Harry Boland and Joseph Connolly, Fawsitt’s successor as Consul, on this matter.
4 items
1187 12 January–6 April 1922  Correspondence between Joseph Begley and Edward B. Rowan, State Secretary of the California A.A.R.I.R., mainly on the Japanese translation and distribution of the Dáil Éireann Address to the Representatives of Foreign Nations. Also includes references to Fr. Peter Yorke State President, California A.A.R.I.R., and his support for de Valera following the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty and J.C. Walsh “recently returned from Ireland…[who has]…issued a circular on the subject of trade possibilities between…[Ireland and the U.S.A.]’.

9 items

1188 14, 21 January 1939  Letter to Eamon de Valera, Taoiseach, from the Office of the Referee, Griffith Barracks, seeking clarification with regard to Joseph Begley’s application for a military service pension, on whether Begley is entitled for credit for the whole period 1920–21 in accordance with Section 2 (2) C of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934 and de Valera’s reply. ‘Mr. Begley being an expert stenographer and typist was selected by Dáil Éireann and sent in August 1920…to act as my private secretary accompanying me on my journeys in the United States. On my return in December 1920 he remained with Mr. Boland and the other members of the Mission who stayed behind to continue the work on which I had been engaged.’

2 items, 1p each

1189 1948–54;  Letter to de Valera from Matthew Garth Healy, New York, [accountant in the Loan Accountancy Department of the Irish Mission in the U.S.A. in early 1920s and later Secretary of the Irish Legation in Washington; Consul-General in New York and Consul in Chicago] thanking de Valera for his ‘generous testimonial. I shall treasure it as one of my most prized possessions’ (2 March 1948, 1p); memorial card for Garth Healy who died on 18 December 1954 (1 item), newspaper cuttings on the funeral of the Irish Consul-General in New York (15–17 February 1955, 3 items) and drafts of de Valera’s graveside oration on 15 February 1955 (2 items).

7 items
II. Joseph McGarrity, Bond Drive Organiser and Clan na Gael leader, 1914 – 75

1190 1912–16; 1947  Documents relating to Sir Roger Casement (1864–1916) including correspondence involving Casement; correspondence, telegrams and memoranda relating to Casement’s trip to the U.S.A. in 1914; his connections with Clan na Gael and Joseph McGarrity; his unsuccessful efforts to raise an Irish brigade from among Irish prisoners of war in Germany; and his fundraising in America for the Irish Volunteers through the Irish Volunteer Fund Committee. Includes memoranda on German military and political tactics in the war and on the Irish Brigade stationed at Zossen. Includes references to the Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held at Norfolk, Virginia [attended by Casement] and the National Volunteer Convention held in Tuxedo Hall, New York. Also includes references to the sinking of the Lusitania and Sir Roger Casement’s execution on 3 August 1916. Includes:

– drafts of [newspaper article or notes] by [Casement] on Germany’s attitude towards Britain and her imminent defeat in the war unless Germany can ‘detach’ Britain from her allies and get her ‘out of the way’ through the efforts of her intelligence services and diplomacy. ‘England’s “island tranquillity” is in gravest danger if her adversary were capable of understanding the position and taking advantage of it…the easiest way to embarrass, to upset, to disintegrate British policy and self-assurance has surely lain through that neglected and remote island…if England is to be seriously hurt it can best be attempted through Ireland’.

Comprises handwritten copy of article (original dated 5 September 1914, 16pp) and photocopy (23pp);

– handwritten copies of a further [memorandum] by [Casement] following from the above notes of 5 September 1914, advocating the establishment of an Irish Brigade of captured Irish soldiers in Germany and a landing in Ireland. Two copies–copy written in New York (10 September 1914, 16pp) and later copy with note on first page ‘Manuscript by G. (sic) McG. re Germany and England in World War 1’ (26pp);

– copy of an ‘old memo I [McGarrity] made from verbal statement given me by T. St. John Gaffney’ concerning Robert Monteith’s [Irish Volunteer Instructor] mission to Germany to assist Casement; Casement’s sending of John McGowie to Ireland and his subsequent capture and execution by the British authorities; Casement’s efforts in Germany to secure arms for the Volunteers and his statement to Gaffney that ‘he would try to stop the rising but doubted his ability to do so’. Marked ‘Copy to Dr. M[cCartan?] to send to Dublin’ ([post April 1916], 1p);


37 items
October 1919–July 1935 Correspondence between de Valera [or members of the Irish Diplomatic Mission] and Joseph McGarrity [Clan na Gael leader, Bond Drive organiser and founder of The Irish Press of Philadelphia] on a wide range of matters including:

- McGarrity’s appointment as de Valera’s ‘personal representative’ in relation to the Bond certificate campaign (2 October 1919, 1p);
- McGarrity’s family and business affairs;
- the compilation of a full and accurate account of de Valera’s tour of the U.S.A. and the various State Legislature resolutions passed ‘in favour of Irish Freedom’;
- the organisation of a protest at alleged British military brutality in Ireland;
- conflict between members of various branches of Republican organisations in the U.S.;
- the death of Laurence Ginnell, Republican representative in the U.S.A. on 17 April 1923;
- de Valera’s opinions following the issue of a Cease Fire and Dump Arms order by Frank Aiken on 24 May and de Valera’s statement conceding defeat in the Civil War. States ‘There is no other course open. The war could only be continued on our side by resorting to brutalities which in the end would only bring disgrace to our cause and ruin its future…We have to concentrate just now on re-organisation and the shepherding of our men back to civil employment….This latter will be extremely difficult–The country is economically in a very bad condition’. Requests McGarrity to ‘try and unite all forces over there under the relief banner’ (4 June 1923, 2pp);
- an outline of de Valera’s position following his appearance at the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis on 11 March 1926;
- Mrs. Pearse and fundraising activities in the U.S.A. for St. Enda’s;
- McGarrity’s visit to Germany and fundraising activities in Ireland and the U.S.A.;
- de Valera’s proposed trip to the U.S.A. in December 1929;
- the Economic War with Britain;
- relations between the Fianna Fáil government and the I.R.A..

Also includes:

- typescript report by McGarrity of proceedings of a meeting called by Judge Cohalan and held in the Park Avenue Hotel, 19 March 1920, for the purpose of condemning de Valera following his interview with the Westminster Gazette and his correspondence with Judge Cohalan and John Devoy over its representation in the Gaelic American. The President was called to the meeting and defended his position. Attached is label ‘Joe McGarrity’s Report of Meeting…’ however last page of report makes several references to McGarrity in the third person and concludes ‘— Memo. Maloney’. First four pages of report typed on paper headed The Irish Press; remainder of text is a mixture of carbon copy and top copy versions on plain paper ([1920], 1p and 9pp);


39 items
1192  [August 1922]  Holograph letter to de Valera from Mrs. Kitty O’Doherty, Hotel Metropole, Cork, who has been ‘sent over from Philadelphia by Joe McGarrity and Luke Dillon on behalf of the Clan-na-Gaels’ with $19,000 for ‘our Army—just as a mere token of what they will give when a man is sent out to them.’ Seeks an interview with de Valera, discusses Harry Boland’s death and states that since ‘the guns were trained on the Four Courts’ Luke Dillon has ‘turned completely against the Collins group—and when he tried to get the Executive to act, beyond the Treasurer and one other member declared themselves Free Staters…Joe McGarrity also wants a demand made on this side for the balance of the 1916 Relief Drive which he knows is of considerable proportions, and is in the enemy hands in New York…’.

See also P150/1114 for file on Mrs. O’Doherty  4pp

1193  5, 6 February 1924  Holograph letters from Seán Moylan in the U.S.A. to Joseph McGarrity concerning Luke Dillon, fundraising by ‘Donal’ and J.J. O’Kelly [Sceilg] and the organisation of a meeting in Philadelphia on 4 March to raise funds ‘for Governmental purposes’.

2 items

1194  24 October 1914; 23 May 1928  Miscellaneous correspondence of Joseph McGarrity. Comprises:

– handwritten [text of a cable] sent by McGarrity to Eoin MacNeill, 19 Herbert Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin, stating ‘Irish of America a Unit in pledging financial and moral support to Volunteers under your leadership. Must be no surrender of original Principles. For Ireland only’ (24 October 1914, 1p);

– typescript copy of circular letter from McGarrity to individual members of Clan na Gael following the severing of the connection between the I.R.B. and the Clan on 18 October 1920, explaining the background to the situation, from the proposed agreement to settle the dispute and the meeting of the Clan’s Executive on 15 August 1920, to the resulting conference at which the offending members of the Executive were urged to carry out the agreement (n.d., 1p);


3 items

1195  27 September–28 November 1922  Correspondence between de Valera, Joseph McGarrity and Fr. Timothy J. Shanley discussing the political situation in Ireland and America, including fundraising; suggestions for future courses of action, including the establishment of a Republican government; the representation of
Contd. the Republican cause in the media and the negotiation of a temporary loan for Fine Ghaedheal (see also P150/1605 and 1683). Includes references to the deaths of Harry Boland, Cathal Brugha, and Erskine Childers. Of the latter de Valera observes ‘Childers death is a big blow—not so much on account of what he was doing immediately before that, but because of what he could do under new conditions. He died the Prince that he was. Of all the men I ever met I would say he was the noblest. The gun he had in his possession was an automatic that Mick gave him, telling him it was to defend the Republic. I saw it with him myself—a tiny automatic, little better than a toy and in no sense a war weapon. Since Harry’s death I have felt no other blow so keenly’ (original dated 28 November 1922, 2pp).

6 items


31pp

August 1940, 1968 Biographical information on Joseph McGarrity. Comprises:
– copy of The Irish Republic vol. 2, no. 8 [U.S. publication], with headline Clan na Gael Mourns Death of Leader, containing photograph and articles on the late Joseph McGarrity;
– photocopy of a cutting from an Irish newspaper headed A Carrickmore Man Who Ruled Philadelphia by ‘Oscar’ (1968, 1p).

2 items


10cm x 15cm

[c.1919?] Photograph of Joseph McGarrity, his wife and nine children. Labelled ‘J McGarrity with his family’ on reverse by Kathleen O’Connell.

25cm x 20cm
February 1934–July 1969  Personal correspondence between de Valera and the daughters of Joseph McGarrity–Mrs. Kathryn Kratnoff; Mrs. Mary Shore and Mrs. Elizabeth De Feo–concerning:

- the welfare and location of various members of the McGarrity family;
- a proposal by Mrs. Mary Shore to compile a biography of her father;
- a request to de Valera to introduce a friend of the family, Mrs. Louise Nevelson, a sculptor, to the Dublin art world;
- the location of various collections of McGarrity’s papers–in the New York City Public Library; Villanova College; Stanford University, California;
- condolences on the death of Mrs. McGarrity in 1961;
- papers belonging to McGarrity that were given, on his death to a friend of the family Michael McGinn.

Includes:
- radiogram of condolence sent by de Valera to Mrs. McGarrity and her family on the death of her husband Joseph McGarrity on 5 August 1940 (August 1940, 1p);
- letter from de Valera to Mrs. Kathryn Kratnoff referring to her friend Grace Daly–‘I knew that her father, John Hennessy, was a great friend of my mothers, and that he was one of my sponsors at my baptism. I think he was in the New York police force, and it was he who verified that my father, who had been suffering from T.B., had gone to the Denver-Sante Fé area, had died out there, but in this I may be wrong. I have never been able to know exactly where my father died or was buried. I wonder would Grace Daly have any information. When my father died my mother put me “to nurse” with a Mrs. Doyle. I think she was somehow related to John Hennessy; what the relation was, if any, to Grace Daly’s father I do not know’ (19 September 1969, 2pp).

26 items

January 1947–May 1972  Correspondence between de Valera and persons other than members of the McGarrity family about Joseph McGarrity and his papers and books. Includes correspondence with:

- [Matthew Garth Healy] on his report of the contents of the McGarrity papers held by his brother Fr. McGarrity of St. Francis Assisi Church in Philadelphia and the question of the transfer to the Executors and Trustees of Joseph McGarrity’s estate in Philadelphia of money held in trust in Ireland (28 January 1947, 3pp);
- Rev. Daniel P. Falvey, O.S.A., Librarian, Villanova College Library, Villanova, Pennsylvania, on the preparation by de Valera of a tribute to McGarrity, to be reproduced in a catalogue of the Joseph McGarrity collection of Irish-American Literature deposited in Villanova College Library. Includes Souvenir Program of the Dedication Ceremonies of the Villanova College Library containing an article on the McGarrity Collection and de Valera’s tribute (22 April 1949, 15pp).

Also includes references to arrangements for the transfer of a set of files of the Irish Press of Philadelphia from Villanova to de Valera and letter (12 March 1962, 1p) from de Valera to Fr. Falvey stating ‘Without the aid of Joe McGarrity, the Irish Mission in 1919 could not have succeeded. We would, in
fact, have had to return. His was the only support we could lean upon. The others did not want us in the United States at all. We had no desire to take sides in the division between Joe and his friends and the Cohalan-Devoys group. We did not create this division. It already existed before our mission left Ireland’ (7 April 1948–12 March 1962, 8 items)


• Sr. Bernard Mary Tarpey S.C. [later Sr. Mary V. Tarpey], on the preparation of her dissertation on McGarrity to be submitted as a Ph.D. thesis to the University of St. John, New York (3 August 1967–9 July 1969, 11 items). Submits a list of questions on McGarrity for de Valera prior to her interview with the President (24 August 1967, 6pp). Includes letter seeking clarification on a point concerning the meeting in the Park Avenue Hotel on 19 March 1920 and de Valera’s reply (see McGarrity’s report on the meeting in P150/1191) (16 February and 4 March 1969, 2 items, 2pp and 1p);

• Dan Nolan of The Kerryman, Tralee, on the identification of individuals in a photograph of Joseph McGarrity, his family, de Valera, Harry Boland and Seán Nunnan, for the publication in a book entitled The McGarrity Papers edited by Sean Cronin. Includes copy of the photograph and also references to Sr. Tarpey’s doctoral thesis on McGarrity (14 April–2 May 1972, 7 items). 59 items

23 May 1975

Letter to de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly from Carmel Murphy of the Department of Foreign Affairs seeking her views on the disposal of a gold cup given by de Valera to Joseph McGarrity’s son Eamon De Valera McGarrity at his christening [in 1920]. Mr McGarrity wishes to donate the cup to an Irish museum or charitable institution.

1p
III. James O’Mara, Dáil Éireann Financial Agent and Bond Drive Organiser, 1919 – 21

1203 [1919] Typescript entitled ‘Clauses of Agreement under which Eamonn de Valera, T.D., His Lordship The Most Reverend Dr. Michael Fogarty, James O’Mara, T.D., consent to hold, keep and safeguard the Funds of Dáil Éireann.’ With handwritten notes on front ‘1919 Dáil Éireann Trustee Deed. Copy of Exhibit in Brief for Dáil Funds case’. 5pp

1204 3 December 1919– 11 May 1921 Correspondence between de Valera and James O’Mara, [one of the Trustees of Dáil Éireann funds], mainly letters and telegrams from O’Mara or his secretary, to the President, on the Bond Drive and other accounts. Also includes references to de Valera’s speaking engagements in Rochester, Buffalo and Albany, New York in 1919 Vicksburg, Mississippi and Montgomery, Alabama in 1919 and in Springfield, Massachusetts; Worcester, Massachusetts; Baltimore, Maryland and Delaware in 1920 and correspondence between de Valera and O’Mara on O’Mara’s attempt to resign as Bond Drive Organiser and Dáil Éireann Trustee in March 1920. Includes: – memorandum from de Valera to O’Mara giving instructions and directions about the Bond Drive (3 December 1919, 3pp); – references to payments for the services of Laurence Ginnell—‘owing to the closing of the issue of the Loan…The American Commission on Irish Independence has no longer use for Mr. Ginnell’s services…and Mr. O’Mara, as Trustee, does not know what Mr. Ginnell’s duties are, or what service his expenses are to be charged against…’ (11 October 1920, 1p); – letter from O’Mara to de Valera stating ‘I have received your explanation by Mr. J.K. Maguire re Mr. Esmond’s salary, but still find myself unable to share your responsibility in this and other extravagant or loosely administered disbursements. The whole question of expenditures should in my opinion be promptly revised, and defined’ (11 October 1920, 1p). 80 items

1205 6 December 1919– 12 September 1921 Miscellaneous letters to James O’Mara on a variety of matters including: – support for de Valera and comments on the state of Ireland by Bishop Michael Fogarty; – documents relating to a loan by the Board of National Trustees of the Friends of Irish Freedom of $100,000, to the American Commission on Irish Independence, through de Valera, ‘for the purposes of covering the preliminary expenses in connection with the President’s tour and the Irish Republican Bond Certificate Issue’; – the expenses of the Protestant Friends of Ireland;
1205 contd. – the outline of a discussion between O’Mara and Andrew J. Gallagher about O’Mara’s statement that ‘each Bond sold or subscription taken be returned to headquarters’; Gallagher’s query about how the state and local campaign would therefore be financed and his request to get the agreement of the National Executive of the Friends of Irish Freedom to use funds in hand to promote the Bond Drive and comply with O’Mara’s wishes;
– arrangements for de Valera’s tour of the southern states;
– a request by officials of the American Commission on Irish Independence to O’Mara to appear before the Democratic Party Committee on Resolutions to urge the recognition of the Irish Republic to be inserted as a plank in the Democratic platform during the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco in June 1920;
– the experience of Clan na Gael member James Gilbert Cunningham, an active worker for the freedom of Ireland from March 1883 until January 1885 when he ‘was apprehended in the Tower of London’;
– attacks made on de Valera by certain members of the Friends of Irish Freedom;
– criticism of the National Council of the F.O.I.F. by J.C Walsh and his recommendation to reorganise, excluding the National Council members, in order to promote the aims of de Valera;
– the proposal to avail of the services of Rev. A. W. Allen for the Protestant Friends of Ireland.
Correspondents include:
• Dr. Michael Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe;
• Kathleen O’Connell;
• Daniel T. O’Connell, Director of the Friends of Irish Freedom, National Bureau of Information;
• Thomas J. Maloney, National Trustee [and Treasurer?] of the Friends of Irish Freedom;
• Diarmuid Lynch, National Secretary of the Friends of Irish Freedom;
• Andrew J. Gallagher, President of the Irish Freedom Fund of California, President, Friends of Irish Freedom and Local Chairman, San Francisco Committee of Bond Drive;
• Major Eugene F. Kinkead, New Jersey State Chairman of the American Commission on Irish Independence; Thomas J. Maloney, Treasurer, and Hugh Montague, Secretary;
• James Cunningham, Jersey City, New Jersey;
• the Treasurer, Massachusetts Unit of the American Commission on Irish Independence;
• P. J. Moynihan, Campaign Director of the Indiana Headquarters of the American Commission on Irish Independence;
• Richard W. Wolfe;
• J.C. Walsh, Milwaukee;
• Andrew A. MacErlean, New York.
See also P150/1138 for correspondence between O’Mara and Harry Boland; P150/1175 for correspondence with Joseph Begley, St. John Gaffney and Miss Rosser

26 items
1206 5 November 1920  Copy letters from James O’Mara to Michael Collins, Minister for Finance, on the Bond Drive, mainly concerning accounts with the Friends of Irish Freedom; U.S. Victory Bonds and the questions of who controls various funds.

7 items

1207 25 March–4 May 1921  Copy letters to James O’Mara from Frank P. Walsh, discussing the following topics:

• Walsh’s dossier on British atrocities in Ireland;
• the activities of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland;
• the lobbying of Congress for the official recognition of the Irish Republic and resolutions introduced by Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin to be ‘the first joint resolution introduced in the Senate, which would make it Senate Joint Resolution No. 1’; Representative William J. Burke, Congressman at large from Pennsylvania; Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska and Senator William E. Borah of Idaho (see also P150/1012 for texts of Resolutions affecting Ireland in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, 1919–22 and P150/1140 for correspondence between Harry Boland and Frank P. Walsh on the matter);
• the proposed deportation of Donal O’Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork;
• Walsh’s reasons for not making the keynote speech at the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic Convention in Chicago in April, due to his official position as Counsel for the Republic of Ireland;
• Walsh’s opinion ‘that the time has come for the A.A.R.I.R. to bring organized pressure to bear on the newspapers throughout the country to secure a square deal from them on publicity affecting the Irish Republic’.

15 items

1208 April–June 1921  Telegrams between U.S.A. and Dublin concerning the resignation of James O’Mara as Bond Drive Organiser and Dáil Éireann Financial Agent in May 1921. See also P150/727 and 728 for references to James O’Mara’s resignation

8 items

1209 30 April-6 May 1921  Letters to James O’Mara from members of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic. Includes:

– copy letter from Mary Keohane on the state of the organisation of the A.A.R.I.R. in South Bend, Indiana and an invitation to Lord Mayor O’Callaghan to ‘Corkmen’s Day in Boston’ on 30 May 1921. Signed in writing (30 April 1921, 3pp);
– copy letter from John F. Harrigan, A.A.R.I.R. State President, Massachusetts, explaining the situation with regard to ‘the resolution addressed to the President of the United States—perhaps a more careful
1209 contd. explanation than was offered you by Mr. Horgan may satisfy you that we are handling the situation in this state wisely with the belief that favorable action on such resolution by the General Court of Massachusetts will be most valuable to our Cause, especially its moral effect upon the country’. (4 May 1921, 2pp);
– letter from P.E. Sullivan, Portland, Oregon, on the state of the organisation in Spokane, Washington (6 May 1921, 1p).

4 items

1210 1945, 1962

Biographical details on James O’Mara, M.P. for South Kilkenny (1900–09); Sinn Féin Director of Finance (191[7]–19) and U.S. Bond Drive Organiser and Dáil Éireann Financial Agent (1919–21). Includes:
– correspondence between de Valera and James and Agnes O’Mara on their golden wedding anniversary and regrets that they did not meet in Roundstone in August 1945 (23 April–1 October 1945, 6 items);
– typescript copy appreciation of James O’Mara by de Valera, recounting O’Mara’s role in organising the Bond Drive in the U.S.A. between 1919 and 1921 ([pre-1946], 2pp);
– review by Joseph Keating published in The Irish Independent of a biography of James O’Mara by his daughter Patricia Lavelle (23 April 1962, 1p).

8 items

IV. Stephen O’Mara, Dáil Éireann Financial Agent and Bond Drive Organiser, 1921 – 32

1211 29 April–29 December 1921

Typescript copies of extracts from correspondence, mostly between Stephen M. O’Mara [Financial Agent appointed to float the 2nd External Loan of the Republic of Ireland in the U.S.A.], de Valera, Harry Boland and Robert Brennan [Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs], on Boland’s and O’Mara’s activities in the U.S.A., namely the organisation of the Bond Drive and the floatation of the 2nd External Loan of twenty million dollars to Dáil Éireann and efforts to gain official recognition for the Irish Republic.
Includes:
– letter from de Valera to O’Mara officially appointing him ‘(1) Agent and Plenipotentiary Representative of the Trustees of Dáil Éireann, with Power of Attorney (2) As Agent and representative of the Minister of Finance (3) As Envoy of the Government in such matters as may specifically be entrusted to you’. Outlines his duties as representative of the Trustees–‘to make provision for and watch over the safeguarding of all funds of the Irish Government at present retained, or to be retained in the United States’ and as agent of the
1211 contd. Minister of Finance—‘to make provision for the raising of a new Loan of probably Twenty Million Dollars’ ([13] May 1921, 2pp);

– copy informal letter to O’Mara from de Valera (26 May 1921, 8pp) following their ‘recent conversations’ informing O’Mara that he is to act ‘(1) As Agent in the United States, and Plenipotentiary Representative in that country of the Trustees of Dáil Éireann (2) As Agent and Representative of the Minister of Finance (3) As Envoy for the Government in such matters as may specifically be entrusted to you’. Outlines his objectives and instructions with regard to:

• the establishment of an Embassy or Legation in Washington and Consular Department with headquarters in New York and branches in Boston and Chicago;

• the re-organisation of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic and its relationship with O’Mara and other Irish ‘direct representatives’;

• the funds of the A.A.R.I.R.; the American Committee for Relief in Ireland [A.C.R.I.] and Governmental Loans;

• the offering of the position of ‘Financial Agent in the United States for the raising of the new 1921 Loan of Twenty Million Dollars’ to Stephen O’Mara; the transfer of ‘all political activities of the Benjamin Franklin Bureau, as well as the completion of the organisation of the A.A.R.I.R. to the headquarters of the A.A.R.I.R. itself’; the organisation of the raising of the Loan;

• the selection of State Chairmen;

• instructions for local treasurers; banking arrangements and the holding of group conferences;

– original typescript letter from Michael Collins (Minister for Finance) to de Valera with regard to O’Mara’s activities (12 October 1921, 2pp).

C.35 items

1212 [3] September 1921–Correspondence between Matthew Garth Healy 9 January 1922 [Benjamin Franklin Bureau, Chicago, Illinois and Assistant National Treasurer, American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic] and Stephen O’Mara, on the administration of funds relating to the Bond Drive, dealing with matters such as the sending of cheques from the Bond Drive Appropriation Account to cover the expenses of O’Mara, J.C. Walsh, and Seán Nunan; note of payments made by Healy out of funds in his name to cover Bond Drive expenses in various states such as Illinois and California; acknowledgement of receipt of donations made by various branches of the A.A.R.I.R.; the source and amounts of salary payments for Gilbert Ward, Thomas O’Connor [Secretary to Fr. Michael O’Flanagan] and Seán Nunan; the signing of requisition orders and the work done by Healy in ‘clearing up’ the First Bond drive Accounts.
1212 contd. Includes:
– reports of ‘All monies received by [Healy] and disbursed as Assistant National Treasurer of A.A.R.I.R.…’ from the time of Healy’s appointment [16 July 1921] to 3 September 1921. Statement of accounts details receipts from officials of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic such as Thomas W. Lyons [Assistant National Secretary], John J. Hearn [National Treasurer] and P.J. Quinn [National Director of Organisation] and payments made by Healy to the various departments of the A.A.R.I.R. such as the Organisation Department; National Secretary’s Department; Boycott Department and Publicity Department. (3 September 1921, 10pp);
– copy of letter to Healy from de Valera concerning the expense accounts of various individuals such as Charles Lynch and Seán Nunan and the salaries of Nunan and Gilbert Ward (27 October 1921, 2pp);
– copy of letter from O’Mara to Healy referring to the recent closure of the Benjamin Franklin Bureau (3 January 1922, 1p);
– letter from Healy to O’Mara relating to his work on the First Bond Drive Accounts in Illinois ‘This job here is taking longer than I at first thought. There are some fifteen thousand accounts to be checked–these have been now fully checked and lists are almost completed of all these accounts. I am preparing these lists for the New York Office. I have come across a host of errors, the clearing up of which take up considerable time…but the delay has been unavoidable. New York Office are anxious to have the 1st Bond Drive in Illinois cleared up and I think my work will help them considerably. How about the 2nd Loan? Would it not be wise for me to take over from the Bank the unused Bond Certificates?…’ (6 January 1922, 1p).

24 items

1213 September 1921 Letters to Stephen M. O’Mara from Robert Brennan [Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs] discussing:
• the Disarmament Conference;
• the question of diplomatic representation for Ireland in the U.S.A.;
• a proposal to establish a weekly cable news-service to America;
• Fr. O’Flanagan and Fr. Hayes;
• Laurence Ginnell in Argentina;
• preparations for the Irish Race Congress to be held in Paris in January 1922;
• the Truce document;
• raising of funds in the U.S.A. for Republican causes;
• contact with representatives of the American Federation of Labor.

3 items

1214 18 July–1 August 1932 Documents relating to expenses incurred by Stephen M. O’Mara on a trip to the U.S.A.
(18 July–1 August 1932, 4 items) and O’Mara’s report with information under the following headings, ‘Consulates’ (General, Passports, Visas, Compensation and Estates, Trade, Miscellaneous, Financial, Extension); ‘Washington’ (General, Financial) and ‘Publicity’. Report is incomplete (n.d., 25pp).

7 items
V. Association with the A.A.R.I.R., 1921 – 41

1215 1921 Printed pamphlet entitled Statement By Rt. Rev. Michael J. Gallagher D.D. National President, Friends of Irish Freedom dealing with matters which arose out of the visit to the United States of America of the Hon. Eamon de Valera President of the Republic of Ireland. Reproduces texts of the following ‘Exhibits’—a letter from de Valera to Daniel F. Cohalan Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York dated 20 February 1920; reply from Cohalan to de Valera, dated 22 February 1920 and a letter, dated 26 February 1920, from John Devoy ‘to a Colleague’.
11pp

1216 4 February 1922 Typescript copy of resolutions adopted by the National Executive of the A.A.R.I.R., re-affirming the adherence of the organisation to the objects for which it was constituted—‘the securing of the official recognition of the Republic of Ireland by the Government of the United States, and the support of that Republic by such lawful means financial or otherwise, as may be necessary’. Directs the National Secretary to embark on three courses of immediate action; protests ‘against all foreign entangling alliances, with special emphasis against the so-called Four-Power Pact’; endorses ‘the action of the Irish Race Conference at Paris in establishing the International Irish League’ and pledges the organisation its full support; pledges support ‘to furthering the world boycott of British goods’ and protests ‘against the continued imprisonment of Irish…political prisoners’.
2pp

1217 February–December 1922 Correspondence, mainly letters from American Republican sources on various topics. Includes:
– carbon copy circular on behalf of Joseph McDonagh, Manager of Poblacht na hÉireann [Republican news-sheet founded in January 1922 by Liam Mellowes, Frank Gallagher and McDonagh] seeking subscriptions in order to spread the circulation of the paper in America (7 February 1922, 1p);
– typescript copy of letter from James D. Kenny of Clare County Council to Thomas W. Lyons, National Secretary of the A.A.R.I.R. condemning Document No. 2 as a ‘hair-splitting humbug, if not a deliberate fraud’; condemning all those who support it and declaring ‘There should be no compromise with the British, and none with alien enemies in Ulster until this status…[a Republic]…is secured, and there should be no support given to factions who…[are]…tearing this country asunder, possibly for personal motives, who don’t stick steadfastly to definite principles that every-one can understand, and who are this today, and want to hold themselves free, in violation of their oaths, to be that tomorrow’ (original dated 17 February 1922, 2pp);
– typescript letter to de Valera from Philip Francis, former Editor of the Hearst Newspaper Group discussing British propaganda in America and
suggesting the issuing of a declaration by de Valera disassociating the Republicans from Catholicism and ‘saying in plain and emphatic words that the Irish Republic was wholly a movement in arms for the liberties of the land and the people, absolutely regardless of religious connections…’ (7 December 1922, 3pp).


May–November 1922  Messages of support for de Valera and the Republic from members of the public in America especially from Providence, Rhode Island. Includes messages from the Major McBride Club of Portland, Oregon (30 May 1922, 1p).

October 1922–September 1924  Powers of attorney by de Valera to various individuals. Comprises:
– copy power of attorney whereby de Valera appoints John F. Finerty, Washington D.C., as his attorney in the U.S.A., including copy of a power of attorney appointing Finerty to act on de Valera’s behalf generally and also ‘in respect of all moneys, funds, or other assets in which…he is…interested as a Trustee of Dáil Éireann.’ Signed in writing by de Valera, Austin Stack, Edward J. Hearty and J. Hann[ugh] (October 1922, 2 items);
– handwritten draft power of attorney. With holograph annotations by de Valera (1923, 3pp);
– revocation of powers of attorney granted by de Valera to John F. Finerty on 24 October 1922 and to Donal O’Callaghan on 28 June 1923 and granting powers of attorney to Seán T. O’Kelly. Signed by de Valera; Charles Edward Russell and Ernest W. Proud (16 September 1924, 3pp).

1222
9 July 1926
Typescript copy letter to Padraig Ó hÉigeartaigh of Springfield, Massachusetts from de Valera in answer to O’Hegarty’s five questions relating to the status of the Republican government, the likely extent of Republican success in a General Election given the divided nature of the movement, the status of the A.A.R.I.R. and the foundation of Fianna Fáil. See also P150/745 for messages of welcome and invitations to de Valera to visit Springfield, Massachusetts including one from Padhraig Ó hÉigeartaigh (23 June–19 September 1919) De Valera subsequently visited Springfield on 7 [and/or 8] February 1920. 3pp

1223
13 March 1930
Holograph notes by de Valera on a confidential meeting with Diarmuid Lynch in de Valera’s room at the Hotel Pennsylvania on 13 March 1930. ‘The F.O.I.F. were appealing against the Referee’s decision. Here with the background known one could almost tell in advance how the referee would decide…The point of the interview was: He wanted to sound me on my attitude towards a bargain on the 100000 dollars. It would possibly help to bridge old chasms. I made my attitude clear. No bargain possible. I did not regard F.O.I.F. entitled to any bonds and would feel bound to oppose their getting them….’
4pp

1224
30 September 1931; 19 January 1932– 12 December 1933
Copy letters from de Valera to Captain Denis M. Malloy, President, A.A.R.I.R. (1931–33) concerning:
• the financial position of the A.A.R.I.R., with special reference to a loan made by Fianna Fáil to the National Executive of the Association in 1931;
• the general political situation in Ireland including the need for campaign funds for the upcoming general election and the ‘fierce’ campaign being waged against the government by ‘our political opponents and by a hostile and very influential press, but I think we shall be able to stand up against it’;
• the publicising of the problems of partition and payment of land annuities in the U.S.A;
• the 1932 Race Convention;
• the repayment of the balance of the Fianna Fáil loan to the A.A.R.I.R.
Includes copy covering letter from de Valera sent with a cheque for $5,000 as a loan to the A.A.R.I.R. from the ‘small emergency fund which was set aside from the Bond money to enable Fianna Fáil to face contingencies such as a rushed General Election’.
Discusses the financial difficulties of the A.A.R.I.R. and the assignment of Bond monies especially with regard to the establishment of The Irish Press (30 September 1931, 3pp).
Also includes letter in which de Valera states ‘For over a fairly long period now, complaints have been coming here about the financial position of the organisation. If the organisation cannot hope to pay its way, it is better that it should endeavour to settle with its creditors and disappear. To continue under
such circumstances will only lead to dissension, bitterness and possibly public scandals, all detrimental to the cause which the organisation was founded to serve’ (25 August 1933, 1p).

Correspondence between de Valera and officers of the A.A.R.I.R. on the following topics:

- financial difficulties experienced by the Chicago branch due to their administration of the National Headquarters and of Gaelic Park, whose lease was taken over by the branch in 1930 in the names of Dennis M. Malloy [President of the A.A.R.I.R.] and William P. Lyndon [National Treasurer of the A.A.R.I.R.]. Due to Malloy stepping aside in 1931 and Lyndon’s disagreements with the athletes, debts accumulated and proceedings to recover the monies outstanding were highly detrimental to the A.A.R.I.R. (1931–35).

- opposition to de Valera and Fianna Fáil by the Los Angeles branch supported by Joseph McGarrity;

- recommendations for the promotion of Irish-American trade and commerce (1935).

Comprises communications to/from:

- Dennis M. Malloy, President of the A.A.R.I.R.;
- James Melody, Chicago branch;
- Frances Martell, National Secretary, A.A.R.I.R.;
- John Byrne, Los Angeles branch;
- Frank J. Barry, Los Angeles branch;
- Nellie Hoyne Murray, Secretary Los Angeles Council A.A.R.I.R.

8 October 1934, 12 July 1937

Copy letters from de Valera to Miss Frances Martell, National Secretary of the A.A.R.I.R., regretting he cannot accept her invitation to the 1934 National Convention in November, encouraging the work of the organisation (8 October 1934, 1p) and commenting on the result of the recent election and the referendum on the Constitution (12 July 1937, 1p)–‘The new Constitution has, therefore, been enacted by the people and will come into operation before the end of the year. This in itself would have been a reward for many years of effort. It is Ireland’s unequivocal declaration of independence. Our relations with other countries can be henceforth whatever the Irish people desire them to be’.

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**VI. A.A.R.I.R. Annual Conventions, 1921 – 41**

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1236 6, 7 November 1937 Transcripts of the proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the A.A.R.I.R. in New York City on 6 and 7 November 1937.
137pp

1237 12, 13 November 1938 Transcript of proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the A.A.R.I.R. in New York City on 12 and 13 November 1938.
137pp

1238 8 November 1940 Typescript draft of de Valera’s message to the delegates at the Annual National Convention of the A.A.R.I.R. in New York. Annotated ‘Dictated on telephone at 8.30 p.m.’. ‘In view of new menace request your members and all friends of Ireland to organise and put Ireland’s case, including Partition, and the condition of the Nationalist minority in the partitioned area, clearly before American public…Ireland belongs to the Irish people and our territory cannot be lent or leased to any belligerent for war purposes without involving us in the war’.
1p
VII. Activities of Fr. Michael O’Flanagan, 1921 – 22

1240

November 1921 –

Correspondence, mainly between Fr. Michael O’Flanagan, his secretary Thomas (‘Tommy’) O’Connor and Stephen M. O’Mara relating to Fr. O’Flanagan’s part in the launching of the Bond Drive, mainly arrangements relating to his proposed promotional tour of various cities in November and December 1921.

Includes:

– telegram from Helen Brady to O’Connor stating ‘O’Mara sailed for Ireland January seventh…Prior treaty ratification O’Mara wrote O’Flanagan use own judgement as to movements. Cannot advise on organization work but presume it will be all right. Suggest you communicate with Garth Healy on financial end since bond drive halted’. (12 January 1922, 1p);

– document summarising Fr. O’Flanagan’s involvement in the Republican movement used as a press release for a speaking tour of the U.S.A. headed ‘Brief Story of Rev. Michael O’Flanagan’ (n.d., 1p);

– telegrams from Thomas O’Connor to P.J. Kerley of Chicago, Illinois on arrangements for Fr. O’Flanagan’s promotional tours in August 1922 (3 items).

21 items

1241

[19 February 1921]

Typescript carbon copy letter from P.J. Little to an unknown individual advancing reasons for forcing the resignation of Fr. O’Flanagan from the Sinn Féin organisation and suggesting that he be invited to take a prominent part in the White Cross. Initialled and date stamped ‘19 February 1921, 1pm’. Also includes typescript note on first page ‘4/4/63. Pres. de Valera called out to Sandyford to see Mr. Little who has been ill. He showed him this letter, and Mr. Little stated that he would like it retained with the President’s documents, and to have a note to that effect put on it.’

2pp
1242 12 August, 22 December 1971 Holograph letters to President de Valera from J.A. Stuart Watt, Castlewood Park, Dublin 6, enclosing a memorial card of Fr. Michael O’Flanagan who died on 7 August 1942 (with photograph) (1942, 6cm x 9cm) and a booklet *The Prophecy of Malachias* (n.d., 11pp) prefaced by a reproduction of Fr. O’Flanagan and the words ‘It was one of the last requests of the late Fr. Michael O’Flanagan, before his death, that the young people of Eire should read and study for themselves the Sacred Catholic Scriptures’. 4 items

VIII. Republican Representatives, Consuls and Military Attachés in the U.S.A., 1918 – 25

1243 [17 February 1918] Typescript copy of a ‘Memorandum dispatched to the Secretary of the United States from the Envoy of the Provisional Government of Ireland’ containing observations ‘concerning the Treaty, now in process of negotiation between the United States on the one hand, and Great Britain on the other, whereby residents in the United States who are claimed as nationals by Great Britain may become available for military purposes’. Signed by Dr. Patrick McCartan ‘Envoy of the Provisional Government of Ireland’. 8pp

1244 [September 1918] Newspaper article captioned ‘Interview With Ireland’s Envoy to United States:–Dr. McCartan in First Interview Given to a Newspaper in America Tells Why Sinn Fein Is the Dominant Political Force in Ireland Today and Why the Revolt Against Redmondism Is So Complete–Insists That Sinn Fein Is a Constitutional Movement and That It Is Neither Pro-German, Pro-French, Pro-Russian or Anything But Pro-Irish…’ 1 item

  • Rev. Dennis J. Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia;
  • Most Rev. Michael Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe;
  • Dr. Henry Goddard Leach, Chairman of the American Council on Ireland;
  • Dr. Patrick McCartan;
contd.  • Fr. T.J. Hurton, National Vice-President of the Friends of Irish Freedom;  
• Luke Dillon;  
• Arthur Griffith;  
• Dr. Norman M. Thomas, editor of The World Tomorrow and member of the American Council on Ireland;  
• de Valera;  
• Very Rev. Peter E. Magennis, National President of the Friends of Irish Freedom;  
• Hugh McCaffrey; Mrs. M.A. Gallagher; Dr. J.F. Walsh; Patrick Logue; Patrick J. McGarvey; Patrick Hughes; Michael Donohoe; John Lafferty; John Hogan; Joseph O’Neill; John J. McGuire; John M. Greene; James P. Givin; William P. McCarron and Dr. William J. O’Brien of the United Irish-American Societies of Philadelphia;  
• Thomas Ashe;  
• Constance Markievicz;  
• Prof. Eoin MacNeill;  
• Liam Mellowes;  
• Diarmuid Lynch;  
• John Devoy;  
• Patrick Pearse;  
• Rev. Dr. Joseph Krauskopf;  
– typescript notes on the Convention taken from ‘page 99–Dwane’s Life of De Valera’ includes the ‘Aims of Irish Race Convention’ (n.d., 1p);  
5 items

29 April 1919–  29 September 1921  
Correspondence between de Valera and Dr. Patrick McCartan [Irish Envoy in the U.S.A.].  
Includes:  
– Dr. McCartan’s letter of accreditation from President de Valera—‘…it is with great pleasure that my first official act as President of Dáil Éireann has been to set my name and affix the seal of the Elected Government of the Irish Republic to your re-appointment as Ireland’s ambassador to the United States…One of your first duties will be to present to the Government of the United States…our request for recognition as the de jure government of the Irish Nation…’ Carbon copy of original, signed by de Valera (29 April 1919, 1p);  
– holograph letter from Dr. McCartan stating ‘A good idea would be for your plank to be submitted in Frisco as in Chicago’ and offering a substitute resolution if the Resolutions Committee reject the first resolution—‘This would knock out Cohalan’s resolution and be a big step forward for us…’ (n.d., 2pp);  
– correspondence (26 August–21 September 1920, 3 items) between the two on preparations for the ‘formal presentation of Ireland’s claim for recognition to the State Department’. Includes letter from de Valera instructing Dr. McCartan to take up residence in Washington to ‘superintend the preparation of the “brief”…Parallel with this you will prepare and submit to me a Formal
Protest to be presented to the State Department in connection with the present British regime of terror in Ireland... As you will now be entering on your duties in Washington in a more formal manner than heretofore it will be necessary for you to sever your connection with the Irish Press as Editor and you will be responsible henceforth to the Irish Government for all public statements to which your name is attached’. Signed by de Valera (26 August 1920, 1p);

– holograph letter from Dr. McCartan [in Ireland] to de Valera with regard to the coming Conference with representatives of the British government, sending his ‘thoughts’ on the powers of plenipotentiaries, the demands to be made and on the policy at home to promote the Republic (29 September 1921, 6pp).

June–November 1919; Correspondence of Dr. Patrick McCartan [Irish Envoy in Washington] on various matters. Includes:

– letters from John L. Clancy, Secretary, Irish-Ireland League of Victoria, Australia, on their support for de Valera and disapproval of Judge Cohalan. Also gives an account of how Irish affairs stand in Australia (31 August and 7 September 1920, 2 items);

– telegrams to Charles Wheeler from Dr. McCartan on arrangements for de Valera’s visits to Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri; (13–18 October 1919, 6 items);

– letter to Dr. McCartan from Guy Golterman, Director of The National Forum requesting ‘copies of your various circulars’ and copies of resolutions adopted by the U.S. Senate ‘affecting your cause’ (12 November 1920, 1p);

– letter from Seamus O’Doherty ‘former temp[orary] Pres[ident], Supreme Council IRB in Ireland’ concerning [McCartan’s resignation?] (1 December 1920, 6pp);

– letter from Edward J. Gallagher supporting de Valera against Cohalan (26 December 1920, 3pp);

– letter to Dr. McCartan from Austin J. Ford [President] of The Irish World seeking an explanation as to why ‘the Gaelic American seems to have been constituted the official organ of the Irish Republic in the United States. Week after week it publishes the Irish Bulletin, and The Irish World, which formerly got that publication through the mails, seems to be cut off the mailing list...We have done everything we could for the Irish Republican Government. We do not object to the Gaelic American or any other paper getting all the matter for publication it wishes to publish; but The Irish World is entitled to at least as much courtesy as any Irish-American paper’ (9 March 1921, 1p); and copy reply on Dr. McCartan’s behalf stating ‘the only suggestion I can make is that the Censor is interfering with the mails. The Bulletin is sent out rather indiscriminately, as you know...I can assure you, however, that it is not due to any lack of courtesy, and such copies as we receive we will be glad to send you’ (10 March 1921, 1p).

18 items
1248 [1920] Typescript text of a ‘Statement by Dr. Patrick McCartan, Envoy to the United States from the Republic of Ireland…for newspapers after his return from Ireland May 1920’ on conditions in Ireland where he spent over two months. With holograph note by de Valera ‘Personal Copy’. 3pp

1249 24 May; 3 August 1920 Telegrams to de Valera from Dr. Patrick McCartan concerning meetings. Also includes reference to [Senator Thomas Gallagher]. 2 items

1250 9 August 1920 Copies of forms of authorisation for Dr. Patrick McCartan and ‘Shane Reain’ as ‘trusted representative and agent of the Elected Government of the Republic of Ireland’. Signed by de Valera. Also includes copy of Reain’s oath to ‘support and defend the Irish Republic and the Government of the Irish Republic’, witnessed and signed by Liam Mellowes. 3 items, 1p each

1251 1 September 1920 Copy of letter from Dr. Patrick McCartan to the U.S. Secretary of State protesting ‘in the name of humanity against the treatment accorded’ Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork, imprisoned in Brixton jail ‘for the commission of acts, which in the common estimation of mankind, and under the laws governing the free peoples of the world, are without offence and innocent’. Signed by Dr. McCartan. 1p

1252 [14] October– 7 November 1920 Documents relating to the Dr. Patrick McCartan’s formal protest to the U.S. government on British atrocities in Ireland. Comprises:
 – copy of letter of from Dr. McCartan, Envoy of the Republic of Ireland, to U.S. Secretary of State Tumulty protesting ‘formally and emphatically against acts now being committed by the British armed forces in the territory of the Republic of Ireland’ ([14 October 1920], 2pp);
 – acknowledgements of receipt of copies of Dr. McCartan’s protest from various South American and the Mexican embassies in Washington, as well as the Finnish and Polish Legations in the city (23 October–7 November 1920, 7 items).
See also P150/1020 for correspondence between de Valera and Prof. Edwin Borchard in which reference is made to Dr. McCartan’s protest 8 items
January 1921

Copy typescript letter from Dr. Patrick McCartan directing the attention [of various Ambassadors in Washington] to the ‘acts of reprisal under the official direction and with the official approval of the British Government’ and to an associated statement issued by the British military authorities and published in The New York Times (3 January 1921, 2pp) and acknowledgement of receipt of the letter from the Mexican and various South American embassies in Washington (8–28 January 1921, 6 items).

7 items

n.d.

Handwritten notes by Seán Nunan comprising dates relating to Dr. Patrick McCartan’s time in the United States of America between 1917 and 1920.

1p

1967

The McCartan Documents, 1916 by Rev. Prof. F.X. Martin, O.S.A.. Bound offprint from the Clogher Record of St. Macartan’s College, Monaghan (pp.5–65). Reproduces the text of a series of letters from Dr. Patrick McCartan to Joseph McGarrity in Philadelphia written shortly after the Easter Rising, between May and June 1916, with commentary thereon.

61pp

October–November 1920; May–June 1921

Correspondence, mainly between Joseph Begley [Secretary to President de Valera] and Laurence Ginnell, with many of the letters written by Mrs. Alice Ginnell, on Ginnell’s activities in the U.S.A.. Subjects discussed include:

• Ginnell’s expenses;
• the formal appeal to the U.S. government for official recognition of the Irish Republic;
• Ginnell’s securement of new office accommodation;
• the appointment of members to an unidentified Advisory Council and the organisation of the Friends of Irish Freedom in Illinois and Wisconsin;
• the American Federation of Labor and their support for the Republic of Ireland;
• the launch of a second Bond Drive;
• Ginnell’s willingness to testify before the American Commission of Inquiry [Atrocities Commission];
• arrangements for Ginnell’s tour of South American countries [in particular his appointment as Special Envoy in Buenos Aires].

[Ginnell was appointed as ‘Consul in charge of the Chicago consular district’ by James O’Mara in August 1920 and was appointed Republican Representative in the U.S.A. around November/December 1922].

32 items
November 1922– June 1923

Dispatches between de Valera and Laurence Ginnell (Labhras Mag Fhionghail), Republican Representative in the U.S.A., on Ginnell’s activities in the U.S.A.. Also includes correspondence between de Valera and Mrs. Alice Ginnell following her husband’s death on 17 April 1923 (2 May–27 June 1923). Topics in the Laurence Ginnell/de Valera communications include:

- Ginnell’s appointment and duties as Republican Representative [appointed in November 1922];
- Dáil Éireann funds and the Bond Litigation in the U.S.A.;
- a proposed second Dáil Éireann External Loan;
- the work of the publicity department;
- the Self-Determination for Ireland Leagues of Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand;
- the American Committee of the Republican Soldiers and Prisoners’ Dependants’ Fund and relief funds;
- communications between Ginnell and representatives in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Chile and Argentina;
- land annuities;
- the re-organised Clan na Gael;
- the presence and activities of J.J. O’Kelly and Joseph O’Doherty [Cumann na Poblachta American Delegation] and the Delegation’s Secretary Edward J. Hearty, in the U.S.A. [O’Doherty is Trustee for the Republican Defence Fund];
- the relationship between Ginnell and T.A. Smiddy [Provisional Government Representative in the U.S.A.] and the establishment of a new Legation;
- relations with Mrs. Hanna Sheehy Skeffington and Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, (‘M’) widow of the late Terence;
- relations with Seán Moylan;
- relations with the Vatican;
- relations with the Vatican;
- a proposed mission to Australia by Fr. Michael O’Flanagan and Seán J. O’Ceallaigh (‘Sceilg’);
- the political situation in Ireland;
- the re-organisation of Sinn Féin;
- a proposal to establish an Irish Red Cross;

Also includes copies of correspondence forwarded to de Valera, between Ginnell and J.J. O’Kelly (‘Sceilg’), John F. Finerty, Mrs. MacSwiney, Joseph O’Doherty, Peter Golden and Edward J. Hearty.

A number of dispatches from Ginnell are copies on tissue paper that have been ‘expanded’ [decoded where necessary] and passed on to de Valera by [Art O’Brien] (c.13 items).

71 items
1258  1 January–17 March 1923  Issues Nos. 1–No. 5 of the Irish Legation Circular for International Justice and Peace. No. 1 issued from Hotel Imperial, New York City. Nos. 2–5 issued from Hotel LaFayette, Washington, D.C..  5 items

1259  1 June–31 August 1923  Documents relating to the appointment and activities of former Lord Mayor of Cork, Donal O’Callaghan (Domhnall Ua Ceallacháin) as Republican Government Special Envoy to the U.S.A. [following the death of Laurence Ginnell on 17 April 1923]. Comprises copies of O’Callaghan’s credentials, signed by de Valera and Michael P. Colivet [Acting Minister for Finance]; O’Callaghan’s letter of instructions dated 4 July 1923 and typescript copy of a ‘Foreign Affairs Report’ outlining O’Callaghan’s activities since his arrival in the U.S.A. on 10 July 1923 and the activities of Republican envoys to France, Italy, the Red Cross, the League of Nations and Australia (31 August 1923, 3pp). See also P150/1191 for copy of letter from de Valera to Luke Dillon asking him to assist Donal O’Callaghan in his mission to promote co-operation between Re-organised Clan na Gael and the A.A.R.I.R. (6 July 1923); P150/1712 for dispatches between de Valera and O’Callaghan in his role as (Acting) Minister for Local Government  9 items

1260  1 October 1923  Copies of letters from [P.J. Ruttledge] Acting President and Minister for Foreign Affairs relating to the appointment of J.J. O’Kelly as Envoy of the Irish Republican Government to the U.S.A. following the return to the Cabinet of Donal O’Callaghan. Comprises copy of a memorandum from the Acting President and Minister for Foreign Affairs to J.J. O’Kelly informing him of his appointment as Envoy of the Irish Republican Government to the U.S.A. and listing his instructions, covering the defence fund; the election fund; the A.A.R.I.R.; Clan na Gael; the Irish Republican Prisoners’ Dependents’ Fund; mission personnel and publicity; with copy letters to Joseph McGarrity, Commandant General Seán Moylan and Joseph O’Doherty informing them of O’Kelly’s appointment.  6 items

1261  27 August 1924–10 February 1925  Documents relating to the appointment and activities of Seán T. O’Kelly as Republican Government Representative in the U.S.A. (1924–25). Comprises: – typescript drafts ‘Letter of Instructions’ from de Valera to Sean T. O’Kelly [attached are blank Representative credential’s forms];
– personal letters from de Valera to Joseph McGarrity, Luke Dillon, Fr. Peter Yorke D.D., San Francisco, California, and Fr. [Michael] O’Flanagan, to be sent through Seán T. O’Kelly (26 and 27 August 1924, 5 items);  
– typescript draft messages ‘To All Friends of the Irish Republic in America’ from de Valera, on the appointment of O’Kelly as Envoy (1 September 1924, 2 items, 1p each);  
– correspondence mainly between de Valera and O’Kelly on the latter’s activities with regard to the Dáil Éireann funds litigation, Clan na nGael, the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, publicity and the Bondholders’ Committee. (6 September 1924–10 February 1925, 22 items).

[J.J. O’Kelly was appointed on 1 October 1923 as Envoy of the Irish Republican Government to the U.S.A. following the return to the Cabinet of Donal O’Callaghan. Seán T. O’Kelly was sent to the U.S.A. in September 1924 to relieve J.J. O’Kelly]  

37 items

1262 1924 Pamphlet, *India and Ireland*. An Address by Hon. Sean T. O’Ceallaigh. Envoy of the Irish Republic, at Banquet held in His Honor at Fifth Avenue Restaurant, New York, December 10th, 1924. Issued by the Friends of Freedom for India. 12pp

1263 11 March– 10 December 1920 Correspondence between de Valera and Diarmuid L. Fawsitt, Irish Consul in New York, consisting mainly of reports from Fawsitt to de Valera on:

• the formation of a steamship company and negotiations to purchase four steamers for operation on the cattle and general cargo trade between Ireland and continental European ports;  
• a proposal for the U.S. Commerce Department to organise a survey of Irish economic and trade conditions;  
• the trial and conviction in New York of James Larkin on a charge of ‘criminal anarchy’;  
• communications with Liam de Roiste, T.D. concerning the ‘paralysis’ of the railway network in Ireland and its effect on the economy;  
• the arrival of Mrs. Sinéad de Valera in the U.S.A. in August;  
• the preparation and sending to de Valera of a statement for publication, by W.H. Joyce of the Irish Consulate in New York, ‘dealing with the application in Ireland of Coercion Acts by the British Government’;  
• ‘British regulations prohibiting the entry at Cork Harbour of eastbound American passenger steamers’, with special reference to the *S.S Panhandle State*—the first American boat, flying the American flag, to carry American mails for European countries. It is not considered in shipping circles that the boats of the so-called American line are really American vessels as they are part of the International Mercantile Marine, which body is commonly known
1263 contd. to be a British controlled shipping trust. All the pressure possible in the circumstances should be exercised by Americans to secure for their shipping freedom on the high seas and for their merchants liberty to carry on unrestricted communications with countries such as Ireland’;
• the organisation of a proposed Irish Race Convention in the U.S.A.;
• the approval of estimates for the various sections of the Irish Mission in the U.S.A. for the year 1920–21;
• financial arrangements with regard to Dáil Éireann funds in the U.S.A..
Includes:
– letter from Fawsitt to Laurence Ginnell referring to Ginnell’s appointment as ‘Consul in charge of the Chicago consular district by Mr. James O’Mara, Trustee, An Dail’. Encloses memorandum on the legal status of consuls of the Republic of Ireland functioning as such in the U.S.A. (18, 20 August 1920, 5 items);
– letter from Fawsitt to de Valera enclosing a ‘budget of estimated expenditure by and in (sic) behalf of the Diplomatic Mission for a period of one calendar year…for your examination and consideration’. Also discusses accommodation arrangements for the Mission and each department’s responsibilities, political, educational and industrial, (4 November 1920, 10 items);
– letter from Fawsitt to de Valera referring to ‘the new post’ to which he has been assigned by de Valera in which he ‘will be expected to accept the responsibilities of the office, and at the same time, to take orders from those without responsibility. Also…any work I may undertake or initiate is liable, without previous notice to me, to be countered and discounted by acts of others…It is a position that, personally, I would find intolerable, and one that would, in my judgement, prove injurious to the usefulness of the Washington office. Thus far I have taken no step definitely or publicly committing me to this new post…’ (30 November 1920, 1p);
– correspondence from 1930s and 1940s relating to positions held or offered to Fawsitt—his decline of the offer of the post of Chief Examiner and his resignation from Refereeship and membership of the Board of Assessors to the Minister for Defence (26 February 1934–4 August 1944, 3 items).

55 items

1264 [1920/21] Article by Diarmuid L. Fawsitt headed ‘Development of Resources’. Ireland’s ‘natural advantages include, not only her favourable maritime situation for world trade, and the capacity and security of her harbours for world shipping, but more so, the genius and fecundity of her people, the mildness of her climate, the fertility of her soil, the wealth of her fisheries, the extent and varied character of her mineral resources, and the suitability of her physical formation for the development of internal systems of transportation. These advantages…have not been utilised to Ireland’s gain…England, with a minimum of effort on her part…[[has held]…Ireland in bondage, and at the same time…[deprived]…Irishmen, and mankind as a whole, of the food, raiment, and wealth that Irish labour, intelligently applied to the development of Irish resources, would have called forth in increasing measure
1264 contd. from generation unto generation.’ Refers to the Commission to Inquire into the Resources of Ireland and states ‘Through the operation of these Irish-directed, scientifically-planned agencies, the Government of the Republic of Ireland hope to secure that the historic land of Ireland…will once again take her rightful place among the great progressive nations of the world.’ With handwritten amendments. 4pp

1265 n.d. Typescript article [by Diarmuid L. Fawsitt] headed ‘National Civil Service’ on the Government of the Irish Republic’s plan to establish a ‘system of genuinely National education’ and a ‘truly Irish Civil Service’ by the setting up of a ‘National Civil Service Commission to set and hold examinations at necessary intervals, and to award certificates to all candidates who attain the standard of educational efficiency fixed by the Commission’ and thereby leading to ‘the formation of a band of suitably equipped public officials, whose energies would be devoted to the needs of Ireland at every possible point within the circuit of its jurisdiction…It would lead to the transaction of public business in Ireland in an intelligent and efficient manner, and would provide a training ground for that army of young Irishmen who will be required to administer the commercial affairs of Ireland when her status as a sovereign Republic will have been recognised by her sister nations throughout the world.’ 4pp

1266 31 October 1921–1 June 1922 Correspondence between Joseph Connolly [Irish Consul, New York] and either Harry Boland or Joseph Begley [Secretary, Irish Diplomatic Mission, Washington, D.C.] on routine administrative trade and consular matters. [Diarmuid L. Fawsitt resigned his post as Consul in October 1921]. Topics dealt with include:
• the publication of John Chartres book The Bloody English;
• the Fordney Tariff Bill [on proposed import duty on salted fish];
• an article referring to Lloyd George and the probable outcome of the Anglo-Irish peace negotiations—‘a dual regime, such as since 1867 existed between Austria and Hungary in which they had in common only the royal suzerainty’—published in the Jornal do Brazil of 24 November 1921 by Dr. Oliveira Lima, an ‘ex-diplomat…one of Brazil’s foremost and best known writers, especially on international politics’;
• Connolly’s attempt to assemble ‘as complete a set of forms used in the various Consular Services of other countries as possible’ for the Minister of Foreign Affairs;
• the repatriation of Irish seamen in America;
• Connolly’s procurement of a copy of the Chase Act relating to the law of © in the United States.
38 items
1267  2–4 February 1922  Correspondence of Joseph Connolly, Irish
Consul in New York. Comprises letters of
introduction for Joseph McGarrity of Philadelphia written by Connolly to
James MacNeill, National Land Bank, Dublin; George Russell, 84 Merrion
Square, Dublin, and Ernest Blythe, Mansion House, Dublin.
3 items, 1p each

1268  1 December 1922–
8 June 1923  Documents relating to the appointment and
activities of Commandant Seán Moylan,
Military Attaché, Washington Legation.
Comprises:
– typescript copy of a letter from Liam Lynch, Chief of Staff, to Commandant
General Seán Moylan [also Substitute Minister for Economic Affairs],
notifying him of his appointment by the Army Council on behalf of the
Executive, as Army Representative in the U.S.A., ‘principally to establish
relations and generally to co-ordinate our activities with Clan...it is your duty
to present military and political home support to all members, that we may
have the full support of this strong Exiled Force’ (1 December 1922, 1p);
– typescript copy letter from de Valera to Moylan, containing instructions
concerning Moylan’s mission to America and his contact with Laurence
Ginnell [Republican Government Representative in Washington] while there.
With holograph additions by de Valera. Also initialled by de Valera (4
December 1922, 2pp);
– memoranda to Moylan by de Valera on the status of the Sceilg mission to
the U.S.A. in the context of Austin Stack’s previous mission and Moylan’s
own position; ‘co-ordination of effort in the U.S.’ between Laurence Ginnell,
Moylan, Sceilg and Fr. Michael O’Flanagan, the question of expenses and the
employment of Garth Healy as ‘Accountancy Clerk to the Mission’; de
Valera’s ‘Letter of Instructions’ to Moylan –‘Your duty will be to assist our
representative Domhnall ua Ceallachain, in carrying out his instructions, and
in particular to secure the active support of Clan-na-Gael Reorganised so that
the efforts of that organisation and the work of the A.A.R.I.R. may be co-
ordinated and harmonised’; copy of Moylan’s credentials and de Valera’s
letter of introduction on Moylan’s behalf, to the President of Clan na Gael
Reorganised (12 January; 1 and 4 June 1923, 5 items);
– typescript copy of report by Moylan on efforts to secure weapons and
artillery to be shipped to Ireland. Includes many references to ‘J’ [‘Jetter’–
John T. Ryan?] (post 5 April 1923, 2pp)
Note: Laurence Ginnell, Republican Representative in the U.S.A. died on 17
April 1923 and was replaced by Donal O’Callaghan.
See also P150/1749 for 1922-23 references to Seán Moylan in
communications between de Valera and Chief of Staff Liam Lynch;
P150/1752 for 1923-24 references to Seán Moylan in communications
between de Valera and Chief of Staff Frank Aiken
9 items
1269 1921–58 File on Seán Moylan (1889–1957) comprising communications on Army matters (1921–22, 6 items); typescript letter to Moylan from Mary MacSwiney who has just received the resolutions to be proposed by the President at the forthcoming Ard Fheis and asks can he and she ‘devise any plan to minimise the harm that is likely to arise from this development’ and asks if a meeting of Republican T.D.s for Cork can be arranged before the end of February (6 February 1926, 1p); handwritten statement by Seán Moylan stating ‘Paidín O’Keefe says Dev has no training as a politician. He came into politics as a result of 1916—Honesty, Patriotism Sacrifice. He never served on the Dublin Corporation’ (31 May 1937, 1p); typescript memorandum from Moylan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, to Taoiseach de Valera, ‘With reference to our talk last night on the proposal of my going to the Board of Works, I shall take any post assigned by you to me’ (9 February 1943, 1p); newspaper cuttings on the death of Senator Seán Moylan, Minister for Agriculture, on 17 November 1957 (18–20 November 1957, 9 items); typescript copies of de Valera’s funeral oration for Seán Moylan, in English and Irish (1957, 2 items, 2pp each); brief biographical details of Moylan (n.d., 1p) and leaflet issued by the Sean Moylan Memorial Funds seeking subscriptions for the establishment of a Commemorative Scholarship Fund (n.d., 3pp).

See also P150/3649 for Seán Moylan’s 1953 statement to the Bureau of Military History

31 items

1270 27 August 1924– 20 May 1925 Documents mainly dealing with Comdt. Gen. Liam Pedlar’s appointment as Military Attaché to the ‘Legation of the Republic of Ireland in the United States of America’ on 1 September 1924. Also includes holograph letter from Pedlar in New York to de Valera concerning a personal gift of money given to him by ‘our friends here’, which Pedlar feels he cannot accept ‘to take this…would simply be profit-taking’. Refers to events in New York and at home in Ireland.

5 items

1271 26 January 1964; 8 May 1967 Report from The Boston Globe on the funeral of Liam Pedlar who died in December 1963. Article captioned Eamon de Valera Too Overcome to Speak At Funeral of Irish Party’s First Secretary (26 January 1964, 1p) and copy letter from President de Valera’s Personal Secretary to Patrick Byrne, Raheny, Dublin, concerning biographical details of Liam Pedlar (8 May 1967, 1p).

2 items
IX. Cumann na Poblachta delegation, 1922 – 23

1272

5 January–28 May; 30 November 1922

Documents relating to the Cumann na Poblachta Delegation to the U. S., mainly holograph letters to de Valera and Harry Boland from Austin Stack, Chairman, and Countess Markievicz (‘C de M’), member of the delegation, reporting on their activities and the reaction to their tour. Includes some replies from de Valera and one holograph letter to de Valera from J.J. O’Kelly (30 November 1922, 6pp). Also includes:


– holograph letter to de Valera from Mrs. Hanna Sheehy Skeffington suggesting de Valera include at least two women on the delegation and de Valera’s reply (8; 10 March 1922, 2 items);

– copies of letters from de Valera certifying ‘that Mr. Austin Stack, lately Minister for Home Affairs in the Cabinet of Dáil Éireann, is Chairman of the Delegation to the United States from Cumann na Poblachta (Republican Party of Ireland), of which he is a Vice-President and a Trustee’ and that ‘Mr. J.J. O’Reilly (sic), lately Deputy Speaker of Dáil Éireann and Minister for Education, is a duly authorised Delegate to the United States from Cumann na Poblachta…of which he is a Treasurer and a Trustee’ (9 March 1922, 2 items, 1p each);

– typescript copy of a press statement issued by the Provisional Government Delegation to the U.S.A. (probably mid-March 1922, 2pp);

– typescript copies of letters from Fr. Peter C. Yorke, former [California] State President of the A.A.R.I.R., to Austin Stack and J. J. O’Kelly (Sceilg) disapproving of the Irish envoys’ campaign for funds in America on the grounds of public lack of interest and the treatment of the American organisers by the Irish (4 and 10 April 1922, 2 items, 2pp and 3pp) and

– typescript copy of Stack’s reply to Fr. Yorke explaining the objectives of the envoy’s campaign and hoping to avail of Fr. Yorke’s ‘assistance in organizing…meetings and put us in a position to defeat the Free State proposal at the elections’ (19 April 1922, 2pp).

Countess Markievicz and Kathleen Barry joined the delegation in early April and, with J.J. O’Kelly toured the West before rejoining Stack on 14 May in Chicago for a ‘monster demonstration’. 39 items
5 April 1922

Typescript carbon copy of a letter to George Gavan Duffy, Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Provisional Government, from T.A. Smiddy, Envoy Extraordinary from the Elected Government of the Irish Republic to the United States of America. Discusses the arrival of a Provisional Government delegation headed by [Denis] McCullough and the ‘split among the real Irish here’ which ‘has become quite definite and is apparently growing wider daily…and is apt to lead to increasing bitterness owing to the activities of the two delegations here’ [Austin Stack was Chairman of a Cumann na Poblachta delegation to the U.S.A. at the time]. Discusses relations between the two delegations and their effect on Irish-American public opinion; relations between the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic and the Friends of Irish Freedom; meetings with James O’Mara on the official status of Smiddy and Garth Healy; and the financial administration of the New York and Washington offices.

3pp

15 April–17 May; 4 November 1922

Correspondence, mainly between Kathleen Barry and Thomas O’Connor [Secretary at the Delegation’s New York Office] on tour arrangements and expenses. Also discusses the opinions of Countess Markievicz with regard to those working with her, especially J.J. O’Kelly and ‘Mr. Kerley’. Also includes correspondence between Kathleen Barry and Austin Stack, Chairman of the Delegation.

20 items

22 October–21 November 1922

Correspondence, mainly between John F. Finerty and J.J. O’Kelly concerning the lack of co-operation with the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic on the part of the Cuman na Poblachta American Delegation. Also includes minutes of meeting of State Presidents and National Officers of the A.A.R.I.R. held on 22 October 1922, which make reference to the delegation.

10 items

1 December 1922;

Correspondence between de Valera and J.J. O’Kelly on O’Kelly’s activities in the U.S.A., especially the relationship between the Delegation and Laurence Ginnell, newly appointed Republican Government Representative in the U.S.A.


6 items
1277 9 February–21 July 1923  Communications between de Valera and Edward J. Hearty, Secretary to the Cumann na Poblachta Republican Party of Ireland American Delegation (‘E’, ‘Big E’, ‘E.J.H.’, ‘J’) concerning:

• the activities and interactions of the various Republican representatives in the U.S.A. namely Laurence Ginnell, J.J. O’Kelly, Joseph O’Doherty, Mrs. Hanna Sheehy Skeffington and Seán Moylan, and the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic;

• the death of Laurence Ginnell;

• publicity matters; the current prospects for peace and the urgent need for ‘funds for the dependents’ (sic);

• the Dáil Éireann External Loan Litigation;

• the need to ‘win back the majority of our people to stand once more for the independence of our country’, the urgent need for funds with which to contest the upcoming General Election, and a request to Hearty to use his influence in the U.S. in promoting unity among the various Republican organisations and in aiding Donal O’Callaghan the newly appointed Republican Representative.

Also includes memoranda from Hearty to Austin Stack, Minister for Finance, on the situation in the U.S.A. including the activities of Ginnell and the A.A.R.I.R. (23 and 30 March 1923, 2 items). 24 items

1278 14 February–21 July 1923  Correspondence between de Valera and Joseph O’Doherty (‘J. O’D’ or ‘O’D’) (Seosamh Ó Dochartaigh), a member of the Cumann na poblachta delegation, mainly concerning the activities and death of Laurence Ginnell, attempts to overcome antagonisms among the Irish representatives in the U.S.A., the AARIR and Clan na Gael.

12 items

1279 March and July 1941  File relating to the Military Service Pensions claim appeal of Joseph O’Doherty, Barrister-at-Law, Derrycana, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin comprising mainly copies of transcripts of evidence of proceedings before the Referee on 29 July 1941, of O’Doherty’s appeal ‘for revision of the finding of the Referee, viz: that he is not a person to whom the Act is applicable’.

6 items
### X. Association with the Carmelites in the U.S.A., 1922–67

| 1280 | December 1922–June 1923 | Correspondence between de Valera and Monsignor Denis O’Connor, O.C.C. [New York State Treasurer, A.A.R.I.R.] including letters from de Valera to Monsignor O’Connor and Fr. Ronayne, O.C.C., members of the Carmelite community, 338 East 29th Street, New York, in the aftermath of the Cease Fire/Dump Arms Order; includes references to the promotion of unity between the various American Republican organisations, fund raising for the upcoming elections, an assurance that ‘our late C/Staff, General Liam Lynch, never broke his word or gave any parole to the Free State Army’; and citing a number of ‘public and notorious instances in which our opponents have broken their undertakings with us’. Also includes memorandum by de Valera refuting the suggestion that Liam Lynch ‘ever broke his parole’. Signed by de Valera (25 June 1923, 1p). 8 items |
| 1281 | 14 October 1939–25 May 1940 | Letter to de Valera from Fr. Lawrence D. Flanagan O.Carm., seeking ‘a few lines of greeting’ from him for inclusion in a souvenir booklet in preparation for celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the foundation of the Carmelite Church on East 29th Street, New York City. Accompanied by de Valera’s message (November 1939, 1p) referring to the ‘inspiration and strength’ drawn from the Carmelite community—‘Some of the best friends Ireland ever had there gave counsel and help and hospitality to the workers for the freedom of our country. None who took part will ever forget the meetings in the Priory and the School Hall, memories of which bring back the figures of Liam Mellows, Harry Boland and many others whose work has passed into history’. Letter of thanks from Fr. Flanagan. See also P150/1101 for text of de Valera’s 1962 recollection of a speech he made while dining with members of the Carmelite Order on East 29th Street, New York in June 1919. Includes references to Fr. Magennis, Fr. [Denis] O’Connor, Fr. [Lawrence D.] Flanagan, and Liam Mellows, Harry Boland, Seán Nunan and himself as frequent visitors to the community. 3 items |
| 1282 | 26 February, 3 April 1967 | Letter to President de Valera from William J. Carr, New York seeking information on de Valera’s relationship with the Carmelites in the U.S.A. during his mission to America in 1919 and 1920, as part of his research for a Ph.D. dissertation on the history of the Irish Carmelites in America; and reply from the President’s Personal Secretary providing brief details. 2 items, 1p each |
1283
17 December 1962–  Correspondence between President de Valera and Fr. Lawrence D. Flanagan O. Carm.
21 March 1966 Williamstown, Massachusetts, mainly about the Friends of Irish Freedom and the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic while Fr. Peter E. Magennis O. Carm. was President of the former. Also includes three reels of 35mm microfilm containing a complete run of the Gaelic American from 3 January 1920 to 29 December 1923, presented to de Valera by the Carmelite Prior, Fr. Brendan Hourihan in May 1963 and December 1964. Reel 1: 3 January 1920–30 April 1921; Reel 2: 7 May 1921–30 December 1922; Reel 3: 7 January 1922–29 December 1923. ‘…I have, I think said to you more than once, that newspaper is essential to anyone who would write the history of our period in America honestly and objectively’ (de Valera to Fr. Flanagan, 17 May 1963, 1p). Also includes references to the assassination of President Kennedy and de Valera’s attendance at the funeral.
See also P150/3668 for memorial card of Fr. Lawrence D. Flanagan O.Carm., who died on 3 April 1966 18 items

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16cm x 23cm

XI. Dáil Éireann funds and bond litigation in Ireland and the U.S.A., 1922 – 34

1285
1919–27 Documents relating to the Dáil Éireann Bond Drive Legal Case in Ireland in the High Court and later the Supreme Court of Justice. Record no. 1922–556.
Defendants: Daithi O’Donoghue, Eamon de Valera and Stephen M. O’Mara.
Includes:
• High Court of Justice. Record No. 1922–556:
  – Copy Writ of Summons (15 November 1922, 3pp);
  – Copy of Pleadings (19 November 1922–7 May 1924, 23pp). Comprises: Writ of Summons (19 November 1922, 3pp); Memorandum of Appearance (4 December 1922, 1p); Notice of Entry of Appearance (4 December 1922, 1p); Statement of Claim (12 December 1923, 4pp); Defence of Stephen M.
O’Mara (18 December 1923, 6pp); Reply to Defence of Stephen M. O’Mara by James O’Connor, Solicitors for the Plaintiffs (26 November 1923, 2pp); Notice of Trial (26 January 1924, 2pp) and Notice of Objection to Trial (7 May 1924, 2pp).

– Copy of Nature of Order ([24 July] 1924, 4pp);
– Copy of Judgement of Mr. Justice Murnaghan (31 July 1924, 11pp);
– Copy of Application for Reverse of Judgement and Order (post 31 July 1924, 22pp).

– Copy Examiner’s Certificate (27 October 1926, 5pp);
– Copy Affidavit of William J. Norman, member of the firm of James O’Connor and Company, solicitors for the Plaintiffs (21 January 1927, 2 copies, 4pp and 3pp);

– Copy Notice of Motion (22 January 1927, 2pp);
– Copy of Notice of Motion (22 January 1927, 2pp);

• Supreme Court. Record No. 1922–556:

– Copies of Documents not admitted in evidence at trial as lodged for Court. ([1919–22], 40pp);
– Copy Order Affirm Subject to Variation (17 December 1925, 3pp).

18 items

1286


Includes index to contents (3pp). Brief is divided into two parts, (165pp and 136pp), the latter part containing copies of correspondence relating to the case.

3pp and 302pp

1287

5 January 1922– 5 February 1924 Correspondence relating to the Trustees of the Dáil Éireann funds and to the Bond Litigation in the U.S.A. and Ireland. In 1922 the Provisional Government claimed the balance of the Dáil Éireann Internal Loan. One of the three Trustees Dr. Michael Fogarty, consented to their claim and joined with them in suing the other two Trustees, Eamon de Valera and Stephen O’Mara, who maintained that the money had been subscribed for the maintenance of the Republic and should not be transferred. A decision was given in favour of the Provisional Government by Judge Murnaghan in the High Court on 31 July 1924, and again in the Supreme Court on 17 December 1925. Two External Loans were floated by Dáil Éireann in America in January 1920 and November 1921. Half of the money raised was remitted to Ireland and used by the Dáil. The balance was on deposit with three safe deposit companies in New York. After the division in Ireland on the Treaty, de Valera and Collins agreed that this money should not be used for party political purposes. In August 1922 the Provisional Government, in
conjunction with one of the Trustees, Dr. Fogarty, applied for and secured from the American Courts an injunction restraining the banks from paying the money to either de Valera or O’Mara or to their agents. Correspondents include:

- de Valera, Trustee of Dáil Éireann funds;
- Diarmuid Lynch;
- various officials of the American Commission on Irish Independence, including Frank P. Walsh, Chairman;
- Michael Collins, Minister for Finance;
- Alderman Stephen M. O’Mara, Lord Mayor of Limerick and Trustee in America of Dáil Éireann funds (‘S. O.’M.’ or ‘S.M.’);
- Dr. Michael Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe and Trustee of Dáil Éireann funds;
- Gilbert Ward, Confidential Secretary in America to the Trustees;
- T.A. Smiddy, Envoy of the Provisional Government in the U.S.A. [successor to Harry Boland];
- Tomás Ó Connchubhair (Thomas D. O’Connor);
- John F. Finerty (A.A.R.I.R.);
- Austin Stack;
- Senior Counsel Michael Comyn, K.C. (‘M.C.’);
- Ernest W. Proud.

1922–27 Documents relating to the Dáil Éireann Funds Litigation Case in the U.S. Supreme Court, New York County. Irish Free State et. al. Plaintiffs against Guaranty Safe Deposit Co. et. al. Defendants. Includes:

- annotated Summons and Complaint issued by Stetson, Jennings and Russell, Attorneys for the Plaintiffs (11 August 1922, 15pp);
- copies of affidavits of Timothy A. Smiddy, Agent of the Plaintiff, Dáil Éireann (11 and 12 August 1922, 8pp and 5pp); and Order by William P. Bu[sh], Supreme Court Judge (21 August 1922, 3pp);
- copy Answer of Defendants (15 December 1922, 3pp);
- copies of affidavits of Kevin O’Higgins (incomplete, first page missing) and James O’Connor (23 August 1923, 5pp);
- copy of Report of Thomas Jefferson Ryan (post 13 September 1923, c.66pp);
- copy of affidavit of James O’Connor, Solicitor for the Plaintiffs, on correspondence between O’Connor and Finerty (22 January 1924, 21pp);
- copy of affidavit of James O’Connor, Solicitor for the Plaintiffs, on visits to de Valera and Stack in Arbour Hill Barracks (22 January 1924, 9pp);
- copy of Verbatim Report of ‘Proceedings before Dr. Charles M. Hathaway, American Consul, at the Chapel, Arbor (sic) Hill Barracks, in the City of Dublin, on January 24th 1924’ (n.d., 2pp);
- copy of affidavit of William C. Cannon (Attorney) ‘re production of de Valera etc.’ (26 January 1924, 29pp);
- copy of affidavit of John Butler, Captain, Irish Free State Army, on the circumstances under which interviews between de Valera, Austin Stack and John F. Finerty and Ernest Proud were held in Arbour Hill Barracks in January 1924 (6 February 1924, 3pp);
1288 contd. – copy of ‘Verbatim Report of the Proceedings before Dr. Charles Hathaway at Arbor Hill Barracks, Dublin, on Monday the 11th of February 1924’ and incomplete report of proceedings on 16 February 1924 (n.d., 2 items, 9pp and 1p);
– copy of affidavit of John Butler, Captain, Irish Free State Army on visits of Finerty and Proud to de Valera and Stack in Arbour Hill Barracks during January and February 1924 (18 February 1924, 4pp);
– Copy Notice of Motion and Affidavit of John F. Finerty, Counsel for the Defendants ([4 April 1924], c107pp);
– copies of affidavits of Arthur J. Quirke, Captain, Irish Free State Army and John Moore, Recruit Constable, Dublin Metropolitan Police, former Sergeant Major, Military Police, Arbour Hill Barracks, on the circumstances under which interviews between de Valera, Austin Stack and John F. Finerty and Ernest Proud were held in Arbour Hill Barracks in January 1924 (16 April 1924, 4pp and 2pp);
– copy of affidavit of John O’Byrne, Counsel for the Plaintiffs and James O’Connor, Solicitor of the High Court of Justice in the Irish Free State and Solicitor for the Plaintiffs, on the incident referred to in the affidavits of John Butler, Arthur J. Quirke and John Moore during a visit by Finerty and Proud to de Valera and Stack in Arbour Hill Barracks in January 1924 (12 May 1924, 3pp);
– copy of Reply Affidavit of John F. Finerty (5 July 1924, 43pp);
– printed petition to the U.S. Secretary of State by the Irish Republican Bondholders’ Committee (the ‘Hearn’ Committee) ([29 March 1926], 21pp);
– copy of ‘Testimony of Mr. de Valera’ comprising pages numbered 698 to 986 and 1055 to 1064 of de Valera’s evidence over three days before Judge Peters of the Supreme Court of New York (see P150/1291 for de Valera’s ‘Personal Copy’ of the same evidence) (March 1927, c299pp);
– copies of ‘Brief on Behalf of the Defendants de Valera and O’Mara, Trustees’. Two copies—one the property of John F. Finerty (18 April 1927, 2 items, 139pp each);
– copy of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law (25 April 1927, 27pp);
– copy of affidavit of Martin Conboy, Attorney for the Defendants (14 May 1927, pp);
40 items
1289 n.d. Notice of Lien whereby Frank P. Walshe, Chairman of the American Association on Irish Independence; Attorney and Counsellor at Law, claims a lien for services rendered the Irish Republic Bondholders’ Committee, known as the ‘Hearn Committee’ ‘…in inducing the Irish Free State to pay to the members of said Committee and to the subscribers to said Deposit Agreement and to the subscribers to said bond certificates, the balance still remaining due them from said Government of the Irish Free State, upon their subscriptions to said bond certificates…’ (n.d., 4pp, [incomplete]). Also includes a copy of the Irish Republic Bondholders’ Committee Deposit Agreement made out in the name of Thomas Mahoney, 184 West 101st Street, New York (15 September 1925, 4pp). 2 items

1290 February–July 1927 File on de Valera’s trip to the U.S.A. to appear in the American courts as a witness in the case taken by the Irish Free State government for possession of the residue of the money collected on bond certificates in 1920 and 1921, followed by a tour across the continent throughout March and April. Mainly consists of proposed itineraries for the tour (n.d., 5 items); autographed menus from the ships on which de Valera sailed to and from the U.S, the S.S. President Roosevelt and the S.S. Republic (autographs by de Valera and Frank Gallagher and the ships’ respective captains) (27 February and 7 May 1927, 3 items); black and white photograph of de Valera annotated on reverse in his hand ‘Taken at 5 Earl St. Passport for U.S.A. Feb. 19th 1927’ (February 1927, 4cm x 8cm); printed programme relating to de Valera’s visit to Worcester, Massachusetts on 29 April 1927 (April 1927, 1 item); scrapbook of newspaper cuttings (dated between 19 and 26 March 1927) entitled ‘Here, in part, is what the Press of Boston thought and published about Eamon de Valera when he visited Boston March Nineteenth and Twentieth 1927. With Compliments of Doctor James T. Gallagher, Charlestown’ (April 1927, 41pp); miscellaneous loose newspaper cuttings on the tour (April 1927, 7 items) and ‘Proceedings of the Mass Meeting in Honor of Mr. Eamon de Valera in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, Calif., April 10, 1927’ (April 1927, 53pp). 27 items


In August 1922 the Provisional Government, in conjunction with one of the Dáil Éireann Trustees Dr. Michael Fogarty, applied for and secured from the American Courts an injunction restraining the banks from paying the balance of the Dáil Éireann funds raised in America to either de Valera or O’Mara or to their agents. The Government then applied to the Supreme Court of New York for a declaration that the Provisional Government was the legitimate
successor of, and derived its authority from, the Republican Dáil, and that, accordingly, the Provisional Government was entitled to the funds subscribed in the U.S.A. for the establishment of a Republic in Ireland. De Valera contested this claim on behalf of the Republican Party. The case opened on 14 March 1927 and de Valera was in the stand for three days. Judge Peters of the Supreme Court of New York, on 11 May 1927, gave it as his opinion that neither the Irish Free State Government nor the Republican Party in Ireland was entitled to the money and ordered that Receivers be appointed to return the balance of the money to the subscribers.)

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5 March, 8 April 1927  Black and white photographs taken during de Valera’s trip to the U.S.A. to appear in the American courts as a witness in the case taken by the Irish Free State government for possession of the residue of the money collected on bond certificates in 1920 and 1921, followed by a tour across the continent throughout March and April. Comprises prints of:

- Fr. Pat O’Donnell, Judge Owen Bowen, de Valera, James J. Walker Mayor of New York, Frank P. Walsh and John F. Finerty, on the steps of City Hall on 5 March 1927 (5 items, 11cm x 6cm (1), 25cm x 20cm (4), 22cm x 18cm, and 29cm x 20 cm);
- James P. Cooke, de Valera, P.E. Sullivan and Frank Gallagher ‘taken at the court entrance of the Portland Hotel, Portland, Oregon, at eight o’clock Friday morning April 8 1927, by Mr. G.P. Bissell, photographer for the Portland Evening Telegram. Mr. de Valera and Mr. Gallagher arrived from Seattle at 6.15 a.m., had breakfast at the Portland Hotel, and after giving an interview to representatives of the press, Mr. de Valera addressed friends of Ireland in the main parlor. This picture was taken as the party were leaving for the station, the train pulling out at 8.30 a.m.’ (8 April 1927, 25cm x 19cm);
- de Valera and an unidentified man sitting in deckchairs on board the [S.S. Republic]. Print inscribed ‘To Frank Gallagher. With all good wishes, William F. Glenn, New York July [6] [28]’ (25 cm x 20cm).

9 items

1927  Report book of American newspaper cuttings prefaced by a letter (19 March) to de Valera from John Byrne of Watertown, Massachusetts stating ‘The following extracts from International Law are Concerning Nations, Sovereign States, Their inherent Rights, How Nations are established etc.. They were compiled to afford a convenient and Authoritative Answer to and espousal of False Statements which have been foisted upon the People of Ireland’. Asks if they are of “sufficient Value and use to the ‘Cause’ to have them printed and in a more concise form.” Also loose supplementary sheets (10pp and 2pp).

40pp
February 1928–June 1933 Correspondence between de Valera and John T. Ryan, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, New York, mainly copy letters from de Valera to Ryan, on financial matters, including:

- arrangements for the issuing and handling of American shares on the Irish Press Co. Ltd.,
- the Bond litigation,
- the provenance and disbursement of a sum of $100,000 donated by the Friends of Irish Freedom in 1920 as a subscription to the Dáil Éireann Loan but remitted to Ireland on account of the Self-Determination Fund,
- monies owed to the estate of the late Austin J. Ford in respect of a loan given by Ford to fight an election campaign,
- the production of the first issue of The Irish Press,
- the financial plight of the family of the late Barney Downes.

Also includes telegram to de Valera from Frank P. Walsh informing him of the death of Ryan on 8 June 1933 (9 June 1933, 1p).

13 items

22 December 1928–4 September 1934 Documents relating to the Dáil Éireann Funds Litigation Case in the U.S.A., following the decision of Judge Peters of the Supreme Court of New York on 11 May 1927, that neither the Irish Free State Government nor the Republican Party in Ireland was entitled to the money and his order that Receivers be appointed to return the balance of the money to the subscribers. Comprises:

- power of attorney, de Valera to Martin Conboy, Frank P. Walsh and John T. Ryan as his attorneys ‘for me and on my behalf to receive all bond certificates of the Republic of Ireland assigned or transferred to me or otherwise my property and to receive on my behalf all sums of money allowed by the Court or by the Receivers or otherwise payable to me upon or in respect thereof…generally to act in relation to the said bond certificates and sums of money in as full a manner as I could do if personally present’. Signed by de Valera, Ernest W. Proud and Seán Ó hUadhaigh, Notary Public (22 December 1928, 2pp). Also includes certificate of acknowledgement of execution of document signed by Frederick S. Barry, U.S. Vice-Consul in Dublin (22 December 1928, 1p);

- statement by Martin Conboy acknowledging receipt from J. Edward Murphy and John Buckley ‘surviving Receivers’, of ‘certain ledgers, certain unissued or undelivered bond certificates and some 22 packing cases of miscellaneous papers, said to constitute all the records and property of the said Trustees, which came into the hands of the Receivers herein’ (11 October 1933, 1p);

- affidavit of Matthew G. Healy concerning the delivery to Martin Conboy of ‘all records and property of the defendants, De Valera and O’Mara, Trustees, which came into the hands of the Receivers…consisting of approximately 72 ledgers, certain unissued or undelivered bond certificates and some 22 packing cases of miscellaneous papers’ (11 October 1933, 1p).
1294 contd. – acknowledgement of receipt from Martin Conboy, attorney for Eamon de Valera and S.M. O’Mara, trustees, of documents relating to the case in the Supreme Court. Signed by Matthew G. [Garth] Healy (11 October 1933, 1p); – power of attorney, de Valera ‘depositor of The Harriman National Bank and Trust Company of the City of New York’ to Garth Healy. Signed by de Valera, Healy and Seán Ó hUadhaigh, Notary Public (3 September 1934, 2pp). Also includes certificate of acknowledgement of execution of document signed by Henry H. Balch, U.S. Consul General in Dublin (4 September 1934, 1p). 7 items

1295 [1938]–11 January 1957 Folder of material concerning Dáil Éireann funds and the Dáil Éireann loan in the United States. Includes:
– list of ‘Copies of depositions, affidavits, Court Orders, etc., in Department of the Taoiseach and department of Finance’ relating to the ‘Dáil Loan in U.S.A.: Court Proceedings’. Each set of documents is briefly described and a relevant file number provided (n.d., 2pp);
– Dáil Éireann Funds: Legal Proceedings, 1922–27. Documents in custody of the State’ listing relevant files deposited in the Department of the Taoiseach (11 January 1957, 4pp). 5 items

1296 September–November 1922; Letter to President de Valera from Thomas J. Nevins of Conboy, Hewitt, O’Brien and Boardman, Counsellors at Law, New York, enclosing documents belonging to his late colleague Martin Conboy, mainly letters from John F. Finerty, National President, American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, to Conboy, and copies of correspondence between Stephen M. O’Mara, Austin Stack and de Valera, relating to the status of the Dáil Éireann Funds raised in the U.S.A. and the associated legal proceedings. 12 items

1297 14 September, 3 October 1966 Letter to President de Valera from Mrs. Catherine C. Dailey, daughter of the late Martin Conboy, concerning the whereabouts and activities of various members of the Conboy family. Also includes copy reply from de Valera, referring to two sets of diaries kept by her father and the news that Martin Conboy’s papers had been deposited in the New York Library. 3 items
XII. Congressional activity, 1921 – 24, 1940 – 41

1298

27 June and 6 July; 16 November 1921

Typescript copy of memorandum ‘for Mr. Walsh’ by Basil Manly on ‘Congressional Activity on Behalf of the Republic of Ireland’.

Memorandum (10pp) is divided under the following headings:
- ‘Ireland and the Peace Conference’;
- ‘Ireland and the League of Nations’;
- ‘Diplomatic Representation’;
- ‘Protests Against Treatment of Irish Political Prisoners’;
- ‘Reception of President De Valera and Organization of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic’;
- ‘Protests Against British Atrocities in Ireland’;
- ‘American Commission on Conditions in Ireland’;
- ‘Protection of Right of Asylum in O’Callaghan Case’;
- ‘Recognition of the Irish Republic’;
- ‘Protest Against Violation of the Laws of Warfare’;
- ‘Address of Dáil Éireann to the Congress of the United States’;
- ‘Pro-British Speeches of Admiral Sims and Ambassador Harvey’;
- ‘Opposition to British Control of American Shipping’;
- ‘Opposition to Penrose Bill for Funding Foreign Indebtedness’;
- ‘Repeal of Panama Canal Tolls’ and ‘Miscellaneous Matters’.

Attached are pages from the Congressional Record (vol. 61 no. 61, pp.3183; 3246–3247 and vol. 61 no. 68, pp.3521–3522; 3571–3573) giving references to various petitions of support for the Republic of Ireland (27 June and 6 July 1921, 2 items) (see also P150/1012 for texts of resolutions affecting Ireland passed in the House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate and various State Legislatures).

Also includes note ‘See the following Book. The Irish Question: Hearings before the Committee on Foreign Affairs House of Representatives, Dec. 12/1918. Hearings before the Committee on Foreign Relations; United States Senate. August 30th 1919’ (n.d., 1p) 4 items

1299

8 January–20 February 1921

Copy letters to the U.S. President-Elect Warren G. Harding from:
- Clan na Gael leader T. St. John Gaffney warning him about a James M. Beck, following a rumour in the public press that Beck ‘may receive a high appointment in the State Department’ from Harding. Gaffney claims Beck ‘has been one of the most notorious English propagandists’ in the U.S.A. for the last six years (8 January 1921, 1p);
- R.R. Barbour (3288 N Street, Washington, D.C.) cautioning Harding about the journalistic activities of Frederick William Wile of the Public Ledger of Philadelphia, a British propagandist and suspected British agent (14 February 1921, 1p). Includes Harding’s reply noting Barbour’s warning (20 February 1921, 1p). 3 items


5pp

XIII. American Commission of Investigation, 1920 – 21

1302  [2 November] 1920–2 April 1921  Documents relating to the American Commission of Investigation, also known as the American Commission on Conditions in Ireland and the Atrocities Commission.
The Inquiry was launched in the U.S.A. in August 1920 by Dr. William J. Moloney and Frank P. Walsh. It produced an Interim Report in March 1921 and a complete report (Evidence on Conditions in Ireland) later that year.
Comprises:
– typescript copies of reports on the membership, purpose and proposed activities of the Commission and estimates of required funds (n.d., 2 items, 11pp and 5pp);
– letter to de Valera from T. St. John Gaffney, Irish Diplomatic Mission, Washington, D.C., suggesting he send ‘a committee of eminent Americans to Washington to invoke the intervention of the Government’ in view of the ‘increase in reprisals’ which he foresees as a result of recent events in Ireland (2 November 1920, 1p);
– memorandum by Diarmuid Fawsitt on his interview in Washington, D.C. on 3 November 1920 with ‘ex-Governor Folk’ concerning the Atrocities Commission (n.d., 1p);
– copy covering letter from Frank P. Walsh to James O’Mara enclosing copy letter to Walsh from Albert Coyle, ‘official stenographer for the Board, who reported and transcribed the testimony’, on the publication of the Commission’s report (23 and 25 March 1921, 2 items, 1p and 3pp);
– newspaper cuttings and text of press statements concerning the British Embassy’s [Ambassador Geddes] statement following the publication of the Commission’s report and the reply by Counsel for the Republic Frank P. Walsh (2 April 1921, 5 items).

16 items
XIV. American Committee for Relief in Ireland, 1920 – 22

December 1920– 2 February 1922

Documents relating to the origins and development of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland [A.C.R.I.], also variously referred to as the American Relief Committee and the American Commission for Relief; its relationship with the Irish White Cross and its activities in Ireland and the U.S.A...

Includes correspondence and telegrams between James O’Mara; Frank P. Walsh; Harry Boland; Richard Campbell, Secretary of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland; Laurence O’Neill, Lord Mayor of Dublin; Clemens J. France, Chairman of the delegation representing the Committee of the A.C.R.I.; Dr. William J. Maloney; de Valera; and James J. Phelan, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the A.C.R.I.

Also includes:
– circular letter issued in New York announcing the formation of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland (December 1920, 2pp);
– typescript circular headed ‘Public Appeal of American Committee on Relief in Ireland’ and printed version of same (December 1920, 2 items, 1p each);
– pamphlet *A Summons To Service from the Women and Children of Ireland*. With holograph annotation by Harry Boland—‘Doctor Maloneys Pamphlet. H.B.’ Published by the A.C.R.I., New York ([1921], 2 copies, 16pp each);
– handwritten report, by an unknown individual in letter form, referring to the arrival of the A.C.R.I. delegation in Ireland and their meeting with officials of the Irish White Cross (15 February 1921, 3pp);
– typescript copy of an ‘Extract of a Letter and Exhibits From C.J. France of the American Relief Commission in Ireland To the Executive Committee Brought back by Barclay Spicer and Sam McCoy, who arrived in New York, April 9’ (1921, 6pp);
– letter to de Valera from James J. Phelan, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the A.C.R.I., enclosing a copy of the report he is making to the County, City and Town Chairmen concerning the result of the campaign made for funds under the auspices of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland’ (20 July 1921, 2 items, 1p and 2pp);
– receipts for monies received during 1921. Documents mainly addressed to or signed by Edward J. McPike, Assistant Treasurer, A.C.R.I.; Fr. Denis O’Connor, Treasurer, New York State Committee for Relief of Suffering in Ireland, and John J. Pulleyn, National Treasurer, A.C.R.I. (28 February 1921– 28 January 1922, 10 items).

See also P150/1418 for documents relating to the Irish White Cross 41 items
XV. Dissociated documents, 1921 – 64

1304 [February 1921] Typescript copy of an address to the Most Rev. John Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate to the United States from a delegation comprising John W. Goff, New York; Thomas J. Maloney, New Jersey; Frank P. Walsh; Eugene F. Kinkead, New Jersey; James K. McGuire, New York and J.J. Castellini, Ohio, on learning that ‘efforts are being made at Rome through influential channels at the instance of England to procure from the Holy Father a formal expression or pronouncement of hostility to the present struggle of the Irish people to achieve independence and maintain their established Republic…We therefore…pray that Your Excellency interpose your great influence to prevent a possible injustice…If inquiry be made or opened it will be welcomed…Knowledge of…atrocities has been withheld from the world, or when disclosed through other than the regular channels of communication they have been falsely ascribed to the unfortunate people who have been the victims of the rule of ferocity which England maintains in Ireland…’.

See P150/1140 for references to this in correspondence between Frank P. Walsh and Harry Boland; P150/1316 for correspondence between Bonzano and Dr. Patrick McCartan; P150/1095 for relevant correspondence between de Valera and Rev. Dr. Patrick J. Hayes, Archbishop of New York; P150/1132 for covering letter from de Valera to Harry Boland dated 15 April 1920 enclosing a copy of a confidential memorandum by de Valera concerning the possible condemnation of Irish Republicans by the Vatican; P150/1653 for documents relating to the church’s attitude to Republicans, including the Irish Hierarchy’s Joint Pastoral Letter issued on 10 October 1922, condemning resistance to the Provisional Government

1p


2 items

1306 10 January–21 May 1923 Carbon copy letters from de Valera to Austin J. Ford, Editor of The Irish World, enclosing letter to be published in the newspaper setting out de Valera’s ‘views exactly as they are, and…[indicating]…what I regard the best lines of policy for the Irish people to adopt at the moment’ (10 January 1923, 1p and 3pp) and discussing the sending of a printing press by Ford to Ireland.

4 items
1307 13 March–28 October 1926  Copy letters from de Valera to friends and Republican representatives in the U.S.A. following his resignation from Sinn Féin and the founding of Fianna Fáil. Comprises letters to Peter Murray, Frank Aiken, Joseph O'Doherty and Austin J. Ford, Editor The Irish World. 6 items

1308 18 July 1931–1 April 1933  Photocopies of articles from An Phoblacht comprising a 40 part series entitled Irish Republicanism in America by Joseph P. Sexton. Copies made by the National Library in September 1965. 41 items

1309 19[21]; 1924; 1948–64  File on Fr. Timothy J. Shanley (1886–1953) including:
– black and white studio portrait of Fr. Timothy J. Shanley (n.d., 20cm x 25cm);
– black and white print of 3rd Battalion under Comdt. de Valera being escorted to Ballsbridge Barracks after de Valera’s surrender to Captain E.J. Hitzen. De Valera is the figure on the far left of a group of three marching behind the flagbearer. Captain Hitzen is the figure on the far right of the group carrying [the flag] under his arm. ©: Lafayette Ltd. Westmoreland Street, Dublin). Inscribed ‘To Rev. T.J. Shanley. Éamon de Valéra, 29.VI.38’ (24cm x 19cm) (see also P150/503 for other copies of same print).
   Image used in Eamon de Valera Longford and O’Neill biography (1970);
– typescript notes on attempts to ship arms to Ireland, arranged under the following headings: ‘Attempt to purchase the ship, Ida’; ‘Chartering the ship’; ‘East Side’; ‘How McGee heard of the trouble in Hoboken’; ‘Gleason at the ship’; ‘Getting the stuff over to the ship at Hoboken’; ‘Conditions on board as described by Gleason’; ‘Reason the stuff was not put away’; ‘Paddy McGee’’s description of how things were at the ship’; ‘Shipment on the Tashmoo to Cork’; and ‘seizure of the stuff at Hoboken’ (n.d., 8pp);
   typescript account [by Fr. Shanley] of going with de Valera and others [Harry Boland, Seán Nunan and Seán Mac Bride] to the Irish Race Congress in Paris in January 1922 and of their return journey with de Valera disguised as a priest. With handwritten note on covering page ‘From Fr. Shanley brought here by Kevin Bradshaw Mayor of Limerick April 27th, 1957’ (n.d., 1p and 8pp);
– note signed by John T. Ryan (‘Jetter’) acknowledging that he received from Fr. Timothy J. Shanley a receipt dated 15 June 1921 from G.G. Rorke for $101,400 to Frank Williams and a receipt from same to same dated 15 May 1921 for $20,480. On notepaper headed ‘Hotel McAlpin, New York City’ and annotated ‘To be sent to Mr. De Valera. Very Important letter’ and on reverse: ‘This is the receipt for the Thompson machine guns captured in Hoboken’ [New Hampshire] (15 February 1924, 1p);
1309 contd. – correspondence, including telegrams, between de Valera and Kathleen O’Connell, and Fr. Shanley, New York City, on subjects such as the death of Fr. Edmond O’Shea, parish priest of St. Cyril’s, Philadelphia, ‘a lifelong worker here and in America for the Irish Independence movement, the Irish language and Irish culture’, including a newspaper cutting on his death; the political situation in Ireland; the gift of a painting by Haverty of Daniel O’Connell and contemporaries to the National Gallery of Ireland [on loan to Áras an Uachtarán in 1950]; de Valera’s eye operations in Utrecht in 1952 and 1953 and representations by Fr. Shanley on behalf of others, including his nephew Eamon Glancy, Carrick-on-Shannon, who wants supplies of cigarettes and whiskey for his shop (March 1948–8 October 1953, 53 items);
– press cuttings (June 1951, 3 items) and photographs (June 1951, 2 items, 20cm x 25cm each) on the fortieth anniversary of Fr. Shanley’s ordination. Black and white prints depict Monsignor Henry O’Carroll, Mayor Impellitteri and New York Auxiliary Bishop Joseph F. Flannery congratulating Fr. Shanley on the occasion of his fortieth anniversary in the priesthood. Two identical prints, one inscribed to de Valera and the other to Kathleen O’Connell by Fr. Shanley, 10 June 1951 (© The News, New York’s Picture Newspaper);
– correspondence, including telegrams, press cuttings, sermon at his funeral by Monsignor Middleton, acknowledgement and memorial cards on the death of Fr. Shanley, pastor of St. Matthew’s Church, Manhattan, New York, on 28 November 1953 (November–December 1953, 24 items);
– notice seeking subscriptions for a memorial to be erected in Annaduff, Co. Leitrim, to the late Fr. Shanley (1954, 1p);
– holograph list by Seán Nunan of ‘persons who knew Father Shanley’ (n.d., 1p);
– letter to President de Valera from Mother M. Gonzaga, O.S.U., College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, New York on her friend, the late Fr. Tim Shanley, who was ‘always considered a cousin of…mother’s family’ and reply (11 and 17 February 1964, 2 items, 1p each).
See also P150/1603 for documents relating to the Irish Race Congress in Paris in January 1922
92 items
17. FIRST AND SECOND DÁIL ÉIREANN, 1919 – 22

I. General documents, January 1919 – May 1922

1919–22  ‘Sevenfold File’ containing items filed under the following divisions:
  • pamphlet Iris Dáil Éireann. An Chead Tionól. 21 Eanair 1919. Contains Rolla na Dála. Bunreacht na Dála, An Fhaisnéis Neamhspleádhchais, Scéal ón Dáil chun Saornáisiún an Domhain and Clár Oibre Poblacánaigh. Marked with delta sign and labelled ‘Own Copy’ by de Valera (1919, 31pp);
  • photocopy of Articles 1 to 5 of Dáil Éireann. Constitution (n.d., 2pp);
  • partial handwritten and typescript draft of ‘The Courts of Justice of the Irish Republic. Provisional Constitution and Rules’, with the following section headings: ‘Jurisdiction of District Courts’ (n.d., 13pp). Also typescript complete version (n.d., 19pp);
− ‘Democratic Programme’. Contains:
  • typescript copy of text of ‘Ireland’s Democratic Program Proclaimed by Dáil Éireann’ on 21 January 1921 (2pp) and
  • copy of typescript ‘Poblacht na h-Eireann. Democratic Programme’. ‘In elaboration of the Democratic Programme adopted at its First Session January 1919 by Dáil Éireann, the Parliament of the Republic of Ireland, we issue herewith on behalf of the Second Dáil a statement of our Democratic Policy, and the principles underlying it’ (1p);
− ‘Standing Orders’. Comprises:
  • printed copy of Dáil Éireann Standing Orders (orders 1 to 17) (n.d., 4pp);
  • carbon copy ‘Standing Orders’ (order 1 to 16). Marked with de Valera’s delta sign (n.d., 4pp);
  • carbon copy ‘Clár na hOibre’. With handwritten annotations (n.d., 1p);
• report entitled ‘Dáil Éireann. A Brief Survey of the Work Done by the Agricultural Department. From April 1919 to August 1921. Presented to the First Session of the Second Dáil – 16 August 1921 by Art O’Connor. Deputy for South Kildare. Substitute Minister for Agriculture’ (August 1921, 46pp);
• dates of Dáil Éireann Private Secret Sessions, between 14 December 1921 and 6 January 1922 (Treaty Debates) (1p);
• typescript notes on the dates and recording of minutes of Dáil Éireann/Provisional Government/Executive Council Cabinet Meetings between 1919 and [1932] and on the appointment of various Cabinet Secretaries, beginning with Diarmuid O’Hegarty (Ó hEigceartuigh) (post 1951, 6pp);
• typescript notes made in the Taoiseach’s Department (S.15401) on ‘The Government. Secretaryship and Assistant Secretaryship, 1919–53’ (1953, 2pp);
• dates of recorded meetings of Dáil Éireann First Dáil, First Cabinet (22 January–1 April 1919), Second Cabinet (1 April 1919–26 August 1921); Second Dáil, First (Pre-Treaty) Cabinet (26 August 1921–9 January 1922) and Second (Post-Treaty) Cabinet (10 January–9 September 1922). Produced in the Taoiseach’s Department (S. 15503) (28 May 1954, 5pp);
• carbon copy ‘Dáil Éireann. Department of Finance. Statements of Receipts and Expenditure’ for the half years: 1 May to 31 October 1920 (6pp) and 1 January to 30 June 1921 (6pp);
• carbon copy ‘Dáil Éireann. Department of Finance. Statements of Receipts and Expenditure’ for the periods: 1 January to 28 February 1921 (6pp) and 1 March to 30 April 1921 (5pp);
• carbon copy ‘Dáil Éireann. Department of Finance. Statement of the position as at close of business on 30 June 1921. Includes version in Irish (2 items, 2pp each);
• ‘Trustees’ Account from Inception to 31st December 1920’ (3ff);
• ‘Dáil Éireann. Trustees’ Account for the period 1 January to 31 March 1922 (1p);
• ‘Trustees Funds at 27 March 1922’ (1p);
• ‘Dáil Éireann. Trustees’ Account for Half-Year ended 30 June, 1922’ (5pp);
• carbon copy ‘Summarised Statement showing Outlay for the three months January, February and March and Estimate for the Three Months, April, May and June, 1921’ (1p);
• Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the period 1st January, 1921 to 31st March, 1921’ (1p);
• carbon copy ‘Estimates for Half Year to 30th June, 1922’ (3pp);
  – ‘Dáil Éireann, 1919’. Comprises:
  • Dáil Éireann. Tuairisc Oifigiúil – Neamhcheartaítaí. Comhaireamh Caoga Bliain Ó Chéad-Tionól an Chéad Dáil Éireann 21 Eanáir, 1919 (vol. 238, no. 1). Cover autographed by de Valera (1969, 23pp);
1311 July 1920; June 1923; 1959–October 1965

Notes, copies of extracts from minutes of Dáil proceedings and other publications, copy of the Dáil Éireann Constitution and copies of letters to the editors of various Irish newspapers on the correct description and title of de Valera under the 1st and 2nd Dála, the office of the President of the Republic and the question of whether or not de Valera was officially ‘President of the Irish Republic’ in 1919 and 1920.


20 items

1312 28 April 1922, 6 April 1964

Letter (6 April 1964, 4pp) to President de Valera from Minister for Heath Seán MacEntee enclosing copies of extracts from Volume 2 of the Official Reports of the Proceedings of Dáil Éireann (28 April 1922, 3pp and 6pp). ‘One enclosure is a Xerox copy of pages 327/329. It contains the text of questions which I put to the Minister for Defence [Richard Mulcahy] in order to elucidate and make plain the relationship which, until the Executive Council of the Irish Volunteers adjourned itself indefinitely in the autumn of 1921, had existed between it and the Minister for Defence…The second enclosure, which consists of pages 341/346 of the Dáil Proceedings, contains the report of a speech in which, on the evening also of April 28th, I criticised the action of the Government in proclaiming the Volunteer Convention. The speech not only traverses again the ground covered by the questions, but describes the peculiar relationship between the Minister for Defence and the Volunteer Executive and recounts how it came about’.

3 items

1313 n.d.

Typescript explanatory seven-point ‘Memorandum for Mr. Washington’ by de Valera in answer to questions [not included here] relating to the functioning of successive Dáil Éireanns and documents concerning the 1916 to 1922 period, including minutes of the First and Second Dáils and correspondence between Dáil Éireann Trustees and the Minister for Finance.

2pp
January 1919; 1936

Documents relating to the opening session of the 1st Dáil Éireann. Includes:

– explanatory covering note and Order Paper for a preliminary meeting of Sinn Féin members elected to Dáil Éireann, held on 7 January 1919. Signed by Seán T. O’Kelly (7 January 1919 and n.d., 2 items, 1p each);

– newspaper cuttings and postcards relating to the opening session of the first Dáil Éireann in the Mansion House, on 21 January 1919 (1919–26 May 1966, 8 items). Also includes printed list of those ‘Assembled at the Mansion House, Dublin, Tuesday, 21st January, 1919’. Names in English and Irish (1919, 1p);

– booklet *Iris Dáil Éireann An Chead Tionól 21 Eanair, 1919* containing ‘Rolla na Dála’; ‘Bunreacht na Dála’; ‘An Fáisnéis Neamhspleádchuis’; ‘Scéal ón Dáil chun Saornáisiun an Domhain’ and a ‘Clár Oibre Poblacánaighe’ (1919, 31pp);

– annotated copies of:
  • a translation of the Declaration of Independence approved by Dáil Éireann in its opening session (1919, 2pp);
  • A Message to the Free Nations of the World (1919, 2pp);
  • ‘Ireland’s Democratic Program Proclaimed by Dáil Éireann’ (2pp);

– envelope addressed in de Valera’s hand to Dorothy Macardle containing the ‘Prayer read by Fr. O’Flanagan at opening Dáil Jan. 1919’ (23 May 1936, 1p and envelope).

14 items

n.d.


January–[April] 1919; 21 January 1921

Correspondence between Dr. Patrick McCartan and Most Rev. John Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, concerning international recognition of Ireland’s separation from Britain and her status as an independent country. Includes newspaper extract giving text of a note presented to the U.S. State Department and to all diplomatic representatives of foreign governments in Washington, being ‘an official notification of the separation of Ireland from Great Britain’ (January 1919, 1p).

Also includes letter of acknowledgement of receipt of ‘documents concerning the procedure followed by the forces of His Britannic Majesty in Ireland, together with your protest against the same and your request to transmit such protest and the aforesaid data to my government…I do not represent the Holy See in any diplomatic capacity whatsoever in America. The Apostolic Delegate is only the representative of the Holy Father in relation to the Catholic Church in the United States. You may be sure that the Holy See is fairly well aware of what is happening in Ireland, either through the Irish Bishops, who are not afraid to speak in defense of their sorely tried people, or through the European press’ (21 January 1921, 1p).

4 items
[February–October] 1919 Documents relating to Ireland’s claim to recognition as a sovereign independent state, American support for this aim and a hearing for the Irish delegates at the Paris Peace Conference. Includes:

– holograph and typescript drafts of Seán T. O’Kelly’s invitation to President Wilson in Paris to visit Ireland. All drafts signed by O’Kelly ([8 February 1919], 3 items, 1p each);

– carbon copy letter from the ‘Delegate of the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic’ [Seán T. O’Kelly], Grand Hotel, Paris, requesting [Clemenceau and delegates to the Peace Conference] to receive de Valera, Arthur Griffith and Count Plunkett as delegates of the National Assembly to present a statement to the Peace Congress and to the League of Nations Commission, assembled in Paris. Attached is the ‘Message to the Free Nations of the World adopted by Dáil Éireann at its first Session, January 21st, 1919’ (22 February 1919, 2 items, 2pp each);

– covering letter from Seán T. O’Kelly, Delegate of the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic, to Clemenceau, President of the Paris Peace Conference, hoping the President will bring to the attention of the Conference, Ireland’s desire to subscribe to the Covenant of the League of Nations and to claim the protection of Article 10 against Britain (original dated 31 March 1919, 5pp);

– draft copies of [a page from] Dáil Éireann Official Bulletin, session 17–19 June 1919, on the first day’s business relating to a resolution of thanks to the United States Congress for their request to the American Peace Commission at Versailles, to endeavour to secure a hearing at the Peace Conference, for de Valera, Arthur Griffith and Count Plunkett, to present Ireland’s case (June 1919, 2pp).

10–11 April 1919 Documents relating to the proceedings of the 1st Dáil Éireann, mostly copies of extracts from proceedings from the League of Nations debate, the ‘Message to Irish Abroad Debate’ and the ‘Freedom of the Seas Debate’.

15–26 April 1919 Letter from [Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartuigh] Secretary to Dáil Éireann, to Charles Hathaway, U.S. Consul, Cork, requesting Hathaway to communicate to President Wilson, the enclosed text of a resolution adopted by the ‘elected Parliament and Government of the Irish Republic’ pledging their support for the formation of a League of Nations. Hathaway regrets he is not authorized to receive or forward communications of this character to the President through official channels.’ Encloses carbon copy of text of message signed by de Valera.

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1320 1919–[1921] Documents relating to the relationship between the Irish Republic and the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic. Comprises:
– correspondence between Dr. Patrick McCartan, Envoy of the Republic of Ireland, and L.A. Martens, Representative in the U.S.A. of the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic, on the following matters:
  • the seeking of clarification as to the authenticity of a negative newspaper statement of 3 May 1919 ‘which purports to issue from the Headquarters in Washington of the new Irish Republic, relating to the attitude of the Irish Republic towards the Soviet Union of Russia’, and Dr. McCartan’s reply assuring Martens that the statement was ‘issued without authority and is contrary to the spirit of the Republic of Ireland’ (7–8 May 1919, 2 items);
  • official recognition of the Irish Republic by the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic.
– copy letter signed by McCartan to ‘Mr. President’ outlining ‘the conditions upon which I would accept the Chairmanship of a Commission to the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic’ (20 July 1920, 4pp);
– typescript copy of Dr. McCartan’s report on his mission to Russia between February and June 1921. Report divided into sections under the following headings ‘Hopes of Recognition’ (15pp); ‘Personal Treatment’ (4pp); ‘Foreigners in Moscow’ (2pp); ‘Conditions in Russia’ (8pp) and ‘Commercial Affairs’ (5pp).
12 items

1321 1920–56 Documents relating to a loan of $20,000 by the Provisional Government of Ireland to the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic, given on security of four jewel brooches in April 1920 and also a further loan of $20,000. The jewels were restored in September 1949 on payment by the Russian government of $20,000. Includes:
– copies of various receipts from L. Martens, Russian Representative in the U.S.A. to Harry Boland, Envoy of the Provisional Irish Government, and documents, mostly copy documents, relating to the repayment of the two loans;
– cuttings from The Irish Press, The Irish Times and The Sunday Press on the jewels (16 January 1948–2 April 1950, 10 items);
– typescript notes on the loan and the history of the jewels between 1922 and 1949.
48 items

1323 1921  Printed pamphlet entitled *Intercourse between Bolshevism and Sinn Fein* being a publication by the British Government of a ‘Document…that…has been captured in Dublin’ comprising the draft of the proposed treaty between the Irish Republic and the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic, together with observations thereon by President de Valera and Dr. Patrick McCartan. 5pp

[1919] Notebook containing various holograph notes and drafts of letters by de Valera including two drafts of a letter to Lloyd George stating Ireland’s right to self-determination and seeking safe conduct for himself, Arthur Griffith and Count Plunkett to attend the Paris Peace Conference; drafts statements for the American press stating Ireland’s case and commenting on the power of the media and their role in influencing politicians and statesmen and declaring ‘America is now the hope of the world…England’s refusal to apply the principles for which she professed to be fighting except when those principles injured her enemies shows that she cannot be trusted–justice is impartial …her genuine champions are even handed. So there is only America to look to…Ireland asks for justice nothing more. She asks nothing of England further than that England should cease her interference. Ireland wants to live her own life in her own way…You ask me do I think that the statesmen at present in Paris will try to force England to do justice to Ireland? I do not know’. Also contains notes on the ‘death’ of the Irish language. 48pp

[1918]–19 Documents relating to the Irish deposition at the Paris Peace Conference. Includes:
- carbon copy typescript headed ‘A Statement of Ireland’s Case Before the Powers To Be Assembled in a Peace Conference’ (n.d., 92pp);
contd. – draft copies of above covering letter to Clemenceau from de Valera, Griffith and Count Plunkett (17, 26 May 1919, 3 items);
– cover of booklet of a petition appealing ‘to the Peace Congress to secure the establishment of Ireland as an Independent State’ (1918/19, 4pp);
– copy of a typescript entitled ‘An Urgent Preliminary Note for the Information of the President of the United States of America with regard to Ireland and the Peace Conference’. Signed by Seán T. O’Kelly (original dated 28 December 1918, 6pp);

11 items

1326 1 August 1919

Typescript letter of support and encouragement to de Valera and members of Dáil Éireann from officials of the Irish-Ireland League of Victoria, Australia.  1p

1327 August, October 1919

Drafts of summaries of proceedings of Dáil Éireann in private session on 17, 18, 19 August 1919

3 items

1328 1919

Carbon copy typescript signed by Ceann Comhairle Seán T. O’Kelly and Acting President Arthur Griffith stating ‘The Elected Representatives of Ireland assembled in Session in the Mansion House on the twentieth day of August, 1919, call the attention of the elected representatives of the United States…to the fact that persons duly elected for Irish constituencies are now being seized by the English Army of Occupation…’ Documents the case of Paul Galligan, elected representative for West Cavan, who was arrested and imprisoned in solitary confinement in Belfast jail for drilling a body of young men ([1919], 1p). Includes copy of a letter written by Galligan to [an unknown individual] outlining the circumstances of his arrest and imprisonment and referring to other prisoners in similar situations (n.d., 2pp).
See also extract from the Irish Bulletin on Irish prisoners in P150/3756

2 items
1329  [1920/21]  ‘Secret’ letter to de Valera from Patrick E. Walsh, written on headed notepaper of The Irish Press of Philadelphia, suggesting the issuing of a Proclamation to the people of Ireland, declaring the existence of a state of war between Ireland and the British Empire and the submission of an Act entitled ‘The National Defence Act’ to the Dáil. Also outlines the topics such an Act would cover. 2pp

1330  6 April–[5 August] 1920  Documents relating to pledges of allegiance to and by Dáil Éireann, mainly Resolutions and copies of Resolutions of various public bodies such as town commissioners, county councils, urban councils, urban and rural district councils, boards of guardians and unions, acknowledging the authority of Dáil Éireann as the duly elected Government of the Irish people and undertaking to give effect to all its decrees. Arranged alphabetically by placename. Also includes typescript extract from the Irish Bulletin of 2 July 1920 (vol. 2, no. 43) quoting a message from Dáil Éireann, 29 June 1920, to President de Valera in America, unanimously affirming the allegiance of the citizens of Ireland to his policy and stating they are relying ‘with confidence upon the great American Nation to accord recognition to the Republic of Ireland now in fact and in law established’ (1920, 1p); and typescript extract from a special cable despatch to The Sun and New York Herald of 1 July 1920, quoting the resolution of Dáil Éireann of 29 June 1920 and outlining a Dáil programme for the immediate future (n.d., 1p). 38 items

1331  May 1920–January 1922  Correspondence between de Valera, both before his mission to the U.S.A. between June 1919 and December 1920, and after, and Rev. Dr. Michael Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe and one of the Trustees of the Dáil Éireann funds. Topics discussed include:
• Bishop Fogarty’s stay in Rome, British propaganda there, the attitude of the Vatican towards Ireland and the Republican cause, the activities of Seán T. O’Kelly in Rome and the general situation in Ireland;
• the ‘cop-option of Mr. Mellowes as Trustee’ [of Dáil Éireann funds];
• letter informing de Valera of the ‘ugly state of things...in Ennis which threatens to take shape as a sectarian warfare’ and describing the burning of houses by British military forces and Sinn Féin reprisals and asks de Valera to ‘forbid all hostile assaults in Ennis and its neighbourhood’ (24 April 1921, 1p);
• preliminary peace negotiations;
• the Bishop’s reaction to the signing of the Treaty on 6 December 1921;
• the wish of Rev. Dr. Daniel Mannix [Archbishop of Melbourne and former President of St. Patrick’s College Maynooth] that the National University of Ireland confer an honorary degree on Fr. Maurice O’Reilly ‘a very eminent man intellectually, as well as a distinguished Irishman in Australia...head of St. John’s College, Sydney, a constituent College of the University there’. 16 items
Correspondence between de Valera, Dr. Robert P. Farnan, Dr. Michael Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, and Daithí O Donnchadha, Department of Finance, relating to the transfer of £5,500 ‘from Dr. Mannix [Archbishop of Melbourne], money collected for Ireland in Australia’ now in Dr. Fogarty’s keeping.  
5 items

Cuttings from The Irish Press and The Standard on the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the episcopate of Bishop Michael Fogarty of Killaloe.  
2 items

Documents relating to the I.R.A. in 1920–21, its allegiance to the Irish Government and its re-commissioning in that year. Includes documents concerning levies and collections; orders concerning ‘Enemy Deserters’ and an incident involving the photographing of Michael Collins by a British tourist, at a meeting on behalf of the Irish Republican Prisoners’ Dependents’ Fund. Also includes list of positions held by various individuals on the Army Council for 1920–21.  
20 items

Copies of reports and figures on stocks of arms and ammunition held by the I.R.A. in 1921, including figures for the importation and manufacture of munitions. Includes reports for the Minister for Defence Cathal Brugha, from the Director of Munitions [Seán Russell] and Quartermaster General [Seán MacMahon] (21 July 1921–18 November 1924, 7 items). Also includes extracts from statements of Michael Leahy, Monsignor M. Curran P.P., Seán Ó Seaghdha and Jack Plunkett, concerning the ‘Italian Arms Project end 1920–21’ [the allocation of a cargo of arms and ammunition by the Italian Ministry of War to Ireland—an operation cancelled ‘at the last moment’].  
8 items

Printed booklet An Address to the Representatives of Foreign Nations. Adopted at the January Session of Dáil Éireann, 1921.  
40pp
Translated copies of *An Address to the Representatives of Foreign Nations. Adopted at the January Session of Dáil Éireann 1921*. Comprises copies of the booklet addressed to the following Central and South American Governments:

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1351 Polish. 51pp
1352 Spanish [Irish Delegation, Madrid] 61pp
1353 Swedish. 47pp

1354 January 1921 Address to the Congress of the United States. Adopted at the January Session of Dáil Éireann, 1921.
Comprises Address and Appendices containing statistics relating to the administration of the country and the ‘Democratic Foundation of the Republic’; elections; population; ‘Destruction of Wealth and Financial Property’ and ‘the Intensification of British Aggression in Ireland During Four Years’. Bound in booklet form by the Model Printing Company, Washington. 36pp

1355 4 March 1921 Copy of a protest addressed to President Harding of the U.S.A. by Frank P. Walsh, Counsel for the Republic of Ireland, on the shooting on 28 February 1921 by British military forces in Ireland, of John Allen, Thomas O’Brien, Patrick Mahony, John Lyons, Daniel Callaghan and Timothy McCarthy, as a violation of the laws of land warfare as declared by the Hague Convention of 1907. 4pp

1356 March–August 1921 Documents relating to the daily business of the Dáil including lists of decisions made; statements; procedures at public sessions and the calling to order of the Dáil; timetables and ministerial orders. 11 items

1357 April–August 1921 Documents relating to the resolution passed by Waterford Corporation on 5 April 1921, protesting against the hanging of six young Irishmen ‘admitted to be prisoners of war’ at Mountjoy jail on 14 March 1914, ‘for the crime of loving their country’. Includes:
– covering letter to Harry Boland from Robert Barton, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, enclosing a copy of the resolution (20 April 1921, 2 items, 1p each).
1357 contd. – copy covering letters sent with the resolution forwarded to the U.S. President and the Chilean, Brazilian, Argentine, Columbian and Mexican ambassadors in Washington, and to the Premiers of Newfoundland and Canada by the Department of Foreign Affairs (15 April, 28 May; 19 August 1921, 9 items, 1p each); – acknowledgements of receipt of the resolution from representatives of the Mexican, Peruvian and Chilean Embassies in Washington (16; 19 April; 23–25 August 1921, 5 items, 1p each).

20 items, 1p each

1358 2–14 May 1921 Documents relating to the General Election of May 1921. Includes:
– copies of de Valera’s Election Addresses (2 May 1921, 2pp);
– copy of extract from The Freeman’s Journal of 13 May 1921 listing the ‘Candidates in Southern Ireland’ (3pp);
– cutting from The Evening Herald entitled Election Nominations To-Day. No Dublin Contests Where All Candidates Are Returned Unopposed. Emphatic Protest Against Partition and Unopposed Returns. Twelve Sinn Fein Nominees Elected in Dublin (13 May 1921, 1p) and from The Irish Independent with captions such as 120 Republicans Unopposed. Sweep of Southern Ireland and A Surprise in Carsonia (14 May 1921, p. 5–8).

5 items

1359 [21] June 1921 Copy of Declaration issued in June 1921 by the sixteen members of the Cabinet contradicting ‘in the most explicit manner possible the British suggestion that there is, or has been, any split, division, or difference of opinion as regards method or policy between the President of the Republic and any members of the Cabinet…’ Includes carbon copies of the declaration, each signed in writing by eleven of the sixteen members of the Cabinet–everyone except Arthur Griffith, Eoin MacNeill, Robert Barton, Countess Markievicz and Joseph McGrath.

12pp

1360 August; September 1921 List of members of ‘New Dáil Ministry (Dáil Eireann)’ both Cabinet members and non-Cabinet members. Also includes copy of ‘Instructions to Minister of Economic Affairs’[Robert Barton] concerning the representation by him in Cabinet, of non-Cabinet Ministers.

2 items, 1p each
1361 11–14 August 1921 Copies of statements issued by the Publicity Department of Dáil Éireann on:
– the summoning home of Seán T. O’Kelly, George Gavan Duffy and Harry Boland, Irish Representatives in Paris, Rome and Washington respectively, to attend a meeting of Dáil Éireann ([11 August] 1921, 1p);
– the presentation of the official reply from the Ministry of Dáil Éireann to the British Government on 11 August 1921 (11 August 1921, 1p) and the British Government’s reply (14 August 1921, 1p);
– the unauthorised publication of a letter from de Valera, by General Smuts (14 August 1921, 1p).

4 items

1362 [August] 19[21] Black and white prints of the Dáil Assembly [during the 2nd Session of the 1st Dáil or the Opening Session of the 2nd Dáil—the latter is more likely]. Prints are all mounted onto cardboard. Includes prints of
– the taking of the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic (n.d., 2 items, 19cm x 14cm);
– print with caption stamped on mount, ‘First Session of Dáil Éireann, Dublin 20th August 1921’;
– print of crowds on street outside the Mansion House [awaiting the arrival of the Cabinet?] (n.d., 19cm x 14cm).

5 items

1363 22 August– Typescript draft or copy minutes of Proceedings of Private Sessions of Dáil Éireann with occasional annotations. Includes:
– ‘Private Session 22nd Aug. 1921 Dáil Sitting in Oak Room, Mansion House, Dublin. Discussion on Peace Negotiations’ (23pp) (see published Dáil Éireann Private Sessions of Second Dáil Minutes of Proceedings, 22 August 1921, pp.27–41);
– ‘Dáil Éireann Session 26–9–21 (sic) Discussion on Question of Plenipotentiaries’ (8pp) (see published Dáil Éireann Private Sessions of Second Dáil Minutes of Proceedings, 26 August 1921, pp.79–83);
– Private Session of 27 August (but marked September) 1921, ‘Dáil assembled in Round Room, Mansion House’ (6pp) (see published Dáil Éireann Private Sessions of Second Dáil Minutes of Proceedings, 27 August 1921, pp.85–86) and

See also P150/1532a–1532c for bound volumes of Private Sessions, 18 August 1921–6 January 1922

5 items
Documents relating to relations between Ireland and the Vatican [Pope Benedict XV] during 1921. Comprises:

– letter to Taoiseach de Valera from M. McDunphy, Director of the Bureau of Military History 1913–21, concerning a letter written by Pope Benedict XV to Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh, on 27 April 1921, enclosing a gift of 200,000 Italian lire for the Irish White Cross and suggesting a peace conference in Ireland. Encloses a copy of the letter (4pp). Also encloses a letter of acknowledgement (1 October 1951, 1p) from Kathleen O’Connell, the Taoiseach’s Personal Secretary (25 September–1 October 1951, 3 items). (See also 1383 for memoranda from de Valera to Robert Brennan, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, for references to Pope Benedict and the White Cross in 1921);

– documents relating to the telegram sent by de Valera on 20 October 1921 to Pope Benedict XV, following an exchange of telegrams between George V and the Pope in which the King referred to the Irish people as ‘my people’. De Valera’s telegram refutes this and asserts Ireland’s claim for independence (20 October 1921–12 May 1928, 17 items). 20 items

Black and white photograph of ‘An Dail in session on Ratification of Peace Treaty Jan 1922’. 20cm x 15cm

Documents relating to the activities of Dáil Éireann between 10 January and May 1922, before the 2nd Dáil was adjourned on 8 June 1922. Includes:

– carbon copy letter from Ernest Blythe, Minister for Trade, to L.H. Kerney, Paris, containing ‘guidance in regard to the attitude you will adopt, as Consul, in facing the present political situation….You will continue to carry on your work in the same manner as heretofore; it will not be part of your duty to the Republic to intervene in the political controversy which will be waged round the Treaty.’ With holograph annotations by de Valera (18 January 1922, 1p);

– carbon copy typescript of extracts, as published in The Irish Independent between 10 January and 25 April 1922, from speeches in Dáil Éireann and at political meetings around the country, mainly by Michael Collins and Kevin O’Higgins, on the Treaty and associated matters such as the supremacy the Dáil; the alleged subversion of the Republic; Document No. 2; the Army; the Oath of Allegiance and the functioning of the Provisional Government (7pp);

– printed pamphlet Dáil Éireann. Report on Foreign Affairs. In English and Irish. With holograph annotations by de Valera (April 1922, 4pp);

– carbon copy ‘Fáisnéis Ón Uachtarán (Statement by President)’ [Arthur Griffith], referring to: the deaths of Frank Lawless and General Adamson; reports of various departments laid before the Dáil; the evacuation of the country by British troops; the military situation in North-East Ulster; the sending to the U.S.A. of Denis McCullough ‘to inform American public
opinion of the facts of the North-East Ulster situation’; the drafting of the Free
State Constitution; its publication before the elections in June and the meeting
between the President, the Minister of Finance and members of the opposition
with the object of securing a peaceful election ([26 April] 1922, 2pp);
– carbon copy ‘Orders of the Day’ for:
• 27 April 1922 (2pp);
• 11 May 1922 (2pp);
• 18 May 1922. Includes one page of handwritten annotations (5pp);
• 19 May 1922. Includes holograph annotations by de Valera (4pp)
•20 May 1922 (3pp).

II. Dáil Éireann decrees, 1919 – 21

1919

Decrees of Dáil Éireann:
– Decrees Nos. 1–2, 1st Session, 1919 ratifying
the establishment of the Irish Republic and pledging allegiance to the Irish
Republic and referring to the Democratic Programme;
– Decree No. 3, 2nd Session, 1919 on the issue of a loan of one million
sterling;
– Decrees Nos. 4–11, 4th Session, 1919 on the establishment of consular services;
the provision of land; afforestation; fisheries; national Arbitration Courts; a
national Civil Service; an Industrial Commission of Enquiry, and housing;
– Decrees Nos. 12–13, 5th Session, 1919 concerning:
• authorising the increase of the total amount to be issued for subscription to
the loan of the government of the Irish Republic in the U.S.A., to $25 million
dollars;
• the Oath of Allegiance to the Irish Republic and the Dáil.
Includes some handwritten corrections and annotations.
7 items, 10pp

1920; 1921

Decrees of Dáil Éireann comprising:
– Decrees Nos. 1–10, 1st Session, 1920 (10pp):
• authorising the President to spend money in connection with the election
campaign for the U.S. Presidency;
• authorising the President to appoint various consuls and diplomatic agents;
• the appointment of an Ambassador to Washington, D.C.;
• the establishment of Courts of Justice and Equity; a Department for the
collection of Income and a Commission to enquire into the possibilities of
carrying on local administration without financial aid from the British
government;
• closing the Loan;
• the establishment of an import and export company;
– Decrees Nos. 11–14, 2nd Session, 1920 (7 items), concerning:
1368 contd. • industrial employment in Ireland and political and religious tests;
• the appointment of a Dáil Commission to consider the question of organised
opposition to the Republic;
• the restriction of rent increases;
• emigration from Ireland and a National Land Commission to carry the Land
Settlement Scheme of the Dáil into effect;
  – Decrees Nos. 15–18, 3rd Session, 1920: (1920, 4 items), concerning:
    • the demise of the British Local Government Board and the recognition of
      the Local Government Department of the Dáil;
    • the Commission on organised opposition to the Republic;
    • the powers of the Ministry of Home Affairs;
    • the establishment of the National Economic Council;
  – Decree No. 1, 1st Session, 1921, on the operation of the Local Government
    Code of Laws (1p);
  – Decree No. 2, 2nd Session, 1921 concerning Census Returns (1p);
  – Decree No. 4, 2nd Session, 1921 concerning the exclusion of British goods
    and the development of Irish manufacturers and industries (1p);
  – Decree concerning the issuing of Provisional Orders by the President and
    Council of Ministers (n.d., 1p).
  26 items

III. Cabinet minutes and decisions, April 1919–December 1922

Bound volumes containing typescript copies of Dáil Éireann Cabinet Minutes,
25 April 1919–28 April 1922. ‘Although generally referred to as the Minutes
of the Dáil Cabinet, the contents of, at least, Vols I, II and III are not minutes
in the strict sense of the term—they would more accurately be described as the
records made by the Secretary to the Cabinet. It was not the practice to have
the record of the proceedings at a meeting read at the next meeting of the
Cabinet and signed by the chairman at the latter meeting if found correct’ (vol.
1, p.ii).
Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartuigh was Secretary to the Dáil Cabinet from 25 April
1919 to 16 January 1922. Colm Ó Murchadha was Cabinet Secretary from 16
January to 4 July 1922.
Volumes compiled in February 1959.

1369 25 April–19 September 1919 Volume 1 c.105pp
1370 26 September 1919–15 September 1920 Volume 2 c.372pp
1371 24 September 1920–8 December 1921 Volume 3 c.376pp
1372 11 January–28 April 1922 Volume 4 c.153pp

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List of items considered and decisions taken at
meetings of the Ministry of Dáil Éireann from 4
March to 17 July 1920. The numbers following the dates refer to items in the
official minutes of the meetings. 2pp

Lists of decisions made at meetings of the
Ministry and the Cabinet. Includes:
– decisions made with regard to the President’s
Department, Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Publicity, Local Government,
Economics, Defence, Finance and Fine Arts at meetings of 23 and 30
September and 9, 18, 22 and 24 November 1921;
– copies of despatches to de Valera from Diarmuid O hÉigceartuigh,
Secretary to Dáil Éireann, containing the provisional decisions made at
meetings of the Cabinet held on 25 and 28 November and 5 December with
respect to Local Government, Defence, Home Affairs, Economic Affairs,
Education and Finance (6pp). 35pp

IV. Ministerial communications, May 1919–December 1921

Holograph letters to President de Valera from
Arthur Griffith [Home Affairs], George Noble,
Count Plunkett [Foreign Affairs] and W. T. Cosgrave [Local Government]
concerning their appointment to Ministerial posts (23 May 1919, 3 items, 1p
each). Also includes printed extract from the minutes of proceedings of Dáil
Éireann for 2 April 1919 concerning nominations to various ministries (1p)
4 items

Correspondence, mostly between Kevin
O’Higgins, Assistant Minister for Local
Government, and de Valera or Diarmuid O
hÉigceartuigh, Secretary of Dáil Éireann, and between W. T. Cosgrave,
Minister for Local Government, and de Valera on the activities of the
Department. Activities include advising and supervising the local authorities
and advising them as to safeguarding their funds from seizure for payment of
Decrees for Criminal and Malicious Injuries; the issuing of a report on the
administration of the Cork Workhouse to every Board of Guardians, county
council and bishop in the country; the spending of the balance of the Anti-
Conscription Fund and the activities of the White Cross. Informs de Valera of
actions taken and his comments and criticisms of various schemes and reports.
Includes various circulars sent by the Department to local authorities. Also
includes an explanatory note on the circumstances in which Kevin O’Higgins
1376 contd. acted as Assistant Minister for Local Government between 25 March 1920 and 26 August 1921 (n.d., 2pp). 16 items

1377 January–December 1921 Communications, mainly letters and minutes, between de Valera and Michael Collins, Minister for Finance on various subjects including:
- the establishment of a Relief Committee for the Devastated Areas;
- peace moves;
- the White Cross;
- a summary of ‘the Peace talk’;
- a Partition Bill;
- the Cross Atlantic News Service;
- propaganda;
- the American Commission;
- Count Plunkett and representation of the Government in Rome;
- the preparation of reports on the Government’s financial situation for forthcoming Ministers’ meetings;
- comments on expenditure accounts of various Departments;
- an invitation to Fr. Michael O’Flanagan [Vice-President of Sinn Féin] to go to London;
- requests from various newspapers for interviews with Collins;
- the ‘Manchester Trials’;
- the General Election in May;
- references to agents acting on Ireland’s behalf in Britain and America;
- the American Loan and the activities of Stephen O’Mara (‘O’M’), Agent and Representative of the Minister for Finance in the U.S.A.;
- the ‘Australian Oath’ and its effect on Irish nationals, i.e. ‘to deprive…[them]…of their citizenship or exclude them from Australia’;
- the publication of a book entitled *The Bloody English* by a ‘Mr. C’ [John Chartres];
- Collins’ thoughts on a course of action to conduct ‘a regular, all round, well thought out onslaught on all the Departments, which operate on behalf of the Foreign Government in Ireland’ (27 June 1921, 3pp);
- a memorandum on methods of ‘usurping Foreign Government of this country (apart from the British Army and Police)’ (n.d., 1p, incomplete);
- copies of letters about de Valera’s meetings with Lloyd George in London;
- intelligence gleaned from a trip by Collins through county Cork in July;
- the © of a photograph of de Valera in the hands of the Republican Prisoners’ Dependents’ Fund;
- the expenses of ‘Mr. Dunnico’ on a visit to the U.S.A. and Canada;
- a note to de Valera written on 9 October stating ‘Am writing this just prior to departure and I have a sad heart’ [departure to London to lead the delegation with Arthur Griffith].

From this date forward the correspondence includes references to the course of the Treaty negotiations, financial matters such as the U.S. bond campaign, and Stephen O’Mara.

Also includes copy of extract from letter to Collins in London from de Valera [original letter in Taoiseach’s Office, File D244] stating ‘Truce, Very
Important that you should stipulate that our civil functions—police, courts etc. go on. Their work can be carried out unostentatiously as I explained to MacCready originally, but they cannot be given up, otherwise the truce if continued long enough would mean that we had gone out of business’ (original dated 12 October 1921, 1p).

January–October 1921  Communications between de Valera and Ernest Blythe (Earnán de Blaghd), Minister for Trade and Commerce on the activities of his Department. Subjects include:

- the Irish White Cross;
- American Relief Committee;
- schemes for industrial development;
- the Belfast Boycott;
- the Commission of Enquiry into the Resources and Industries of Ireland;
- a proposal to establish a permanent industrial exhibition in Dublin and the Irish Industrial Association;
- the proposal by several members of the Royal Dublin Society to secede from it and establish a National Academy;
- the establishment of a Government Import and Export Company;
- connections with various Irish Consuls abroad;
- the importation of foreign coal;
- a proposal to establish a direct freight service between Boston and Irish ports by the North American Steamship Company;
- a proposal to prohibit the importation of Portland Stone;
- the resignation of J.L. (Diarmuid L.) Fawsitt, Irish Consul in New York;
- Blythe’s proposal to appoint Charles Bewley Consul at Berlin.

January–August 1921  Memoranda, mostly from de Valera to successive Directors of the Department of Propaganda [renamed the Department of Publicity in March 1921], Desmond Fitzgerald (‘D.F.’) and Robert Erskine Childers, on the organisation and activities of the Department with regard to the:

- issuing of statements to the press and the publication of the Irish Bulletin;
- compilation of statistics connected with the violence and aggression of the British government;
- maintenance of close touch with the Irish and foreign press;
- publication of news from Dáil Departments;
- the transmission of information to Irish Diplomatic Representatives abroad.
1380 January–October 1921 Copies of memoranda, mainly from de Valera to Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartuigh, Secretary to the Government, mostly comprising de Valera’s instructions concerning the running of the Ministry, communications with other Ministers and the preparation of reports of proceedings of the Dáil. Also includes correspondence between Ó hÉigceartuigh and Kathleen O’Connell mainly between July and early October 1921 (February; 22 June–13 October 1921, 13 items). 45 items

1381 January–May 1921 Copies of memoranda and letters on the 1921 elections in the Six Counties. Mostly communications between President de Valera (‘P’), Pádraig Ó Caoimh, Secretary of Sinn Féin, and Austin Stack, Minister for Home Affairs. c.48 items

1382 February–October 1921 Memoranda between de Valera and Austin Stack (‘A.S.’), Substitute Minister for Home Affairs (1920–early 1921) and Minister for Home Affairs, (16 August 1921–9 January 1922) on the activities of the Department. Mainly de Valera’s comments, instructions and questions with regard to such activities as:
• the organisation of a police force;
• the forthcoming Census;
• the organisation of the elections in North East Ulster;
• the granting of emigration permits;
• Republican prisoners in Manchester jail;
• the establishment of a Relief Bureau and relations with the White Cross;
• the establishment of a local Administrative Committee in each county and county borough as a ‘local Cabinet to represent the National Cabinet’.

Stack was Substitute Minister for Arthur Griffith
14 items

1383 February–December 1921 Memoranda, mostly from de Valera to Robert Brennan, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, on the organisation and activities of the new Office during 1921. Includes copy letter from de Valera to Brennan appointing him Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs and outlining his duties (6 February 1921, 1p). Brennan’s signature appears as ‘Riobard Ó Breandáin’ or ‘Riobard Ó Braonnáin’. c.112pp

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1384 June–November 1921 Typescript summaries of noteworthy items of international news sent weekly to de Valera by Robert Brennan, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Arranged weekly by country. Covers news for week ending 22 June 1921 to week ending 23 November 1921. No reports for weeks ending 13 July; 10 August; 5 October; 26 October or 2 November 1921. 20 items


1386 March–August 1921 Communications between de Valera and Joseph McDonagh, Substitute Minister for Labour, [Minister for Labour Countess Markievicz in jail] on the activities of the Department of Labour. Mainly de Valera’s comments, instructions and questions with regard to:
• the establishment of a Labour Policy Commission;
• the organisation of the Industrial Revival Scheme;
• the organisation of the Belfast Boycott;
• a strike by the gravediggers employed by the Cemeteries’ Committee and its effect on the funeral arrangements of the late Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. William J. Walsh D.D.;
• MacDonagh’s status as Substitute Minister for Labour following Countess Markievicz’s release from jail. 13 items

1387 March–November 1921 Communications, mostly between Cathal Brugha Minister for Defence and de Valera, on various topics including the amount of money paid by Brugha to the Army Purchases account and the capture of a British Secret Service agent. Includes:
– carbon copy of a secret despatch from Lieutenant Colonel C.G. Wickham, Division Commander, R.I.C. Belfast, to the Belfast Commissioner, County Inspectors and County Councillors stating ‘In the event of a break in the Truce it is possible that the I.R.A. will concentrate their forces on a sudden attack on the Northern Counties’. Outlines arrangements to mobilise “the whole or part of ‘B’ force” (12 October 1921, 1p);
– carbon copy of a secret report on ‘The Military Situation in Ireland at the End of Sept[ember] 1921’ by a ‘Colonel on the Staff, General Staff I[rish] C[ommand]’ (original dated 1 October 1921, 6pp);
– handwritten explanatory notes on an Assistant Minister for Defence (n.d., 2pp). 7 items
May–November 1921  Correspondence between de Valera in his capacity as Chancellor of the National University of Ireland, as well as President of the Executive Committee, and George Noble, Count Plunkett, Minister for Foreign Affairs and subsequently, from 9 August 1921, Minister of Fine Arts. Largely comprises holograph letters from Count Plunkett to de Valera. The following topics are discussed:

- the establishment of the Ministry of Fine Arts;
- the Count’s research on various prominent de Valeras including Samuel Ben Juda Valerio, Cipriani de Valera, Juan Valera y Alcalá Galiano and Diego de Valera;
- the influence of Jews in various European countries and the government’s relationship with Irish Jews;
- references to Fr. Michael O’Flanagan’s ‘loss of position’ and his suggestion that Fr. O’Flanagan be appointed to ‘some educational office’ in the National University ‘in Economics, Civics, or such like, which he is thoroughly qualified to fill’;
- the arrangements for a ‘Dante Celebration to be held on Tuesday the 6th of December’;
- reference to the unfinished nature of the massive surveying project undertaken by John O’Donovan and Eugene O’Curry of the Historical Department of the Ordnance Survey and Count Plunkett’s suggestion that the survey be continued under the direction of Fr. O’Flanagan—‘Many interesting historical sites and other remains are still unrecorded in the Survey. Therefore there is scope for fresh research, before tradition and visible evidence are irrevocably lost to Ireland’;
- references to General J.C. Smuts;
- an art exhibition in Paris in January [in conjunction with the Irish Race Congress];
- the design of a seal for use in the President’s Department.

Also includes letter of support for de Valera in the peace negotiations from Countess Plunkett (8 July 1921, 2pp).

See also P150/730 and P150/1548 for letters to de Valera from Count Plunkett in 1919 and [January] 1922

18 items

22 September 1921  Memorandum from Minister for Home Affairs Austin Stack to ‘P. O’K’ [Padraig Ó Caoimh, Secretary of Sinn Féin] on the Republican Courts.

1p
V. Departmental reports, 1919 – 22

1390  18–27 March 1921  Despatch from Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartuigh, Secretary to Dáil Éireann and Head of General Secretariat, to de Valera, enclosing brief reports from seven Executive Departments, General Secretariat; Aireacht na Gaeilge; Home Affairs; Agriculture; Labour; Local Government and Fisheries, each giving a ‘General descriptive summary of activities’ and suggestions for the development of each Department, with an estimate of cost. Each summary is signed by the relevant Minister.  
   9pp

1391  January–June 1921  Documents, mainly Departmental Reports, relating to the activities of the Department of Agriculture during 1920 and 1921. Includes:  
   – copy of Report. Land Commission and Agricultural Department. For Period ending 31st December, 1920 (20 January 1921, 7pp);  
   – Land Schemes to Relieve Unemployment. Signed by Art O’Connor (7 January 1921, 3pp);  
   – Robert Barton’s views on the Department of Agriculture (6 June 1921, 2pp);  
   – copy of Department of Agriculture. Provisional Constitution and Regulations of the Court of the Land Settlement Commission (1921, 38pp).  
   7 items

1392  25 October 1919  Carbon copy of Department of Finance Statement Parts I, II and III.  
   5pp

1393  24 June 1920  Carbon copy of Department of Finance. Report of the operations of this Department and Statements showing the Receipts and Expenditure for the period ending 31st October, 1919, and the half year ending 30th April, 1920, together with a note of the further Receipts and Expenditure as to 24th. June, 1920. With handwritten annotations by Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartuigh.  
   20pp

   2 items
January–July 1921  Reports of the Fisheries Department (18 April; 21 July 1921, 3 items) and the Ministry of the Irish Language, signed by Seán Ua Ceallaigh (18 March 1921, 2 items, English and Irish version).


June 1920  Copy of Report of Department of Foreign Affairs comprising a ‘brief summary of the most important of its activities since last session’ covering its activities at the Paris Peace Conference, in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and the U.S.A.

1921  Documents relating to the activities of the Department of Foreign Affairs during 1921. Includes reports on routine work of the office and news of activities by Irish representatives in Paris, Rome, London, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Capetown, Chile, Argentine, U.S.A., Russia and Australia. With the appointment by de Valera on 6 Feb 1921 of Robert Brennan as Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, a new Office was opened ‘for the purpose of establishing a general Secretariat and to maintain a regular correspondence with our representatives and…friends in foreign countries and to supply them with pamphlets and statistics as a foundation for informative articles upon Ireland.’

[1919]  Copies of various Dáil Éireann reports and statements by the Ministry of Home Affairs mainly relating to National Arbitration Courts and the Land Acquisition Scheme. Includes:
– copy of Secretary for Home Affairs Explanatory Statement on the Land Acquisition Scheme and the National Co-Operative Land Mortgage Bank (1919, 2 versions, 12pp and 10pp);
– ‘Proposals constituting a National Land Commission for the purpose of carrying the Land Acquisition Scheme (Decree of October Session 1919) into effect. To be incorporated in Dáil Éireann Land Decree (n.d., 5pp).
1400 28 August 1919; 16 August 1921
Copy of Department of Home Affairs Ministerial Report (original dated 16 August 1921, 1p) referring to Republican Courts and police, the Relief Bureau and emigration. Also includes typescript copy of letter from W.T. Cosgrave to Arthur Griffith, Minister for Home Affairs, about housing loans and Dublin Corporation (28 August 1919, 1p). With handwritten additions.
2 items, 1p each

1401 25 October 1919
Carbon copy ‘Interim Report of the Proceedings of the Department of Labour (Period 19/8/19 to 25/10/19)’. 2pp

1402 [1920–22]; 1966
Documents relating to the Department of Labour in the 1st and 2nd Dáil. Includes:
- covering letter from P. Ó hÍrrghile, Minister for Labour, to President de Valera (26 September 1966, 1p) enclosing a short memorandum on the Department of Labour in the 1st and 2nd Dáil (20 September 1966, 3pp);
- copies of Reports of the Labour Department on its activities with regard to arbitration; Conciliation Boards; finance; unemployment; relief of distress and the Belfast Boycott (19[21/22], 3 items);
- copy of ‘Report of Work of Labour Department from the 7th. July, 1920. to 20th. January, 1921’ on the establishment of Conciliation Boards by local authorities; insurance and the establishment of an Employment Agency (January 1921, 4pp);
- memorandum from Joseph MacDonagh, Director of the Belfast Boycott, to the Mayors or Chairman of Local Authorities in Ireland, on the Belfast Boycott. Summarises ‘what happened…the present condition of the victims…the present state of Belfast trade as a result of the boycott, and…what measures…[are necessary]…for the more rigid enforcement of the boycott until such time as the religious and political bigots reinstate and compensate their victims’ (1920/21, 2pp).
7 items

1403 1919
Carbon copy memorandum on Local Government in Ireland.
7pp
1404 1919  Carbon copy typescript of a Report on Local Government’ being a ‘brief summary of the present and possible functions of the three Local Government groups concerned in the June Elections’ [Members of the Committee: Dr. Kathleen Lynn; Mrs. Wyse Power; Alderman Kelly; Con Collins and J.J. Walsh] (original dated 12 February 1919, 9pp incomplete). Also includes carbon copy typescript setting out orders and guiding principles of the Executive of Sinn Féin for the setting up of machinery throughout Ireland for the purpose of selecting candidates for the approaching local government elections. With handwritten amendments (n.d., 6pp).

2 items


6pp

1406 2; 19 June 1920  Carbon copy reports of the Department of Local Government on their activities during the first half of 1920. Two of the three reports are signed by Kevin O'Higgins, Substitute Minister for Local Government.

3 items


13 items

1408 25 June 1920  Carbon copy Report of Propaganda Department on its activities—‘the collection, co-ordination and distribution of information’— in the U.K., America and France. (Incomplete?)

1p

1409 18 January–August 1921  Various reports on the history and activities of the Propaganda Department and its successor, the Publicity Department, covering the periods 18 January 1921; 16 March–7 May and August 1921.

3 items

2 items

n.d. Carbon copy reports of the Department of Trade and Commerce. Includes:

– Report on Industries and Trade and Commerce by the Committee on Industries and Trade and Commerce. Discusses a scheme ‘for the flotation, with the assistance of Dail, of a National Investment Company which would invest its funds in Irish industrial concerns on a business basis, and which would serve the purpose of a National Stock Exchange’; the organisation of the ‘Dressed Meat Industry’; references to the Commission of Inquiry into the Resources and Industries of Ireland and foreign trade (n.d., 3pp);
– ‘Report on the Department of Trade and Commerce’ under the headings: Dressed Meat Trade; Consular Service; Irish Overseas Shipping Trading Co.; Need of an Import and Export House and Industrial Development Loans (n.d., 4pp);
– report (n.d., 2pp) on a meeting of the Agriculture Committee including discussions relating to the dressed meat industry following the arrest of Ernest Blythe, Minister for Trade and Commerce, and the taking over of his department’s work in connection with the promotion of the meat industry, by the Agriculture Minister Robert Barton. Includes pamphlet entitled The Irish Dressed Meat Trade reprinted from Better Business on behalf of the All Ireland Dressed Meat Committee (n.d., 8pp) and illustrated handbill (n.d., 20cm x 28cm) headed ‘Exchange is Robbery’ promoting investment in the Irish Dressed Meat Industry (n.d., 4 items).

6 items
18. ANGLO-IRISH TREATY, 1921

I. Peace moves and indirect negotiations, December 1920–June 1921

1412 3 April 1952, 1955  Documents relating to the Resolution passed by Galway County Council on 3 December 1920 requesting that Dáil Éireann and the British Government appoint three delegates each, to negotiate a truce. The supposedly ‘unanimous’ resolution was in fact passed by six members of the thirty-two member Council. The quorum of the Council was eight and nearly all of its members were in prison or evading arrest. Includes:
– letter [to de Valera] from James Haverty, Mountbellow, in which he maintains that though he drafted the resolution it was not properly passed by the County Council (3 April 1952, 6pp);
– typescript account by James Haverty of the peace negotiations of November 1920 in which George Russell (‘A.E’) and Archbishop Clune took part and the effects of ‘the Father O’Flanagan telegram and the publication of a resolution, supposed to have been passed by a few members of the Galway County Council. As the person who was solely responsible for this supposed resolution I wish to set down for historical reasons only, the reasons that prompted me to frame that resolution…’ Handwritten note on last page, ‘Received on March 26th 1955’ (8pp).

2 items

1413 [1921]  Documents relating to the Archbishop of Perth, Dr. Patrick J. Clune’s mission to Dublin to try to arrange a temporary truce in order to prepare an atmosphere for negotiations. Archbishop Clune met with Michael Collins, Arthur Griffith, Eoin MacNeill and Michael Staines, the last three in jail at the time. Includes copies of documents, mostly letters and memoranda, between Art O’Brien, Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, concerned with the peace efforts made through Dr. Clune. The file was prepared by Collins and ‘contains all the main points that have occurred either in correspondence or interview in sequence as far as possible’. It was prepared following a suggestion by Art O’Brien ‘that at the conclusion of these negotiations…a true account of them should be given to the Press’. File includes covering page signed by Collins, explaining this background. Documents are annotated by Collins (1921, 44pp).
Also includes memorandum from Arthur Griffith to Collins concerning a speech made by Brigadier General Cockerill in which he claimed that Sinn Féin were ready for peace in October 1920 (1921, 2 items, 1p each). References to Cockerill are also made by Collins on the explanatory covering page of the file.

4 items
Documents, mostly correspondence and memoranda, between de Valera, Fr. Michael O’Flanagan [Vice President of Sinn Féin] and the Rt. Hon. Lord Justice James O’Connor [Solicitor-General, 1914–17 and Attorney-General for Ireland, 1917–18], concerning Fr. O’Flanagan’s and Lord Justice O’Connor’s efforts to mediate in an unauthorised manner to promote a settlement between the governments in London and Dublin. Includes letters by Séamus O’Dúbhgháil, Austin Stack, Art O’Connor, Diarmuid Ó hÉigecartuigh, W.T. Cosgrave and James O’Connor, solicitor. Many communications to de Valera from Fr. O’Flanagan are in Irish. Includes:

– unidentified personal note to Arthur Griffith, Minister for Home Affairs (‘M.H.A.’), informing him that Lloyd George wants to meet Fr. O’Flanagan to discuss the possibility of peace and to come to an ‘understanding as to the requisite preliminaries which would lead up to a peace’. The message came through Mrs. Larry Nugent and James O’Connor, Lord Justice of the English High Court (31 December 1920, 1p);

– covering letter from Fr. O’Flanagan to de Valera enclosing a memorandum ‘presented simultaneously to both sides, from an unofficial intermediate source’. Asks permission to signify conditional acceptance. Memorandum sets out three points for a meeting of Dáil Éireann and British Government representatives (26 January 1921, 2 items, 1p each). Memorandum is written on paper headed ‘His Majesty’s Court of Appeal in Ireland’ [probably by Lord Justice James O’Connor];

– copy letter from de Valera to Fr. O’Flanagan stating ‘I do not think that efforts of this kind by unofficial intermediaries will lead anywhere. I am not satisfied that there is any sincerity behind Lloyd George’s efforts of negotiations, which are to my mind only pretences. If peace and a solution of the Irish-English question is really desired by the British Government there ought to be no need of Conditions such as No. 3’ (see previous memorandum) (27 January 1921, 1p);

– memorandum relating the proceedings of interviews between Sir Edward Carson and Lord Justice O’Connor in Sir Edward Carson’s London house in Eaton Place on 27 January and between Carson, Fr. O’Flanagan and Lord Justice O’Connor in London on 30 and 31 January 1921. Memorandum prepared by Lord Justice O’Connor (n.d., 4pp);

– memorandum relating the proceedings of an interview between Sir Edward Carson and Lord Justice O’Connor in Eaton Place on 15 February 1921. Memorandum prepared by Lord Justice O’Connor (n.d., 3pp);

– holograph letter to de Valera from Art O’Connor, T.D., Agricultural Department, recounting the proceedings of a meeting between him and Colonel George O’Callaghan Westropp, an Executive member of the Irish Farmers’ Union, about the possibility of Lloyd George and Sir Hamar Greenwood [Chief-Secretary for Ireland], as representatives of the English Cabinet, meeting with representatives of the Irish Government, the meeting to be in the nature of conversations with no conditions and no guarantees. O’Connor gives his personal opinion of the proposals (19 March 1921, 4pp);
Contd. – holograph letter to de Valera from Fr. O’Flanagan stating ‘I got a proposal last night from the man who went North to bring down your recent caller…[Sir James Craig]…for an informal truce along the Clune lines. All that is necessary is an assurance from me that the time is opportune, and that such a move would be reciprocated on our side’. Seeks de Valera’s opinion and requests a meeting (7 May 1921, 1p);

– reply by de Valera stating ‘I can really see no evidence whatsoever that the other side has any disposition towards peace. It is manoeuvring nothing else. I’m done with it’ (7 May 1921, 1p);

– copy letter from de Valera’s secretary to James O’Connor, solicitor, stating de Valera’s opinion, ‘that indirect subterranean negotiations and suggestions for negotiations lead to nothing of any value. The first indication, he thinks, of a real desire for peace by the British Government will be the abandonment of such methods and the readiness to deal openly and above board with the questions at issue’ (21 May 1921, 1p);

– holograph letter to de Valera from Lord Justice O’Connor concerning a letter de Valera sent to Lord Justice O’Connor’s ‘old friend and namesake’ solicitor James O’Connor. States that in reference to the letter, he [Lord Justice O’Connor] is ‘not an agent of the British Gov[ernmen]t….nor is Mr. Cope an agent of the Gov[ernmen]t–though he is a Gov[ernmen]t official.’ Also states that Cope ‘while in London…tried to see if there was any chance of Lord Derby or anybody else coming over with full power to treat on behalf of the Gov[ernmen]t. He tells me there is not and that the only chance of peace lies in further meetings between you and the Ulster rep[resentati]ves…If anything is certain in British politics, it is that the Government will agree to any terms agreed to by North and South…My own view is that you would find Carson probably more candid and more easy to deal with than Craig…’ (2 June 1921, 8pp);

– de Valera’s reply to Lord Justice O’Connor stating ‘If the sky fell we should catch larks, and such is the hope of securing the end of the struggle with England through a prior agreement with the Unionist minority: From my interview with Sir James Craig I am convinced that nothing is to be gained by a further conference with him. This is at bottom an Irish-English question and its solution must be sought in the larger general play of English interests…’ (4 June 1921, 1p).

68 items
1416 1921 Compilation of newspaper and periodical cuttings, mostly from the Weekly Freeman, Irish Bulletin, The Irish Independent, An Phoblacht and The Irish Times, concerning de Valera. Arranged in three sections: A: January–July 1921 (30pp); B: August–October 1921 (23pp) and C: November–December 1921 (21pp). Each section is preceded by a handwritten and a typescript table of contents, arranged by date. Also includes a general index to articles arranged by date, under the following main headings: Letters and Telegrams; Statements; Proclamations and Addresses; Messages to America, Abroad; Interviews to Press; Public Speeches and An Dáil (5pp). Each article is pasted onto a foolscap sheet. c.82pp

1417 1921 Handwritten synopsis of references to de Valera, published in The Irish Times and The Irish Independent, between 3 January and 23 December 1921. In two different hands [one possibly that of Michael Collins?]. 29pp

1418 8 January–30 May 1921 Documents relating to the establishment and activities of the Irish White Cross to co-ordinate and extend relief activities throughout the country; its relations with the American Committee for Relief in Ireland; and the establishment of the Reconstruction Committee; comprising mainly correspondence between de Valera and Laurence O’Neill, Lord Mayor of Dublin. Also includes references to the funeral of Rev. Dr. William J. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin who died on 9 April 1921. Includes correspondence with: Erskine Childers; James Douglas; Seán McGarry; Richard Campbell, Secretary, A.C.R.I.; L. Smith Gordon and David Robinson, Acting Secretary, Irish White Cross. Also includes: – circular headed ‘Resolutions adopted by the Standing Executive of the Irish White Cross at the Special Meeting held on Monday 16th January’ (January 1921, 3pp); – copy of circular letter signed by Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartuigh to de Valera concerning the Irish White Cross, setting out the objectives of the organisation, the establishment of parish and district committees and requesting contributions for assisting the White Cross in constituencies. Also includes names of the Irish White Cross President, Cardinal Logue; Chairman, Laurence O’Neill; Trustees; Executive and General Committee members (21 February 1921, 2 items, 1p and 2pp); – carbon copy headed ‘Irish White Cross. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution’ (n.d., 1p); – typescript lists of names of Irish White Cross officials. With handwritten amendments (n.d., 3 items). See also P150/1303 for documents relating to the American Committee for Relief in Ireland and its relations with the White Cross 45 items
1419  21 January–5 June 1921  List of ‘Interviews Proclamations, Manifestos, etc.’ by de Valera from January to 22 June 1921 and copies of each of the documents listed. Includes:
– address by de Valera on the second anniversary of formal confirmation of Ireland’s ‘undying desire for its ancient independence’ [the first assembly of Dáil Éireann on 19 January 1919 in the Mansion House, Dublin] (21 January 1921, 2pp);
– official statement by de Valera issued on the publication of the ‘German Plot’ documents (21 January 1921, 2pp);
– copies of texts of interviews with de Valera published in various Irish, American and German newspapers and publications;
– copies of drafts of de Valera’s election address to the Irish people (2 May 1921, 2 items).  23 items

1420  1921  Black and white prints of Loughnavale, Strand Road, Merrion, a house owned by Mrs. Margaret MacGarry, in which de Valera stayed from January to April 1921. Four prints (each 9cm x 6cm) of exterior of house, front and back and of gate lodge and gate, one of which has note on reverse [by Kathleen O’Connell], ‘January 1921 to April 1921 when we were raided and went to Dr Farnans 5 Merrion Square until...we went to Glenvar on the 18th May’. Also includes print (16cm x 10cm) of part of the exterior of the house, with the following caption handwritten on reverse, ‘Chief’s bedroom at Loughnavale Jan–Apr 1921 [Irish].P[ress]. DeV Series’.
5 items

1421  16, 17 February 1921  Letter to Michael Collins from Solicitor James O’Connor (Séamus Ó Conchubhair) stating how he was approached by Albert Wood K.C. about getting in touch with responsible parties on the republican side to ‘bring about a truce with a view to a settlement’ and typescript reply from Collins stating ‘It seems to me that there is very little good in pursuing a matter of this kind–Every effort from their side is, in reality, an effort to trap us, and every overture must be regarded with the most profound distrust. What is the use of our taking seriously any suggestion such as is made to you in view of Lloyd George’s attitude as expressed in his speech at the opening of his Parliament. All these efforts are simply designed to get us arguing about things that the English have no intention of conceding.’
2 items, 1p each
1422 21 February–24 May 1921 Copy memoranda (marked No. 2 to No. 11) from de Valera to Art O’Brien (Art Ó Briain) [Representative of the Government of the Republic of Ireland in London; President of the Sinn Féin Council of Great Britain and co-founder of the Irish Self-Determination League of Great Britain] on various subjects including:

- a proposal to establish a British branch of the Irish White Cross;
- a protest to the Spanish Ambassador in London against Sir Hamar Greenwood’s racist attack on de Valera in the Weekly Summary, in which he stated that de Valera ‘belongs to a race of treacherous murderers, and he has inducted Ireland into the murderous treachery of his race’;
- reference to de Valera’s interview in February 1920 with the Westminster Gazette in which he referred to the Platt Amendment;
- the distribution of Irish propaganda and publicity material;
- the establishment of diplomatic representation abroad;
- the Republican Appeal to Rome;
- the organisation of the Irish Self-Determination League of Great Britain [I.S.D.L.] and references to similar organisations in Canada and Australia;
- the organisation of O’Brien’s London office;
- preliminary peace negotiations.

Note: memorandum No. 4 is missing. 9 items

1423 6 July 1921 Holograph letter to de Valera from Barry M. Egan recommending that a ‘safe conduct, or assurance of non molestation should be got for Art O’Brien in London…He is searched very keenly by the authorities, and the more so as the campaign of destruction in England is put down to him…’ Also states ‘the physical force campaign by carrying out acts, which in Ireland seem big, but in England seem comparatively trifling on account of the enormous power and wealth of England even today, do not achieve their object, but only serve as pinpricks to irritate and exasperate…At the present moment they are certainly a mistake, and I think I am justified in saying that this opinion is shared by both Art O’B[rien] and Purcell the Sec[retary] of the I. S. D. L. If the present negotiations fail, the only thing that would impress the English people and government would be such a big stroke as for example the destruction of the underground railways of London. This would have to be done in 15 or 20 different places or more, and would dislocate the traffic (daily) of millions of people, and entail a loss of perhaps 100 millions of property. But the little things only do harm. I would strongly recommend these two points for your serious consideration. I have been in London for over a month, and have met all kinds of people there.’

See also P150/1131 for letter from Barry M. Egan to Harry Boland in U.S.A.; P150/1638 for reference to Egan in documents on the Cork Harbour Board peace negotiations in July 1922

3pp
1424 5 September, 8 December 1921  Texts of documents released for publication, issued by Art O’Brien, Irish Representative in London. Comprises:
– text of telegram sent to de Valera from the Roger Casement Sinn Féin Club of London ‘at their first meeting since truce’ expressing ‘their admiration for the patriotic stance you and your fellow members of An Dáil are taking in reference to negotiations with the English Government’ (5 September 1921, 1p);
– text of a letter by Art O’Brien to the Editor of the official organ of the Irish Self-Determination League of Great Britain under the heading ‘A word of counsel to the Irish in Great Britain’ (8 December 1291, 2pp).
2 items

1425 15 January 1924 and 1971  Miscellaneous documents relating to Art O’Brien. Comprises:
– photocopy of an article in the Evening News on Art O’Brien’s case before the Irish Deportees Tribunal [O’Brien was claiming £7,000 in connection with his arrest in July 1923 on a charge of ‘having conspired to compel a change in the constitution of the Irish Free State by force’] (15 January 1924, 1p);
– letter to President de Valera from George Boyce, Berkshire, U.K., seeking permission to quote from a letter of 19 March 1921 from de Valera to Art O’Brien, in relation to a book he is writing entitled Englishmen and Irish Troubles, 1918–22. Includes reply from the President’s Personal Secretary, Marie O’Kelly (31 July and 3 September 1971, 2 items, 2pp and 1p).
3 items

1426 5–11 March 1921  Communications between de Valera and George Gavan Duffy (‘G.G.D.’ or ‘G.D.’), Irish Representative in Rome, on the following subjects:
• Gavan Duffy’s visit to Spain, where he visited the Irish Colleges in Salamanca and Madrid; the possibility of publishing the Bulletin in Spanish and Catalan and appointing Miss O’Brien as press agent in Madrid;
• the position of George Noble, Count Plunkett, with regard to the Vatican and Gavan Duffy’s appointment as Irish Representative in Rome;
• Gavan Duffy’s ‘general survey of the international position’ after his tour, with reference to the Czechs and Slovaks; the ‘Pan Latin Movement’ the ‘German-Russian-American Combination’ and various suggestions with regard to Irish foreign policy in Italy and Rome, Spain and Germany.
4 items
1427 19 October–17 November 1921 Correspondence between de Valera, Margaret Gavan Duffy [wife of Charles Gavan Duffy, Irish Republican Representative in Rome], and Monsignor John Hagan [Rector, Irish College, Rome], concerning an official communication sent to Monsignor Hagan from Arthur Griffith, Minister for Foreign Affairs, per R. O’Breandain, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, concerning rumours circulating in Rome about ‘the honour and integrity of the President and members of the Irish Government and Parliament’ and requesting the Monsignor to ‘name the person or persons who made the allegations to you as it is vital to the interests of the country that the matter should be promptly investigated and dealt with’. Monsignor Hagan also refers to lack of official communication between himself and the Irish government.

See also P150/1809 for correspondence relating to Monsignor Hagan’s role as an intermediary in facilitating the visit of Papal Delegate Cardinal Luzio to Ireland in March and April 1923; P150/1826 for letter from de Valera to Monsignor Hagan informing him of the intended publication of the ‘Cease Fire Dump Arms’ Order (19 May 1923) 5 items

1428 1948; 1952 File on George Gavan Duffy (1882–1951) mainly comprising black and white print taken at the conferral of honorary degrees on (from left to right) Professor Jeremiah Hogan, Rupert Guinness Lord Iveagh, de Valera in his Chancellor’s robes, Louise Gavan Duffy [sister of George Gavan Duffy] and Seán Lester ([2 July 1948], 22cm x 16cm) and typescript text of ‘Voice Recording made for the Bureau by the Hon. George Gavan Duffy, President of the High Court’. Statement concerns the draft Free State Constitution, faulting Arthur Griffith for agreeing to the changes demanded by Lloyd George and Gavan Duffy’s resignation as Minister for Foreign Affairs (n.d., 5pp). Also attached typescript note ‘The two 12” discs carrying the recording of this statement are stored on the premises of the Irish Folklore Commission…under disc numbers 1107 and 1108. (Made on 20/1/1951)’ (1p). 5 items

1429 n.d. List of persons who can give information about the ‘Plan to execute members of British cabinet’ in March 1921, and similar plan ‘in the event of the threat of immediate and terrible war being carried out by the British–end 1921’.

See also P150/608 for similar plan from 1918 and P150/111 for 1920 list 1p

1430 10 March–August 1921 Miscellaneous memoranda, letters and notes relating to peace moves pre-July 1921 by individuals or bodies, both semi-official and unofficial. Also includes reference to a Report of Private Sessions of the Dáil in August 1921 concerning ‘why President de Valera took part’ in the ‘Early Negotiations, 1921’ (n.d., 1p). 5 items
1431 10–20 March 1921 Documents concerning efforts by Arthur Vincent [owner of Muckross Abbey, Killarney; ex-Law Officer of the British Government and well-known in political circles in England] to arrange a meeting between Lloyd George and de Valera in Chequers, and the effect on the arrangements of the condemnation to death by hanging of six political prisoners in Dublin. Includes letters and memoranda between Erskine Childers, de Valera, J.V. Nolan-Whelan of Sinn Féin, and Arthur Vincent. 9 items

1432 14, 18 March 1921 Text of questions and answers which ‘Mr. Ackerman (sic) is at liberty to publish … provided he undertakes to publish them in full, exactly as they are’ (14 March 1921, 2pp). Questions relate to Arthur Vincent’s peace initiative and the terms under which a meeting between de Valera and Sir James Craig would be possible. Includes a note on second page ‘Vincent saw A.G. afternoon 18/3/21’. Also includes a note (18 March 1921, 1p) by Arthur Griffith about a visit to him in [Kilmallem/Mountjoy] Jail by Carl Ackermann of the Public Ledger, Philadelphia. Griffith told him he would not discuss peace proposals, as it was a matter for Dáil Éireann. 2 items

1433 15, 18 March 1921 Letter to Michael Collins, Minister for Finance, from ‘P.O.C.’ [Padraig O Caomh–Patrick O'Keefe], Secretary of the Cork City Sinn Féin Executive, suggesting the ‘advisability of issuing instructions to the various Sinn Féin Executives throughout Ireland, to prevent any of their Members, in Local Bodies, making any pronouncement on the present situation in this country, especially as regards Peace Terms, or the cou[n]selling of moderation, or the taking part in any unofficial and informal discussions on peace’. Also includes copy of Collins’ reply stating ‘…it was the opinion of the entire body…[the Dáil]…that Members should exercise the greatest care’ in making public statements. With regard to pronouncements by Sinn Féin bodies ‘it was made clear in a letter from the Secretary of the Sinn Féin Executive published in the press on the subject of Fr. O’Flanagan’s communication to Lloyd George that the Sinn Féin Executive was the body to speak for Sinn Féin, and Dáil Ministry was the Body to speak for the Nation.’ 2 items, 1p each

1434 16 March, 1 April 1921 Memorandum initialled by de Valera relating to a committee appointed by Lloyd George comprising among others, Messrs. Short, Fisher and Montague, ‘to explore avenues of settlement.’ Also includes memorandum to de Valera from Joseph MacDonagh [substitute Minister for Labour] referring to Short and Montague. 2 items
1435  21 March 1921  Letter from Erskine Childers to de Valera enclosing a rough draft of a set of ‘Terms of Armistice’ prepared by George Russell (‘A.E.’) and requesting de Valera’s opinion on the document. ‘Another copy has been sent informally to the P.M.…to try to find out what he thinks’.

See also P150/1491 for A.E.’s opinions re N.E. Ulster’s opposition to unity by big business

2 items, 2pp each

1436  24 March 1921  Memorandum entitled ‘Memo L’ [to de Valera] from ‘A.S’ [Austin Stack] recounting an approach made to him on behalf of a ‘member of the English Cabinet who is supposed to be anxious for peace’, with a view to ‘opening up negotiations on the lines of last December’ [when Archbishop Clune was acting on behalf of Lloyd George to establish an atmosphere conducive to a truce].

3pp

1437  31 March–1 June 1921  Correspondence between members of the Irish Business Men’s Conciliation Committee, Andrew Jameson, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Charles McGloughlin, Secretariat, Bryan Cooper and Robert N. Thompson, Honorary Secretaries, and Diarmuid O hÉigeartaigh, Secretary of Dáil Éireann, arising out of attempts by the Committee to act as mediators in a discussion between the British Cabinet and elected representatives of the Irish people to terminate ‘the present deplorable state of things in Ireland’ and secure peace by bringing about ‘if possible, a joint conference of representatives of both bodies’.

16 items

1438  19 April 1921  Covering letter from Robert Brennan to HB [Harry Boland] enclosing texts of three interviews given by de Valera since his return to Ireland from the U.S.A. Encloses:

– text of interview with President de Valera on 16 March 1921 by the representative of the Associated Press, ‘the first interview given any newspaper representative since his return to Ireland’ covering a wide range of subjects including the circumstances of the actual interview itself; de Valera’s health and spirits; his impressions of American and British attitudes to the Irish question; his ‘St. Patrick’s Day message’; the determination of Republican supporters; the Partition Act and the question of Ulster (16 March 1920, 10pp);

– text of interview with de Valera by The Irish Press on his ‘Easter message for the Irish people’; the effect of executions; his opinion of Lloyd George and his reaction to his recent speech in Parliament; British government and Irish Republican attitudes’ towards peace negotiations; President Wilson’s
1438 contd. ‘Fourteen Points’ peace plan; partition; forthcoming elections and the Vatican’s attitude towards the Irish Republican cause (1 April 1921, 8pp);
– text of interview with de Valera and the representative of the International News and the Universal Service headed ‘President De Valera States the National Position’ (30 March 1921, 4pp).

4 items, 23pp

1439 1921–58 Documents relating to a secret visit by Lord Derby [Edward George Villiers Stanley, 17th Earl of Derby] to de Valera in April 1921 to ascertain on what basis a peace settlement could be made. Lord Derby ‘came disguised in coloured glasses under the name of Mr. Edwards’. Includes:
– correspondence between Major Randolph S. Churchill and Taoiseach de Valera on Lord Derby’s visit (6 January 1954–15 April 1957, 30 items). Churchill is writing a biography of Lord Derby and wishes to ‘obtain the full story’ of his visit to de Valera in 1921. Includes:
  • copies of some of the documents Major Churchill found in the Derby papers, correspondence between Fr. James Hughes, de Valera and Lord Derby;
  • copies of contemporary correspondence and notes by Dr. Nicholas Nolan (‘N.S.ON.’) [Assistant Secretary to the Department of the Taoiseach and Assistant Secretary to the Government] on Lord Derby’s visit;
  • copies of extracts from The Liverpool Echo of 23, 25 April 1921 on Lord Derby’s visit;
  • galley proof of Churchill’s chapter on the Irish Treaty from his biography of Lord Derby;
– typescript copies or photocopies of contemporary documents concerning Lord Derby’s visit to Dublin, sent by Dr. Nolan to Marie O’Kelly, in October 1961 (originals date from 12 April 1921 to 2 May 1921, 18 items);
– correspondence between de Valera and Fr. Michael O’Ryan, O.M.I., St. Anne’s, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, giving particulars of the life of Canon James Hughes (1866–1924) who carried messages between Dublin and London in connection with Lord Derby’s visit (20 February–7 March 1957, 8 items);
– cuttings from The Irish Times of a six part series of articles entitled Mission to Ireland 1921 by Randolph Churchill, on Lord Derby’s mission in April 1921 to Ireland to ‘find out on what basis a peace settlement could be made’. Articles comprise extracts from Churchill’s forthcoming biography of Lord Derby (13–18 January 1958, 6 items).

68 items

1440 April 1921, March 1922 Correspondence between de Valera and Rev.
January 1963 Dr. Edward Mulhern, Bishop of Dromore, arising out of Lord Derby’s mission to Ireland in April 1921.Includes:
– holograph letter to a Fr. Flanagan, ‘probably one of two Fr. Flanagan’s who were cousins of W. T. Cosgraves’, from Bishop Mulhern concerning Cardinal
1440 contd. Michael Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, and Lord Derby, with typescript copy with handwritten explanatory annotations (23 April 1921; 2 items, 2pp and 1p);
– holograph letter to de Valera from Fr. John J. Hannon S.J. referring to his meeting with Dr. Mulhern to outline de Valera’s ‘proposal’ (24 March 1922, 1p);
– typescript statement by de Valera concerning Dr. Mulhern’s role in Lord Derby’s visit to Ireland in April 1921 (21 January 1963, 2pp).
6 items

1441 2 May 1921 Proclamation to the Irish People issued by de Valera during the election campaign, urging them to vote for Sinn Féin (see also P150/1419 for draft). 1p

1442 6 May 1921 Memorandum No.9 to de Valera from [Erskine Childers], Director of Publicity, concerning James Douglas who ‘has been put on a special Committee of the Friends of all Ireland to work for peace’ and who wishes to know from de Valera ‘whether a “truce” would still be considered...whether there are any indispensable conditions to a truce of which he could be informed. For example would the Clune truce arrangements, repeated now, be acceptable, if no surrender of arms were demanded of I.R.A.?’ 2pp

1443 6–13 May 1921 Letters and memoranda relating to the efforts of Pat Moylett [former member of the Standing Committee of Sinn Féin] to broker a settlement through his meetings with W.T. Cosgrave, Minister of Local Government and A.W. Cope, Under-Secretary for Ireland. See also P150/3650 for copy of Moylett’s statement [to the Bureau of Military History] 5 items

1444 1921 Miscellaneous personal documents. Includes:
– holograph notes by de Valera on the signing of the Treaty, its content and the aftermath. [Possibly written as notes for an article] (n.d., 6pp);
– holograph letter to de Valera from Gordunach Mac an Gobhann, 68 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin [National Land Bank premises], on the Irish White Cross (April 1921, 4pp);
– letter in Irish to de Valera, T.D. from Eilis Nic an Bháird of An Ard-Chraoiibh de Chonradh na Gaeilge, hoping that de Valera will be their President again and reply stating he is willing but he thinks ‘nach ceart fè
1444 contd. láthair mise do thógadh mar uachtarán ar aon chraoibh fáoi leith’ (17 April, 2 May 1921, 2 items, 2pp and 1p); – holograph letter to de Valera from Liam de Róiste, T.D. for Cork City, stating his views on entering into peace negotiations with Lloyd George and how the ‘Ulster question’ must be confronted (30 June 1921, 4pp). Also copy acknowledgement from de Valera’s Secretary (13 July 1921, 1p); – typescript letter from de Valera to ‘Madame O’Rahilly’ on ‘co-ordinating work in the U.S.’, the work of the White Cross and relief organisations. Initialled by de Valera (22 September 1921, 1p); – typescript list of eight addresses ‘at which Pres[ident] de Valera stayed’ in 1921 (n.d., 1p). 14 items

1445 16, 18 May 1921 Photocopy of an article from The Evening Telegraph and copy of a supplement to the Irish Bulletin (vol. 4, no. 91) concerning a report in the Freeman’s Journal of a statement of Lloyd George to Martin H. Glynn, Ex-Governor of the State of New York, that he [Lloyd George] would meet de Valera or any Irish leader, without conditions. 2 items

1446 [24 May] 1921 Telegram to de Valera from the National Executive of the A.A.R.I.R. ‘representing six hundred thousand liberty loving Americans’ pledging ‘moral and financial’ support to de Valera and the people of Ireland and congratulating them on the ‘splendid measure of success which attends the struggle of the Irish people for liberty’. Also includes draft of similar telegram. 2 items, 1p each

1447 1 March 1949; 1967; 1970 Report from The Irish Press on a lecture given by Oscar Traynor, T.D. in February 1949 on the destruction of the Custom House on 25 May 1921. Also includes Custom House memorial cards, giving the roll of honour i.e. members of the 2nd Battalion, Dublin Brigade, who died on that night (1967; 1979, 2 items). 3 items

1448 9 June 1922 Holograph letter from Erskine Childers to de Valera thanking de Valera for his words of praise in the Dáil on 8 June 1922 and his ‘loyalty to a comrade who for his part would cut his hand off rather than weaken or injure the noblest of all causes, or you, the greatest leader of a great cause I have ever met.’ Also includes typescript copy. 2 items, 2pp each
1449  10 June–16 August 1921; 4 October 1964  
Documents relating to the release of Republican prisoners following the Truce and the continued detention of Seán MacEoin until the issue of de Valera’s ultimatum on 8 August 1921. Comprises:  
– draft resolution of Dáil Éireann calling for the release of Seán MacEoin (August 1921, 1p);  
– press cuttings or typescript extracts from Irish and English press reports on the continued detention of Seán MacEoin (‘John McKeown’ or ‘J.J. McKeon’) after all other members of Dáil Éireann had been released in August 1921 following the Truce (6–16 August 1921, 12 items);  
– copies of the Irish Bulletin (10 June–10 August 1921, 5 items) on the trial and release of Seán MacEoin, headlined as follows:  
• The Trial of Commandant John McKeon and the Conviction of Sean Moylan (vol. 5 no. 8; 10 June 1921)  
• Commandant Sean MacKeon, Prisoner of War. His Trial by his Enemies (vol. 5 no. 11, 15 June 1921)  
• The Honour of the Irish Army. The Case of Commandant Sean McKeon (vol. 5 no. 48, 8 August 1921)  
• Communication to the Press by President De Valera as to the Effect of the British Government’s Detention of Commandant McKeon (vol. 5 no. 48, Supplement)  
• The Release of Commandant McKeon. Further Justice to be Done (vol. 5 no. 50, 10 August 1921)  
– typescript ‘Note dictated by President de Valera after speaking to Mr. Robert Barton on phone’ stating ‘Mr. Barton said he remembered well that after the Cabinet meeting at which it was decided not to continue the negotiations unless Seán McEoin (sic) was released that he went, either on my instructions or on the instructions of the Cabinet, to see Cope and inform him of the decision’ (4 October 1964, 1p).  
20 items

1450  April 1921–December 1921, August 1929  
File on the activities of the Irish in South Africa in general and in particular the work of two Irish envoys sent there by Dáil Éireann in 1921 to gain support for the recognition of the Irish Republic. Includes documents (21 April 1921–August 1929, 43 items) relating to Colonel Maurice Moore’s (Muiris Ó Mórdha) mission to South Africa from 2 April to 29 July 1921, ‘to persuade General Smuts and the other South African Ministers, who were expected to attend an Imperial Conference…to advocate the cause of Ireland and obtain a settlement between the two nations favourable to the complete Independence of Ireland’ (29 August 1929, 6pp). Includes:  
Holograph letter to de Valera from Moore giving a retrospective account of his South African mission (August 1929, 6pp). Encloses typescript copy of the first 2 pages of Moore’s letter (1p) and seven documents prepared by Moore for the specific information of General Smuts (1, 14 May 1921, 7 items).
Outlines the Irish position and history, with titles such as ‘Cause of the Discontents: First Rebellion of 1916 and Rise of Sinn Fein’ (1 May 1921, 2pp); ‘Second Rebellion—1919, ’20, ’21’ (1 May 1921, 3pp); ‘Shooting of Prisoners’ (1 May 1921, 3pp); ‘Present Position. Proposals for a Truce and a Peace on a Permanent Basis’ (1 May 1921, 3pp); ‘Constitutional Question’ (14 May 1921, 2pp); and ‘The Act of Union Repealed by the Home Rule Act of 1920’ (14 May 1921, 3pp).

Also encloses copy of ‘Final Report May 12, 1921. To the Republican Government of Ireland’ by Moore (12 May 1921, 3pp) and copies of correspondence between Moore and Robert Brennan, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, being mostly letters of congratulation on his successful mission (originals were dated 17 September–30 August 1921, 3 items, 1p each).

Also copy of a letter from Moore to General Smuts thanking him for his ‘intervention in favour of Ireland’; referring to the publication by Lloyd George of Smuts’ ‘letter of advice to the Irish leaders’ and discussing the present situation (original dated ‘about 20th August, 1921 or later?’), 2pp) (August 1929, 14 items).

Copy of ‘Extracts from Moore’s diary from 11 June to 7 July 1921’ (n.d., 2pp);

Reports, generally on a weekly basis, by Moore in Capetown, on his activities. Typescript copies of some of the letters are included (21 April–13 October 1921, 25 items);

Memorandum by Colonel Moore for de Valera, read by Arthur Griffith and Diarmuid O’Hegarty, for use ‘in the coming arguments and negotiations’ concerning the constitutional status of South Africa and arrangements concerning its defence forces and those of Britain (11 October 1921, 2pp). Signed by Moore. The same document also appears under the heading ‘Note to the Envoys in London or Irish Republican Government, about October 1921’ (2pp);

Reports from P.J. Little (Pádraig Mac Caolte) pseudonym ‘Microbes and Co.’ on his activities in South Africa (20 April–8 September 1921, 18 items). Little was Special Envoy of the Irish Republic and arrived in Johannesburg on 16 April 1921. From there and elsewhere in South Africa he reports on his efforts to gain support for the recognition of the Irish Republic and for the promotion of trade. He left South Africa for Argentina in September 1921;

Documents relating to the activities of R.I.S. Scott-Hayward, codename ‘No. 7’, an Ulster businessman resident in Capetown and later Johannesburg, mostly reports from Scott-Hayward to Robert Brennan, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, on the activities of the Irish Republican Association of South Africa and of antecedent bodies, and also on the proposal to hold a world conference of the Irish race in Paris in January 1922 (see P150/1603 for related documents). Also includes despatches to him from Robert Brennan (7 August–14 December 1921, 38 items).
29 June–4 August 1921; Copies of correspondence including some handwritten drafts of letters by de Valera and photocopies of original holograph letters by General Smuts, between de Valera and General J. V. Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa, relating to Smuts’ role as a negotiator in an effort that a ‘real attempt’ should be made ‘to come to a settlement of the Irish problem’. Includes correspondence concerning:

• arrangements for a meeting between Smuts and de Valera in Dublin on 5 July 1921;

• arrangements for the meetings between de Valera and Lloyd George in London in July 1921;

• reactions of de Valera and Smuts to the British proposals of 20 July.

Also includes covering letter enclosing Smuts letters to de Valera of 4 August 1921, in which Smuts states his views ‘in a form which you could circulate among your friends if you wish’ (see P150/1477 for a reprint of the letter in *Irish Bulletin* which Lloyd George published without de Valera’s permission).

Also includes holograph letter to de Valera from Tom Casement [brother of Roger] concerning a letter sent to him by Captain E.F.C. Kane, Private Secretary to General Smuts, (29 July 1921, 2pp); typescript ‘Extract from my Diary’ [Tom Casement’s diary], 11 June–7 July, relating to meetings between Smuts, de Valera and Casement (2pp) and cuttings from *The Irish Independent* on the subject (20 October–5 November 1942, 2pp).

22 items

5 March 1960– Correspondence between Dr. Nicholas Nolan, Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach, and Marie O’Kelly, President de Valera’s Personal Secretary, relating to General Smuts’ visit to Dublin to see de Valera in July 1921 and associated documentation. 7 items

[1921] Printed address of welcome to de Valera by the members of Clare County Council on a visit to the county. English and Irish version of address. 2pp
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1454 12 June 1966; 22 June 1921
Account of a raid on Glenvar, Mount Merrion Avenue, Blackrock, where de Valera and Kathleen O’Connell were staying, by British soldiers on 22 June 1921. Account by Margaret Keady who was with de Valera in the house at the time (12 June 1966, 2pp). Also includes exhibit label for ‘1 prismatic Compass’ taken from de Valera during the raid on the house on 22 June (22 June 1921, 1 item).

2 items

1455 1921
Black and white print of front exterior of a house with handwritten caption on reverse, ‘Glenvar Mt. Merrion Ave. Blackrock where the President was arrested in June 1921 prior to the letter of invitation to a conference from David Lloyd George Premier of England. [Irish] P[ress] DeV Series’. Stamped ‘Irish Press ©’ (June 1921, 20.2 cm x 15.7cm). Also black and white prints of front and rear exterior of Glenvar, its gate lodge and grounds (1921, 5 items, 10.7cm x 16.7cm). One print with note on reverse, ‘President was arrested outside this conservatory’

6 items

1456 28 June–[10] July 1921
Documents relating to invitations by de Valera to a group of Unionists including Sir James Craig, the Earl of Midleton, Sir Maurice Dockrell M.P., Andrew Jameson and Sir Robert H. Woods M.P., to come to a conference to learn at first hand their views, before replying to Lloyd George’s letter of invitation to a meeting in London in July. Also includes documents concerning subsequent arrangements for the cessation of hostilities. Includes:
- text of telegram sent to four of the above named [Woods is not included] inviting them to Dublin (28 June 1921, 1p)
- carbon copy of letter sent to the five men inviting them to Dublin ‘to confer…and to learn…at first hand the views of a certain section of our people of whom you are representative’ (29 June 1921, 1p);
- telegrams and letters of reply from Dockrell, Woods and Lord Midleton. Includes holograph draft of de Valera’s reply on reverse of Lord Midleton’s response of 29 June (28 June–4 July 1921, 7 items and 2 envelopes);
- carbon copy of letter from Lloyd George to Lord Midleton stating ‘As soon as we hear that Mr. de Valera is prepared to enter into conference with the British Government and to give instructions as to those under his control to cease from all acts of violence, we should give instructions to the troops and to the Police to suspend active operations against those who are engaged in this unfortunate conflict’ (7 July 1921, 1p);
1456 contd. – typescript draft of letter from de Valera to Lloyd George accepting Lloyd George’s invitation to go to London. ‘I am ready to meet (personally) and discuss with you on what base such a conference as that proposed can reasonably hope to achieve the object desired.’ With holograph amendments by de Valera (n.d., 1p);

– typescript copy of letter from Lord Midleton to Lloyd George concerning de Valera’s acceptance of Lloyd George’s invitation and arrangements for a cease-fire—requests Lloyd George to give instructions ‘that the troops and police should suspend action’ (8 July 1921, 1p);

– holograph pencil notes by de Valera about arrangements for cessation of hostilities (n.d., 1p);

– handwritten draft of a Dáil Éireann General Order that in view of the dialogue between the Government of Great Britain and ‘our Government active operations by our troops will be suspended as from Noon…Monday July. 11. 1921’ (n.d., 1p) Also carbon copy of same (n.d., 1p);

– typescript copy of a note concerning de Valera’s acceptance of Lloyd George’s invitation, his conferrals with Unionists in the Mansion House and the arrangements for a truce (n.d., 1p).

19 items

1457

30 June–31 July 1921

Letters to de Valera from members of the public offering good wishes and advice before and during his meetings with Lloyd George in London in July 1921. Includes letter from J.J. Walsh, T.D. in Shrewsbury Prison, urging de Valera to seek ‘honourable and civilised treatment for Irish Prisoners’ in British jails, to secure from Lloyd George ‘Prisoner of War treatment, or its equivalent, for the thousands of men now being treated as criminals…’ (22 July 1921, 1p) 5 items

1458

July–November 1921

Copies of the texts of various interviews and addresses by de Valera between July and November 1921. Includes:

– text of his 4th of July Statement (July 1921, 1p);

– correspondence relating to and text of the message from de Valera to the ‘Boys and Girls of Ireland’ published in the September issue of Our Boys (5–28 September 1921, 9 items);


15 items
1459 [4 July] 1921  
‘Report of Deputation to Dom[inion] Premiers’  
being a copy typescript account by Hannah Sheehy-Skeffington of how the Irish women delegates fared when they attempted to get an interview with the Dominion Premiers in London at the Dominion Conference in July. Also recounts their activities during the Conference to raise awareness of the Irish situation. Delegates included Hannah Sheehy-Skeffington, Mrs. Connery, Irish Womens Franchise League, Miss Chenevis and Miss Whitty, Irish International Womens League. Includes references to General Smuts, who on the weekend of 25–27 June, went to Chequers to see Lloyd George and ‘it is clear that the Peace Move came definitely as a result of his interview with George’. Includes handwritten additions.  
4pp

1460 [10 July] 1921– 3 March 1963  
Newspaper cuttings on the declaration of the cease fire of 9 July 1921. Includes cutting ([10 July] 1921, 1p) with headline Cease Fire. Historic Orders From Both Sides. The Irish Truce. Active Operations to be Suspended by British Forces and I.R.A.. Prints the I.R.A. Order, President’s Proclamation, General Headquarters Official Statement and the terms of the truce agreement.  
3 items

1461 July–August 1921  
Documents relating to the declaration of the truce. Includes:  
– draft of Proclamation of cease fire with holograph amendments by de Valera (July 1921, 1p);  
– memorandum from Michael Collins, Minister for Finance, to de Valera relating to ‘True Liaison Expenses’ (6 August 1921, 1p);  
– memorandum from de Valera to Minister for Defence Cathal Brugha comprising a notice to be sent to all Divisional Headquarters and all Liaison Officers. ‘It was agreed upon by President De Valera and the British Prime Minister in conference that reasonable notice of the conclusion of the truce would be given by both houses’ (8 August 1921, 1p).  
3 items

1462 [11 July 1921]; 1961  
Covering letter from Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan, Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach, to Marie O’Kelly, enclosing a copy of a telegram sent by Art O’Brien [Irish Representative in London] to de Valera, dealing with arrangements for de Valera’s journey to London to meet Lloyd George.  
2 items, 1p each
1463  11 July 1921; 26 July 1960  Letter to President de Valera (26 July 1960) from Alex Bourke, Dublin, presenting a document of safe conduct issued on 11 July 1921 by the Assistant Under-Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, for de Valera’s trip to London to meet Lloyd George.

2 items

1464  11 July 1921  Holograph note from Count Plunkett to de Valera agreeing to accompany him to London for the meetings with Lloyd George.

1p

1465  July, August 1921  Black and white print of de Valera and delegation arriving in Holyhead, showing also Count Plunkett, Arthur Griffith, Austin Stack and Robert Barton ([14] July 1921, 17cm x 13cm). Includes press photograph of same published in In Freien Stunden, Berlin (1p). Also print of de Valera and Arthur Griffith in Dublin. Stamped on reverse, ‘W.D. Hogan Photographer, 56 Henry Street, Dublin 13 August 1921’ (13 August 1921, 16cm x 21cm).

2 items

1466  13–18 July 1921  Copies of various statements by de Valera to the press, on the occasion of his meetings with Lloyd George in London to discuss a peace settlement.

7pp

1467  14 July; 17 August 1921  Newspaper extracts on the peace negotiations. Includes:
– photograph on front page of the Daily Sketch of de Valera and his delegation in London to meet Lloyd George and article from page three of the same edition entitled Premiers Dramatic Meeting With De Valera To-Day. All Ready For Peace Parley (14 July 1921, 2 items);
– front page of the Evening Herald (17 August 1921, 50cm x 60cm) with banner, Mr De Valera’s Message to The World and articles headed Pronouncements on Peace. Mr. Eamonn De Valera Enunciates Dáil Éireann’s Attitude Towards Terms ; Present Attitude Fully Explained and A Smoke Screen Irish Bulletin’s Views on General Smuts’ Letter…Refutation of Implication of Offer of Dominion Status . Also includes articles on the works of Ministries and reports from the heads of various Dáil Departments.

2 items
1468  8–13 July 1921  Documents relating to de Valera’s meeting with Lloyd George in London on 14 and 15 July. Includes copy correspondence between Lloyd George and de Valera arranging to meet at 4.30pm on Thursday 14 July (3 items, 1p each).

4 items

1469  15–21 July 1921  Texts of cablegrams and telegrams of resolutions pledging support, received by de Valera, and of acknowledgements by him. Includes messages of support from various American officials, including those representing the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic; the Australian and New Zealand Self-Determination for Ireland Leagues; the Womens’ International League for Peace and the Sinn Féin Executive of Scotland. Includes message issued by de Valera on 18 July 1921 sent via Erskine Childers to Harry Boland, concerning the impression given by the press that de Valera has been ‘making certain compromise demands. I have made no demand but one—the only one I am entitled to make—that the self-determination of the Irish Nation be recognised’.

17 items

1470  19 July 1921  Draft and revised copy of letter from de Valera to Lloyd George protesting about a statement to the press by Sir James Craig on the unity of the six counties and their right to remain a ‘separate political unit with a separate right to self-determination’. Draft copy with holograph additions by de Valera and revised copy with handwritten note initialled ‘E.C.’ on top of first page ‘Revised Copy. Not to be released except on receipt of wire or publication in press’, also another copy with annotation ‘Not yet published May 16 1922’. Includes copy of Craig’s statement and Lloyd George’s reply to de Valera disclaiming responsibility for Craig’s actions.

5 items

1471  [25 August 1921]; 5 February 1964  Documents relating to the British proposals for a settlement delivered in a memorandum of 20 July 1921 to de Valera, following his meetings on 14, 15 and 18 July with Lloyd George. Comprises:

– reprint from the Irish Bulletin of 25 August 1921 of An Analysis of the British Proposals of July 20th (4pp);

– typescript notes dictated by President de Valera to Marie O’Kelly on the ‘First Government Reply to the Lloyd George Proposals of July 20th 1921’ explaining how ‘Document B’ and the idea of ‘external association’ first occurred to him (5 February 1964, 1p).

2 items

1p

1473  24 July 1921  Pencil notes in an unidentified hand, made at a meeting on ‘July 24th 1921 Presidents Inner Cabinet’ following the receipt of the British proposals for a settlement delivered in a memorandum of 20 July. According to the notes the following were present; Michael Collins; Austin Stack; Cathal Brugha; de Valera; Arthur Griffith; Eoin MacNeill; John J. O’Kelly; Richard Mulcahy and [Erskine Childers]. A note in ink which may post-date the meeting lists the following as present: de Valera; Michael Collins; Arthur Griffith; Cathal Brugha; Richard Mulcahy; ‘J. McNeill’; Erskine Childers; and [Diarmuid] O’Hegarty.  

2pp

1474  6–13 August 1921; 5 February 1961  Documents relating to Dáil Éireann’s response to the British Government’s proposals of 20 July 1921 and Lloyd George’s reply to the Irish response. Comprises mainly copies of correspondence between de Valera, and Arthur Griffith on de Valera’s behalf, and Robert Barton, concerning: the delivery of Dáil Éireann’s official reply to the British Government proposals of 20 July; procedures for the publication of both documents in the Press and the presentation by Lloyd George of his reply of 13 August, to Art O’Brien and Robert Barton. The Irish document was handed into No. 11 Downing Street to Joseph Chamberlain, Leader of the House of Commons, acting for the Prime Minister, who was in Paris, by Robert Barton, Comdt. Joseph McGrath and Art O’Brien, Irish Representative in London. Chamberlain and Thomas Jones, Secretary to the British Cabinet, were present. Correspondence includes:  

– drafts in English and Irish of de Valera’s reply (6 August 1921, 4 items) and further draft (3pp) and carbon copy (4pp) of de Valera’s reply, confirming his judgement ‘that Dáil Éireann could not and that the Irish people would not accept the proposals of your Government’ (10 August 1921, 3 items). Also copy in Irish (4pp);  

– holograph letter from Barton to de Valera providing a verbatim report of what was said at the time the reply was presented to Chamberlain (11 August 1921, 12pp). Also photocopy of same which is slightly more legible (11 August 1921, 12pp).  

– handwritten ‘Attempt at Verbatim Report of what was said when Mr. Lloyd George handed to Mr. Art O’Brien and Commandant R. Bartin (sic) his reply to President De Valera’s reply to the British Proposals’ (n.d., 2pp). Also corrected typescript copy of same (2pp);
1474 contd. carbon copy of Lloyd George’s letter of reply (13 August 1921, 2pp). Also includes letter to Marie O’Kelly, from Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan, concerning drafts of de Valera’s letter of 10 August 1921, held in official files (5 February 1962, 1p). 21 items

1475  [13] August 1921 Black and white photograph of a crowd scene, with an unidentified individual making his way through the mass to a waiting car. Stamped ‘W.D. Hogan, Photographer, 56, Henry Street, Dublin’ on reverse. 15cm x 20cm

1476  [31 January 1920], 14 August 1921 Documents relating to Sir Horace Plunkett. Comprises:
– letter to de Valera from Horace Plunkett on the question of Irish unity. States ‘…of late years…I have done my best to move public opinion in Britain, America and among Irish Unionists in a direction not in substance very different from that of your own policy…Craig would himself, I think, like to meet you reasonably; but he cannot control the bigots he has been partly responsible for making intransigeant (sic). He sees that partition cannot be permanent. He is forced, however, to adhere to his separate Parliament and Government. Smuts has undoubtedly strengthened his position with World opinion, and your insistence upon immediate unity might appear unwise. I do not see how you can concede the whole of the 1920 Act in its application to the six counties. But could you not concede it, either under county option, or for the four counties which would probably vote themselves into “Northern Ireland?”.’ Signed by Plunkett (14 Aug 1921, 2pp);

Typewritten extract from Horace Plunkett’s diary, 31 January 1920, concerning a luncheon of the League of Free Nations Association at the Hotel Commodore, at which he and de Valera were speakers. Comments ‘I was struck by de Valera’s fighting spirit but did not feel convinced that he was sincere. He spoke poorly considering his practice. He rather formulated than argued the case for the Irish Republic in his opening statement’ (n.d., 1p). 2 items

1477  14, 15 August 1921 Documents relating to the publication by Lloyd George of General Smuts’ letter of 4 August to de Valera. Includes:
– reprint in the Irish Bulletin of 14 August 1921 of a letter from South African Prime Minister General J.C. Smuts to de Valera dated 4 August 1921 published by Lloyd George ‘without reference to the President, in the Press of August 14th, the day preceding the publication of the “British Proposals for an Irish Settlement” of July 20th, and the President’s reply thereto on behalf of the Ministry of Dáil Éireann’;
– reprint from the Irish Bulletin of an article entitled Criticism of the letter of General Smuts (15 August 1921, 2pp);
1477 contd. – copy of a statement by the Publicity Department of Dáil Éireann concerning the non-authorised publication of the letter (14 August 1921, 1p);
– drafts of a ‘Reply put together by Arthur Griffith and E. Childers’ concerning the letter’s publication ([August] 1921, 2pp);
– cutting from the Sunday Independent, General Smuts and the Irish Terms...Gen. Smuts’ Remarkable Letter to Mr. De Valera. Includes newspaper photograph of General Smuts (14 August 1921, 2 items).
6 items

1478 24, 25 August 1921 Documents relating to de Valera’s letter of 24 August 1921 to Lloyd George, in reply to Lloyd George’s letter of 13 August. Includes:
– copy of instructions from de Valera to Robert Barton to proceed to London and deliver, with Art O’Brien and Comdt. Joseph McGrath, de Valera’s reply to Lloyd George’s letter of 13 August 1921 (24 August 1921, 1p);
– copy of de Valera’s letter to Lloyd George (24 August 1921, 2 copies, English and Irish versions, 2pp each);
– holograph letter from Barton following delivery of the reply, mainly discussing arrangements for simultaneous publication of both documents in the newspapers (25 August 1921, 3pp).
4 items

1479 30 August 1921 Typescript copy letter from de Valera to Lloyd George. Three copies—one in English, two in Irish (one handwritten 3pp, one typescript 7pp).
3 items

1480 12, 14 September 1921 Documents relating to de Valera’s letter of 12 September to Lloyd George. Includes:
– copy letter from de Valera to Lloyd George (12 September 1921, 2 copies, English and Irish, 2pp each);
– holograph letter to de Valera from Harry Boland and Joseph McGrath, describing Lloyd George’s reaction to their delivery, at Gairloch on Tuesday 13 September, of de Valera’s message of 30 August. Lloyd George stated he would only accept the document without the inclusion of the second paragraph, and that the Peace Conference could begin on 20 or 21 September. Also refers to arrangements for publication (14 September 1921, 5pp);
– text of a phone message received about the ‘communication issued from Gairloch’. With holograph note by de Valera, ‘Harry. Arrive Mail Sept. 14 8.30’ (1p).
3 items
1481  17 November 1962–17 October 1963
Correspondence between Miss M. Herraghty, Inverness; Marie O’Kelly, President de Valera’s Personal Secretary, and James J. Cameron, Town Clerk, Inverness, concerning a framed copy of the signatures of members of the British Cabinet who attended a meeting of the Cabinet in the Town House, Inverness, on 7 September 1921, which de Valera wishes to obtain. Also includes correspondence (14–17 October 1963, 3 items) between Con Cremin, Irish Ambassador in London, Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan and Marie O’Kelly relating to the framed document containing the signatures of those who attended the British Cabinet meeting. Includes copy minute from Cremin to the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, listing in full all those who attended (14 October 1963, 2pp). The Cabinet meeting was called to consider de Valera’s message of 30 August 1921 delivered to Lloyd George while he was on holiday at Gairloch. 12 items

1482  n.d.
Typescript headed ‘Instructions to Mr. Barton’ summarising events between 10 and 25 August relating to the delivery of de Valera’s reply to British Government proposals of 20 July; reply to the British letter of 13 August; and events on 14 September relating to the delivery to Gairloch of de Valera’s message of 30 August to Lloyd George. 2pp

1483  17, 19 September 1921
Copy and draft letters from de Valera to Lloyd George. 4 items

1484  30 September 1921
Copy letter to Lloyd George from de Valera following Lloyd George’s letter of invitation to a Peace Conference in London on 11 October 1921. De Valera accepts the invitation, ‘Our respective positions have been stated and are understood, and we agree that conference not correspondence is the most practical and hopeful way to an understanding.’ Two copies, one in English, one in Irish. 2 items, 1p each

1485  24 June–1 October 1921
Compilation of newspaper cuttings mainly from The Freeman’s Journal and The Evening Telegraph, of published correspondence mostly between de Valera and Lloyd George, concerning the meetings between them in London in July 1921, the British government proposals of 20th July and the organisation of the conference in October. 38 items, 1p each
October 1921
Copies of booklet entitled *Dáil Éireann Official Correspondence relating to the Peace Negotiations June–September, 1921*. Part I. Preliminary Correspondence, June 24th to July 9th, 1921. Part II. Correspondence arising from the Conversations at London, between President de Valera and the British Prime Minister July 20th to September 30th (Dublin: Dáil Éireann). With holograph annotations by de Valera.

3 items, 23pp each

4–15 October 1962
Documents concerning the published booklet entitled *Dáil Éireann Official Correspondence Relating to the Peace Negotiations, June–September 1921* (Stationery Office, Dublin, October 1921). Includes:
- letters from Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan (Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach) to Marie O’Kelly, President de Valera’s Personal Secretary, concerning availability and stocks of the booklet in the Government Publications Office, following inquiries from Robert Brennan [Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in 1921] (4, 8 October 1962, 2 items);
- cuttings from *The Irish Press* of two articles by Robert Brennan on the peace negotiations (13, 15 October 1962, 2 items).

4 items

1 April; 3 May 1968

3 items

III. Negotiation and signing of the Treaty, October–December 1921

1921
Typescript copy of diary of Erskine Childers [one of the Delegation’s Secretaries] covering events from [Thursday 7 July] to 8 December 1921. First page is missing. Also attached is a typescript copy of a letter by Childers ‘published by the Press on December 24th, 1921’ about the form of Oath proposed by de Valera as an alternative to the Oath of Allegiance in the Treaty (23 December 1921, 4pp).

2 items, 48pp and 4pp
1490 n.d. ‘Treaty Negotiations 1921. List of Documents on Delegation File’ being a list in tabular form with information under the following headings: number; date of document; nature of document; copy or original; ‘Already Published’ (yes/no, if yes, where and when); ‘Note re Publication’ and observations. Lists documents number 1 to 137 from June to 14 December 1921. With handwritten notes. 15pp

1491 [3 August]– 3 November 1921 Correspondence between George Russell (‘A.E.’) and H.M. Pollock containing:
– holograph letters from George Russell to de Valera arguing that the ‘leaders of industry are the core of the opposition to the unity of Ireland under one government’, that they wish to continue free trade with their best customer (Britain) and fear an Irish policy of protectionism and control over customs, that ‘they [felt] if North East Ulster was under an Irish Government antagonistic in sentiment or policy to England Ulster industries would suffer, be squeezed out of business or raw materials…their desire for the continuance of free trade makes them determined to oppose an Irish control over customs at least an all Ireland control in their portion of Ireland’ (n.d., 5pp). Refers to H.M. Pollock, Chairman of the Belfast Chamber of Commerce and his enormous influence– ‘MacDowell or Pollock are the real men. What they agree to Belfast will agree to.’ Also includes
– letter of 3 August 1921 (1p) stating ‘the uncertainty of Free Trade is the most important conscious argument big business in Belfast has…People tie their souls into knots with suspicions and imagine all other souls in their own image. The only way to meet this obstacle is by magnanimity and generosity and candour which is never wasted and which I am sure you would naturally use’;
– typescript copy of letter from George Russell to H.M. Pollock (Chairman of the Belfast Chamber of Commerce) containing his suggestions for economic unity through ‘an Irish Customs Union, the Northern and Southern legislatures agreeing upon a schedule of customs and excise duties with a division of the revenue derived from these duties between the two areas in proportion to their population’ and the establishment of an economic committee ‘to consider the conditions essential for the maintenance and increase of Ulster prosperity’ (original dated 3 November 1921, 4pp). The copy is stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’;
– copy letter from a fellow member of the Dáil Éireann Sub-Committee of Information on the Case of Ulster, to Sean Milroy in London, stating he is enclosing a report by George Russell on his trip to Belfast for the private information of the Irish delegates and inquiring of Milroy if he would like Russell to produce ‘a detailed report on the suggested economic agreement’ (24 October 1921, 1p). The report is not present here but P150/1563, de Valera’s compilation of documents on the Treaty, includes a copy of Russell’s report, ‘Ulster and Irish Trade Policy’ ([24 October] 1921, 6pp).
4 items
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1492

6 September–
6 December 1921

Partition–Deputations and Representations, 1921. Includes:

– memorandum on ‘The Ulster Electors’ 1885–1918, relating to elections and giving numbers of members of Parliament for and against self-government (n.d., 6pp);

– carbon copy typescript deputation informing de Valera of the resolution/outcome of a ‘meeting of elected representatives of Public Bodies in County Down…held at Castlewelligent…when it was unanimously decided that steps be taken to voice on behalf of the electorate…their unalterable opposition to the partitioning of Ireland.’ States their case. Original deputation was signed by seventeen officials of various Northern Rural and Urban District Councils; County Councils and Boards of Guardians (original dated 6 September 1921, 2pp);

– printed protest entitled ‘Ulster’s Protest Against Partition’ signed on behalf of representatives of Derry City, Fermanagh, Tyrone, Cavan, Monaghan, Donegal, Antrim, Armagh, Derry and Down County Councils; Belfast Corporation and Downpatrick Rural District Council. With handwritten list of members of a deputation from Tyrone and Fermanagh on back page and brief outline of the course of a meeting between them [and de Valera];

– copy of letter from [either de Valera’s Secretary or the Secretary to Dáil Éireann] to Seán Milroy, seeking information on de Valera’s behalf ‘as regards the various Northern Committees and how they are working. Whether the Sinn Fein Committee and the Committee with which Mr. MacNeill was associated are merged in the present Committee acting in connection with the Peace Delegation. He thinks it is necessary for them to make preparations for emergencies at once and that there is need for some re-organization’ (original dated 26 November 1921, 1p);

– Milroy’s reply, outlining the work of the Six Counties Committee [formed by the Ard Chomhairle in August 1921] and the Committee of Information on the Case of Ulster of which Eoin MacNeill is Chairman and Milroy is Secretary. This committee compiles information for the guidance of the delegates at the negotiations in London. Also refers to his proposed pamphlet on Ulster [later published in 1921 as The Case of Ulster]. Encloses a letter (28 November 1921, 2pp) from George Murnaghan on the first Committee (29 November 1921, 2pp);

– copy of covering letters from Pádraig Ó Caoimh, Secretary, Sinn Féin, to de Valera (1; 6 December 1921) enclosing report of a meeting of the Standing Committee held on 12 August 1921 with Arthur Griffith T.D. Vice-President in the Chair and delegates to the Ard-Comhairle from the North East in attendance. Discussed the current situation in the North East counties; advocated active and passive resistance in Ulster to British rule, including the Belfast Boycott; discussed the coercion tactics of the Northern Parliament and the need to organise civil resistance through Sinn Féin and military resistance through the Minister for Defence and the I.R.A.. Signed by de Valera (6 September 1921, 3pp);

– copy extract from minutes of a meeting of the [Sinn Féin] Ard-Comhairle on 23 August 1921 (n.d., 1p) and brief report of the meeting held the following day with delegates from the North Eastern counties in the Mansion House, Eoin MacNeill presiding, in which ‘The position in Ulster was
discussed at some length: Finally it was decided to form a Local Committee in Ulster to discuss ways and means’ (n.d., 1p);
– documents relating to an Advisory Committee meeting of Sinn Féin representatives of Derry, Down, Armagh, Tyrone and Belfast in St. Mary’s Hall Belfast on 6 September 1921 (6–23 September 1921, 6 items);
– documents relating to a meeting of the same Advisory Committee in St. Mary’s Hall Belfast on 20 September 1921 (12 August–6 December 1921, 14 items). Includes copy of minutes of a meeting at which the following subjects were discussed: the re-organisation of Sinn Féin clubs throughout the six counties and co-operation between the Irish Volunteers, Sinn Féin and the I.R.A.; the boycott of certain banks and the production of maps depicting rural districts, electoral areas and Republican majorities. Minutes sent by the Committee’s Secretary Vincent P. Shields [Dungannon Solicitor] to E. P. O’Keefe T.D., Sinn Féin Secretary. Also includes correspondence between Shields and the Minister for Defence concerning the meeting (26 September–4 October 1921, 4 items);
– carbon copy typescript comprising an appeal to Dáil Éireann on behalf of persons representing ‘almost 100,000 citizens of Belfast’ against ‘any scheme of government which would partition Belfast and the six counties of the North East from the government self-determined by the will of the big majority of the Irish people’. Signed in writing by eleven Councillors, Aldermen and Poor Law Guardians (n.d., 6pp);
– handwritten report by Eoin MacNeill about a meeting in Enniskillen on 28 November 1921 of the Fermanagh Conference and subsequent discussions with Alex Donnelly, Chairman of Tyrone County Council, about a proposed six county deputation to Dublin. Reports a strong tendency to find fault with Dáil Éireann and particularly with the London peace negotiations. States ‘by continuing to negotiate after practically complete powers have been vested in the Belfast Cabinet, the case of the six counties is as good as given away…the Irish envoys ought to have opposed the transfer and withdrawn from the negotiations if their opposition was unsuccessful’ (1 December 1921, 6pp);
– documents relating to a joint deputation representing the six North Eastern counties to Dáil Éireann, ‘to express…their opposition to the Belfast Parliament, and to ask…advice and assistance as to the best means to carry that opposition into practical effect’ (1–[9] December 1921, 8 items).

33 items

n.d. Typescript notes entitled ‘Agreements with Southern Unionists, 1921 and 1922’ relating to:
• a meeting in London on 16 November 1921 at which Arthur Griffith discussed the question of safeguards for the interest of the Unionist minority in the South of Ireland with Lord Midleton, Dr. Bernard [Provost of Trinity College Dublin] and Andrew Jameson;
• Griffith’s letter to de Valera reporting on this meeting;
• a reply by Griffith to a letter of Lloyd George of 1 December 1921 on the same subject;
contd.  • a meeting in London on 13 June 1922 at which the constitution of the Irish Free State was discussed and the agreement made covering the number of members in the Senate, the method of election and power of delay;
• opinions on the abolition of the Senate as a breach of the agreement;
• the contrast between the position of Southern Unionists and that of the Nationalists in the North East.

1494  30 September–  Correspondence mostly between the Minister for Defence Cathal Brugha and members of the Secretariat of the Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries in London, including Robert Erskine Childers, relating to defence aspects of the negotiations.

1495  7 October 1921 Carbon copies of credentials of the plenipotentiaries; one with names of plenipotentiaries handwritten by de Valera; other copies, in English and Irish, are numbered according to whom they were intended to be given i.e.–‘1–AG’; ‘2–MC’; ‘3–RB’; ‘4–ED’; and ‘5–GD’ (original dated 7 October 1921, 11 items, 1p each);
– carbon copy of ‘Instructions to Plenipotentiaries from Cabinet’. This is de Valera’s original draft and is signed by him (7 October 1921, 1p);
– carbon copy of a holograph draft by de Valera of ‘Instructions to Plenipotentiaries from Cabinet’ ([7 October] 1921, 2pp).

1496  10 October 1921 Holograph draft by de Valera and typescript text of proclamation issued by him to the people of Ireland, the day before the Irish delegation led by Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins met Lloyd George and British representatives in London.

1497  10 October–  Correspondence between de Valera and Robert Barton in London on the negotiations.

4 items
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1498 12 October– 17 November 1921  Copy letters from de Valera to Arthur Griffith in London, during the peace negotiations. Many are initialled by de Valera and amended or corrected. Also includes receipt by M. Ó Muimhneacháin for the letters given by de Valera to him. Includes list of the 26 letters under the headings: Number; Date of Letter and Subject Matter (21 June 1941, 3pp).

1499 10 October– 6 December 1921  Typescript copies of correspondence between de Valera and Arthur Griffith, Chairman of the Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries, charting the course of negotiations with the British Representatives. Also includes typescript copy of notes summarising the correspondence through the use of extracts from it (n.d., 4pp). Many letters with holograph annotations by de Valera, written at a later stage (post-factum). In some cases, enclosures are mentioned but not included in this compilation by de Valera. Includes letters from Arthur Griffith to Lloyd George dated 2 November, (noon and 11pm) (2 items, 1p each) and 4 December 1921 (1p).

1500 24 October– 6 December 1921  Copy letters from Arthur Griffith to de Valera on the course of the negotiations [these are contemporary copies, made at time of original creation]. With handwritten annotations and headings listing the sub-conferences each letter refers to [there were 24 sub-conferences in all]. Many documents are stamped ‘Secret’ and ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’. Includes two original holograph letters from Griffith to de Valera dated 18 and 29 November 1921.

1501 n.d.  Typescript notes summarising the proceedings of the seven sessions of the Plenary Conference held between 11 and 24 October 1921 in 10 Downing Street. Outlines the main topics discussed and actions taken.

1502 12 October– 21 November 1921  Correspondence between de Valera and Diarmuid O hÉigeartaigh [Secretary of Dáil Éireann and also a member of the Secretariat of the Irish delegation of plenipotentiaries]. Includes correspondence on the negotiations while Diarmuid O hÉigeartaigh was in London with the Irish delegation (12–14 October 1921, 3 items) and on Dáil Éireann routine.
1502 contd. affairs, following O hÉigceartuigh’s return to Dublin (19 October–21 November 1921, 5 items). Topics include:

• a draft clause on Ulster that Arthur Griffith gave to de Valera to revise and Griffith now requires for the negotiations;

• arrangements for dealing with communications between Dublin and the delegates in London;

• levies, salaries and offices for Ministers;

• the obtaining of a passport for Countess Markievicz to go to the U.S.A. to speak in connection with the Bond Drive;

• circular issued by O hÉigceartuigh on the direction by the President that no member of the Dáil will permit use of his or her name in the advertisement of any venture about which expert advice has not been obtained and which might entail loss to the subscribers (17 October 1921, 1p);

• provisional decisions made at a meeting of the Ministry on 18 November 1921 which will ‘come into force as from that date unless the Members of the Cabinet at present in London indicate…that they desire consideration’.

10 items

1503 13 October–6 December 1921 Copy covering letters numbered ‘0’ to ‘33’ from Erskine Childers [one of the Secretaries of the Irish Delegation] to de Valera, accompanying copy documents concerning the negotiations in London. In the vast majority of cases, the enclosures mentioned are not included here. Includes:

– copy letter ‘No.0’ from Childers on behalf of the Irish contingent of the Truce Committee, concerning a meeting of the Committee on the Observance of the Truce on 13 October at 4.30pm in 2 Whitehall Gardens. Stamped ‘Secret’ and ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’. With note on last page ‘Written by E.J.D.’ [E.J. Duggan] (13 October 1921, 3pp);

– covering letter ‘No.1’ from Childers on behalf of the Truce Committee, to de Valera enclosing a letter to him concerning the meeting of the Truce Committee. Also with note ‘Written by E.J.D.’. Stamped ‘Secret’ and ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (14 October 1921, 3p);

– typescript copy letters ‘No.2’ from Childers to de Valera providing him with a ‘general view of the situation at present’ following the 4th session of the Plenary Conference on 14 October 1921. Discusses the ‘Question of the King’, neutrality, foreign relations, defence, trade, finance, Ulster and the Truce (15 October 1921, 2pp);

– letter ‘No. 24’ from Childers to de Valera concerning the sending of the secret documents relating to negotiations, by courier from London to Dublin. With handwritten corrections (24 November 1921, 2pp);

– covering letter ‘No.27’ from Childers enclosing copies of correspondence between John Chartres and Thomas Jones [British Cabinet Secretary and Secretary to the British Representatives] ‘on the subject of the Irish Aide-Mémoire of the sub-conference of the 24th’ (25–28 November 1921, 5pp).

48 items
1504  14–28 October 1921  

Telegramts, some in code, from members of the Irish Delegation in London to de Valera, received through Kathleen O’Connell, Dr. Robert Farnan and Dr. P.E. Hayden, concerning communications relating to the negotiations.

5 items

1505  16 October–[2 December] 1921  

Proceedings of Financial Relations Committee containing: 

– correspondence between de Valera and Thomas Sexton, 20 North Frederick Street, Dublin, who, it was hoped, would help the delegates in London in the discussions of the Sub-Committee on Financial Relations. Includes letters from Minister for Home Affairs Austin Stack to de Valera concerning Sexton’s temperament (16–24 October 1921, 6 items); 

– the following memoranda: 
• Memo of Proceedings of Committee on Financial Relations meeting on 19 October 1921 in London (8pp); 
• Minutes of two Sub-Conferences on the allocation of Revenue to ‘Northern Ireland’ held…on December 2nd, 1921 (4pp); 
• First Memorandum of Irish Claims in regard to Finance (n.d., 6pp); 

– working copies of two documents above i.e. carbon copy typescript marked ‘Secret’ entitled First Memorandum on Irish Claims In Regard To Finance. With note on first page, ‘Exchanged Oct 22 probably’ [meeting was on 25 October] (7pp) and Minutes of two Sub-Conferences on the allocation of Revenue to ‘Northern Ireland’ held…on December 2nd, 1921 (4pp). Both stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’

12 items

1506  27 October 1961; 17 October 1968  

Copies of a telegram sent on 17 October 1921 from London by the ‘Secretary’ to ‘Dr. Hayden’ 20 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, which ‘apparently intended to convey to the President, through an intermediary, a message from Mr. Erskine Childers, who was the senior of the Secretaries attached to the Irish Delegation which was, at that time, carrying out the Treaty negotiations with the British Government in London’ (2 items). Includes covering letter from Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan, Secretary to the Government, to Marie O’Kelly, explaining the background to the document. Also includes letter from P. O Murchadha, [Secretary], Department of Defence, to Marie O’Kelly about a visit to Dublin by Fr. Hughes and Lord Derby, ‘Mr. Edwards’, with the ‘terms of truce’ (17 October 1968, 1p).

4 items
1507 17 October 1921  Text of draft formula read by Winston Churchill at a meeting of the Committee on Naval and Air Defence on 17 October 1921 whereby the Irish government ‘confides the responsibility for the naval defence of Irish interests on the high seas to the Royal Navy’ and places its ‘ports, harbours and inlets unreservedly at the disposal of the Imperial Government in peace or war’. Marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (17 October 1921, 1p);

– copies of exchange of letters between Winston Churchill and South African Prime Minister General J.S. Smuts, relating to arrangements concerning the British naval base at Simonstown, South Africa and note on showing the Simonstown agreement between Britain and South Africa to Sinn Féin, ‘but it should be accompanied by a letter pointing out that it is the result of long years in the relations of South Africa and ourselves and that we could not be prepared to do at once the same thing in the case of Ireland’ (n.d., 1p).

2 items, 1p each

1508 18 October 1921  Holograph letters written by Shane Leslie (1885 –1971), one from Glaslough, Co. Monaghan, on Winston Churchill’s desire to visit Dublin–‘He says he would like to visit his boyhood’s haunts and thinks a visit to an Irish race course would be a good occasion–he does not want an official welcome but naturally he would like to meet de Valera, as he feels he is likely to get political talk from N and S he thinks the sine qua non is an arranged visit to Belfast wh[ich] w[oul]d enable him to return via Dublin’ (n.d., 2pp) and letter written from Henley-on-Thames to ‘Gogarty’ concerning the negotiations in London–‘I saw L[oyd] G[eorge] the other day. He said Michael Collins and Fr. O’Flanagan were the two Irishmen who most impressed him. He asked me about the other delegates of whom I know nothing but I suggested that Collins had as good a financial brain as Keynes. I assured him that he and Collins could settle it between them. He said he would do his best but he could not give the impossible–this appeared to be the Irish ports which the British Navy needs…LG complains that he is menaced with a Tory revolt also by the rise of Protestant feeling. I told him that he would get American Catholic opinion instead which was needful in case he went to America to a conference…But he is worried that the Irish Bishops do nothing but sit on the fence. He thinks that if Archb. Croke were alive he could get the matter settled. So urge Dr. Gilmartin to play a Croke-like role!…I hope eventually to settle in my Irish demesne and to open a literary and arboreicultural centre…’ (18 October 1921, 4pp).

See also P150/727, for correspondence between de Valera and Arthur Griffith, 1919-20, for references to a private photo of de Valera, taken by Mrs. Leslie, playing with one of Shane Leslie’s children, and its possible propaganda use by the British; P150/1125 for references to Shane Leslie in correspondence between Harry Boland and Michael Collins, 1919–20

2 items
1509
18 October– 16 November 1921
Conference On Ireland ‘Secret’ memoranda exchanged between the British representatives and Irish delegates. Comprises:

– ‘British Proposals of July 20th, 1921. Explanatory Additions drafted by the Attorney General’ (18 October 1921, 1p);
– ‘Memorandum of the Proposals of the Irish Delegates to the British Representatives’ (24 October 1921, 2pp);
– ‘Memorandum by His Majesty’s Government’ (27 October 1921, 2pp);
– ‘Further Memorandum by the Irish Delegates’ (29 October 1921, 1p);
– copy [draft of agreement] (16 November 1921, 2pp);

6 items

1510
18; 27 October 1921

2 items

1511
Memoranda by Irish Delegates. Includes:
– list of British proposals and Irish representatives’ counter-proposals and the dates they were presented. Also gives numbers in red ink which follow the production of the documents from both sides, sequentially. Covers proposals and counter-proposals produced from 17 October to 6 December 1921 (n.d., 1p);
– carbon copy typescript headed ‘The British Memo. on Dominion Status’ mostly concerned with trade and defence. Marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’. With handwritten annotations and corrections ([18] October 1921, 4pp);
– typescript entitled ‘Notes of the Crown. J.C. 22/10/21’ [John Chartres, Secretary to the Delegation of Plenipotentiaries]. Marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (22 October 1921, 2pp);
– typescript ‘Memorandum by the Irish Representatives. Note: The following proposals are put forward upon the assumption that the essential unity of Ireland is maintained’. Comprises ten points. Two copies, one initialled
1511 contd. ‘EdV’; with ‘H’ in pencil on top of first page and holograph note by de Valera relating to point 10, ‘Accept area of 6 counties’ (22 November 1921, 2 items, 3pp and 2pp);
– ‘Memorandum by The Irish Delegates on their Proposal for the Association of Ireland with the British Commonwealth’. Three point memorandum (28 November 1921, 1p);
– Secret ‘Memorandum by the Irish Delegation on their Proposal For the Association of Ireland with the British Commonwealth’. Stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (28 November 1921, 3pp);
See also P150/1561 for copies of many of these docs, part of de Valera’s compilation of Treaty documents 11 items

1512 October 1921 ‘Souvenir Programme. Reception to the Irish Republican Delegation By the Irish-Ireland Societies In London’ held in the Royal Albert Hall on 26 October 1921. Programme includes brief biographical notes and photographs of each member of the delegation. The Irish-Ireland Societies comprise the Irish Self-Determination League; the Gaelic Athletic Association and the Roger Casement Sinn Féin Club. 6pp

1513 [28 October]– 5 December 1921 Carbon copy listing the number, date and time, location, individuals present, remarks and relevant documents concerning the nine ‘Informal Conversations’ held between Thomas Jones [British Cabinet Secretary and Secretary to the British Representatives] and Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, between 8 November and 5 December 1921. With handwritten annotations (n.d., 2pp). Also typescript copy of ‘Minute of Conversation between Tom Jones…and Erskine Childers…at 2 Whitehall Gardens 10.30am Oct. 28th 1921’, with handwritten heading ‘Informal Conversation’. Conversation related to the British Government Memorandum of Proposals of 27 October, S.F.C. 21. [This meeting is not one of those listed in the previous document; it is in October–the listed meetings began in November] (n.d., 1p). 2 items, 2pp and 1p
2, 3 November 1921  Copy ‘Chairman’s Minutes of Sub-Conferences on Novr. 2nd at Noon and at 6.45pm’ and on 3 November 1921 [Sessions No. 6, 7 and 8]. Stamped ‘Secret’ and ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentaries’.  3pp

3 November 1921  Holograph letter to de Valera from Charles Gavan Duffy returned from London, saying he is enclosing a despatch (not enclosed) and stating ‘A memo was given in by A[rthur] G[iffith] showing our attitude towards Crown, Commonwealth, and Naval Defence, and Ulster. A.G. expected to be in a position to advise you of result of Conference dealing with above but same had not concluded when I left London last night.’    1p

5 November 1921– 22 November 1967  Letters to de Valera from members of the public including letter from James McNeill, Department of Propaganda, relating to the treatment of Unionists in Northern Ireland, the Ulster Volunteers, Ulster police, and the position of ‘non-vocal but influential business men’ in Northern Ireland, in relation to the peace negotiations.  7 items

10 November– 5 December 1921  Printed pamphlet entitled Correspondence between His Majesty’s Government and The Prime Minister of Northern Ireland relating to The Proposals for an Irish Settlement (London: H.M.S.O.) containing text of correspondence between the two men from 10 November to 5 December 1921 (1921, 12pp). Accompanied by copies of the first four letters of the correspondence, as follows:
• ‘Secret. S.F.B. 22. Conference on Ireland. Copy of a letter from the Prime Minister to Sir James Craig’. Stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentaries’ and marked ‘Fa’ in pencil on first page (10 November 1921, 3pp);
• ‘S.F.B. 24’ from Craig to Lloyd George (11 November 1921, 4pp);
• ‘S.F.B. 27’ from Lloyd George to Craig (14 November 1921, 2pp);
• ‘S.F.B. 29’ from Craig to Lloyd George (17 November 1921, 2pp).  5 items
1518  [1921]  Memoranda issued by the ‘Economics Department’ with the following titles:
– ‘Note on Reciprocity and Commercial Treaties’ parts I and II (n.d., 2 items, 3pp each);
– ‘Memo. on British Colonial Tariff Policies’ (n.d., 6pp);
– ‘Memorandum showing the Value of Industrialised Products to Ireland and the Manner in which British Economic Pressure has worked to Ireland’s Disadvantage’ (n.d., 3pp);
– ‘Memo. relating to Irish Banking and Currency’ (n.d., 8pp);
– ‘British Government restrictions on the free flow of Trade, Transport and Commerce between Ireland and the American Continent’ (n.d., 2pp);

1519  [1921]  Typescript draft texts of a ‘Commercial Convention Between Great Britain and Ireland’.
Comprises:
• text of articles I to IX marked ‘Secret’ and ‘Trade’ and stamped with ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’. With handwritten corrections (7pp);
• text of articles I to XII, with marginal annotations (21pp);
• text of clause proposed for ‘inclusion in the dissolution Act if trade and kindred matters are to be negotiated by separate treaties’. With marginal annotations and holograph note on second page by de Valera, ‘Can this be inserted in main treaty?’(2pp).  3 items

1520  [1921]  Typescript list of documents produced during the negotiations by type/title of document and serial number (S.F.C. 1–30) and dating from 11 November to 6 December 1921.  3pp

1521  25 November– 8 December 1921  Copies of Secretary’s notes of meetings of the Irish Cabinet and Delegation just before and after the signing of the Treaty on 6 December.  7 items

1522  n.d., 25 November 1921  ‘Copy Rough Draft of Reply (Passed by Cabinet)’ from de Valera to Lloyd George on ‘External attachment with British Free State group…[and]…Article of association to be negotiated’. Rejects the draft proposals presented by Lloyd George on 20 July 1921 and proposes external association with the British Commonwealth of Nations and the negotiation of the relevant articles of association and treaties. Letter is marked as ‘not sent’ (n.d., 2pp).

2 items

1523 1–7 December 1921 Articles of Agreement. Proposed Articles, Amendments and Signed Articles containing:


– ‘Secret. S.F.C. 29. Conference on Ireland. Proposed Articles of Agreement’. With holograph annotations, additions and amendments by de Valera. Marked ‘Jb’ at top of page. With the following holograph notes by de Valera on covering page in red ink:

• ‘Differs slightly from 29-A’;
• ‘Nov.30. First draft of B. proposals recd. By I.D. 10pm. Jb’;
• ‘Dec 1. Second draft of B. proposals recd by I.D. 1.0am (Dec 2)’;
• ‘Dec. 2 Third draft of B. proposals produced by I.D. 8.30pm’;
• ‘Alterations at afternoon and night sitting and final Treaty signed 2.15.am Dec. 6.’

Also note on first page of Articles by de Valera: ‘The marking in Red Ink indicates the changes which make (converts) of this the 2nd draft (viz. Jc) into Jb the Third Draft’ (2 December 1921, 1p and 8pp);

– typescript ‘note on Conference with A.G. Dec 2nd’ being a note by de Valera on a meeting he had with Arthur Griffith on 2 December 1921 at which Griffith gave de Valera the document ‘S.F.C. 29 or S.F.C. 20-A’, which de Valera told him was ‘altogether unacceptable’. Also records the Cabinet meeting the next day in which de Valera criticised the Proposed Articles of Agreement in S.F.C. 29-A (n.d., 3pp);

– ‘Amendments by The Irish Representatives to the Proposed Articles of Agreement. December 4th. 1921’. Marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’. Marked ‘L’ in pencil on first page (4 December 1921, 5pp);

– typescript ‘Note on Genesis of Amendments by Irish Representatives] Dec. 4th’ by de Valera (n.d., 1p);

– typescript copy of ‘Treaty Between Great Britain and Ireland. Articles of Agreement. Signed December 6th, 1921’. With stamp of ‘Oifig an Uachtarán Dec 7 1921. 10.55’ on first page. Also stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ Marked ‘M’ in red ink (6 December 1921, 9pp);

– ‘Advance Copy’ of the Irish Bulletin of 7 December 1921 (vol. 6, no. 35) on ‘The Articles of Agreement—December 6th, 1921’ publishing the text of the agreement. With holograph note by de Valera on first page, ‘The alterations at the midnight session immediately before signing indicated in red’ (7 December 1921, 4pp).

7 items
| 1524 | 2 December 1921 | Carbon copy typescript concerning the duty of the government of Northern Ireland to collect taxes and pay the proceeds into the Free State Exchequer, subject to the provisions laid out. Marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’. With handwritten note on first page, ‘M.C. memorandum to Br.’. | 2pp |
| 1526 | n.d. | Typescript notes on the document entitled ‘Amendments by the Irish representatives to the Proposed Articles of Agreement, dated December 4th, 1921’. (for the actual document see P150/1523) | 1p |
| 1527 | 5 December 1921 | Copy of memorandum headed ‘Document produced by Mr. Lloyd-George at the Sub-Conference held at 3pm at 10 Downing Street on Dec. 5th as having been shown by him to Mr. Griffith.’ Memorandum is on Ulster’s options and the necessity to revise the boundary of Northern Ireland by a Commission. Document is marked ‘A’ in ink. | 1p |
| 1528 | 5 December 1921 | ‘Proposed Articles of Agreement’. With note on front page, ‘This is the draft Treaty before us at Conference at Downing Street. 3pm–Decr. 5’. | 7pp |
| 1529 | [6/7] December 1921 | Holograph memorandum by Lord Birkenhead [Lord Chancellor] on what is intended by clauses 15 and 17. | 1p |
Documents relating to a ‘Presidential Tour’ through Clare, Galway, Roscommon and Limerick in November and December 1921. Includes:

– covering letter to Marie O’Kelly from Michael Rynne (20 September 1963) enclosing the following photograph and explaining its provenance: black and white print of ‘President De Valera at Strand House, Limerick, The Residence of Mr. Stephen O’Mara, Early on the historic morning of 6th December, 1921, immediately after the President received telephone message re Treaty’. With Mrs. Rynne, Michael Rynne, Stephen O’Mara, Richard Mulcahy and Cathal Brugha (25cm x 24cm). With typescript note on reverse, ‘The caption is from Mrs. Rynne’s recollection. President de Valera has no recollection of taking a phone call. Perhaps Richard Mulcahy took it.’ Includes second copy of print, minus the caption (24cm x 19cm);

– ‘Óglaigh na hÉireann. H.Q.–1st Western Division. Programme of Presidential Tour, Commencing Tuesday, Nov. 29th, and ending Monday, Dec. 5th’. Signed by Micheál Brennan, Comdt. General Commanding 1st Western Division (29 November 1921, 1p);

– telegram to President de Valera from Gus O’Driscoll, Mayor of Limerick, congratulating him ‘on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the date on which the freedom of the City of Limerick was conferred on you’ (17 December 1971, 1p) and de Valera’s reply (December 1971, 1p).

8 items

Bound copy of documents relating to the Peace Negotiations (1921, 23pp). Includes:

• first page of ‘Report to Dáil Éireann from The Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (1p);
• ‘Joint Commissions (Rough Outline)’ (2pp);
• ‘Memo of Proceedings of Committee on Financial Relations’ ([October] 1921, 9pp);
• “Conference on Ireland, Minutes of two Sub-Conferences on the allocation of Revenue to ‘Northern Ireland’ held...on December 2nd, 1921” (4pp);
• ‘First Memorandum of Irish Claims in regard to Finance’ (n.d., 5pp).

1 item
IV. The Treaty Debates, 7 December 1921–10 January 1922

3 bound volumes containing minutes of proceedings of Dáil Éireann Private Sessions in August and September 1921 and reports of debates in the private sessions in December 1921 and January 1922, relating to the Anglo-Irish peace negotiations and the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 6 December 1921. All with de Valera’s book plate on inside cover.

See also P150/1363 for Minutes of Proceedings of Private Sessions, 22 August–14 September 1921

1532a 18 August–14 September 1921
Vol. I ‘Debates on Anglo-Irish Peace Negotiations etc.’. Contains ‘Unedited official Minutes of Proceedings at the secret debates on the Anglo-Irish Peace Negotiations etc.’, held on’ 18, 22, 23, 25, 26, and 27 August and on 14 September 1921. 207pp

1532b 14–17 December 1921, 6 January 1922
‘Debates on Anglo-Irish Treaty of 6th December 1921’. Contains Reports of Debates ‘Unedited transcript of official shorthand notes taken at the secret debates on the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 6th December, 1921’ held on 14, 15, 16, and 17 December 1921 and on 6 January 1922. 410pp

1532c 14–17 December 1921, 6 January 1922
Copy of volume 1532b, bound in a brown, rather than green cover. 410pp

1533 n.d.
Typescript notes/memorandum on the attempt ‘being made to confuse the public mind in regard to the nature of the oath contained in the Articles of Agreement signed in London, by suggesting that the differences between it and an alternative oath attributed to the President is a quibble of words’. 2pp

1534 23 October–31 December 1921
Holograph letters to de Valera from Prof. Alfred O’Rahilly, University College Cork before and after the signing of the Treaty. Includes: – letter written in October 1921, ‘I wonder is Lloyd George going to force a sudden General Election (Ireland v Empire), preparatory to a renewal of war? You know that I have always been a two-biter: we must get our demand in two bites, not in one…why not say definitely that we claim a republic, as we
have every right to do; but if sufficient freedom and scope for national
development are allowed to us within the Br. Commonwealth of Nations, we
are prepared to submit such a proposal to a referendum of the Irish People…I
think that this official inspection of Camps and Prisons is a huge mistake…It
means recognizing our detention without any status save that of criminals and
undesirables in our own country. It means that the power of passive resistance
and propaganda is being taken from us’ (23 October 1921, 2pp);
– letter stating ‘I like this Treaty as little as you do…But alas! now that it had
been signed and public opinion has become set, I can see no alternative to
acceptance save useless bloodshed and a disunited people’ (19 December
1921, 1p).

1 November 1921–  Letters to de Valera from organisations and
10 January 1922  members of the public in Ireland, Britain, the
U.S.A. and Australia comprising resolutions of
support for de Valera, protesting against the Anglo-Irish Treaty, applauding
de Valera on his stance against it and/or offering their opinions and advice on
the current situation. Includes letters from:
• the Ohio Chapter, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae (1–23
November 1921, 4pp);
• the [Mr] Morgan Branch of the Self-Determination for Ireland League of
Australia (Queensland Session) (21 November 1921, 3pp);
• Contesse L. de La Forest Paris;
• Countess Markievicz–letters informing de Valera of a resolution passed by
Cumann na mBan and the Irish Citizen Army in support of de Valera’s stance
(10–12 December 1921, 4pp);
• Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington–letters informing him of the resolution of the
Irish Womens’ Franchise League and her ‘admiration for the line that you
have seen fit to take re Peace terms’ (12 December 1921, 2 items);
• Joseph O’Connor [Captain of ‘A’ Company, 3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade,
Irish Volunteers during Easter Rising and appointed Vice-Commandant of
Battalion during Easter Week] (12 December 1921, 1p);
• Domhnall MacSuibhne, Vice-President North Cork Sinn Féin Executive (13
December 1921, 2pp);
• the Committee of the Nelson Branch [Lancashire], Irish Self-Determination
League of Great Britain (13 December 1921, 1p);
• Hugh Ryan, Chemical Department, University College Dublin (13
December 1921, 1p);
• the Anthony Wayne Council, American Association for the Recognition of
the Irish Republic (15 December 1921, 2pp);
• Máirín Ní Dóchartaigh on behalf of the Glasgow District Council, Cumann
na mBan (17 December 1921, 1p);
• the Delegates to the Comhairle Ceantair of the Sinn Féin Organisation in
Scotland (17 December 1921, 1p);
• the World Congress of the Irish Race (18 December 1921 and 2 January
1922, 2 items, 1p each);
• Domhnall McHales, Irish Consul in Genoa, enclosing press cutting Il Papa e
la pace irlandese (24 December 1921, 2 items, 4pp and 1p);
1535 contd. • the President of the Omaha Central Labour Union, Nebraska (22 December 1921, 1p);
  • Alexander J. Cave, President of Manchester University Irish Society (24 December 1921, 4pp);
  • Resolution of Caherciveen Rural District Council (28 December 1921, 1p);
  • Resolution of Mayo County Council (30 December 1921, 2pp);
  • D. Owens, Honorary Secretary, College Green Comhairle Ceantair, Sinn Féin (1 January 1922, 1p);
  • Resolutions of the: Castlebar Board of Guardians (31 December 1921, 1p); Inch Sinn Féin Club (1 January 1922, 1p); Scariff Sinn Féin Club (1 January 1922, 1p); Drumsna Sinn Féin Club (2 January 1922, 1p);
  • Sligo Sinn Féin Cumann resolution (6 January 1922, 1p);
  • the Y Stradgynlais Branch of the Irish Self-Determination League of Great Britain (9 January 1922, 3pp).  204 items

1536 5–16 December 1921  Copies of extracts from texts of statements and speeches by de Valera to the Irish people just before and after the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty in London on 6 December 1921.  7 items

1537 8 December 1921, 19 January 1963  Holograph letter of congratulation to de Valera from Rev. Dr. Thomas O’Doherty, Bishop of Clonfert, following the signing of the Treaty. Includes reference to their ‘little discussion in the early hours of last Sunday morning’ (8 December 1921, 1p). Also includes carbon copy of a statement by de Valera concerning his visit with Cathal Brugha to Bishop O’Doherty, after the Cabinet meeting of 3 December 1921 ‘to find out what the Bishop’s attitude was with regard to the type of settlement with the British that might satisfy him, without in any way revealing what the actual British proposals were…it was clear to me that the Bishop was interested only in securing fiscal autonomy…’(19 January 1963, 1p).  2 items

1538 14 December 1921  Text of Treaty Between Great Britain and Ireland signed 6th December, 1921. To be submitted to Dáil Éireann for Ratification by Mr. Arthur Griffith, T.D., Chairman of the Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries. Printed text with marginal notes in pencil by de Valera. With note ‘To Joe McGarrity from E. deV’ on front cover in de Valera’s hand (14 December 1921, 6pp).  1 item
n.d. Indexes to speakers and subjects referred to during the Treaty debates as published in the official report of Dáil Éireann session December 1921–January 1922. Comprises:
– typescript ‘Index’, Dáil Éireann, December 1921–January 1922 Session on the Treaty debates, listing names of speakers and the page numbers in the printed official report of private and public sessions, in which the speeches and interruptions can be found;
– copy of typescript headed ‘Analysis of the Debates on the Treaty’ being an index giving date, name of speaker and page reference in the printed official report of Dáil Éireann session, December 1921–January 1922. Subjects referred to are as follows: the Oath of Allegiance; ‘The Stepping Stone Argument’; ‘Civil War Prophecies’; the partition of Ireland; ‘Imperial War Commitments, the threat of war’; ‘Peaceful Penetration’; Dáil Éireann bonds and ‘Republican Undertakings to keep the Republic Intact’;
– list of page references under the heading ‘President’, referring to the printed official report of Dáil Éireann session December 1921–January 1922.
3 items

[14 December 1921– January 1922] Various drafts of de Valera’s alternative Treaty proposals, commonly called ‘Document No. 2’. Includes:
– typescript copy ‘Proposed Treaty of Association between Ireland and the British Commonwealth’. With holograph note by de Valera on top of first page in red ink ‘Doc. No 2, First Draft’. Attached is a slip of paper with note ‘Presented to the Private Session as a basis for discussion’. Document was hastily drawn up with the intention of eliciting the views of the Deputies, with the intention of basing counter-proposals to the signed Treaty on these views. The document was presented at the Private Session of the Dáil on Thursday 15 December 1921 (14 December 1921, 5pp);
– typescript copy entitled ‘The President’s Alternative Proposals’ providing the text of a motion to be presented by de Valera to Dáil Éireann, incorporating the text of the ‘Proposed Treaty of Association between Ireland and the British Commonwealth’. With holograph note by de Valera in red ink on top of first page ‘Form–presented formally by P’ [President]. This text of the Proposed Treaty differs from that of the first draft of the Proposed Treaty above, ([January 1922], 5pp). According to a 1923 memorandum by de Valera (see P150/1549) these proposals are the ‘real’ Document No. 2 in the sense that he took ‘personal responsibility’ for them, seeing them as forming the ‘basis on which I would willingly recommend a treaty with England’.
2 items

20 December 1921 Cutting from The Irish Independent on the Treaty debate. 1 item
1542 22 December 1921  Text of telegrams sent to de Valera from Frank Barrett and Commandant Sean O’Keefe, Ennis, on the manner in which Clare County Council passed a resolution in favour of the ratification of the Treaty, through ‘canvassing and in at least one case by a certain form of intimidation.’ 1p

1543 7 October–end December 1921  Set of annotated documents sent by de Valera to Joseph McGarrity, Editor of The Irish Press, Philadelphia, at Christmas 1921. Documents, with holograph annotations by de Valera, are numbered from ‘2’ to ‘8’; number ‘1’ is not included here and is most probably a letter of 27 and 28 December 1921 (10pp) sent by de Valera to McGarrity. (copy of this letter can be found in P150/1560). Number ‘6’ is missing. Documents include the following:
– ‘Instructions to Plenipotentiaries from Cabinet’ (7 October 1921, 1p);
– copy of despatches number ‘7’ and ‘9’ from de Valera to Arthur Griffith (25, 27 October 1921, 1p each);
– Proposed Articles of Agreement [No 2] (1 December 1921, 1p and 9pp);
– Amendments by The Irish Representatives to the Proposed Articles of Agreement (4 December 1921, 5pp);
– Proposed Treaty of Association Between Ireland and the British Commonwealth. Marked ‘Document No. 2.A.’ ‘This was thrown together hurriedly to put before the first Session of the Dáil, in the hope that we could get counter proposals agreed to, with this as a basis, in lieu of the treaty proposals which I asked the Dáil to be fairly unanimous in rejecting. A split and also the danger of war could be thus averted. This was not intended for publication and doesn’t represent my final views’ (n.d., 5pp);
– Proposed Treaty of Association Between Ireland and the British Commonwealth ‘Document No. 2–as I intend to propose it publicly at the Dáil. All the Republicans like Brugha, Stack, Miss McSwiney etc will support it.–proof that it is quite orthodox’ (n.d., 3pp).

10 items

1544 December 1921  Copies of telegrams and press notice relating to a meeting between de Valera and Hayden Talbot, representative of the Hearst Press, and Talbot’s subsequent publication in The Freeman’s Journal and Evening Telegraph of an account of the alleged ‘interview’ which de Valera states was not authorised by him and ‘is in many respects a gross misinterpretation of his actual views’.

3 items
[30 December 1921] Text of press notice issued by Kathleen O’Connell, de Valera’s Personal Secretary, in which de Valera acknowledges telegrams and letters received on the political situation and Christmas greetings. Issued from the Mansion House. (original dated 1921). 1p

12–17 January; 3 May 1922 Letters to and from de Valera following his resignation as President of Dáil Éireann on 9 January and Arthur Griffith’s election to the position the following day. Includes:

– holograph personal letter [to de Valera] from W.T. Cosgrave stating ‘The Cabinet requested me last night to get in touch with you re ex Cabinet Ministers and salaries…You are so touchy about these matters that I find it difficult to say anything fearing to offend you, which I hope and think by this you know would be the last thing I would dream of doing’ (12 January 1922, 1p);

– typescript copy of letter from de Valera, 53 Kenilworth Square, Dublin, to ‘President Griffith’ stating ‘It will take a few days more to clean up outstanding correspondence, semi-personal, etc., and make the necessary transfers to you. After that, this house here with its equipment will be ready for you should you care to use it. We engaged it for three months, one of which has still to run.’ Discusses arrangements with regard to the transfer of personal staff to Griffith and remarks ‘Miss O’Connell has worked for the Republic from rising till bedtime without a single holiday since she returned from the U.S. just a year ago. From June 1919 she has acted as my confidential typist and secretary. She needs a holiday, and I would suggest that she be given it and a generous bonus’ (14 January 1922, 1p);

– carbon copy typescript reply from Griffith stating ‘I trust you will not think it necessary to leave Kenilworth Square. I do not need to use it and it is entirely at your services…I shall certainly act on your suggestion about Miss O’Connell, with which I entirely agree’ (17 January 1922, 1p).

4 items, 1p each

17 January 1922– Miscellaneous newspaper articles comprising:
20 July 1923 – typescript copies of the following articles from Poblacht na hEireann: Our Leader’s Policy. The Case Against the Treaty (17 January 1922, 5pp); The Inner History of the Delegation. A Word to Kevin O’Higgins (22 March 1922, 10pp); The Consistency of De Valera (11 May 1922, 4pp);

– covering note from Robert Barton to Kathleen O’Connell, de Valera’s Personal Secretary, enclosing a typescript account of Barton’s views of and part in, the 1921 Treaty negotiations. This document was also sent by Barton to Dr. Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne in 1921 (n.d., 2 items, 1p and 6pp);
– typescript copy of letter from Robert Barton to the Editor of Poblacht na hÉireann replying to statements made by Michael Collins in answer to questions he was asked at Tralee on 23 April 1922 (27 April 1922, 5pp, 1p missing). Also includes editorial comment (4 May 1922, 1p). With handwritten note on first page of letter stating ‘The Truth about the Treaty a pamphlet by R.C. Barton was published…in Poblacht na hÉireann’;


– typescript report of a talk between an unidentified individual and Erskine Childers about de Valera, in which Childers praised de Valera and his uncompromising stand for Irish independence (n.d., 2pp);

– typescript extract from The Irish Independent of 23 March 1922, being a copy of a letter from de Valera to the Editor, replying to editorials in The Irish Independent of 18 and 20 March 1922 which claimed de Valera was ‘encouraging’ and ‘preaching civil war’. Refers to barriers erected by the London agreement instead of ‘freedom to achieve freedom’, to his speech in Thurles [on 17 March 1922] and a statement about it made by Pádraig Ó Maille, T.D. (23 March 1922, 2pp);

– drafts and final typescript copy of letter from de Valera to the Editor of The Irish Independent on Document No. 2, published under the caption Mr. De Valera on the Treaty. He Restates His Position. Letter was dated 19 July 1923 and published in The Irish Independent on 20 July 1923 (6pp). Drafts with holograph amendments and corrections (2 items). With holograph note on final version by de Valera on first page in green ink ‘Very Important. Keep safely at hand. 30.iv.37’.

17 items

1548

[post January 1922] Holograph letter to de Valera from Count Plunkett following the signing of the Treaty stating “I cannot agree that you and the others who have fought the ‘Treaty’ should meet and go into conference with the men who have betrayed the Republic. I do not recognise as members of the Dáil the men who have done their best to destroy it: by breaking their oath and voting away our independence they have forfeited their right to sit in the Parliament of the Republic…the powers of the Dáil remain vested in the elected persons who have been faithful to these institutions. Because of these facts, we who have voted against the Treaty should exercise our powers and meet as the Dáil. We should support the President, in all the functions of his office; and we should secure for the Minister of Defence the control of the army of the Republic, for the safety of the Republic. The President should, therefore, continue to act as head of the Republic and of the Dáil.”

See also P150/1388 for correspondence between de Valera and Count Plunkett [Minister for Foreign Affairs and subsequently Minster for Fine Art] during 1921.

1p
1549  18 February 1923–October 1963  Notes, memoranda and commentaries by de Valera on the ‘History and Genesis of Document No. 2’ and the Oath of Allegiance. Also includes copy letter from de Valera to Frank Gallagher about the treatment of Document No. 2 in his book The Anglo-Irish Treaty (12 December 1952, 2pp) and one memorandum on Document No. 2 by Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan, Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach (11 November 1957, 7pp). Also includes list of references to articles and editorials on Document No. 2 in Poblacht na hÉireann between 5 January and 21 February 1922 (n.d., 1p). 12 items

1550  n.d.  Draft pamphlet by Erskine Childers entitled Clause By Clause. A Comparison between The ‘Treaty’ and Document No. 2. See also P150/1560 for Erskine Childers’ letter concerning the supposed Oath in Document No. 2 22pp

1551  1932  Reprint of an article entitled Le Traité Anglo-Irlandaise de 1921 et son interprétation by W. Ivor Jennings, originally published in Revue de Droit international et de Législation comparée (no. 3, 1932, pp. 473–523). With bookmark ‘De Valera (Leabhar dá chuid)’ inside front cover. 51pp
V. Compilations of ‘Treaty Documents’

1552 n.d. Typescript list of contents of eight volumes of documents, compiled by de Valera, relating to the Anglo-Irish Treaty negotiations of 1921. Note: Listed contents do not always correspond with actual contents of folders. 5pp

1553 n.d. Volume I of an eight volume compilation of documents on the Treaty compiled by de Valera. File entitled ‘Vol. I. Attempts at Indirect Negotiations. Summaries’ containing typescript notes either made by or for de Valera, summarising the various peace moves and efforts of various individuals and bodies towards negotiating a truce and peace settlement between November 1920 and June 1921. Includes:
– notes entitled ‘Summary Peace Talk’ listing main events from 30 November 1920 to 10 January 1921 of Archbishop Clune’s mission (see P150/1413) (n.d., 3pp);
– ‘Father O’Flanagan’s Movements’ listing events from 30 December 1920 to 4 June 1921 (see P150/1414) (n.d., 6pp);
– typescript extract from ‘Dáil Éireann Official Report of Session of January, 1921’ in which de Valera gave an account ‘of the so-called truce negotiations of the month of December’ (4pp);
– typescript note by de Valera entitled ‘Peace Moves’ listing events of 5 April and 14 April 1921 relating to Lord Derby’s visit to Dublin (see P150/1439) (n.d., 1p);
– typescript notes summarising the proceedings of interviews between Sir Edward Carson, Lord Justice James O’Connor and Fr. O’Flanagan at Carson’s house in London on 27, 30, 31 January, 15 February and 10 May 1921 (see P150/1414) (n.d., 2pp);
– ‘Correspondence with Vincent’ and references to contacts with Carl Ackermann (see P150/1432); George Russell (see P150/1435); a friend of a member of the English Cabinet (see P150/1436); Short and Montague (see P150/1434); J.J. Parkinson; Martin Glynn (see P150/1445) and John Steele, covering events from 10 March to 19 May 1921 (n.d., 2pp);
– notes on the efforts of the Irish Business Men’s Conciliation Committee, between 31 March and 28 May 1921 (see P150/1437) (n.d., 4pp);
– notes dictated by de Valera to Marie O’Kelly, his Personal Secretary, summarising Lord Derby’s mission, from 5 April to 2 May 1921 (n.d., 2pp). 13 items
1554

23 June–30 September 1921  Volume II of a compilation of documents on the Treaty negotiations compiled by de Valera, (mainly copies of documents found in P150/1364, 1460 and 1522). Includes: – newspaper cuttings on King George’s speech at the opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament in June 1921; terms of the Truce; de Valera’s message at the time of the Truce; Pope Benedict XV’s message to King George, the King’s reply and de Valera’s response to the Pope; – ‘a chronological record of events relating to the present Peace overtures’ covering 30 June to 12 July, published in the Irish Bulletin (12 July 1921, 3pp); – carbon copy typescript notes relating to the Truce terms (n.d., 2pp.); – ‘Instructions to Mr. Barton’ from 10 August to 14 September (n.d., 2pp); – typescript headed ‘Harry Boland’s and J. McGrath’s Report, Sept. 14th, 1921’ following delivery of de Valera’s reply to Lloyd George at Gairloch (14 September 1921, 1p); – typescript notes concerning the publication by the Irish Cabinet of a letter to the British Cabinet dated September 12th (n.d., 1p); – copy of ‘President’s letter to Lloyd George re Craig’s statement’ (19 July 1921, 1p) and copy of ‘Lloyd George’s reply to President’ (19 July 1921, 1p) (see P150/1470 for copies of these documents and a copy of Craig’s statement); – copy of draft of a letter by de Valera to Lloyd George that was passed by the Cabinet but never sent, headed ‘External attachment with British Free-State group—Articles of association to be negotiated’ (August 1921, 2pp); – printed publications entitled Correspondence relating to the Proposals of His Majesty’s Government for an Irish Settlement. Presented to Parliament by Command of His Majesty (H.M.S.O., London, 1921) containing ‘Proposals of the British Government for an Irish Settlement, July 20, 1921’; ‘Reply from Mr. De Valera’ and ‘The Prime Minister’s Reply to Mr. De Valera’s Letter of August 10, 1921’ (1921, 5pp); – Further Correspondence relating to the Proposals of His Majesty’s Government for an Irish Settlement. Presented to Parliament by Command of His Majesty (H.M.S.O., London) containing correspondence between Lloyd George and de Valera from 24 August to 30 September 1921 (1921, 10p). 15 items

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[October]–November 1921  Copies of documents compiled by de Valera on the Treaty negotiations. Volume III concerns defence, the Crown and Dominion Status. Documents are not in chronological order but in the order listed in the table of contents for Volume III as found in P150/1552. Includes: – handwritten list of memoranda by Erskine Childers and John Chartres, Secretaries to the Irish Delegation (n.d., 1p); – typescript memorandum by Erskine Childers on the ‘conditions affecting Defence laid down in the British Proposals of July 20th 1921’ with regard to naval and land defence; limitations of Irish territorial forces; air defence, including civil air control; and contributions to British armaments and recruitment for British forces in Ireland. With handwritten corrections and annotations (n.d., 7pp).
This document was used at the 1st Session of the Plenary Conference held on 11 October 1921 in 10 Downing Street. Also attached are the following notes: an extract from a ‘Draft Treaty of Settlement’ (n.d., 1p) and carbon copy typescript notes relating to the neutrality of Switzerland and Belgium (n.d., 2pp). All three pages together are labelled ‘A’ in black ink; carbon copy typescript of extract in French from a ‘Treaty Guaranteeing the Neutrality of Norway’ labelled ‘B’ (n.d., 1p); carbon copy typescript headed ‘Alternative Defence Clauses–Dominion analogy’ labelled ‘C’ (n.d., 1p); typescript extract from a ‘Lease of a Chinese Port to Great Britain’ labelled ‘D’ (n.d., 1p); typescript notes headed ‘The United States and Cuba’ labelled ‘E’ (n.d., 5pp); – carbon copy typescript of a memorandum by Erskine Childers on Defence (30 October 1921, 3pp);
– copy of typescript headed ‘Naval and Air Defence’ with handwritten note on first page ‘Brief précis of the position by E.C.’ 14 November 1921, 3pp);
– covering note and carbon copy typescript of a memorandum by Erskine Childers concerning the British memoranda on Dominion Status (20 October 1921, 2 items, 1p and 4pp);
– typescript copy memorandum by Erskine Childers on defence, being ‘an endeavour to focus the Defence questions and place them in perspective in relation to the general scheme’. Stamped ‘Secret’ and ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (7 November 1921, 6pp);
– copy memoranda by Erskine Childers headed ‘Law and Fact in Canada and Ireland’ Parts I and II. Stamped ‘Secret’ and ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (29 November 1921, 2 items, 4pp and 10pp);
– copy memorandum by Erskine Childers titled ‘Concessions Contained in Our Proposals of Nov. 22nd’. With handwritten corrections. Initialled ‘E.C.’ on first page. Stamped ‘Secret’ and ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (21 November 1921, 2pp);
– copy of notes by John Chartres on ‘the Crown’. Stamped ‘Secret’ and ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (14–28 October, 22 November 1921, 4 items);
– copy of twelve points, being ‘Rough Notes Showing how the Exclusion of the Crown and of Imperial Supremacy Might be Effected by Means of Positive Enactments in Harmony on Practically all Points with Dominion Constitutional Change’ (29 November 1921, 1p);
– typescript notes on: Anti-British moves in America (1p); the Far East (1p); Dominion Home Rule (1p); Ireland’s right to secede (1p) and Australia and Ireland (1p).

1921 Volume III, fascicule (i) of a compilation of documents on the Treaty negotiations compiled by de Valera, mainly copies of documents originally created between 7 October and 6 December. Contains:
– list of contents. Note: documents marked with an X are not in the folder (n.d., 1p);
– copies of list of main conferences, sub-conferences, committees and informal conversations, held during the negotiations from 11 October to
6 December. The following information for each session is recorded: place; names of those present; subject of meeting, relevant documents and ‘Page’ number. Both with handwritten amendments and corrections, one in de Valera’s hand (n.d., 2 items, 7pp);

– printed pamphlet containing copies of Sinn Féin Constitution in English and Irish (n.d., 8pp);
– carbon copy of Sinn Féin ‘General Election Manifesto to the Irish People’ with handwritten annotations (December 1918, 3pp);
– carbon copy ‘President’s Election Address for the General Election of May 1921’. With handwritten annotations (May 1921, 1p);
– carbon copy of ‘Translation of The Oath of Allegiance subscribed to at the Dáil Meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 1921’ (August 1921, 1p);
– copy of ‘Instructions to Plenipotentiaries from Cabinet’ (7 October 1921, 1p);
– copy of document appointing Griffith, Collins, Barton, Duggan and Gavan Duffy ‘Envoys Plenipotentiaries from the Elected Government of the Republic of Ireland’ (7 October 1921, 1p);
– note explaining the numbering system adopted to differentiate drafts of main and subsidiary series of treaty documents (n.d., 1p);
– ‘Notes on attached Draft presented to the Cabinet October 7th’ (n.d., 3pp);
– typescript copy of letter from Michael Collins, Minister for Finance to de Valera concerning the wording of a clause relating to the ‘Joint Financial Commission’ or ‘Arbitration Board’ (7 October 1921, 1p);
– typescript copy of the ‘North-East Ulster Draft Clause’ (14 October 1921, 1p);
– printed ‘Proclamation to the People of Ireland’ by de Valera, published before the start of the Conference in London (10 October 1921, 1p) (see also P150/1496 for typescript copy and holograph draft);
– typescript copy of ‘Memo given to the President by Cathal Brugha between October 20th and 25th, 1921’ informing him that ‘we are prepared to recommend to our people that the accepted head of Great Britain be recognised as the head of the new association…’ (October 1921, 1p);
– copies of de Valera’s covering letter and telegram of October 20th to Pope Benedict XV (2pp) (see P150/1354 for documents on this issue);
– copy of ‘Despatch No. 7’ originally dated 25 October 1921, being a memorandum from de Valera to Arthur Griffith in London relating to the tabling of the ‘Ulster question’ at the negotiations; the question of munitions and the question of whether or not de Valera should go to the Conference in London. Also states ‘We are all here at one that there can be no question of our asking the Irish people to enter into an arrangement which would make them subject to the Crown, or demand from them allegiance to the British King’
– carbon copy memorandum by Robert Barton and Erskine Childers for de Valera concerning his despatch of 25th October (Despatch No. 7; see previous item) (4 May 1922, 3pp);
– carbon copy of reply by Griffith, Barton, Gavan Duffy, Duggan and Collins to de Valera’s letter of 25th October (26 October 1921, 1p);
1556 contd. – carbon copy of despatch No. 9, originally dated 27 October 1921, from de Valera to Griffith concerning the scope of the powers of the plenipotentiaries and the purpose of de Valera’s memoranda to Griffith—to keep Griffith ‘in touch with the views of members of the Cabinet here on the various points as they arise’ (1p);
– typescript ‘copy of Secretary’s Notes of Meetings of the Cabinet and Delegation held 25th November and 3rd, December, 1921’ (n.d., 2pp);
– carbon copy of ‘Report to Dáil Éireann from The Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ listing all members of the Irish and British delegations, and the number, date, time, place and names of those present from each side of every session of the Plenary Conference [7 in all, at 10 Downing Street, between 11 and 24 October]; each meeting of the three committees of the Plenary Conference, on Defence; Finance and the Truce, held between 12 October and 10 November; each Sub-Conference [24 in all, held between 24 October and 6 December] and each informal meeting between Thomas Jones, British Cabinet Secretary and Secretary to the British Representatives, and Irish Delegation members [9 in all, held between 8 November and 4 December] (n.d., 6pp). 25 items

1557 11–24 October 1921 Volume III, fascicule (ii) of copies of documents relating to the Treaty negotiations compiled by de Valera. Contains minutes of the seven sessions of the Plenary Conference, held at No. 10 Downing Street, on the following dates:
– Session No. 1: 11 October 1921 at 11am (pages labelled A1, A2, A3 and marked ‘1’ in red ink) (3pp);
– Session No. 2: 11 October 1921 at 4pm (pages labelled B4, B5, B6 and marked ‘2’ in red ink) (3pp);
– Session No. 3: 13 October 1921 at 12am (pages labelled C7, C8, C9, C10 and marked ‘4’ in red ink. Also marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’) (4pp) and ‘Aide-Memoire. Conference on Ireland. Third Session, Secret. S.F.C.4’ marked ‘6’ in red ink (1p);
– Session No. 4: 14 October 1921 at 11am (pages labelled D12 to D16 and marked ‘7’ in red ink. Also marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’) (4pp);
– Session No. 5: 17 October 1921 at 3.30pm (pages labelled E17 to E22 and marked ‘9’ in red ink. Also marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’). With handwritten amendments and corrections (6pp);
– Session No. 6: 21 October 1921 at 12 noon (pages labelled F24 to F35 and marked ‘12’ in red ink) (12pp) and ‘Agreed Aide Memoire of the Sixth Session of the Conference on Ireland–Oct. 21st, 1921’ (marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (labelled F36) (21 October 1921, 1p);
– Session No. 7: 24 October 1921 at 5pm (pages labelled G37, G38, G39 and marked ‘13’ in red ink) (3pp). 9 items
Volume III, fascicule (iii) of copies of
typescript letters from Arthur Griffith in London to de Valera, on the course
of the negotiations. Most of the letters are headed ‘Sub-Conference’ or
‘Informal Conversation’ in red ink at the top of the first page indicating
whether the contents of each letter refers to one of the Sub-Conference
sessions (24 in all, between 24 October and 6 December) or to one of the nine
informal meetings between Thomas Jones, British Cabinet Secretary and
Secretary of the British Representatives, and Arthur Griffith, which took place
over nine days from 8 November to 4 December. Letters are labelled from
‘14’ to ‘31’ in red ink. All documents are labelled in pencil in top right hand
corner from ‘H’ to ‘Z’.

See also P150/1499 for a complete compilation of correspondence between d
Valera and Griffith (10 October– 6 December); P150/1498 for contemporary.
copies of letters from dev to A.G. (12 Oct–17 Nov)

19 items

Volume III, fascicule (iv) of de Valera’s
compilation of Treaty documents, covering the
period from 24 November to 6 December 1921.

Includes:
– copies of minutes of Sub-Conference of 24 November (10.30am) held at the
House of Lords and related correspondence between Secretaries John
Chartres and Thomas Jones on the question of the accuracy of Chartres’
record of the session (24–26 November 1921, 6 items). Includes two slightly
different drafts of the minutes, both marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish
Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (one is also labelled ‘32’ in red ink). Some of
the documents with handwritten annotations. Also includes copy of Aide
Memoire by the Attorney-General of same meeting (held on 24 November
Plenipotentiaries’;
– copy of letters from Arthur Griffith to de Valera reporting on the
proceedings of the Sub-Conference sessions held at Chequers on 28
November 1921 at 9pm, labelled ‘subconference 33’ in red ink (29 November
1921, 2pp) and meeting in Downing Street on 4 December 1921 at 5pm,
labelled ‘36’ in red ink, with handwritten annotations [by de Valera] (4
December 1921, 2pp);
– copy of ‘Mr. Michael Collins’ Minute of his Interview with Mr. Lloyd
George at 10, Downing Street at 9.30am Monday, December 5th, 1921.
Informal Conversation and Sub-Conference’, Marked ‘Secret’; stamped ‘Irish
Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ and labelled ‘37’ in red ink (5pp);
– carbon copy typescript ‘Mr. Barton’s Notes of Two Sub-Conferences held
on December 5th/6th. 1921, at 10 Downing Street. No. I–3pm. No. II–
11.30pm to 2am.’ Marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of
Plenipotentiaries’. With holograph annotations by de Valera, including pencil
note by him, ‘written up from memory–colleagues had not seen them’ (10pp);
1559 contd. – typescript and holograph copy of Griffith’s notes on the same two Sub-Conferences. Marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (6 December 1921, 2 items, 2pp each);
– carbon copy ‘Proposed Articles of Agreement’ with note on top, ‘First draft received 10pm 30th Nov. 1921, as here typed. Alterations in black ink show revisions incorporated in the second draft dated 1st Decr. 1921, and received about 1am on 2nd Decr. 1921. Red ink shows alterations in draft produced at 8.30pm on 2nd Decr. 1921. Green ink shows alterations made at afternoon on 5th Decr. 1921. Violet ink shows final alterations at midnight meeting on night of 5th/6th Decr. 1921’. Typescript is labelled ‘22’ in red ink and ‘N’ in pencil (24pp);
– letters from Arthur Griffith to Lloyd George (1,4,6 December 1921, 3 items);
– letter from Arthur Griffith to de Valera concerning the ratification of the Treaty. Marked ‘39’ in red ink (6 December 1921, 1p).
19 items

1560 [November] 1921–  Volume III, fascicule (v) of de Valera’s compilation of Treaty documents. Includes:
– typescript copy of memoranda from de Valera to Harry Boland in America (5, 29 November 1921, 2 items, 1p and 2pp);
– typescript copy of letter from Erskine Childers published in the press on the Legend of the ‘President’s Oath’ (23 December 1921, 3pp);
– copy of confidential letter from de Valera to Joseph McGarrity [publisher of The Irish Press, Philadelphia and I.R.B. leader in America] describing events from the middle of June to 27 December 1921. Refers to the approaches made by a number of ‘unofficial intermediaries or secret negotiators’ during 1921. Refers to his meetings with Lloyd George in July and lists five ‘classes’ of people ‘opposed to the policy of the Republic.’ Explains his proposal of ‘External Association’, how it was accepted by the Cabinet, why he decided to remain in Dublin rather than head the Irish Delegation and how and why he chose the Delegation members. Describes his campaigning throughout the country ‘against any idea of accepting the Crown’, his meeting with Arthur Griffith on 2 December and the course of the Cabinet meeting the next day. Describes the circumstances of the signing of the Treaty and his reaction to it, ‘a chance greater than I had dared to hope was lost’; and the Dáil debates to date (27 December 1921) concerning the ratification of the Treaty (27/28 December 1921, 10pp);
– typescript copy of a letter from ‘Jetter [John T. Ryan] to Topman’ (n.d., 10pp);
– cutting from Poblacht na h-Eireann of an article entitled The Inner History of the Delegation (22 March 1922, 1 item);
1560 contd. – cuttings from The Irish Independent of letters to the Editor from Erskine Childers concerning the Treaty negotiations (2, 4 May 1922, 2 items).
18 items

1561 18 October–  Volume IV of de Valera’s compilation of 6 December 1921 documents on the Treaty negotiations. Contains various memoranda produced by the Irish Delegation and British Representatives, mostly British proposals, Irish counter-proposals and drafts of the Proposed Articles of Agreement, between 18 October and 8 December 1921. Includes covering page headed ‘British Proposals and Irish Representatives Counter-Proposals’ listing various documents and the dates they were produced. Most of the documents have been labelled with a letter (A–N) in red type and this letter is written on the first page of most of the documents in the folder. Note: these documents are all copies; further copies can also be found elsewhere in the section. Includes:
– typescript covering letter from British Secretary Thomas Jones to one of the Irish Delegation enclosing a secret memorandum on Dominion Status, ‘describing in non-legal untechnical language the powers and relations of the Dominions of the British Empire in full operation.’ Memorandum is marked ‘S.F.C.13’ (17, 18 October 1921, 2 items, 1p and 20pp);
– typescript copy of secret ‘British Proposals of July 20th 1921. Explanatory Additions drafted by the Attorney General’. Marked ‘S.F.C.14’ (18 October 1921, 1p);
– typescript copy of secret ‘Memorandum of the Proposals of the Irish Delegates to the British Representatives’ (24 October 1921, 2pp);
– typescript copy of secret ‘Memorandum By His Majesty’s Government’ (S.F.C.21) (27 October 1921, 2pp);
– typescript copy of secret ‘Further Memorandum by the Irish Delegates’ (29 October 1921, 1p);
– draft copies of letters from Arthur Griffith to Lloyd George concerning Lloyd George seeking ‘assurances’ from Arthur Griffith on Griffith’s attitude toward the British Commonwealth, the Crown and Naval Defence (2 November 1921, 2 items, 1p each);
– pamphlet entitled Correspondence between His Majesty’s Government and The Prime Minister of Northern Ireland Relating to The Proposals for an Irish Settlement (London : H.M.S.O.) comprising correspondence between Lloyd George and Sir James Craig from 10 November to 5 December 1921 (1921, 12pp) and typescript copies of first four letters from 10–17 November, with holograph note by de Valera on first page of letter of 10 November, ‘A.G’s letters should be seen to discover when this sent to Dublin’ (4 items);
– typescript copy of a draft Treaty, with holograph notes by de Valera, one of which states ‘Br proposals handed to delegation by one of L.G. sec[retarie]s (16 November 1921, 1p);
– typescript copy of secret ‘Memorandum by the Irish Representatives’ labelled ‘14’ in red ink. Marked ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’. With holograph annotations by de Valera (22 November 1921, 4pp);
1561 contd. – carbon copy ‘Memorandum by the Irish Delegates on their Proposals for the Association of Ireland with the British Commonwealth’ (28 November 1921, 2pp);
– typescript copy of covering letter from Lloyd George to Arthur Griffith enclosing a draft of the Proposed Articles of Agreement. Both items are marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’. The Treaty is labelled ‘Ja’ (first draft of the Proposed Articles of Agreement) (30 November 1921, 2 items, 1p and 8pp);
– typescript copy of second draft ‘Jb’ of Proposed Articles of Agreement (S.F.C.29). Marked ‘17’ in red ink (1 December 1921, 2 items, 1p and 9pp);
– typescript ‘Copy of a letter from the Prime Minister to Mr. Arthur Griffith covering the Proposed Articles of Agreement’ (S.F.C.29-A). Marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’. Also labelled ‘Jc’ (third draft of Proposed Articles of Agreement) and ‘18’ in red ink (1 December 1921, 2 items, 1p and 10pp);
– typescript copy of a Proposal relating to Ulster revenue. Marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’. Labelled ‘19’ in red ink (2 December 1921, 2pp);
– typescript copies of ‘Amendments by the Irish Representatives to the Proposed Articles of Agreement’. One copy (3pp) is an earlier draft, with handwritten amendments and note on first page ‘These should be read with S.F.C. 29-A’. Stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ and labelled ‘20’ in red ink and ‘L’ in pencil (4 December 1921, 2 items, 5pp and 3pp);

25 items

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13 October–  Volume V of de Valera’s compilation of Treaty 20 November 1921  documents, relating to meetings of the 13 and 18 October. Includes:
Committee on Naval and Air Defence between
– page of contents (1p);
– carbon copy summary of proceedings of the first informal meeting of the Committee on Naval and Air Defence, held at the Colonial Office on 13 October 1921 at 3.15pm. Marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’. Initialled ‘E.C.’ [Erskine Childers] on last page. Marked ‘5’ in red ink; each page is numbered A1, A2, A3 in pencil (13 October 1921, 3pp);
– copy of minutes of the same committee for the meeting at 2 Whitehall Gardens on 17 October at 12.30pm. With handwritten annotations. Marked ‘Secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’. Labelled ‘8’ in red ink; each page numbered B4 to B13 (17 October 1921, 10pp);
– typescript copy of draft formula read by Winston Churchill at the beginning of the same meeting (S.F.C.10) . Labelled ‘1’ in red ink and C14 in pencil (1p);
– copy of covering letter enclosing ‘for the information of the Cabinet…Memorandum by the Naval Staff detailing proposals in regard to Admiralty property in Ireland and Irish Waters for incorporation in any Irish
1562 contd. settlement.’ Memorandum is headed ‘Admiralty Property in Ireland and Irish Waters’; covering page is labelled ‘2’ in red ink; marked ‘secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ each page is numbered C15 to C17 (15 October 1921, 2 items, 1p and 2pp);
– typescript copy of minutes of the third and final meeting of the Committee held at the Colonial Office on 18 October at 11am. Marked ‘secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’; labelled ‘10’ in red ink and D18 to D31 (18 October 1921, 15pp);
– typescript copy of ‘Memorandum by the Irish Representatives’ relating to the above meeting. Marked ‘secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’; labelled ‘3’ in red ink and E32–E39 (18 October 1921, 8pp);
– copy of memorandum by Erskine Childers entitled ‘Naval and Air Defence, Précis of Position Nov. 4th’. With handwritten annotations. Marked ‘secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (14 November 1921, 3pp);
– copy of memorandum by Erskine Childers on defence. Marked ‘secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (7 November 1921, 6pp);

10 items

1563 14 September– 2 December 1921 Volume VI of de Valera’s compilation of Treaty documents, relating to Ulster and consisting mostly of background, historical information. Includes:
– list of contents of folder (1p) (contents have not been rearranged chronologically, but left in the order printed on this list);
– typescript copy of ‘North-East Ulster Draft Clause’ with holograph note by de Valera ‘originally drawn by A.G. revised by me’ (14 October 1921, 1p);
– typescript copy of a Proposal relating to Irish-Ulster Revenue. Marked ‘secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (2 December 1921, 2pp);
– typescript copies of correspondence between Lloyd George and Sir James Craig (S.F.B.22; 24; 27 and 29) (10–17 November 1921, 4 items);
– typescript copy of notes on ‘Ulster. Minority Parallels in Europe’ with comparisons with Belgium, Alsace Lorraine, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, the Åland Islands and Upper Silesia. Stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (n.d., 4pp);
– carbon copy of ‘Letter from Mr. Tim Healy to Mr. Duggan tracing the history of the change in electoral boundaries since 1884. Marked ‘secret’ and stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (14 September 1921, 3pp);
1563 contd. – typescript copy of covering letter (24 October 1921, 1p) [from a fellow member of the Dáil Éireann Sub-Committee of Information on the Case of Ulster] to Seán Milroy in London, enclosing a report by George Russell (A.E.) entitled ‘Ulster and Irish Trade Policy’. Report is stamped ‘secret’ and ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ ([24 October] 1921, 6pp);
– copy of letter from George Russell to H.M. Pollock, Chairman of the Belfast Chamber of Commerce, containing his suggestions for economic unity between North and South. Stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (3 November 1921, 7pp) (see also P150/1491 for a copy of this letter and a fuller description of it);
– copies of the Irish Bulletin (vol.6, nos. 22; 23 and 25) with headings A Secret British Circular. The Organisation of an Army in North East Ulster referring to the circular issued by Lieutenant Colonel Wickham, Divisional Commander of R.I.C., Belfast, concerning the establishment of a secret defence force in North East Ulster (18 November 1921, 3pp); The Source of the Secret Circular (21 November 1921, 2pp) and A Letter to President De Valera. Dr. Eoin MacNeill Discusses the Secret Circular (23 November 121, 4pp);
– memorandum by Erskine Childers on a circular prepared by Lieut. Col. Wickham, which the British Government subsequently declared was ‘utterly illegal and…they understood that the Northern Government was going to withdraw it...’. Stamped ‘Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ (23 November 1921, 1p);
– handwritten memorandum by Eoin MacNeill headed ‘Queries: I. The Balkanisation of Ulster’ (n.d., 4pp);
– carbon copy ‘List of Atrocities on Catholics in Belfast (Other than Lootings and Burnings) Directly Committed or Connived at by Crown Forces’ (n.d., 21pp). 20 items

1564 September– Volume VII of de Valera’s compilation of
17 November 1921 Treaty documents, mainly lists of decisions
agreed and reserved, or minutes of the five
meetings of the Committee on the Observance of the Truce, held between 12
October and 10 November. Also contains lists of breaches of the Truce.
Includes:
– carbon copy typescript entitled ‘Serious Breaches of the Truce’ listing
incidents between 12 July and 25 September 1921 (n.d., 3pp);
– copies of various reports and findings of inquiries relating to breaches of the
ceasefire in Tipperary, Galway, Skibbereen, Dunmanway and Thurles in
September and October 1921 (September–October 1921, 6 items).
16 items
1565  [7 October–13 December 1921] Bound volumes, one labelled by de Valera ‘File of Documents put together by R.C. Barton’ containing copies of documents relating to the negotiations and signing of the 1921 Anglo-Irish Treaty. First document, ‘Report to Dáil Éireann from The Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries’ is dated 7 October 1921 and last document ‘a letter from Lloyd George to Arthur Griffith is dated 13 December 1921. Two copies, the one without a handwritten title is an earlier version, containing a few holograph observations by de Valera. Contents in both volumes are identical with the exception of the inclusion of two extra documents in the earlier version—a proposal relating to Ireland’s association with the British Commonwealth (n.d., 1p) and ‘Text of Treaty Between Great Britain and Ireland. Signed 6th December, 1921’ (7pp).

2 items, 217pp and 211pp

VII. Commemorative Material and Commentaries

1566  15 November 1926 Typescript and published version of de Valera’s statement in response to comments made by W.T. Cosgrave in Athlone during the election campaign that de Valera had ‘refused’ to go to London as a member of the 1921 Treaty delegation. Outlines his actions and reasons at the time by referring to despatches and Dáil debates. ‘The fact is I considered it bad national policy to go myself to London at that time’.

2 items, 2pp and 1p

1567  9 March 1929 Carbon copy text (2pp) of article ‘Given to Sean O’Cuiv, Published Sunday Independent, I.I. [Irish Independent]and I.T. [Irish Times]’ on comments by de Valera on references to his 1921 interviews with Sir James Craig and Lloyd George in The World Crisis: the Aftermath, the memoirs of Winston Churchill. Concludes with de Valera’s comment that ‘Mr. Churchill’s book is mere “dubháirt sé dábháirt sé”’. Also article published in The Irish Times under the heading Mr. Churchill Tells How The Treaty Was Signed. Plan That Was Dropped (9 March 1929, 1 item).

2 items
1568 [1921–24]; 1934–72

File on Robert Barton, mainly on his part in and recollections of the Treaty negotiations in London in 1921. Comprises mainly copies of documents from 1921 and 1923, such as a copy of the letter sent by Barton to Dr. Mannix Archbishop of Melbourne after the Treaty negotiations; correspondence between Barton and de Valera; notes and extracts from speeches and statements by Barton; correspondence between Barton and Séán Ó Muimhneacháin, Secretary, Executive Council, on Barton’s views, ‘as one of the surviving members of the Republican Cabinet’, on the ‘issuing by official publication the documents relating to the Negotiations preceding the signing of the Articles of Agreement in London on December 5/6 1921’ (July 1934, 2 items, 1p and 2pp) and letter to President de Valera (January 1960, 2pp) from Mrs. Rachel Barton [wife of Robert] enclosing a history of the relationship between the Childers and Barton families and the story of Glendalough House known to the family as ‘Glan’ (12 January 1960, 6pp). Includes holograph letter from Barton to de Valera recalling the first time Barton saw de Valera – ‘you were marching at the head of your men to surrender at Dublin castle. I was the only spectator who took off his hat to you. I was on my way to report at the Royal Barracks having just left an English Training Camp. I remember admiring your precision in marking time as your men did a right wheel at Grafton St.. Little things stick in ones memory’ (14 January 1972, 2pp).

See also P150/1547 for covering note from Robert Barton to Kathleen O’Connell, de Valera’s Personal Secretary, enclosing a typescript account of Barton’s views of and part in, the 1921 Treaty negotiations. This document was also sent by Barton to Dr. Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne in 1921; P150/1760 for letter from Robert Barton in Mountjoy jail in February 1923 to Adjutant General Con Maloney on Barton’s recollections of the 1921 Treaty negotiations

22 items

1569 31 July 1934– 1 February 1935

Correspondence between de Valera’s Personal Secretary and Frank Pakenham, the Earl of Longford on the contents of Pakenham’s book *Peace by Ordeal: An Account, from First-Hand Sources of the Negotiation and Signature of the Anglo-Irish Treaty, 1921*. Includes holograph memorandum of observations by Dorothy Macardle forwarded by de Valera to Pakenham (n.d., 7pp), typescript copy of same and further comments by de Valera. Also reviews of the book and article by Henry O’Neill in *The Irish Press* (14, 17 and 18 June 1935, 3 items).

7 items

1570 6–10 December 1938


5 items
1571 6 December 1941  Cutting from The Irish Times of a feature entitled *Irish Charter of Freedom. Before and After the Treaty* on the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty on 6 December 1921. Contains the following articles: *Twenty Years after the Agreement. Benefits Gained and Lost* by Seán Milroy; *Eire’s Place in Federal Union. Britain Secured Home Rule for Herself* by Lionel Curtis; *How Erskine Childers worked. Service in England and Ireland* by Basil Williams and *Instrument of Peace. Foundation of State Laid* by W.T. Cosgrave. 1 item, 2pp

1572 9 October–10 December 1946  File of newspaper cuttings on the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty on 6 December 1921. Also includes two cuttings from The Irish Press of 1947 entitled *The Vote that ended a great movement* (8 January 1947, 1 item) and *When Ireland’s Self-government began–Independence Day, Jan 21, 1919* (21 January 1947, 1 item). 20 items

1573 1 December 1949  Draft and published versions of reviews by M.J. McManus, of Sir Geoffrey Shakespeare’s *Let Candles Be Brought In* (London: Macdonald). See also P150/3631 for statements and accounts of the origins and outbreak of the Civil War including quotations from Frank Pakenham’s *Peace by Ordeal* and *Let Candles Be Brought In* by Sir Geoffrey Shakespeare (a ‘member of Lloyd George’s secretariat’ in 1921) 2 items

1574 4 January 1955  Covering letter from D. Niall Desmond (33 Collins Street, Melbourne, Australia) to ‘Michael’ concerning some papers of Fr. W.P. Hackett S.J. [President of Newman College, Melbourne?] and enclosing copy of an article entitled ‘Some Facts About the Treaty’ by Fr. Hackett (6pp). Fr. Hackett was present at, and describes the final session of Dáil Éireann when the vote on the ratification of the Treaty was taken. As a source of his information for the negotiations in London, he refers to ‘A History of What Happened In London’ compiled at his request by Robert Barton, to be given to Dr. Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne. He writes ‘At the time of its compilation [August 1922] Barton was on the run–Childers was with the Patriot Army. It was difficult (in some cases impossible) to have access to all the originals. It was difficult to get typing done. Raids were frequent. It was of the utmost importance that the MSS should not fall into Free State hands. The day before I left Ireland the MSS was completed, and by me safely delivered six or seven years later to its owner.’ 2 items, 1p and 6pp
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Draft of chapters of a book by Frank Gallagher on the Anglo-Irish Treaty negotiations of 1921. Chapters are headed ‘Correspondence’ ‘Negotiations’; ‘Personal’; ‘Final Phase’ and ‘Last Hours of Conference’. Manuscript was originally intended to be a biography of de Valera; however only chapters relating to the Treaty negotiations had been completed by July 1962 when Gallagher died. Volume was published posthumously under the editorship of Thomas P. O’Neill in 1965. Includes handwritten chapters in bound volume (n.d., 74pp) and loose pages (n.d., 3 items, 29pp; 18pp and 17pp) and also typescript preface and introduction by T.P O’Neill (7pp); Chapter II by O’Neill (23pp) and typescript copies of Gallagher’s five chapters (34pp; 29pp; 26pp; 16pp and 17pp).  

11 items, c290pp

1581  

September–October 1965  

Newspaper cuttings comprising reviews, and letters arising out of the reviews, of The Anglo-Irish Treaty by Frank Gallagher (the first section in what was intended to be a biography of de Valera).  

9 items

1582  

11 October, 5 November 1969  

Letter to President de Valera from researcher Thomas Ryle Dwyer and copy ‘strictly confidential’ letter from President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly to Ryle Dwyer, in answer to his questions concerning the Treaty negotiations, especially the proceedings of the Dáil Éireann Cabinet meeting of 3 December 1921. Concludes ‘This letter is written to help you with the background. It is, however, confidential and must not be quoted, or stated as your authority for anything you may write.’  

5pp

1583  

21 October 1971  

File of newspaper cuttings on Dr. Thomas [Tom] Jones consisting of newspaper article by Cathal O’Shannon entitled The Treaty – and a man called Jones, in which O’Shannon ‘writes about the Irish associations of Dr. Thomas Jones – the man who helped to draw up the Treaty’ (n.d., 1 item), newspaper article by David Hogan entitled Tom Jones and the Welsh Wizard (n.d., 1 item) and review by Ernest Blythe published in The Irish Press, of Jones’s third volume of memoirs Whitehall Diary Vol. III–Ireland 1918–25 (21 October 1971, 1 item).  

3 items

1584  

n.d.  

Typewritten comments by de Valera in response to points [raised in an unidentified publication?] covering the period 1917 to 1922. Includes comments on the 1921 Treaty negotiations, the concept of external association and the use of phrases such as ‘Rock of the Republic’, ‘Battering down the walls of the Republic’ and ‘Getting out of the Straightjacket of the Republic’.  

2pp
19. CIVIL WAR, 1922 – 23

1585  n.d. Certificate of Service during the War of
Independence in ‘E’ and ‘M’ Companies, Third
Battalion, Dublin No. 1 Brigade for Eamon de Valera. Signed by Oscar
Traynor, Joseph O’Connor and Michael Tannam.  
44cm x 34cm

1586  n.d. Certificate of Service during the War of
Independence in ‘A’ Company, Third Battalion,
Dublin No. 1 Brigade for Eamon de Valera. Signed by Oscar Traynor, Joseph
O’Connor and Pádraig Ó Broin (Patrick Byrne).
42cm x 36cm

1587  [early 1922] Black and white photograph of de Valera on the
steps of an unidentified terrace house with a
group of Republicans including Harry Boland and Cathal Brugha (on step
behind de Valera) and Liam Mellows. 8cm x 11cm

1588  1922 List of ‘Interviews, Proclamations, Manifestoes
(sic), etc.’ by de Valera covering the period
from 4 January to 19 October 1922’ mainly press interviews and letters but
also some election manifestos and general statements and appeals for election
funds; with copies of each of the documents listed. Includes:
– proclamation by de Valera to the people of Ireland. With holograph
corrections and amendments (4 January 1922, 4pp). Also photocopy of
version published in Poblacht na hÉireann on 5 January 1922, with
handwritten note ‘Irish version was also published same issue’ (1p);
– ‘Interview with Hearst corres[pondent] O’Connell’ containing an article
published in The Irish Independent on 17 January 1922 under the headline
‘Mr. De Valera’s Attitude’ (17 January 1922, 1p);
– typescript copy of text of ‘Daily News Interview with Mr. De Valera,
January 21st, 1922’ (21 January 1922, 2pp);
– carbon copy text of interview ‘with reference to the announcement that a
Republican demonstration was to be held’ in O’Connell Street, Dublin on
Sunday 12 February 1922. With holograph corrections (9 February 1922,
3pp);
– carbon copy text of an interview given to the Boston Globe representative
about support from America, including the A.A.R.I.R., and the position
concerning Republican funds in the U.S.A. (9 February 1922, 1p);
– copy of ‘Statement by Mr. De Valera’ in reply to ‘Mr. Collins’ cablegram to America that a coup d’etat was being planned against the new Government (15 February 1922, 13pp);
– typescript copy of de Valera’s letter to the editor of The Irish Independent written in response to the paper’s editorials of the 18 and 19 March in which de Valera is pictured as ‘preaching civil war’ and indulging in ‘violent threats’ and in the ‘language of incitement’ (22 March 1922, 2pp);
– typescript copy of corrected English translation of a Cumann na Poblachta Appeal for Election Funds (7 April 1922, 1p);
– typescript copy of text of de Valera’s Easter Message (1922, 1p);
– typescript drafts of an election manifesto urging support for panel candidates (29 May 1922, 2 items, 1p each);
– typescript text of ‘Introductory preface to French edition…[of]…‘Principles of Freedom’ by Terence MacSwiney (30 May 1922, 1p);
– corrected text of de Valera’s statement to the press ‘on the election results’ (21 June 1922, 1p);
– corrected text of de Valera’s press statement following the assassination of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson (23 June 1922, 2pp);
– carbon copy of the text of a general statement issued by de Valera on 28 June 1922 on the Civil War (28 June 1922, 1p);
– holograph and typescript drafts of de Valera’s ‘General statement on the legitimate Government of the Country’ (2 July 1922, 2 items, 2pp & 1p);
– statement by de Valera ‘To the people of the United States’ on the Civil War (4 July 1922, 1p);
– corrected text of an interview between de Valera and the Dublin correspondent of the Manchester Evening News on the general military and political situation (10 September 1922, 2 items, 3pp & 2pp) (see P150/1650 for two text versions of this interview, with by Seán Ó Cuív identified as the correspondent);
– typescript text with holograph corrections and amendments, of de Valera’s statement in response to comments made by William T. Cosgrave in an interview with the Daily Express in which Cosgrave quoted de Valera as saying that ‘we have a constitutional way of settling our differences and that we should not depart from it’. In this statement de Valera claims ‘Every breach of the Constitution since December last has been made by the Free State supporters—not the Republicans’ (n.d., 2pp).

44 items

1589

1922

Compilation of newspaper and periodical cuttings, mainly from The Irish Times and The Irish Independent, concerning de Valera. Arranged in three sections: D. January–March 1922 (31pp); E. April–May 1922 (32pp) and F. June–October 1922 (7pp). Each section has a table of contents (1p) arranged by date of publication. Also includes a general index to articles arranged by date under the following headings: Proclamations and Appeals; Letters and Telegrams; An Dáil; Interviews and Public Speeches (5pp & cover page).

See also P150/1416 for 1921 similar compilation, sections A–C c.78pp

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International newspaper cuttings, mainly from French journals and newspapers, supplied by the Argus Press Cutting Bureau in Paris, containing press coverage of the Irish Race World Congress held in Paris in January 1922.

1590  November–December 1921  6 items
1591  10–20 January 1922  17 items
1592  22 January 1922  10 items
1593  23 January 1922  24 items
1594  24 January 1922  83 items
1595  25 January 1922  80 items
1596  26 January 1922  17 items
1597  27 January 1922  18 items
1598  28 January 1922  44 items
1599  29 January 1922  22 items
1600  30 January 1922  33 items
1601  31 January 1922  22 items

1602  January 1922  Black and white print of Constance Markievicz, Cathal Brugha, de Valera, Seán MacSwiney, Austin Stack, Art O’Connor, Seán Etchingham and Erskine Childers. Group standing in front of a tricolour. Names of individuals noted on reverse in two hands—one unknown [in pencil] and one in the hand of Seán Nunan [in ink. Left side of print cut away. 15cm x 14cm

1603  January 1922  Documents relating to the World Congress of the Irish Race, attended by de Valera. Includes:
– programme of events of the ‘Aonac na nGaeil’ (sic) held in the Salle des Fêtes, Hotel Continental between 21 and 28 January 1922 (1922, 1p);
– typescript headed ‘Eamon Martin’s account of De V. going to Paris, 1922’ (n.d., 3pp);
– typescript copies of press releases about the Congress in English and French (1922, 4 items);
– carbon copy ‘Minutes of World Congress of the Irish Race held at Paris During the Week Ending January 28th 1922’ (1922, 21pp);
1603 contd. – volume of minutes of proceedings of the Irish Race Congress (January 1922, 328pp);
– typescript copies in Spanish and English of the opening and farewell addresses to the Congress by The O’Donnell, Duke of Tetuan, Honorary President of the Congress (1922, 4 items);
– copy of Proceedings of the Irish Race Congress in Paris signed by de Valera (1922, 228pp) and original typescript drafts, translations and copies of various documents published in the book between pages vi and 33, many with handwritten annotations and amendments (1922, 18pp);
– black and white photograph of Eoin MacNeill; The O’Donnell, Duke of Tetuan; Seán T. O’Kelly and Thomas Hugh O’Reilly at the Congress (© Excelsior) (January 1922, 11.2cm x 8cm);
– photograph of delegates at the Congress including Lord Ashbourne, de Valera, the Duke of Tetuan; Countess Markievicz and Douglas Hyde (© M. Rol, Paris) (January 1922, 17cm x 13cm);
– black and white images of delegates at the Congress (Front row, L to R: [-], Seán T. O’Kelly, Eoin MacNeill, The O’Donnell, Duke of Tetuan, de Valera, Countess Markievicz) as follows:
  • reproduction, sent to de Valera in June 1967 by Mother John Bosco, Loreto College, Crumlin Road, Dublin, daughter of the late Hugh Curran of The Irish Times (21cm x 15cm);
    • original print of same (1922, 11cm x 8cm) and cropped version showing only portion of the first two rows of delegates (1922, 16cm x 11cm);
    • same image of delegates taken from a slightly different angle (29cm x 23cm);
– group in the Salle du Sillon (From left: [-], [-], Seán T. O’Kelly, Countess Markievicz, [-], de Valera, Mary MacSwiney, [-], Lord Ashbourne, Seán MacBride, Kathleen O’Connell) (1922, 17cm x 12cm).
  40 items

1604 1922 Photograph of de Valera, annotated on reverse ‘de Valera to and from France 1/2/22’ and copy of same (6cm x 8cm each). Possibly passport type photographs used by de Valera for attending the World Congress of the Irish Race.
  2 items

1605 29 January 1922– 2 July 1930 Documents concerning the foundation and organisation of Fine Ghaedheal, established during the Irish Race Congress in Paris in January 1922. The organisation was founded to ‘provide machinery for the co-ordination of the efforts along certain lines of the various Irish organisations throughout the world’ whose objects to assist the people of Ireland to fully attain ‘their national ideals, political, cultural and economic, and to secure for Ireland her rightful place among the free nations of the earth … to foster among the people of the Irish race throughout the world a
knowledge of the Irish language, Literature, History and General Culture’ and to ‘promote the Trade, Commerce and Industries of Ireland.’ Includes:
– bound volume containing handwritten minutes of five meetings of the Executive Council of Fine Ghaedheal (29 January–26 September 1922; 16 September 1924, 69pp);
– correspondence, mainly between de Valera, as President of the organisation, Riobaird O’Breandain, Secretary, Rev. Dr. James A.H. Irwin, Honorary Treasurer, Fr. Timothy J. Shanley, New York and M.J. O’Connor, Committee member, New York, concerning the foundation, organisation and financing of Fine Ghaedheal (9 March 1922–2 July 1930, 50 items).

See also P150/1309 for account by Fr. Timothy J. Shanley on his journey to Paris with de Valera and others to attend the Irish Race Congress

[12 February 1922] Typescript copy of a [newspaper] report of a speech by de Valera at a meeting in Dublin on 12 February 1922, condemning the Articles of Agreement accepted in London on 6 December 1921. 3pp

1922 Irish Labour Party and Trade Union Congress Report of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting held in the Mansion House, Dublin, August, 1922, and of the Special Congress on Election Policy held in the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on February 21st, 1922. With name of de Valera on front cover and his family crest on the inside cover. 288pp

March 1922 Documents concerning the confrontation in Limerick city between pro-Treaty and Republican forces in February and March 1922 and de Valera’s role in preventing an outbreak of hostilities. Includes:
– typescript copy of letter from de Valera to Richard Mulcahy, Minister for Defence, asking him to intervene in the situation by sending the Adjutant General and the Director of Engineering to Limerick, ‘to investigate jointly the situation on the spot and to endeavour to find a solution by which it could be amicably ended…If taken in hand at once it may be possible to settle it without bloodshed, but if let go on it may well be the beginning of a civil war and a general break up of the army and the defensive forces of the nations’ (original dated 6 March 1922, 1p).
Also includes copy of a memorandum [by de Valera for his own information?] on his reception of a deputation consisting of the President of the Tenants’ Association, Dublin and the Secretary of the Workers’ Association concerning ‘the position of several houses that had been commandeered in Limerick’ (original dated 27 March 1922, 1p).

4 items, 1p each
1609
1 March 1922– Dissociated correspondence.
8 August 1923. Includes letters to de Valera from:

- Joseph Begley [successor to Harry Boland as de Valera’s Private Secretary during his U.S. tour and later Secretary of the Irish Mission in Washington, D.C.] informing him of the American government’s wish to present a bronze replica of Jerome O’Connor’s statue of Robert Emmet to the National Gallery of Ireland; the arrival of Fr. Michael O’Flanagan ‘here from the west’, his intended return to Ireland, and John Devoy’s attacks on de Valera (1 March 1922, 1p);
- Chief of Police S. O’Donogháile with reference to de Valera’s ‘recent communication concerning the levy of 6d. in the pound in County Dublin for the up keep of the Irish Republican Police’ (11 March 1922, 1p);
- Donal O’Leary, on behalf of [Con Maloney], Adjutant General, on the loan of an original copy of the Constitution of the Irish Volunteers to de Valera, ‘as it may be useful at today’s conference in showing that the present position of the Army is the same now as it was then’ (29 April 1922, 1p).

Also includes copies of letters from de Valera to:

- publishers Sealy, Bryers and Walker of Crow Street, Dublin concerning the proofs of ‘Mr. Dwane’s book’, which de Valera has looked through. Comments on the proofs and points out several inaccuracies (2 June 1922, 1p);
- holograph draft letter to an unknown individual stating ‘...it was decided by us to send to the United States of America to represent us officially and combat the misrepresentation. Austin Stack Minister of H[ome] A[ff]airs in the Cabinet of the Gov[ern]m[ent] of the Republic & Mr. Sean O’Ceallaigh [Sceilg] Minister of Education in the same Cabinet are proceeding to America as principal members of a delegation to represent officially the Republican party of Ireland’ (n.d., 2pp);
- Comdt. General Seamus Robinson, O/C 2nd Southern Division, expressing sympathy at the death of Comdt. Dalton. ‘Every loss must but make us more determined that the losses will not be in vain’ (28 October 1922, 1p);
- the [editor of An Reult] regretting he cannot write an article for the publication. Discusses the importance of the Irish language and concludes ‘...the language if lost once, is lost forever, whereas the territory may be lost and gained again. Were the choice therefore given to us at this moment to secure our territory but to lose the language, or to lose the territory but save the language, we should unhesitatingly choose the latter. The ideal is to secure both’ (29 November 1922, 1p);
- Mrs. MacDonagh offering sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of his colleagues ‘in the Government and in the Republican Party’ on the death of her husband Joseph [younger brother of Thomas MacDonagh]. ‘We had hoped that your husband would be spared to give his talents in the building up of the Free Ireland he laboured so hard to create, and for which he has now given his life. We who knew his work for the past five years will never forget him...’ (31 December 1922, 1p);
- the Honorary Secretaries of Cumann na mBan regretting the death of ‘little Emmet McGarry’ (5 January 1923, 1p);
- ‘P. O’C’ on the Republican party’s attempt to ‘arrive at the most advanced labour programme which we think it possible to adopt at present without risking a disruption to our own forces and endangering all our chances of...”

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success’. Also discusses ‘J.L.’ [James Larkin] and the question of ‘publication of our efforts for him’ [with regard to his imprisonment in the U.S.A.] (25 January 1923, 1p).
Also includes correspondence between de Valera and:
• Lawrence Casey, Chairman and Managing Director of The Irish National Assurance Company Ltd. tendering ‘a few suggestions which have occurred to me in connection with the present crisis’ (22 November 1922, 5pp) and Casey’s views on the forthcoming elections (19 June–6 July 1923, 4 items);
• Maud Gonne MacBride on her offer to help with the election campaign in July 1923 and de Valera’s inquiry after Seán in jail (23 & 26 July 1923, 2 items, 1p each). 40 items

3 March–25 April 1922  Documents relating to Cumann na Poblachta, founded by de Valera in March 1922.
Comprises agenda and minutes of a meeting held on 7 March, appeal for election funds (7 April 1922) and address by de Valera published in Poblacht na hÉireann (22 March 1922) on the foundation and aims of Cumann na Poblachta.
See also P150/3690 for notebook containing de Valera’s notes on the foundation of Cumann na Poblachta in March 1922; P150/1272 for documents relating to the Cumann na Poblachta delegation to the U.S.A. in 1922, with Austin Stack as Chairman. 7 items

10–25 March; 1 May; 30 December 1922  Documents, mainly correspondence between de Valera and Arthur Griffith, on the controversy relating to the register for the upcoming elections, which de Valera regards as ‘inaccurate and invalid’. 25 items

16 September–5 October 1933; 16 February 1940  Correspondence between de Valera and Rev. John V. Simcox of St. Edmund’s College, Hertfordshire, on the question of ‘the will of the people’ and ‘the supreme authority of majority rule’ with regard to de Valera’s speech in Thurles on 20 August 1933 in which he referred to his speeches in Thurles and Carrick-on-Suir in March 1922 which Rev. Simcox describes as ‘indicating that you were in full sympathy with the rebellion against the then government of the Free State—though it was a majority government’. Also includes letter to de Valera relating to comments attributed to Rev. Simcox published in the Catholic Herald concerning the Catholic Bishops’ declaration of October 1922 that the ‘killing of National soldiers in the Irish civil war was murder before God’ and the question of de Valera’s status as a ‘great Catholic statesman’. 6 items
1613 March 1922 Photograph captioned on reverse ‘Eamon De Valera addressing People of Tralee, March 20th, [19]22’. With note by Seán Nunan on reverse ‘Presented to Dev by Fr. A. Murray (1956) who took the snap. Next day Irish Independent’. Poor quality, left side of image blanked out. 7cm x 10cm

1614 29 March 1922 Holograph letter to de Valera from Michael Comyn agreeing to go forward as a Republican candidate for one of the Munster constituencies. 1p

1615 18 April 1922 Copy of Bulletin Irlandais (No. 158) headlined ‘L’Angleterre brutale’. Published from rue Scribe, Paris. 1p

1616 April & May 1922; 1926 Documents relating to a conference in the Mansion House in April and May 1922 to promote peace, convened by the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Edward J. Byrne and Laurence O’Neill, Lord Mayor of Dublin. Comprises:
– correspondence between de Valera and the Lord Mayor (10–25 April 1922, 5 items);
– handwritten notes summarising the discussions, including the contributions by de Valera, Arthur Griffith, Cathal Brugha, Archbishop Byrne and the Lord Mayor. One sheet in the hand of de Valera (April 1922, 10pp);
– correspondence and proposals relating to the participation of the Irish Labour Party in the conference (April 1922, 7 items);
– printed copy of Irish Free State (Agreement) Act, 1922 (12 Geo. 5, Ch.4) (1922, 9pp);
– photocopy and extracts from The Irish Independent reporting on the conference (originals dated 15 April & 2 May 1922, 3 items);
– typescript copy of a ‘Proposed Scheme For Plebisite’ (sic) [possibly Michael Collins’ proposal referred to by de Valera in the newspaper statements] (1922, 1p);
– photocopy headed ‘Appendix A’ taken from a 1926 Fianna Fáil pamphlet (No. 1) entitled A National Policy outlined by E. de Valera (see P150/1623 for photocopy of Appendix B), of ‘Statement issued on the breakdown of the Mansion House Conference presided over by the Archbishop of Dublin…published in the Press on May 2, 1922’ (n.d., 1p). Conference was attended by Archbishop Byrne; the Lord Mayor; Arthur Griffith; de Valera; Michael Collins; Cathal Brugha and Stephen O’Mara Senior. 19 items
Typescript copy of ‘Extract from The Irish Independent of 2nd May, 1922. The Mansion House Conference, Mr. De Valera’s Statement’ on the various proposals put forward at the conference. 1p & 3pp

Despatches between Michael Collins and officials of the British Colonial Office relating to the seizure by Republican forces of an Admiralty vessel, the Upnor, while it was transporting arms, ammunition and munitions from Haulbowline to Devonport, and the capture of disputed amounts of arms and ammunition. Comprises copies of despatches from Mr Curtis at the Colonial Office to Under-Secretary A.W. Cope for Michael Collins; copies of despatches from Collins to Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for the Colonies; and copy of a ‘Private & Secret’ letter from Churchill to Collins expressing growing anxiety at the spread of disorder in the 26 Counties.

States ‘There is no doubt that capital is taking flight…The wealth of Ireland is undergoing a woeful shrinkage…the…Government…must assert itself or perish and be replaced by some other form of control…Ought you not to rally round the infant Free State all the elements in Ireland which will wholeheartedly adhere to the Treaty and sign the declaration attaching to it irrespective of what their former attitudes have been?’

Refers to the political and military situation in Ulster and Collins’ arrangement to meet with de Valera, ‘We have run every risk and made every effort and fulfilled every stipulation according to the agreement we signed with you. But that is the absolute end so far as we are concerned, and everyone of us will swing round with every scrap of influence we can command against a Republic or any inroad upon the Treaty structure. Refers to the delay in holding elections—‘I trust the end of May or at the very latest the first week in June will see the issue submitted to the Irish people. We really have a moral right to ask that the uncertainty as to whether our offer is accepted or rejected should not be indefinitely prolonged.’ Discusses the transfer of British arms and munitions to the Free State forces and concludes ‘I am counting on you to let me know if you think a crisis is imminent. My own feeling is, as I said at the beginning of this letter, that we shall get through Easter without an explosion’ (original dated 12 April 1922, 5pp). 7 items

Documents relating to the occupation of the Four Courts by the 3rd Battalion of the Dublin Brigade, I.R.A. from 14 April 1922 to just before the commencement of the bombardment by the forces of the Provisional Government on 28 June. Includes:

– circular issued by the Army Council to each T.D. comprising ‘a brief summary of the events leading up to the present position–from which it will be seen that we have done our utmost, consistent with the support of the Republic, to establish unity in the Army’ (25 April 1922, 3pp);
– typescript copy of statement issued by the Army Executive from the Four Courts and published on 26 April 1922. ‘It is to…ensure that the Republic shall not be left at the mercy of persons now pledged to its disestablishment that the present position is maintained’ and quotation from an interview with Rory O’Connor in the Irish Independent, that the occupation of the Four Courts by the Executive forces should not be taken in any way as a ‘coup d’état’, ‘Neither did it indicate the beginning of a revolution’ (n.d., 1p);
– handwritten return of rifles, ammunition and bombs held by [Brigade] Sections 1–5 and Police Force on guard (n.d., 1p);
– rough figures for numbers of guns and ammunition held, made by C. Murray (June 1922, 1p).

8 items

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25 April–20 May 1922

Documents relating to the work of the Committee appointed by Dáil Éireann to consider and discuss the unity proposals issued by officers of the I.R.A. on 2 May 1922, in an effort to bridge the gap between pro- and anti-Treaty factions, and to the series of conferences held by a group of army officers, five Republicans and six pro-Treaty. Includes:
– typescript draft of the statement by ten I.R.A. officers appealing for unity, issued by the Dáil Éireann Publicity Department (2 May 1922, 1p) and extract from The Irish Independent of the statement (2 May 1922, 1p);
– carbon copy headed ‘The IRA Officers Statement’ raising questions about the holding of an agreed election (2 May 1922, 1p);
– drafts of terms of an agreement concerning the nomination of candidates for election and the formation of a coalition government (n.d., 4 items, 1p each);
– drafts of ‘Proposed Terms of Agreement’ [by Republican members of the committee] recommending acceptance of the principles ‘suggested by Labour’ (n.d., 8 items);
– draft terms of agreements [by pro-Treaty members of the committee] for the holding of an agreed election and the subsequent formation of a coalition government (n.d., 11 items, 1p each);
– carbon copy minutes of meeting of the Peace Committee on 5 May 1922. Incomplete (May 1922, 1p);
– report of the pro-Treaty delegation to the Committee ‘set up under the terms of Dr. Hayes’ motion at the Session of An Dáil on Wednesday, May 3rd’ (10 May 1922, 6pp);
– typescript draft and carbon copy ‘Report of the Republican Delegation’– Kathleen Clarke, Seán Moylan, P.J. Rutledge, Liam Mellowes and Harry Boland–the representatives of the Republican Party on the Dáil-appointed Committee, who, ‘having failed to obtain any basis of agreement with the representatives of the other party, beg to submit this supplement to the joint report’.

Outlines the proceedings from the first meeting after the truce was arranged until the Republican rejection of Commandant Seán MacEoin’s proposals. ‘At this point, regretfully we came to the conclusion that it was useless for the Committee to continue its labours, our opinion being that the other side were more concerned with committing us to an acceptance of the Treaty than with
1620 contd. working out a detailed scheme of settlement’ (11 May 1922, 2 items, 3pp each);
– typescript draft statement that the ‘Dáil Committee wishes it to be understood that the report of Commandant O’Hegarty was drawn up without their knowledge and read to Dáil Éireann without their consent…Further Commandant O’Hegarty’s report was inaccurate…The attitude taken up by the Republican Party in Committee, and expressed by Mr. Boland was that he and his group…would welcome an agreement…provided it did not compromise the National position’. With handwritten amendments by de Valera (12 May 1922, 1p);
– ‘Memo. Re Scheme of Elections. From pro-Treaty side’. With holograph annotations and amendments by de Valera (14 May 1922, 2pp);
– ‘Report of the Republican Delegation’ tracing the exchanges that led to the breakdown of the Conference (17 May 1922, 3 items, 6pp each);
– report of the Dáil Committee to the Ceann Comhairle produced by Seán MacEoin, Seán Hales, Padhraig O’Malley, Joe McGuinness and Seamus Dwyer, ‘following on the decision of Dáil after the reading of the two reports from the Committee set up under Dr. Hayes’ Motion, we held five further prolonged sittings’. Outlines the proceedings of those sessions until the conference broke down over the question of the proportion of candidates to go forward on the National Panel. Includes four appendices comprising various pro-Treaty recommendations and a scheme for elections (May 1922, 7pp);
– draft report of the Dáil Committee appointed ‘to explore the possibilities of securing agreement’ (May 1922, 5pp).

See Dáil Éireann Official Reports, pp.359–440 for details of progress of the Committee set up following a motion by Dr. Hayes on 3 May 1922, including 11 May 1922 (pp.402–403), 17 May 1922 (pp.420–422) and 19 May 1922 (pp.472–473).

1621

25 April– Correspondence between de Valera and Lord 27 November 1922 Mayor of Dublin Laurence O’Neill on various topics including a report on ‘the recent Fine Ghaedheal Congress’ (see 1605 for documents on the foundation and organisation of Fine Ghaedheal at the Irish Race Congress in Paris in January 1922); de Valera’s suggestion that an organisation similar to the Irish White Cross be established to provide assistance to nationalists ‘who have been driven from their homes’ in Belfast and the North-East and de Valera’s charge against the ‘President and Ministry of Dáil Éireann…with having…since Dec. last…acted irregularly, unconstitutionally, illegally and in an arbitrary manner…their…actions have led indirectly and directly to the present situation with its deplorable loss of life and destruction of public and private property, not to speak of the unrest and insecurity of life and property during the past six months…and…have led immediately to the disaffection towards the Dáil, of the officers and men of the army…’ Demands the ‘protection of the Supreme Court of the Republic for the citizens against the arbitrary action and abuse of executive powers by the Ministry’ (8 July 1922, 2pp).

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1622  1921–26; 1969  File on Nationalist politician William O’Brien (1852–1928). Includes:
– ‘Secret & Confidential’ holograph letter from O’Brien to de Valera stating ‘The unity of Ireland, as one and not two nations, is an issue on which nothing can beat you…the demand for a plebiscite of all Ireland on Lloyd George’s offer, if extended to all Ireland, is the only one which can safeguard the position of the Republicans, by appealing to the will of the whole Irish people’ (14 August 1921, 2pp);
– copy of letter from O’Brien to the editor of The Irish Independent stating ‘The proposal of an agreed General Election is the first bit of good news that has come to the country for many miserable months’ and suggests that ‘the members of the Dáil on both sides of the present controversy should be accepted candidates for the Constituent Assembly, with the addition…of a certain proportion of Labour Party…In the meantime…no further controversy about “the Treaty” or “the Pact”’ (n.d., 1p);
– carbon copy documents headed ‘Wm. O’Brien’ comprising suggestions for a five point ‘modus vivendi’ and concluding ‘Unless this, or some better Peace proposal, is forthcoming there is nothing before our wretched Country but hell’ (n.d., 1p);
– document labelled in de Valera’s hand ‘Wm. O’B Recd. Jan 1.’ listing five conditions [for Peace] including an ‘unconditional truce for six months; no stipulation as to surrender of arms or acceptance of Treaty’ (n.d., 1p);
– correspondence between de Valera and O’Brien on de Valera’s comments on O’Brien’s book The Irish Revolution (1923) (16 & 21 March 1923, 2 items);
– typescript statement issued by Fianna Fáil Headquarters, giving the text of an open letter addressed to de Valera by O’Brien, which appeared in The Irish Independent and the Evening Herald on 12 October 1926. The letter concerns the Treaty signatories, the Boundary Commission and the Civil War, which he describes as a ‘war “made in England” for England’s own purpose of destroying the last hope of reunion between Ireland’s best fighting men of both sections’ (14 October 1926, 3pp).  13 items

1623  1922–57  Documents relating to the Collins-de Valera Pact of 20 May 1922. Includes:
– typescript copy drafts of the Pact relating to the 1922 General Election, signed by Collins and de Valera. One copy is marked ‘Souvenir’ with amendments in de Valera’s hand and another unknown hand (1p); other copy with holograph note by de Valera ‘Éamon de Valéra’s copy’ (20 May 1922, 2 items, 1p each);
– photocopy of ‘Appendix B’ from a 1926 Fianna Fáil pamphlet entitled A National Policy outlined by E. de Valera; (see P150/1616 for photocopy of Appendix A) containing the texts of:
• the ‘terms of the Pact signed by Eamon de Valera and Michael Collins on May 20th, and unanimously ratified by Dáil Éireann on the same day and by the Ard Fheis three days later’;
• ‘an extract from the speech of Michael Collins on May 23rd, 1922, at the Ard Fheis, urging acceptance of the Pact’;
1623 contd. • ‘the Joint Statement issued by Michael Collins and Eamon de Valera, on June 5th, 1922, on the eve of the Nomination for the General Election’;
• the text of a ‘condemnation and protest by Labour’ following the ‘breaking of the Pact, the attack on the Four Courts, and the prevention of the meeting of the representatives of the people’;
– correspondence between de Valera and Collins concerning the Pact (27 May, 4 June 1922, 2 items & envelope);
– typescript copy of Joint Appeal issued by de Valera and Collins on 5 June 1922, on the eve of the Nomination for the General Election. Signed by both men (5 June 1922, 1p). Also photocopy of same appeal published in Poblacht na hÉireann (15 June 1922, 1p);
– typescript memorandum with handwritten note ‘De Valera memo. to Joe on meeting Mick Collins in Mansion House’ containing three points: ‘They should avoid getting the country to commit itself to the Treaty…they should try to frame a Constitution which will not in any way contain recognition of British sovereignty or British authority in Ireland, or partition of Ireland…they should try to get the British to proceed…by some method which would prevent discussion and debate in the British House of Commons…’ With note on back ‘Dev to J. McG[arrity]’ (n.d., 1p);
– photocopies of cuttings from newspapers on the Election campaign ([June] 1922, 2 items);
– photographic print of de Valera standing in the doorway of a house, with young girls standing on either side, dated 16 June 1922 in pencil (1922, 13cm x 8cm);
– carbon copy of private letter from de Valera to Fr. P.J. O’Loughlin on foot on Fr. O’Loughlin’s letters to the editor of the Irish Independent, giving his [de Valera’s] views on the Pact, ‘The danger of civil war was imminent: the reunion of the Army and its unification under the civil control of an Executive which it would obey without question was the most urgent need of all. A Coalition Government was the obvious solution. Yet our good Cardinal talks of “unfair devices” and “absurd Pacts”. It seems to me that some of our political Bishops were, and are, as ignorant of the forces they are tampering with as if they were strangers to out country…This [the Pact] was my last effort at finding the ‘constitutional way’ which I had recommended from the beginning…’ (13 February 1923, 2pp). 22 items

1624 [1922] Typescript list, on paper headed Óglaigh na h-Éireann. H.Q.–1st Western Division, of dates, times and places in Co. Clare [of meetings or rallies] between 11 and 14 June [1922]. 1p
June 1922; 1953–67 

Documents relating to the assassination of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, 22 June 1922, on the steps of his house at 36 Eaton Place, London by two Republicans, Dunne and O’Sullivan. Includes:

– typescript copy of letter to Michael Collins from Lloyd George and reply from Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartuigh, Secretary to the Provisional Government, on Collins’ behalf, concerning the assassination and the occupation of the Four Courts by the Republicans (originals dated 22 & 23 June 1922, 2 items) (see P150/1697 for fuller descriptions of these two letters);

– typescript extracts from British Parliamentary Debates:
  • ‘Cols. 1696–1712 12th June to 30th June, 1922’ [speech of Winston Churchill, with reference to the late Sir Henry Wilson] (10pp);
  • ‘Cols. 1792–1804 12th June to 30th June, 1922’ [speech of Prime Minister Lloyd George] (7pp);
  • ‘Cols. 2052–2053. 12th June to 30th June, 1922’ headed ‘Attack on Insurgents, Dublin’ (1p);

– cuttings from The Sunday Press, Scéala Éireann, The Irish Times and The Irish Independent on the assassination in 1922 (October 1953–February 1961, 4 items);

– press cuttings concerning the return to Dublin and the burial of the remains of Comdt. Joseph O’Sullivan and Volunteer Reginald Dunne, who were hanged on 10 August 1922 for the shooting of the Field Marshal (June & July 1967, 4 items). 15 items

28 December 1956

‘Note taken 28/12/56 of President de Valera’s remarks to Sr. Mary Mercy, Mater Hospital & Marie O’Kelly’ concerning a car journey from Dublin to Greystones made by de Valera ‘A few days before the Four Courts had been attacked’, during which he almost crashed into a tree. 1p

27 June–31 August 1922

Documents produced mainly during the bombardment of the Four Courts, 28-30 June 1922. Includes:

– photograph of the order signed by Thomas Ennis, O/C 2nd Eastern Division to the ‘Officer in Charge, Four Courts’ to evacuate the buildings and parade the men under arrest, without arms in front of the Four Courts, by 4am. ‘Failing compliance with this Order, the building will be taken by me, by force, and you and all concerned with you will be held responsible for any life lost or any damage done’ (27 June 1922, 1p);

– holograph and typescript copy of communiqué by Rory O’Connor, ‘Major Gen[era]l I.R.A.’ issued at 9am on 28 June. ‘We received at 3.40a.m. this morning a note signed by Tom Ennis demanding on behalf of “the Government” our surrender at 4 a.m. [aftyer which] he would attack. He opened attack at 4.07 in the name of his Government with rifle, machine and field pieces. The boys here are glorious, and will fight for the Republic to the end…3 Casualties so far, all slight…” Also includes photocopy of the
1627 contd. communiqué as published in the *Irish Independent* on 29 June (28, 29 June 1922, 3 items & envelope);
– typescript copy of Proclamation to ‘Fellow Citizens of the Irish Republic’ issued by Comdt. Gen[eral]s. Liam Mellowes and Rory O’Connor and fourteen others, following the ignoring the commencement of shelling at seven minutes past four. Proclamation was issued as a Stop Press edition of *Poblacht na h-Eireann* on 29 June. Also includes further exhortatory matter under the headings ‘The Republic is fighting for its life’; ‘A Retrospect’ and ‘The Future’ (n.d., 3pp);
– carbon copy of orders issued by the O/C 3rd Battalion, Dublin City Brigade to all Commanding Officers, ‘An ultimatum has been given to Four Courts garrison to surrender in 2 hours failing which big guns will be brought into action against them. They will not surrender and depend on their comrades to assist them in their fight for freedom. It will therefore be necessary for you to move all your forces into close touch with the enemy. On the explosion of the mines at the Courts you will strike long and hard…Don’t mistake the booming of guns for the explosion of the mines’ (29 June 1922, 1p);
– photocopy of notice published in the *Irish Independent* under the caption *Dramatic End of the Sixty Hours’ Siege. Entire Garrison Surrender* (1 July 1922, 1p). 10 items

1628 1922–33 Statements and reminiscences on the attack on the Four Courts. Includes:
– photocopy of extract from pamphlet entitled *Who Caused the Civil War*, of a letter sent out of Mountjoy Jail by Rory O’Connor on the ‘lies and hypocrisy of the Free State leaders’. States ‘We were never requested to evacuate the Four Courts…we actually discussed co-ordinated military action against the N.E. Ulster, and had agreed on an Officer who would command both Republican and F.S. troops in that area. We were also to send from the South some hundreds of our rifles for use in that area…someone suggested the evacuation of the Four Courts and Mulcahy laughingly said that as long as we held that place, the war against N.E. Ulster would be attributed to us. We, of course, had no objection’ (n.d., 1p);
– copy of letter from Frank Carney [former O/C 1st Northern Division] to Eamon Donnelly, Director of Elections listing arms, ammunition and munitions requisitioned by Free State forces from the British for the attack on the Four Courts. Also states ‘…on the night of the attack on the Four Courts, the Staters left Portobello and went out to Phoenix Park, where they procured two Field Guns from the British and were entertained to hot coffee’ (14 November 1924, 1p);
– pamphlet entitled *The Drama of Eight Days. June 22nd to June 29th, 1922. How war was waged on Ireland with an economy of English lives as related by General Sir Nevil Macready, Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George*. Property of Dorothy Macardle (n.d., 8pp)
– photograph captioned ‘The Four Courts after its bombardment in 1922’ published in the *Irish Press* in [October/November] 1933 (1933, 1 item);
– colour photograph of the Four Courts (1970s, 14cm x 10cm).

See P150/1737, 1739 & 1741 for related material. 8 items
1629  [post 28 June 1922]  Typescript copy of a ‘Poblacht na h-Éireann Proclamation. To the People of Ireland’ calling ‘upon the Irish people and Deputies who are faithful to the Republic, that these Deputies should assemble and form a Government of the Republic which will have our true faith and allegiance’.  5pp

1630  15 July–14 August 1922  Documents relating to the further non-convening of the meeting of Dáil Éireann originally scheduled to be held on 20 May 1922 and adjourned until 30 June. Comprises:– copy of the ‘Manifesto to the People of Ireland. Adopted at a Conference of the available Deputies of the Republican Party’ issued by George Noble, Count Plunkett, Chairman, and Seán T. O’Kelly, Secretary. Traces the actions of those who signed the Treaty from July 1921 to the attack on the Four Courts and the death of Cathal Brugha (15 July 1922, 4pp);– documents relating to a motion on behalf of Kathleen Clarke T.D. ‘for an Order in the nature of Mandamus to compel Eoin MacNeill, the Chairman or Speaker of Dáil Éireann [the Second Dáil] to forthwith convene the meeting of the said Dáil adjourned to the 30th June, 1922’ (5–14 August 1922, 7 items);– copy of letter from Laurence Ginnell (Labhras Mac Fhionnhghail) to the Secretary of Dáil Éireann informing him of Ginnell’s intention ‘on the first day of the assembling of Dáil Éireann, before the election of ministers, to propose a resolution of censure against...[Arthur Griffith; Michael Collins; Ernest Blythe; Finian Lynch; William Cosgrave; Richard Mulcahy; George Gavan Duffy; Joseph McGrath; E.J. Duggan; Eoin MacNeill; Desmond Fitzgerald; Kevin O’Higgins; Michael Hayes; J.J. Walsh and P.J. Hogan]...for having illegally prevented Dáil Éireann from meeting after the general election to appoint a ministry, illegally usurped authority as a ministry, illegally begun civil war while being still mere deputies without any ministerial statutes or authority.’ Includes copy of text of the proposed resolution, with note on back of page ‘absurd and useless. P.E.M.’, and typescript text of a proposal by Ginnell to revive the Supreme Court of the Republic to try Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins and E.J. Duggan ‘on the charge of High Treason’ (1922, 3 items).  11 items

1631  [post June] 1922  Carbon copy typescript document with handwritten heading ‘re Suppression of The Courts’ consisting of an opinion by Judge Douglas concerning the Civil War. States ‘There is a constitutional way of settling the matter...The “constitutional way” means simply the legal way. In a Civil War one side or the other must be acting illegally. Who is to decide which side is in the wrong? Obviously it is the function of the Supreme Court to so decide—to declare what the law is, and then apply the law to the facts. The authority of the Supreme Court was recognised, and submitted to, by both armies up to,
and even subsequent to, the attack on the Four Courts. The Supreme Court was, and is, independent of the Executive; otherwise it would not have been a Court at all...The Republican Cabinet (Executive)–not the Provisional Government–made a ‘decree’ purporting to abolish the Supreme Court and with it the judges. That was an usurpation by the Executive of the functions of the Dáil...If the authority of the Supreme Court be recognised, then the Supreme Court can hear and determine the question of the Civil War. That is the ‘constitutional way’ of settling the matter.’ Also includes ‘suggested terms of a Truce’ and ‘objects of the Truce’. With holograph note in red ink by de Valera at top of page, ‘MHA...[Minister for Home Affairs]...–This from one of our Judges’.

1632 1922 Printed pamphlet entitled The Proceedings and Judgement of the Supreme Court of the Irish Republic on an application for a Writ of Habeas Corpus in the matter of George Oliver Plunkett, a Prisoner in Mountjoy Gaol (Saorstát na h-Éireann). Two copies, one with delta sign on cover and annotations in red ink, the other initialled ‘E deV’ on cover. 2 items, 15pp each

1633 [July 1922] Handbill ‘You Voted for PEACE They gave you WAR. In your name Griffith and Collins began this War. You gave them no such mandate...’ 12cm x 19cm

1634 7, 11 February 1966 Holograph letter (7 February 1966, 1p) to President de Valera from Seán Brady, Dublin, enclosing a signed typescript copy of his recollections (13pp) of the fighting in Dublin in July 1922 especially the occupation of the Hammam Hotel and his contact with Cathal Brugha. Also includes acknowledgement from Marie O'Kelly (11 February 1966, 1p). 3 items

1635 1922 Handwritten note in an unknown hand about Republican occupied positions in O'Connell Street and a meeting with Countess Markievicz who was being ‘well looked after by her Citizen Army colleagues’ at her ‘corner post’ with a ‘wonderful...[view]...of the whole of Lower O'Connell St. and Henry St. ... She was evacuated on Sunday evening. The Earl St. position was in charge of Sean O'Donovan, now Senator. He was later very helpful to me in taking me around the City in his Motor-bike and Sidecar when I was trying to reassemble the Dublin Battns into some kind of order.’ 1p
1636 6 July 1922  Holograph copy letter from de Valera to Seán T. O’Kelly stating that the fifty-seven Republican members of the 2nd Dáil ‘should be told to prepare to leave the city so to proceed later to some point in the country where they can meet without molestation from the “Provisional Gov[ern]m[en]t”…The idea is that the army will issue a Proclamation calling on them to form a Government. Unfortunately the Army Executive is knocked out for the present and they do not seen to realise that they should either set themselves up as a Gov[ern]m[en]t or better get the Republican T.D.’s to do it.’

1p

1637 [3 July 1922]– 14 August 1925  Typescript covering letter (14 August 1925, 1p) to P. Hughes, Minister for Defence [Cumann na nGaedheal Government] from the Chief of Staff of the Army relating to the ‘Limerick Agreement—July 1922, between Liam Lynch, Chief of Staff on the one hand, and Comdt. Generals Brennan and Hannigan on the other hand’. Includes:

– copy typescript headed ‘Limerick Agreement. Report on Situation to Date’ [Republican report] (n.d., 2pp);
– copies of the three Agreements between the two sides (3–7 July 1922, 3 items, 1p each);
– copies of communications between Comdt. Generals M. Brennan, Liam Lynch, Hannigan, or Comdt. Gen. F.J. O’Shaughnessy on Hannigan’s behalf (4th Southern Division H.Q.) (4–7 July 1922, 7 items, 1p each);
– typescript headed ‘Copy of Limerick Negotiations, July 1922’, with ‘For P.’ [President] on covering page (12pp) containing:
  • copies of communications between S. M. O’Meara, Mayor of Limerick; C. Ua McDonnagh, Adjutant General, I.R.A. Field H.Q., Limerick; Comdt. Gen. Liam Lynch and Comdt. Gen. Hogan;
  • report on the situation in Limerick for 11 and 12 July 1922 for the ‘Chief of Staff, Irish Republican Army’ by S. Hyde A.D/I [Assistant Director of Intelligence](12 July 1922, 2 items, 1p & 2pp).

13 items


– copy of a confidential incomplete Republican Army memorandum, unsigned and undated (2pp), describing the present situation and likely outcome of ‘Prolonged guerilla warfare’ which ‘will mean the complete social and economic collapse of Munster’; and discusses ‘The three heads on which a definite position must be taken’—the ‘Treaty position’, the Constitution and the question of ‘Army Unification’. Includes typescript note on second page ‘This memorandum is unsigned—the handwriting is supposed to be that of Barry Egan, Cork’ (see P150/1131 for letter from Barry M. Egan to Harry
contd.

Boland in U.S.A. and P150/1423 for letter to de Valera from Egan, dated 6 July 1921;
– typescript copy of a note from Liam Lynch, I.R.A. Chief of Staff, to Frank J. Daly, Chairman, Cork Harbour Commissioners, instructing him to come to Lynch’s office ‘immediately. Mr. DeValera who is here at present will be pleased to have a chat with you’ (original dated 14 July 1922, 1p);
– covering letter (original dated 17 July 1922, 1p) from Frank Daly to Liam Lynch enclosing Resolutions (1p) ‘unanimously adopted’ concerning the establishment of a ‘People’s Rights Association’ and the appointment of a ‘Provisional Executive Committee to organise the public opinion of Ireland, and to give effect to the Resolutions and policy which have been adopted.’ Resolutions call against ‘drifting towards the greatest calamity in Irish history’, demand ‘the immediate assembling of Dáil Éireann’, seek ‘an immediate cessation of hostilities, and…request Dáil Éireann to call an Armistice’;
– covering letter (original dated 18 July 1922, 1p) to Daly from Con Ua Maoldomhnaigh, Adjutant General, I.R.A. in reply to Daly’s communication to the Chief of Staff of 17 July 1922, enclosing a memorandum (2pp) which ‘covers our views on that matter’;
– Republican Army memorandum stating their position with regard to a speech made by the Chairman of a Conference held in Cork on 17 July 1922 (n.d., 1p).

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1922–72 Documents concerning de Valera’s tour of the South in July and August 1922 and military operations in and around Carrick-on-Shannon and Clonmel. De Valera visited Callan, Clonmel, Fermoy, Cahir, Tipperary, Carrick-on-Shannon, Golden, Cashel and Fethard. Includes:
– typescript summary account of de Valera’s movements between 4 July and 22 August 1922, dictated by him to Marie O’Kelly, his Personal Secretary, on 12 January 1963. Includes references to de Valera being in ‘the old barracks at Fermoy’ when he heard of Harry Boland’s death (January 1963, 2pp);
  • despatches by or to Officers of the 2nd Southern Division (1–9 August 1922, 6 items). Includes despatches from:
    Seán Fitzpatrick, Divisional Adjutant General, in Cahir, to Adjutant General/Operations in Clonmel concerning troop movements in Clonmel (1 August 1922, 1p);
    Officer Commanding, 2nd Southern Division, in Clonmel to Comdt. Dan Breen, ordering him to hold his position ‘whilst the fight at Carrick goes on; else our forces there will be surrounded…When you withdraw, you should go in the direction in which you can best get your men away’ (1 August 1922, 1p);
    Standing Orders issued by the Officer Commanding, 2nd Southern Division, concerning the O/C of Barracks and the O/C of Transport and Inspector of Transport (n.d., 1p);
Adjutant General/Operations in 2nd Southern Division HQ to the Chief of Staff concerning the withdrawal of Comdt. Dan Breen’s forces and their retreat to ‘the Waterford side of Carrick’. ‘The enemy advanced in overwhelming force from Mullinahone over the passage of Slievenamon…’ Refers to Breen’s leg wound, the need to ‘arrange for a new line of defence, roughly from Kilsheelan to Kilcash’ and their urgent need for more petrol supplies (3 August 1922, 1p);

M. Ó Síothcháin. Officer Commanding No. 1 Column, in Cuddihys, Ballydine, to Officer Commanding, Kilsheelin, requesting reinforcements (8 August 1922, 1p);

Adjutant General/Operations, 2nd Southern Division, in Field HQ in Clogheen to the Chief of Staff concerning their burning of the barracks at Clogheen and referring to ‘Hurley’s column…now at Ardfinnan…90 men of the Mid-Limerick Brigade at Mitchelstown…I am going…to Mitchelstown to see them and find out if they have transport which will enable them to be thrown into battle-line north of Clonmel…it might change the whole battle. We lack information from Clonmel at the moment’ (9 August 1922, 1p);

– despatches in de Valera’s hand to the Chief of Staff; to Officers Commanding; Commandants and to the Transport Officer. Also notes of ‘things to be done’. Some of the sheets are initialled ‘McC’ (25 July–2 August 1922, 18 items);

– typescript and handwritten notes, including notes by de Valera biographer Thomas P. O’Neill, with reference to de Valera’s location near the ford of Ballylegan [Glanworth parish, Co. Cork] when he heard of the death of Michael Collins on 23 August 1922. Notes mainly list places and persons visited by de Valera on his southern tour and recollections of people de Valera stayed with in July and August 1922 (n.d., 1p);

– correspondence between President de Valera’s Personal Secretary and Mrs. Margaret Prendergast [née Walsh, former member of Cumann na mBan], 140 Park View, Wembley, Middlesex, concerning her recollections of meeting de Valera in 1922 at her home in Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny and accompanying him to Mr. Fenlon’s at Myshall, Co. Carlow (5 September 1964–6 June 1966, 7 items);

– correspondence between de Valera and Liam Deasy [former Adjutant of 1st Southern Division under Liam Lynch and later its Commandant], 47 Kimmage Road West, Dublin, concerning the death of Michael Collins at Beal-na-mBlath on 22 August 1922, while de Valera was on his southern tour (20 September–16 October 1964, 3 items);

– holograph letter from ‘Bartle’, B.P. Hickey, Chemist, Rush, Co. Dublin, to ‘Sean’ [Nunan?] recalling de Valera’s reaction to the news of the death of Michael Collins on 22 August 1922. On being told of the ambush he ‘appeared deeply shocked and put his hands to his head and said “this cannot go on, the best men (or brains) of Ireland are going, it must stop” ’ (14 January 1949, 2pp) and holograph letter to President de Valera from Mrs. Catherine Shanley née Hickey recalling her meeting with de Valera in Dr. Barry’s house in Filworth, Co. Cork and his reaction to the death of Michael Collins. Also includes reply from President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly (n.d. & 3 November 1972, 2 items, 3pp & 1p);

– correspondence between de Valera’s Personal Secretary, Kathleen O’Connell and James O’Flynn, Fethard, Co. Tipperary and his son Jimmie,
contd. enclosing recollections of de Valera’s travels between Clonmel, Gougaune Barra and Dublin in August 1922. Includes references to de Valera’s locations when Arthur Griffith died and Michael Collins was shot (11 April 1935–9 February 1959, 6 items).

[1904], 30 December 1964 Ordnance Survey Map of Ennis and District. Coloured edition. Scale: 1 inch to 1 mile. Sheet 132. Revised in 1899, and published by the Director General at the Ordnance Survey, Office, Southampton, 1904 (56cm x 35cm). Stamped on reverse: ‘H.Q. 1st western Division. 7 Jul. 1922’ and ‘Joseph Barrett Kilrush’. Two sites, in the vicinity of Knockanira House, Killerk (south east portion of map) marked with red pen. Also copy letter from President de Valera to Joseph Barrett thanking him for sending the map and reminiscing about old times (30 December 1964, 1p).


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7 August 1922 Carbon copy letter to ‘Prisoners Commandant, Mountjoy’ signed by Tom Barry and Oscar Traynor requesting that the status of the Republican prisoners as ‘military captives’ rather than that of prisoners of war, ‘should be unitedly raised by all prisoners held by the enemy and decided in their favour. It is proposed that a demand should be presented from every Camp in which military prisoners are detained, demanding that the status and treatment of prisoners of war be definitely and publicly granted to them, failing which the prisoners in the Camps and their comrades in the field will take measures accordingly…Should it not be acceded to we suggest that the men in prison should simultaneously hunger-strike, and that the Army in the field take such action as its commanders consider advisable to reinforce these demands’ 1p
1643 21 November 1937–8 October 1971  Commenorative material on Michael Collins and documents relating to his death on 22 August 1922 at Béal na mBláth. Comprises mainly newspaper cuttings, mostly extracts or adaptations from books concerning Collins, as follows:

- series of articles by Piaras Beaslaí published in The Sunday Despatch, comprising excerpts from Beaslaí’s Michael Collins, Soldier and Statesman (21 November–12 December 1937, 4 items);
- article from The Sunday Dispatch by Piaras Beaslaí entitled The Real Michael Collins and his Exploits of Great Daring. How He Fooled the Black and Tans (20 November 1955, 2pp);
- series of articles Michael Collins Fighter for Irish Freedom by Rex Taylor published in The Sunday Express (26 February–8 April 1956, 7 items);
- series of articles by Joe Dolan published in The People between 16 July and 13 August 1961 (5 items);
- article from The Sunday Independent Exclusive After 42 Years. The Secret Diary of Michael Collins (3 May 1964, 2pp);

Also includes holograph letters to President de Valera from Seán MacCarthy, Model Farm Road, Cork, enclosing parts 1 to 5 and part 19 of a series of articles published in Agus between May 1968 and [March] 1970, entitled Micheál Ó Coileáin, Cé Dhein Bhás a Phleanáil? by Cormac Mac Cáithigh (9 July 1968–18 April 1970, 9 items). 33 items


1645 14 October 1990  Review of Tim Pat Coogan’s Michael Collins by John Bowman published in The Sunday Tribune. 1p

1646 26 August, 2 September 1922  Copies of British Intelligence reports on the activities of the Provisional Government forces and the ‘Irregulars’ for the weeks ending 26 August and 2 September 1922. Consists of:

- ‘Weekly Intelligence Summary’ from the 24th (P) Infantry Brigade, for the week ending 26 August 1922, by Captain C.H.R. Barnes for Colonel Commandant Commanding 24th (P) Infantry Brigade, Royal Barracks, Dublin. Includes references to the deaths of Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins and their consequences with regard to morale.
1646 contd. Also includes appendices containing reports on the areas under the 1st and 2nd Battalion of the Dublin No. 1 Brigade and the Fingal Brigade and additions to the Army lists of the forces of the Provisional Government (26 August 1922, 5pp);
– ‘Dublin District Weekly Intelligence Summary No. 176 for Week Ending 2/9/22’ by Major General G.F. Boyd, Commanding Dublin District, A.D. Headquarters, Parkgate, Dublin. Includes references to the effects of the death of Collins. Also includes appendices with reports on activities in the following Divisions: No. 1 Eastern Division (No. 3 Meath Brigade; 6th Brigade and 7th Brigade); No. 2 Eastern Division (1st Dublin Brigade: 1st–4th Battalions; 2nd (S) Dublin Brigade and 3rd Fingal Brigade); 3rd Eastern Division (Carlow Brigade and Wexford Brigade) and No. 3 Southern Division (Leix Nos. 1 & 2 Brigades; Offaly Nos. 1 & 2 Brigades). Also includes ‘Additions to the Army List’ (2 September 1922, 8pp).
Also typescript list of ‘C.I.D. Staff at Oriel House’ (16 September 1922, 1p).
3 items

1647 [May] 1922–April 1923 Documents, mainly letters relating to attempts at reaching agreement to suspend hostilities between pro- and anti-Treaty forces, between August 1922 and mid-April 1923. Includes:
– typescript draft by Michael Comyn S.C. entitled ‘Terms On Which Peace Might Be Arranged’ (n.d., 2pp);
– memoranda concerning a meeting between P.J. Little and Mrs Norman Thompson, from Sandymount, Dublin ‘a recently converted Unionist with a desire to make peace’ and a friend of Mrs. Larry Nugent, (August 1922, 2 items);
– letter from Con Maloney (‘C.O’M’) to an unidentified recipient concerning the role played by Mrs. Larry Nugent in proposing a meeting between Lord Justice James O’Connor (see also P150/1414) and Republican representatives; ‘…O’Connor believes Llo[yd] Geo[orge] would jump at Doc[ument]t No. 2 now…he was prepared to approach Llo[yd] Geo[orge] with any proposition …’. Also includes references to the running of the Cosgrave government; ‘Kelly’ the sub-Sheriff of Belfast and ‘the feeling of the North…turning more towards the Republicans, owing to the Bishops throwing themselves so much into the Free State crowd’; previous efforts at mediation by Lord Justice O’Connor and Fr. Michael Flanagan which were ‘put to one side at the instigation of Collins’; J.J. O’Kelly’s (Sceilg) reaction to the O’Connor proposal and Mrs Norman Thompson’s meeting with P.J. Little (31 August 1922, 2pp);
– correspondence between Monsignor John Rogers, Ernie O’Malley [Acting Assistant Chief of Staff], de Valera and Eamon Donnelly (‘Mr D’) on the organisation of a meeting, through the auspices of Monsignor Rogers, between de Valera and General Richard Mulcahy and the issuing of a form of safe conduct for Mulcahy. Also includes a list of six propositions (8 September 1922, 1p) submitted by Monsignor Rogers to de Valera, as a ‘basis of action or agreement’ (3–8 September 1922 & February 1923, 14 items);
1647 contd. – holograph letters to de Valera from Con Moloney concerning his meetings with Mrs. Larry Nugent and the roles of Mrs. Sarsfield and Lord Justice James O’Connor in arranging meetings with Lloyd George (13–19 September 1922, 3 items, 1p each). Includes note by de Valera on bottom of letter of 19 September, ‘I have no authority to speak for the Country & cannot see L.G.’;  
– correspondence between de Valera and Professor E[dward] P. Culverwell of Trinity College Dublin concerning Prof. Culverwell’s proposition to ‘enable you to agree to cease all military action against the Treaty…if the Irregulars…will give up their military opposition, the Treatyites should on their side pledge…that if the King’s veto should at any time be exercised at British instigation to defeat any domestic legislation passed by the Irish Free State Houses, they would notify Great Britain that they held that the treaty had been violated and that they therefore also repudiated it and would resist, by force of arms if necessary, any attempt on the part of the King…to enforce such action’ (29 September, 13 October 1922, 2 items);  
– holograph letters to de Valera from Dr. Patrick McCartan appealing to de Valera to use his influence to make peace (30 September 1922, 2 items);  
– covering letter (14 October 1922, 1p) to de Valera from P. McCormack, Secretary, All-Ireland Ratepayers’ Association, asking him to receive a deputation and enclosing a copy of a memorandum calling for a ceasefire and suggesting a course of action to bring such a situation about (2pp). Also includes acknowledgement of receipt (19 October 1922, 1p);  
– covering letter (23 October 1922, 1p) to de Valera from John P. Kelly, President of the North Wexford Trades and Labour Council, enclosing a copy of a resolution passed on 22 October by the organisation ‘calling on responsible Leaders both Pro-Treaty and Anti-Treaty to bring about an immediate cessation of shootings…we call on all parties to declare the lines on which they will negotiate’ (n.d., 1p). Also includes de Valera’s copy letter of acknowledgement (30 October 1922, 1p).  
– private typescript letter from de Valera to Major John E.B. Loftus, 5 West Halkin Street, London containing de Valera’s reflections on the civil war, the signing of the Treaty and the possibility of peace (31 October 1922, 2pp);  
– correspondence between de Valera, Eoin P. Ó Caoimh and Fr. Thomas, O.S.F.C. concerning the peace proposals of Ó Caoimh’s friend, Fr. Thomas, O.S.F.C. (14 November–2 December 1922, 8 items) (see also P150/1795 for correspondence (February–April 1923) between Ó Caoimh and de Valera on Sinn Féin Peace Committee proposals);  
– resolution passed by North Tipperary County Council urging ‘the two parties at present in arms in Ireland to compose their differences either by conference amongst themselves or by the selection of an arbitrator who possesses the confidence of both and thus give unity to the Nation…such an arbitrator could be found in…Most Rev. Dr. Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne’ (15 November 1922, 1p) and similar resolutions from the Municipal Council of Dublin (22 November–21 December 1922, 4 items) and the Irishwomen’s International League (23 November & 6 December 1922, 3 items);  
– offer from Seán Ó hUadhaigh to arrange ‘safe conduct for a convention to enable the Republicans to regularise their position’, the aim of the convention being to avoid ‘further bloodshed’ and bring about ‘Peace by Christmas’ (9 & 11 December 1922, 2 items);
— correspondence, mainly between de Valera and Proinsias Ó Fathaigh (Frank Fahy) of the Peace Committee, Conradh na Gaeilge, on his efforts to secure peace. Includes references to Senator James G. Douglas (9–18 December 1922 & 1–22 March 1923, 14 items) (see also P150/1749 for reference to Senator Douglas initiative in 1922/23 correspondence between de Valera and Liam Lynch);
— correspondence between James G. Douglas and Mrs. Sighle Coughlan, Bray [wife of Seamus Coughlan] on Douglas’s efforts to promote peace (14 & 16 December 1922, 2 items);
— correspondence between Liam Lynch, Chief of Staff and Captain T. Gallivan, Ist Eastern Division, and Gallivan’s brother Michael, and de Valera, concerning an interview between Captain Gallivan and James G. Douglas on Douglas’s peace proposals (14–23 December 1922 & 4 January 1923, 6 items);
— correspondence between de Valera and Joseph Connolly [former Consul-General in the U.S.A.] on his efforts to promote peace, including his meetings with Austin Stack and enclosing his ‘Analysis of Some Phases of Existing Situation with Suggestions for a Possible Basis of Peace’ (21 March; 7–26 December 1922, 3 items);
— copy letter to Chief of Staff Liam Lynch from Adjutant General Con Maloney enclosing ‘copy of Peace terms said to have been forwarded by some Western Officers’ (19 December 1922, 2 items, 1p each);
— holograph letter to de Valera from Conor A. Maguire (‘Conchubhar Maguidhir’) on the efforts of Dr. Patrick McCartan to act as mediator between the Republicans and the Free State government. Includes de Valera’s reply (29 January & 1 February 1923, 2 items, 2pp & 1p);
— correspondence between de Valera and Miss M. Prescott, and between de Valera Donal O’Callaghan, Acting Minister for Local Government and Michael P. Colivet, Acting Minister for Economic Affairs concerning the efforts of Mrs. Sarsfield to act as an intermediary in an attempt to arrange a meeting between de Valera or his representatives and a friend of Mrs. Sarsfield’s, who is acting as an ‘agent for the British Government’. ‘I understand from Mrs. Sarsfield that this move is put forward by Lord Middleton Lord Donaghmore and Bonar Law’. Also includes references to the role of Mrs. Larry Nugent (9 January–5 March 1923, 21 items);
— copy of dispatch from Tom Barry to members of the Army Executive enclosing a proposal from the Peace Committee headed by Rev. Dr. J. Harty Archbishop of Cashel and Barry’s ‘views on the situation created and my reasons for favouring and urging an acceptance of this basis of peace on you. Also my views of what this basis of peace really entails’ (7 March 1923, 4 items).

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September 1922  Circular letter sent to ‘Each T.D.’ reviewing events from the signing of the Treaty to 28 June 1922. Concludes ‘The present situation, therefore, is the result of the action of a body calling itself a Provisional Government – really a military Junta set up and armed by England – waging a war of military aggression against the forces of the Irish Republic. It is your duty to see that the aggression ceases immediately. Otherwise, you will, of course, bear your share of the responsibility.’

With handwritten note on first page ‘Keep. The following statement has been sent by the Director of Publicity to every member of Dáil Éireann’. Also includes pamphlet No. 5: *The Responsibility* comprising the text of the foregoing statement ‘issued by the Publicity Department, I.R.A., and addressed to each Teachta Dáil Éireann, on September, 7th, 1922’ (September 1922, 3pp).

2 items, 3pp each

1649  11 September 1922  Typescript notes by de Valera headed ‘Negotiations with England’ being an account of events from 28 December 1918 to the Truce on 11 July 1921 and of subsequent peace negotiations. Includes an account of the circumstances of de Valera’s arrest on 22 June 1921, the day on which King George opened the Northern Ireland Parliament with a speech ‘which was obviously the first move in a well thought out plan of peace overtures’. Also describes a meeting at Madame O’Rahilly’s house at which a ‘certain bishop’ handed de Valera a letter from Lloyd George dated 24 June–‘This cleverly worded invitation was the culmination of a long series of attempts by intermediaries to get us into negotiations, most of us were averse to secret negotiations. We were bound to get the worst of them.’ With holograph amendments by de Valera. Attached is a typescript note [by de Valera’s Personal Secretary] ‘Put with Eamon de Valera’s Personal File for 1922–these are his dictated and manuscript notes which are of special interest.’ 14pp & 1p

1650  11 September 1922  Typescript copy of article by Seán Ó Cuiv, Dublin correspondent of the Manchester Evening News, following his interview with de Valera in September 1922 during which they discussed the ‘military and political situation’. Also includes carbon copy of text of interview (2pp).

*See also P150/1588 for two copies of text including one corrected copy* 3 items, 1p, 3pp & 2pp

1651  [13 September 1922]  Typescript copy of a [newspaper] report on de Valera’s remarks on the repudiation of the Election Pact and the attitude of the Pro-Treaty party. 1p
1652 14 September 1922–31 July 1923 Correspondence between de Valera and George Noble Count Plunkett or between de Valera and Countess Plunkett during her husband’s detention in Mountjoy Jail. Comprises largely holograph letters from Count Plunkett or his wife. Topics discussed include:
• a warning not to meet Sir Alfred Cope, Assistant Under Secretary in Ireland, and references to Document No. 2;
• the re-organisation and activities of Sinn Féin following the signing of the Treaty;
• the Republican Appeal to the Vatican;
• the death of Liam Lynch, I.R.A. Chief of Staff;
• the visit of the Papal Delegate, Monsignor Luzio, to Ireland in March and April 1923;
• the publication of de Valera’s proposed terms of agreement of 7 May;
• the apparent departure of Monsignor Hagan from Rome for Ireland ‘with a message to the Irish Bishops, or rather an Order, overturning their pronouncement and action against us’ (13 May 1923, 1p);
• the release of Art O’Brien;
• references to fellow prisoners in Mountjoy Jail;
• the order to ‘cease fire’ and ‘dump arms’ issued by Frank Aiken, I.R.A. Chief of Staff, on 24 May, and Count Plunkett’s attitude to it—‘an order hard to justify—a ruinous abandonment of the Republic’s defences’ (27 May 1923, 1p);
• the forthcoming general election;
• the Vatican’s attitude to the Free State Government and the Republicans. Also includes:
  – note from Count Plunkett to the Minister of Defence Richard Mulcahy enclosing a memorandum by ‘Muldoon’ proposing a ‘scheme for carrying out a public policy, directed by the I.R.A.’ and urging the inauguration of an organisation of constitutional Republicans ‘to maintain and defend Republican ideals’ and safeguard liberty. Also encloses notes on the memorandum (15 January 1923, 3 items).  28 items

1653 1922–23 Documents relating to the Church’s attitude toward the Republican forces, especially with regard to some Bishops denying the sacraments to anti-Treaty forces and the Bishops’ Joint Pastoral Letter issued on 10 October 1922, condemning resistance to the Provisional Government and describing the Republican campaign as ‘morally only a system of murder and assassination of the National forces’. A number of appeals were presented to the Vatican, including the ‘official’ appeal presented by Count Plunkett, Dr. Con Murphy and Judge Arthur Clery (see P150/1653). Includes:
  – explanatory covering note (30 December 1961, 1p) enclosing a copy of a letter from Diarmuid Fawsitt to Michael Collins concerning a proposed denunciation of ‘De Valera and his followers’ by the Catholic hierarchy (original dated 16 January 1922, 1p);
  – typescript copy of an article published in the Cork Examiner, Episcopal and Clerical Injustice. Grave Responsibility of Churchmen. Includes handwritten
1653 contd. note ‘These were sent as examples of the articles which were abused by the Bishop of Cork as False theology and by some priests as Protestant theology’ ([8 August] 1922, 4pp);
– carbon copy headed ‘Matter for Appeal—with various reasons–Spiritual, Political and Economic, for such an appeal’ against the Church’s ‘confused moral teaching’ and citing the example of Bishops who first ‘denounced as murderers the Republican Army who resisted…Yet within a year afterwards these same Bishops hailed the period of that resistance as a glorious year’. Seeks an ‘authoritative decision and authentic declaration from the See of Peter…[to]…make clear the atmosphere of Irish Faith and maintain as Semper fideles the loving subjects of Your Holiness and the Chair of Peter’ (n.d., 1p);
– handwritten ‘Appeal To the Irish Bishops’ ‘…praying that, whilst laying down the general principles of the moral law which should guide all parties in the present terrible crisis, they refrain from condemning Irish Republicans and rather take up an impartial attitude between the contending side…’. Signed ‘C na B’ [Columban na Banban, a Republican priest] (post-June 1922, 9pp);
– carbon copy memorandum on the decisive action which the Republicans must take following the issue of the latest Pastoral by the Irish Bishops. ‘(1) A Republican Government and Ministry must be set up and proclaimed (2) A supreme effort should be made to wipe out the Provisional; or at least to paralyse it at its centre–Dublin. (3) In the present divided state of Catholic opinion–lay and clerical–in Ireland Rome should be asked immediately to appoint an Apostolic delegate for Ireland from Italy or some Neutral Nation’ (14 October 1922, 4pp);
– ‘Reply to the Pastoral issued by the Irish Hierarchy in October 1922…by a Priest’ (17 October 1922, 6pp);
– carbon copy of Resolution passed by Dáil Éireann [anti-Treaty] asking ‘the President to make representations immediately to the Vatican, formally and emphatically protesting as Head of the State against the unwarrantable action of the Irish Hierarchy in presuming and pretending to pronounce an authoritative judgement upon the question of constitutional and political fact now at issue in Ireland’. English and Irish version (26 October 1922, 2 items, 1p each);
– pamphlet entitled The Bishops’ Pastoral. A Prisoner’s Letter to His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin by Proinnsias O’Gallchobair. ‘My object is to acquaint Your Grace with the opinions of those Catholics whom you have excluded from the Sacraments…’ Printed by Kirkwood & Co., Stockwell Street, Glasgow (November 1922, 16pp);
– carbon copy ‘Statement prepared by Countess Plunkett on behalf of Republican Women’ stating ‘The recent Pastoral of our Cardinal and Bishops, which suggests an appeal to the Holy See, impels us to come to your Holiness to ask that our points of view may be considered before sanction is given to the proposed drastic action, by which we would be deprived of the ministration of the Sacraments, and those who would assist our participation therein be relieved of their faculties’ (n.d., 3pp);
– typescript copy of letter to [Cardinal Pietro Gasparri, Vatican Secretary of State?] from Josephine Marie Countess Plunkett informing him of the manner in which they as patriots are deprived of the sacraments at that time in Ireland.
1653 contd. Includes a document citing the spiritual circumstances of the death of Liam Mellowes, an extract from a letter received from a female Republican prisoner in Mountjoy Jail about the refusal to grant absolution in Confession to Mrs. Humphries and Miss Coyle (23 December 1922, 3pp);
– copy of a letter to Pope Pius XI and memorandum from Stephen M. O’Mara, Mayor of Limerick, who having failed to get in contact with the Papal Envoy while in Ireland, ‘has hastened to Rome to make known the gravity of existing conditions, and the necessity for immediate and drastic action, if tens of thousands of fervent Irish Catholics are to be saved to the faith to which their forefathers have clung at the cost of all that men hold dear’ (28 August 1923, 2 items, 2pp each);
– handwritten draft submission to Pope Pius XI on behalf of the prisoners of the Irish Free State Government for an effective remedy for the spiritual wrongs which they are enduring. In French ([24 October 1923], 21 pp);
– carbon copy memoranda (n.d., 9 items) by Mary MacSwiney including:
  • ‘Quotations from Irish Bishops’ between October 1914 and Advent 1920 (4pp);
  • ‘Miss Mary MacSwiney’s Statement’ on her hunger-strike in Mountjoy Jail between 4 and 27 November 1922 and being deprived of sacraments by prison chaplains. Contrasts the attitudes of the Bishop of Cork, Rev. Dr. Daniel Cohalan and the Archbishop of Dublin, Rev. Dr. Edward J. Byrne ([(post-December 1922], 3pp);
  • ‘Notes on the Republican Case’ (n.d., 2pp);
  • ‘The Irish Clergy and the Republican Movement’. With handwritten amendments (n.d., 2pp);
  • ‘Summary of the Catholic Complaint Against the Irish Hierarchy’. With handwritten additions and amendments [by Mary MacSwiney] (n.d., 5pp);
– carbon copy headed ‘The Case for the Republicans of Ireland’ (n.d., 4pp);
– covering letter (February 1963, 1p) to President de Valera from Patrick J. Little enclosing a memorandum written by his late brother Con, to [Cardinal Pietro Gasparri, Secretary of State?] following their meeting in Rome on 5 January 1924. Mr. Little came to Rome not as a delegate ‘from any organisation whatsoever, but…as an Irish lay Catholic, strongly moved by his concern for the welfare of the Church’s interests in our once vehemently Catholic country’

Memorandum outlines the points raised by Mr. Little in the meeting relating to ‘His Holiness’s discourse at the recent Consistory, based clearly on incorrect information’ concerning Republican prisoners on hunger-strike; the Joint Pastoral Letter of the Irish Hierarchy issued on 10 October 1922,‘which according to a widespread opinion, appeared to be in excess of their high prerogative”; the refusal of Rev. Dr. Daniel Cohalan, Bishop of Cork, to give ‘Christian burial to one of our prisoners, Denis Barrett, who had given his life in the same way and for the same cause as had Terence MacSwiney’ and the impression entertained generally by our people that the Authorities in Rome do not want to know the realities of the position in Ireland, and that those who would inform them are kept at a distance or penalised’ (original dated 7 January 1924, 4pp).

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12 October 1922–30 January 1923

Documents relating to the organisation of an official Republican Appeal to the Pope following the issuing of the Irish Hierarchy’s Joint Pastoral Letter on 10 October 1922. Comprises correspondence between de Valera, George Noble Count Plunkett, Dr. Con Murphy (‘Con Mac M.’), Judge Arthur Clery and Seamas O’Donovan, Director of Chemicals. The Appeal was initially suggested and begun by Count Plunkett. Dr. Murphy was later appointed Organising Secretary. The members of the Catholic Appeal Committee included Dr. Murphy, Count Plunkett, Dr. P. Brown, Dr. Hugh Ryan.

In the correspondence, Monsignor John Hagan, Rector of the Irish College, Rome is often referred to as ‘Mons. H’; ‘Dr. Amigo’ is Rev. Dr. Peter E. Amigo, Bishop of Southwark and ‘Gaspari’ is Cardinal Pietro Gasparri, Secretary of State.

Also includes:

– covering letter (3 November 1922, 1p) from de Valera to Dr. Con Murphy returning the letter sent by Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Gilmartin, Archbishop of Tuam, to Dr. Murphy acknowledging receipt of his letter of 28 October ‘notifying an appeal to the Holy See against certain [decisions] in the recent Pastoral Letter of the Bishops. It occurs to me that pending the hearing of the appeal, a Truce might be entered into if both sides were to agree to accept the decision of the Holy See on points in dispute (31 October 1922, 4pp).

Also returns copy of Dr. Murphy’s reply on behalf of the Catholic Appeal Committee stating ‘we are a Committee of Catholics who have come together for one purpose only—to prepare and present to the Holy See an Appeal for the removal of grievous spiritual penalties on a large number of Irish Catholics solely because of their political opinions and actions. We have no intention of asking Our Holy Father to decide the purely political question as to whether the Provisional Government is or is not the legitimate Government of Ireland…the decision of such a question of political fact will be acknowledged by the Holy See to lie entirely outside the province, not merely of the Irish Hierarchy, but even of the Church itself as a whole…’ (original dated 2 November 1922, 2pp);

– copy private letter from de Valera to Dr. Peter E. Amigo, Bishop of Southwark, on the arrangement of an interview between the Bishop and Dr. Con Murphy. ‘Hearing that you are to proceed there [to Rome] in a few days, I thought it well that Dr. Murphy should seek an interview with you and put you in possession of some of the facts of the situation’ (original dated 6 November 1922, 2pp);

– carbon copy letter to de Valera from [Dr. Murphy] in Rome recounting the course of his conversation with Dr. Amigo (17 November 1922, 1p);

– letter to de Valera from Fr. M. Kingston [Mrs. Cathal Brugha’s brother] informing him of ‘essential changes of a political nature’ which Count Plunkett has introduced into the petition (7 December 1922, 2pp);

– holograph memorandum by Austin Stack to de Valera concerning Dr. Murphy and the delegation to Rome to present the Appeal to the Pope (16 January 1923, 1p) (see also P150/1725 for correspondence between de Valera and Austin Stack);

– holograph letter to de Valera from Dr. Murphy on his return from Rome (23 January 1923, 6pp);
1654 contd. – copy letters from de Valera to Bishop Amigo and Monsignor John Hagan written on foot of Dr. Murphy’s letter of 23 January 1923 (n.d., 2 items, 2pp each).

See also P150/1695 for correspondence between de Valera and Con Murphy, and de Valera and Count Plunkett relating to the operation of de Valera’s Republican Government. 33 items

1655 [December 1922] Partial draft of a Republican Appeal to the Pope against certain decisions of the Irish Hierarchy at the meeting in St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth, on 10 October 1922, published as a Pastoral Letter to be read at the principal masses on 22 October 1922. The Appeal was delivered in December 1922 to Pietro Gasparri Secretary of State. Incomplete. Appendices A to E are not included here. Includes photocopy of first nine pages of the draft. Originals in poor condition. 8 items

1656 [December] 1922 Typescript copy of French version of the Republican Appeal. Incomplete: appendix ‘M’ on the ‘pretended stability’ of the Provisional Government is not enclosed here. 65pp

1657 1922, 1923 File containing information on the ill-treatment and execution of Republican prisoners. Includes:
– carbon copy list of ‘Executed Irregulars’ giving name, date and place of execution, location of burial and name and address of next of kin of those executed between 17 November 1922 and 26 April 1923 in the Eastern (35 in total); Western (20 in total) and Southern (19 in total) Commands and in the Curragh (7). With reference number ‘A/13245’ (n.d., 5pp);
– Republican propaganda material including illustrated handbills listing ‘Executed…Soldiers of the Irish Republic’ (n.d., 2pp) and reproductions of minute from the Quartermaster’s Office, Dundalk Military Barracks, to Colonel Kevin O’Higgins, Quartermaster, Dublin Command concerning accounts for whiskey ‘purchased on the order of General Hogan, and supplied to the Firing squads who carried out the executions here’. Stamped ‘This Is How Your Money Is Spent. Is This The Will Of The People?’ (n.d., 1p)
– carbon copy notes ‘From D/P’ on the executions of John Gaffney, Richard Twohig, James Fisher and Peter Cassidy in Kilmainham Jail on 17 November 1922. Includes extracts from the last letters of Twohig and Fisher to their mothers (n.d., 1p);
– ‘specific particulars of the breaches of the laws of war set out in the above written protest’ (protest not included here). Lists names of ‘Prisoners of War murdered’, tortured and ‘kept in unsanitary surroundings and underfed for
1657 contd. long periods’ as well as those who ‘have been refused proper medical attendance’ (n.d., 2pp);
– copy of a report ‘dated 17/12/23 on the treatment of wounded and sick Republican Prisoners in Free State General, Military and Isolation Hospitals, Curragh’ (December 1923, 1p & 10pp);
– Republican pamphlet entitled Free State Prison Conditions. Issued by the Director of Publicity in the form of an open letter detailing ill-treatment of prisoners and sanitary conditions in the following jails and internment camps– Dundalk, Kilmainham, Mountjoy, Cork, Finner Camp, North Dublin Union, Hare Park Camp, ‘Tintown’ and Newbridge Camp ([1924], 4pp).

10 items

1658 1922; 1923 Jail journals of Dorothy Macardle comprising:
– copybook entitled ‘Mountjoy’ by Macardle, with entries dating from 9 to 16 November 1922 on Mary MacSwiney’s imprisonment and hunger strike in Mountjoy Jail (includes 17 enclosures);
– copybook titled ‘Vigil. A Journal of Mountjoy November 1922’ by Macardle. Both copybooks contain newspaper cuttings on the hunger strikes of Mary MacSwiney inside Mountjoy and her sister Annie MacSwiney outside the jail (with 8 enclosures). Also includes holograph obituary by Macardle entitled ‘With Mary MacSwiney in Prison’ (6pp);
– copybook ([1921], 1922–23, 124pp & 11 enclosures) entitled ‘Earthbound II’ containing two short stories written by Macardle while in Mountjoy and Kilmainham jails in February 1923 [stories were written down at that time by Macardle, but she notes they were ‘told’ at an earlier time] and her jail journal written between 5 and 28 February 1923. Includes eleven enclosures such as letter from Maud Gonne MacBride describing a raid on the house and the burning of all Macardle’s manuscripts and lectures (13 November [1922], 2pp); holograph poem by Macardle entitled ‘Dirge for the Dying Year. 1922’ (25 lines, 1922) and ‘Lament’ a poem in three verses, ‘Nov. 24 Mountjoy’ on bottom of page ([1922], 1p). Earthbound: nine stories of Ireland was published in 1924.
See P150/3662 for file on Dorothy Macardle. 3 items & 36 enclosures

1659 12–24 November 1922 Documents concerning the arrest, trial and execution of Robert Erskine Childers. Includes letters to de Valera, mainly from Childers’ wife Molly and Michael Comyn [Senior Counsel for the I.R.A. and Childers’ Counsel, along with Patrick Lynch and Conchubhar MacGuchadhir], but also from Liam Lynch, ‘D.P.’ [Robert Brennan?], Maire Comerford, Cumann na mBan, Eileen McGrane, Áine Ceant [wife of the late Eamonn], [Tom Derrig], Assistant Adjutant General. Both McGrane and Ceant’s letters include references to Mary MacSwiney, then on hunger-strike in Mountjoy Jail. Also includes:
– copy of ‘Statement of Objections By Staff-Captain Erskine Childers’ (original dated 17 November 1922, 1p);
1659 contd. – copy of notice of trial of Erskine Childers at Portobello Barracks on 17 November 1922 at 11.30am, for the ‘President–C/S–Asst A/G’ (17 November 1922, 1p);
– copy of ‘Rough Draft of Evidence’ of the raid on Glendalough House, the home of Robert Barton [Erskine Childers’ cousin] in Annamoe, Co. Wicklow and the disarming of Childers by Lieutenants Gerard and Short at 5am on 10 November 1922 (n.d., 1p);
– handwritten copy ‘Statement by Staff Captain Erskine Childers at the close of his trial by a Military Court on Nov. 17th 1922’. ‘Copied by D.B. Dulcibella Barton’ (7pp);
– copy of ‘Writ of Summons, High Court of Justice in Southern Ireland, Chancery Division, before Mr. Justice Powel, issued by Seán Ó hUadhaigh, Staff Captain, I.R.A. on behalf of Erskine Childers to Sean MacMathghamhna, Gearóid Ó Súilleabháin, Joseph McGrath and Diarmuid Ó hÉigceartuigh, members of the Army Council (18 November 1922, 4pp);
– copy of ‘Statement of Captain Erskine Childers’ in Portobello Barracks following his trial by court martial (original dated 19 November 1922, 3pp);
– photographic reproduction of holograph letter of farewell by Erskine Childers, Beggars Bush Barracks to ‘Father Albert’ (original dated 20 November 1922, 1p);
– holograph personal letter from Molly Childers to de Valera about her views and the views of Erskine in the days preceding his execution (22 November 1922, 5pp);
– holograph letter from Molly Childers to de Valera following her husband’s execution earlier that day (24 November 1922, 1p);
– holograph letter to de Valera from Áine Ceannt following Childers’ execution, discussing that event and the plight of other Republican prisoners including James Ryan, Tom Hales, who ‘is to be held responsible for M. Collins death & to be executed’, [Robert Barton] and Séamus Mallin (24 November 1922, 2pp);
– copy official letter to Mrs Molly Childers from Major General Gearóid O’Sulleaván (sic), Adjutant General, informing her of the trial and execution of her husband at 7am on 24 November 1922 (24 November 1922, 1p);
– newspaper cuttings on the trial and execution, including ‘Extracts from some of his last letters’ (November 1922, 4 items);
– typescript letter of sympathy from Con Mac Murchadha ‘Uachtaran na G. Cumann’ on behalf of the Republican Clubs of the Rathmines district (4 December 1922, 3pp);
– handwritten copy of a telegram of sympathy sent to Mrs. Molly Childers by the Manchester District Committee of the Irish Self Determination League (n.d., 1p);

58 items
1660 16, 18 November 1922 Documents relating to an intended publication entitled *The Voice of Ireland* comprising letter to de Valera from William G. Fitzgerald explaining the nature of the venture, ‘a National Literary Memorial’, and stressing how equal representation will be given to contributors representing both the Free State and Republican movement (16 November 1922, 3pp); copy of communication to Fitzgerald from Messrs. John Heywood Ltd., the financiers and publishers of the volume (2pp); printed publicity pamphlet for the intended book (n.d., 10pp) and holograph letter to de Valera from Mrs. Kathleen Clarke distancing herself from Fitzgerald and describing how ‘all the Republicans are backing out of the thing and…all the F[ree] S[tate] Ministers too. Desmond [FitzGerald, Minister for External Affairs] seems to have turned him down completely…I gather the book is more or less a business venture which he will profit by, if it is successful’ (18 November 1922, 2pp). 4 items

1661 [November 1922] Typescript drafts of ‘Address to the Soldiers of the Free State Army and Members of the Civic Guard from the Soldiers of the Army of the Republic’, issued by the Chief of Staff and the President of the Republic. Includes draft signed by de Valera with holograph note on first page ‘Copy not corrected. E de V’s draft’ (5pp) and draft entitled ‘Address From the Soldiers of the Army of the Republic to their former comrades in the F.S. Army, Comrades and the Civic Guard’. Signed on behalf ‘of the Soldiers of the Republic’ by de Valera as President of the Republic (in his own hand), with space left for the signature of Liam Lynch, Chief of Staff. Address given on the anniversary of the founding of the Volunteers. With handwritten amendments and corrections by de Valera (23 November 1922, 6pp). 3 items

1662 24 November–1 December 1922 Typescript copy of a letter from de Valera to the editor of *The Manchester Guardian* in answer to the newspaper’s editorial of the 24 November, a copy of which is included, referring to the ‘absurd myth of continued English “dictation”’. It asks how one can ‘make clear to the deluded mind of Mr. De Valera … that Ireland alone has to say what she will do to restore her own peace and restrain her domestic enemies’ (26 November 1922, 1p). Also includes typescript copy of telegram from de Valera to the paper’s editor following their ‘leaderette of Thursday’ on his letter which de Valera states is ‘false in every particular. … I repeat my challenge. Will the English Government withdraw its threat of war and pledge itself to abide by the result of a free plebiscite of the Irish people taken to decide between the Republic and the proposed Free State’ (1 December 1922, 1p). 3 items
1663
[November/December 1922]
Holograph notes by de Valera [for a speech] concerning men who had died in the conflict—Liam Mellowes, Erskine Childers, Rory O’Connor, Joseph McKelvey, Richard Barrett. They have been ‘sacrificed because last Dec[ember] English Statesmen manoeuvred us into this dread dilemma…There are men on the other side whose view point I understand—I have been the most unhappy for I see that both sides clearly…’.
9pp

1664
1922
Documents relating to the efforts of the Women’s Prisoners’ Defence League at the Peace Conference in Lausanne to publicise the ill-treatment of Irish Republican prisoners in contravention of Article 10 of the Geneva Convention. Comprises:
– copy statement ‘To Irishmen and Women’ about the ill-treatment and torture of Republican prisoners by ‘Officers of the forces of the Provisional Government, now the forces of the Free State Government’ and acts of ‘military terrorism’ perpetrated against those who have sought to publicise the issue, such as the Women’s Prisoners’ Defence League. Issued by Maude Gonne MacBride, Honorary Secretary, and Charlotte Despard, President, of the Women’s Prisoners’ Defence League ([1922], 2pp);
– printed leaflet headed ‘Déclaration des Femmes d’Irlande aux Délégués de la Conférence de la Paix à Lausanne’ protesting against the situation in Ireland and the ill-treatment and execution of prisoners. Signed by Kathleen M. O’Brennan, Kathleen Lynn and Charlotte Despard of the Irish Women’s Prisoners’ Defence League (19[22], 3pp);
– carbon copy ‘Short Report of Miss K. O’Brennan’s and Dr. Lynn’s work at Geneva and Lausanne’ on their efforts to publicise the conditions in prisons and camps of Republican prisoners and efforts to establish an Irish branch of the Red Cross. Reports on their contacts in Geneva with the International Red Cross, the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, the International Save the Children Fund, and, in Lausanne, with the principal Secretary of the Turkish Legation, Mrs. Claire Sheridan and Mr. Boyd of the Christian Science Monitor.
‘We had come specially from Ireland to lay our case before them in the name of the Women’s Prisoners Defence Association. Our statement was of the general conditions in prisons and camps as regards hygiene, etc., tortures, executions…I received a copy of the statement we sent to the various Legations on the 29th and handed it to Mr. Comyn on the 30th, with the request that he would forward it to you without delay. Our statements to the Red Cross and to the Hague Convention were on similar lines’ (original dated 31 December 1922, 2pp).
3 items
1665 31 January 1923  Handwritten statement by a female Republican prisoner in Mountjoy describing their arrival on 9 November 1922; the establishment and abandonment of a Cumann na mBan branch in the jail; the formation of a prisoners’ Council to deal with matters of common concern; the various disputes that followed among the inmates and the subsequent punishment of all the prisoners. With note on top of page, ‘This is Mrs. C’s statement’. 2pp

1666 December 1922  Correspondence between de Valera and Aodh de Blácam, 96 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, enclosing a holograph questionnaire for de Valera by de Blácam on ‘The Republican attitude since the passing of the F[ree] S[tate] Constitution’ (7pp); a holograph memorandum by de Blacam on ‘Republican Social Policy’ (22pp) and edited typescript with answers to ten of the twelve questions by de Valera (6pp). 6 items

1667 1922  Card inscribed ‘Sacred Heart of Jesus. I Place my trust in Thee’. ‘Mountjoy Prison. Xmas 1922’ written on reverse. 10 x 5cm

1668 29 December 1922 & n.d.  Documents concerning the seizure of de Valera’s car, registration number X1934 on 13 December 1922. Comprises handwritten letter to ‘Miss Keating’ from an unidentified individual [name excised] in Suffolk Street [Sinn Féin headquarters] describing the circumstances of the car’s discovery in Scallan’s garage by a C.I.D. man named Roberts and its removal by Tom Cullen, Aide-de-Camp to Tim Healy, who had it repaired for his own personal use (29 December 1922, 4pp); and handwritten memorandum by the same individual on the car, containing additional details. Memorandum is marked in pencil ‘To D/I/P’ (n.d., 4pp). 2 items, 4pp each

December 1922  Article from *Blackwood’s Magazine* entitled ‘Ulster in 1922. By the Author of “Tales of the R.I.C.” ’ (pp. 738–756 & last page is a typewritten copy). Text divided into sections headed ‘I. Some Problems’; II. Position in 1922’; ‘III. The Ulster Specials’; ‘IV. Comparison with the South’ and ‘V. The Future’. 1p & 20pp

8 June 1958  Notes dictated by de Valera in June 1958 recalling the split following the Treaty debates, the establishment of the Provisional Government, the division in the Army, work for conciliation and the Pact Election of June 1922. Incomplete. 3pp

1922  Printed leaflet headed ‘Appeal to Former Comrades’ being an appeal to members of the Free State Army to hand over their arms ‘Rather than fight against those who are keeping the Flag flying in this conflict…’. With handwritten amendments and note on top left hand corner ‘This is obsolete for the time being–but there is news of another “hitch” with some of the unions in William St.’. See also P150/1661 for typescript drafts of ‘Address to the Soldiers of the Free State Army and Members of the Civic Guard from the Soldiers of the Army of the Republic’, issued by the Chief of Staff and the President of the Republic in November 1922. 14cm x 21cm

1922  Typescript headed ‘Special quotations from Free State people re Army being Army of Republic–1922’ referring to statements by Eoin O’Duffy, Richard Mulcahy and statements published in *AntÓglach* in which the ‘Free State Army’ was described as the ‘Army of the Republic’. 1p

1922  Miscellaneous personal documents. Comprises:

– covering letter to de Valera from Oscar Traynor, O/C Dublin Brigade, enclosing a pass for de Valera and Mrs. Sinéad de Valera to attend a ‘special Commemoration Mass for the repose of the souls of the Irish Republican Soldiers executed after the Rising’ to be held in Kilmainham Jail on 8 May 1922 (6 May 1922, 2 items, 1p each);

– receipt issued to de Valera by Ramsey & Son of Ballsbridge for a wreath, ribbons and floral sword (4 August 1922, 1p). 3 items
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| 1678| 22 August 1968 | Note dictated by de Valera in 1968, comprising two points which ‘one must remember’ in order to ‘understand my position in the Civil War’, namely how he ‘regarded the Dáil Cabinet with Griffith as its head as a legitimate government, and…acted as leader of the opposition, refraining from interfering in Army matters except to secure peace, until the attack on the Four Courts by the Griffith government’ and on his military status at the time–‘In the war I joined up as a private, but was not actually treated as such either in Dublin or in the South. In the South my normal position was Adjutant to the Director of Operations, Seán Moylan, but Moylan did not use me as such, and as I was with Liam Mellowes in Clonmel and Fermoy I dealt rather with him, and got permission from him to join Séamus Robinson when Headquarters was established in Fermoy. After Fermoy was abandoned and guerrilla tactics begun I was still close to headquarters with Seán Hyde, as the officer with whom I was most closely associated until I left for Dublin on 22? August?’.

1p
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1679

15 April–1 July 1922 Photocopies of documents produced by the Provisional Government between 15 April and 30 June 1922 on the military situation, focusing on the occupation of the Four Courts by Republican forces. Includes:

- copy of confidential letter from Lloyd George to Michael Collins, informing him that ‘documents have been found upon the murderers of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson which clearly connect the assassins with the Irish Republican Army, and which further reveal the existence of a definite conspiracy against the peace and order of this country. Other information has reached His Majesty’s Government showing that active preparations are on foot among the irregular elements of the I.R.A. to resume attacks upon the lives and property of British subjects both in England and in Ulster. The ambiguous position of the Irish Republican Army can no longer be ignored by the British Government. Still less can Mr. Rory O’Connor by permitted to remain with his followers and his arsenal in open rebellion in the heart of Dublin in possession of the Courts of Justice, organising and sending out from this centre enterprises of murder not only in the area of your Government but also in the Six Counties and in Great Britain. His Majesty’s Government cannot consent to a continuance of this state of things and they feel entitled to ask you formally to bring it to an end forthwith….His Majesty’s Government are prepared to place at your disposal the necessary pieces of artillery which may be required, or otherwise to assist you as may be arranged. But I am to inform you that they regard the continued toleration of this rebellious defiance of the principles of the Treaty as incompatible with its faithful execution’ (original dated 22 June 1922, 2pp) (see also P150/1625 for copies of this letter and the next letter and other documents relating to the assassination of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson on 22 June 1921);

- copy of draft reply to Lloyd George by Diarmuid O hÉigceartuigh, Secretary to the Provisional Government, on behalf of Michael Collins, then in Cork on electoral business, ‘following interference with the ballot papers for the constituency in which he is a candidate’. States ‘The attention of the Government was already actively concentrated on the situation arising out of the occupation of the Law Courts and other acts of irregular forces not owning the authority of the Government. The Government was however satisfied that these forces contained within themselves elements of disruption which given time would accomplish their complete disintegration and relieve the Government of the necessity of employing methods of suppression which would have perhaps evoked a certain amount of misplaced sympathy for them…It would appear however from your letter that your Government is in possession of information which leads them to conclude that a more serious state of affairs exists threatening serious consequences both in England and in Ulster. The Provisional Government has no intention of tolerating such a condition of things and therefore requests your Government to assist them in dealing with the situation by placing at their disposal the information to which you refer. They will then be able to call upon the newly elected Parliament which meets on 1st proxime to support them in such measures as may be
considered adequate.’ (original dated 23 June 1922, 2 items—photocopy of original, 2pp and typescript copy, 2pp);
– photocopies of Provisional Government Decisions (P.G. 37; 38; 40–42; 44)
concerning the kidnapping of Lieutenant-General J.J. O’Connell, Assistant
Chief of Staff; military action against the anti-Treaty forces; the issuing of
Government Proclamations on the military situation to the press; civilian
inquests and the surrender of the Four Courts’ garrison (27–30 June 1922, 7
items);
– photocopies of official Government statements published in the Freeman’s
Journal and The Irish Independent explaining and justifying Government
response, especially with regard to their action against the forces occupying
the Four Courts (28 June–1 July 1922, 5 items).

17 items

24 May 1922 Carbon copy report by [Michael Staines] the
Commissioner of the Civic Guard, for the
Provisional Government, outlining events since the formation of the Civic
Guard and his appointment as Commissioner in February 1922 and the
difficulties created by the Assistant Commissioner, Commandant P. Brennan,
culminating in a demand by the men at the Kildare Depot for the ‘immediate
expulsion of certain ex-R.I.C. men including the Deputy Commissioner’
(5pp). Encloses carbon copy statement ‘from the Officers of the Civic Guard,
at present in Dublin, and severed from their offices in Kildare Training
Depot’. States ‘…it would be only courting further disaster to endeavour to
create a Police Force on such a foundation as that already existing in Kildare’
(3pp).

2 items

25 May–4 June 1923 Communications between Richard Mulcahy,
Commander in Chief of the National Army and
the Army Chief of Staff; and between the Chief of Staff and the Director of
Intelligence [Seán Ó hÓgain] on a complaint from Major General Joseph
McGrath that ‘he passed on to Intelligence some information some time ago
to the effect that De Valera was in…[Rathvilly, Co. Carlow]…and that he has
not been able to get any satisfactory information as to what has been done, or
what can be done by any of his people in the matter of getting after De Valera
there’.

4 items

2[0] July; [October] 1922 Typescript copy of ‘General Instructions’ for
the printed press concerning military censorship
ordered by the ‘Army Publicity Director’ (1p). Includes directives referring to
the nomenclature of pro- and anti-Treaty forces nomenclature. Also includes
pamphlet entitled The Pen is Mightier than the Sword reprinting the
instructions under the heading ‘How the Press is Doped’ (post 20 October
1922, 3pp).

2 items
1683  1922  Copies of pamphlet entitled *Correspondence of Mr. Eamon de Valera and others* (Dublin: Stationery Office) containing letters to and from de Valera; Liam Lynch; Robert Barton; Charles Murphy; Robert Brennan; Ernie O’Malley; Austin Stack and Liam Mellows, between 17 August and 14 September 1922. Topics include a resolution of Sinn Féin’s Comhairle Cheanntair Alban concerning its status as a Republican organisation; a temporary loan of £1,000 to Fine Ghaedheal (see P150/1605 for documents on the foundation and organisation of Fine Ghaedheal at the Irish Race Congress in Paris in January 1922); relations between de Valera and the I.R.A. Executive; a request by sixteen Republican Deputies that the Session of the Second Dáil adjourned to 30 June 1922 be convened before noon on 8 September 1922 (see P150/1630 for related documents); Republican demands for the reconvening of the 2nd Dáil, the election of a new President to replace Arthur Griffith and the summoning of a 3rd Dáil; the convening of the Dáil on 9 September 1922; the financial organisation of Cumann na Poblachta; Dáil funds; pro-Treaty propaganda and the establishment of a ‘Provisional Republican Government’ and its policies. 2 items, 23pp each

1684  18 October 1922  Typescript copy of *Weekly Irish Bulletin* (London Edition), (vol. 1 new series no. 13) produced by Dáil Éireann Publicity Department concerning a ‘Parliamentary paper issued by the Government…containing the captured correspondence between Mr de Valera and his colleagues during…August and September…’ Quotes from de Valera’s letter to Charles Murphy, ‘ex-T.D.’, giving ‘reasons for rejecting a suggestion that the Republican party should take control acting as “the legitimate Dáil”…Rory O’Connor’s unfortunate repudiation of the Dáil…is now the greatest barrier we have’. Also quotes from a letter by de Valera to a colleague on receipt of a letter from Liam Lynch, I.R.A. Chief of Staff stating that ‘we [the political party] have all the responsibility and no authority’. 2pp

1685  1922  Documents relating to the drafting and enactment of the 1922 Irish Free State Constitution. All the items in the folder were found numbered in pencil from 1 to 18. Comprises:
– items marked 1 to 9 inc. originally found in file cover labelled ‘Constitution–Saorstat Éireann. Comparison between Draft A and Constitution as Enacted’, as follows:
• ‘Draft Constitution and Free-State Constitution’ comprising a series of pages with individual Articles (1–83 inc.) from the Free State Constitution pasted beside the corresponding Articles (1–81) from the ‘Draft A’ Constitution for comparison (29ff). Includes index (1f.);
• two drawing books (29cm x 22cm) containing a similar set of Articles from both Constitutions, arranged side by side for comparison purposes (2 items, 17pp & 11pp);
1685 contd. • typescript ‘Draft Constitution taken to London’ comprising a Preamble and 81 Articles (n.d., 13pp);
• typescript headed ‘Constitution of Saorstat Éireann comprising index pages listing the Draft A ‘Arrangement of Articles’ (3pp) and text of the Preamble and Articles 1–81 (40pp) With handwritten pencil annotation ‘Figgis, McNeill, O’Byrne’ (Signatories);
• typescript headed ‘Constitution Draft A . Signatories: Darrell Figgis, James McNeill, John O’Byrne’ comprising text of Article 37 ‘Powers of Seanad To Revise And Suspend Bills–Limitation In Regard To Money Bills’; Article 39 ‘Amendment Of Bills By Seanad’ and Article 48 ‘Suspension of Bills And Submission To A Referendum’ (n.d., 2pp);
• carbon copy draft Preamble and text of Articles (n.d., 26pp);
• handwritten ‘Draft of Constitution of Saorstat Éireann’ (n.d., 4pp);
• Constitution Draft B, dated 7 March 1922, comprising index pages listing the Draft B ‘Arrangement of Articles’ (3pp) and text of the Preamble and Articles 1–81 (44pp) With handwritten pencil annotation ‘Douglas, France, Kennedy’ (Signatories);
• typescript ‘Notes on Draft C of the Constitution for the Members of the Provisional Government’ by Prof. Alfred O’Rahilly (12 April 1922, 2 copies, 9pp each);
• Draft C: ‘Constitution of the Irish Free State, comprising text of Preamble and Articles 1–71 (44pp);
• printed pamphlet Draft Constitution of the Irish Free State to be submitted to the Provisional Parliament. With holograph note on cover by de Valera ‘Is this text as brought from England–see papers June 16 1922’ and annotations on text in another hand (1922, 21pp);
  – item 11 labelled ‘Constitution–Saorstat Éireann–Enactment’ containing:
• cutting from The Irish Independent comprising text of the ‘Draft of the Free State Constitution’ (16 June 1922, 1p);
• Constitution of Saorstát Éireann. A Bill (as amended on Report) to enact a Constitution for Saorstát Éireann and for implementing the Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland signed at London on the 6th day of December, 1921 (Dublin: Stationery Office). With holograph annotations by de Valera. Red ink annotation ‘indicates changes in the Prov[isional] Parl[ia]m[en]t’, black ink annotations indicate ‘changes from the draft as br[ough]t from London’. (October 1922, 19pp);
• Saorstát Éireann. Act to enact a Constitution for The Irish Free State (Saorstát Éireann) and for implementing the Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland signed at London on the 6th day of December, 1921. Passed by Dáil Éireann, 25 October 1922 (Dublin: Stationery Office). With holograph annotations by de Valera. Marked on cover page with de Valera’s delta sign in red ink (1922, 35pp);
  – items 12 comprising extracts from newspapers containing comments on, and criticisms of the Constitution (16–23 June 1922, 9 items), and four articles published by Darrell Figgis, Acting-Chairman, Constitution Committee, in The Irish Independent entitled The Constitution Explained (16–22 June 1922, 4 items);
1685 contd.
– carbon copy ‘Appeal to the Privy Council (From The Framework of Union)’. Initialled ‘E.C’ (n.d., 7pp);
– typescript notes from the ‘introduction of Australian Commonwealth Bill, British House of Commons May 14th 1900’ (n.d., 1p);
– article by ‘E.C.’ from an unidentified newspaper (vol. 1, no. 18) entitled The Free State Constitution How They Propose To Pass It (27 April 1922, 1 item);
– handwritten notes on the Free State Constitution, signed ‘Diarmuid’ (n.d., 5pp);
– item 17 containing pamphlet entitled ‘King and Constitution’ by Frank Gallagher. Fianna Fáil (Republican Party) Pamphlet No. 2 (32pp);
See P150/1687 for published Constitution of the Free State of Ireland (1923) 37 items

1686 1922 Select Constitutions of the World, prepared for presentation to Dáil Éireann by order of the Irish Provisional Government. (Front cover missing). 478pp


1688 [8 April]– 29 September 1923 Miscellaneous documents produced by the Free State authorities. Includes:
– photocopy of Secret ‘Operation Order No. 1. Operations Department, G.H.Q. Portobello’ for the capture or destruction of enemy forces meeting in the Knockboy/Kilbrien and Ballynamult area on 10 April 1923 ([8 April 1923], 7pp);
– order for the detention of Lily Kiernan, under the Public Safety (Emergency Power Act, 1923 and the Public Safety (Emergency Powers) No. 2 Act, 1923, signed by Richard Mulcahy Minister for Defence (8 August 1923, 1p). 3 items
1689 [1923] Memorandum headed ‘Saorstat Éireann. Prison Propaganda Policy of the Irish Anti-Treaty Party: Their Appeals to the Charitable’. Strongly condemns the Irish Republican Prisoners’ Dependents’ Fund ‘which was originally constituted during the Anglo-Irish war…was seized on behalf of the Irregulars in July 1922’ and concludes ‘…the Government…look with confidence to friends abroad to abstain by supporting by sympathy or by subscription any elements of disruption or disunion which may exist.’ With note on first page ‘This is being sent to all Bishops etc & newspapers abroad. Please destroy’. Incomplete: page 8 is missing. 8pp

1690 8 March–3 April 1924 Cuttings from The Evening Telegraph and The Irish Independent on the Free State Army Mutiny. 10 items


1692 n.d. Copy of memorandum on the purchase of arms and ammunition by the Provisional Government in 1922. Quotes from the Interim Report and Irish Report of the Committee of Public Accounts, 20 April 1926 and reports in The Irish Independent of 8 & 10 May 1926. 3pp

1693 1 September 1936 Explanatory memorandum S.8736 by Michael McDunphy, Assistant Secretary to the Executive Council, entitled ‘Dual Government, 1922’ detailing the relationship between the Provisional government, as constituted on 14 January 1922 and the pre-existing Cabinet of the 2nd Dáil Éireann, until the completion of the ‘merger’ of the two bodies some time in 1923. Lists members of both Executives and outlines the degree of co-operation between the two. 7pp

1694 n.d. Typescript memorandum concerning statements made by a bishop concerning an inquest into a shooting in Cork. On paper headed ‘Department of the Attorney-General, Irish Free State’. 2pp
21. THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT, 1922 – 25

I. General documents

October 1922–June 1924

Documents, mainly official proclamations and communiqués, relating to the formation by de Valera of a Republican government and its operation, especially its relationship with the Army. Includes general memoranda from the President to all Ministers on various administrative matters between January and March 1923 and in May and July 1923.

Some documents are marked with de Valera’s delta sign in red ink. Includes:

– holograph letter from George Noble Count Plunkett to de Valera suggesting the establishment of a Republican government (12 October 1922, 1p) and copy of de Valera’s reply stating he has already taken up the matter with the Army Executive. ‘On account of our Resolution leaving the matter in their hands, it is well that they should take the initiative. The Party should, however, I think concurrently issue a statement appointing independently whatever Ministry is agreed upon by the Army’ (13 October 1922, 1p);

– memorandum by de Valera to Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and members of the Army Executive stating ‘Owing to the suppression of the Second Dáil and the assumption of authority by the Provisional Parliament, it has become imperative, if it be decided to continue the fight, to set up a government for the Republic.’ Justifies the necessity of such a government and explains the circumstances by which the Army Executive and not the ‘proper body’–the ‘elected representatives of the people, meeting as the Parliament and the Government of the Republic in Dáil Éireann’–are to organise the formation of the new government. Sets out his proposals for the process of formation and the policy of the proposed government–‘the only public policy necessary for the moment is the policy of maintaining the Republic and the sovereign Independence of the nation, but in private there would have to be a frank interchange of views and a very definite understanding between all concerned on certain matters...’ Restates his conviction that ‘the terms roughly set out in document No. 2...is as far as we have any reasonable grounds for hoping to attain under anything like the present conditions of British and world politics. So much so indeed that if the Treaty arrangement could be worked without Ireland’s appearing to agree to give away her sovereignty and to accept Partition, I would even be in favour of working that, or allowing it to be worked in the belief that by such a program we could reach, without bloodshed, the utmost we can at present reach by arms...It must be the immediate object of the new Government to seek to win back the allegiance of the people, weaning them from their present seeming allegiance to the Free State...The New Government’s first step must be an appeal to the people to ignore the British King’s Courts...to rally again to the Courts of the Republic...Next we should organise non-payment of taxes to the Royal Irish authority and ask for contributions by way of a new loan...’.
1695 contd. Two versions, one draft with holograph amendments by de Valera and later typescript version, marked with de Valera’s delta sign in red ink and signed by him (12 October 1922, 2 items, 3pp & 2pp). Encloses his draft Proclamation by the Army Executive calling upon de Valera and former members of Dáil Éireann to form a government, listing the temporary ‘Supreme Executive of the Republic and the State’ and declaring their allegiance and support ‘in all its legitimate efforts to maintain and defend the Republic’ (12 October 1922, 1p);
– further drafts of the above Proclamation (12 October, 5 items);
– typescript copies of minutes of the meetings of the Army Executive held on 16 and 17 October 1922. Two copies, one with note on covering page ‘Copy of document found among the Carolan papers’ and other annotated ‘Copy to the President’. Meeting of the 17 October includes the call for the establishment of a Republican government; discusses its formation, composition and authority and approves the issue of the Proclamation drafted by de Valera (original dated 17 October 1922, 2 items, 8pp each);
– typescript copy letters from de Valera to Count Plunkett and Dr. Con Murphy, 18 Garville Avenue, Rathgar [who, with Prof. Arthur Clery and Count Plunkett, protested to the Pope about bishops who refused sacraments to anti-Treaty forces] concerning the formation of the new government and de Valera’s problems in dealing with the Army Executive (17 – 25 October 1922, 4 items) (see also P150/1654 for correspondence between de Valera and Dr. Murphy);
– copy of secret despatch from de Valera to each member of the Army Executive explaining the function of the proposed Council of State of the new government and observing that the Council of State ‘is the analogue on the political side of the Army Council on the military side, whilst the Cabinet would in a sense correspond to the Headquarters Staff’ (23 October 1922, 1p). Encloses a draft communiqué to the press for issuing after the meeting of Republican members of Dáil Éireann the following week, announcing the formation of the Republican government; appointing de Valera as President of the Republic and Chief Executive of the State and appointing the members of the Council of State (26 October 1922, 1p);
– covering note to de Valera from Con Murphy enclosing minutes of a meeting of ‘the Second Dáil’ [Republican members of Dáil Éireann held on 25 October 1922]. Handwritten by Murphy (25 October 1922, 2 items, 1p each);
– further draft copies of the ‘Official Communique’ (26 October 1922, 4 items);
– Dáil Éireann communiqué being the text of a resolution of the Dáil asking the President to ‘make representations immediately to the Vatican, formally and emphatically protesting as Head of the State against the unwarrantable action of the Irish Hierarchy in presuming and pretending to pronounce an authoritative judgement upon the question of constitutional and political fact now at issue in Ireland, viz:—whether the so-called Provisional (Partition) Parliament set up under threat of unjust war and by coup d’etat, was the rightful legislature and government of the country or not—and in using the sanctions of religion to enforce their own political views and compel acquiescence by Irish Republicans’ (26 October 1922, 2 items—one in English, one in Irish, 1p each);
1695 contd.  – typescript copy of a letter from de Valera to Frank Aiken, Officer Commanding 4th Northern Division, concerning Aiken’s co-option onto the Army Executive and explaining de Valera’s opinion concerning the formation of the new government by the Army Executive. ‘In my opinion, apart altogether from the question of independence, there is now no chance of stable government under the Free State. The country will suffer less in the long run by properly organised action on our part than by letting things drift with the certainty of irresponsibles getting carte blanche to do as they please’ (26 October 1922, 1p);
– Aiken’s holograph reply to de Valera confirming his willingness to serve on the Army Executive and stating ‘The worst is indeed past when he have a Government…instead of merely ballyragging the other fellow’ (28 October 1922, 1p);
– memoranda from de Valera to the Director of Communications concerning the organisation of secure lines of communication between Dublin and Art O’Brien in London and between Dublin and the rest of the country, including the selection of confidential couriers (2 November–31 December 1922, 3 items, 1p each) (see P150/1767 for communications between de Valera and the Officer Commanding and, from April onwards, the Director of Communications [Tom Crofts, also O/C 1st Southern Division] (‘T Ua C’), January–July 1923);
– typescript copy of ‘Government of the Republic of Ireland Proclamation (Translation in English)’ issued by Austin Stack, Minister for Finance and de Valera as President. Proclaims ‘all…debts contracted or to be contracted and appointments made, or to be made by the said Provisional Government without sanction of Dáil Éireann, the Parliament and Government of the Republic are and shall be illegal, null and void, and will not be recognised by the State’. With handwritten additions [by Stack]. Signed in writing by Stack and de Valera (3 November 1922, 1p);
– typescript drafts of ‘Dáil Éireann. Government of the Republic of Ireland (official communique)’ denying the rumour that any peace negotiations are in progress and claiming ‘Victory for the Republic, or utter defeat and extermination, are now the alternatives’. Issued by de Valera as President (original dated 5 November 1922, 2 items, 1p each);
– ‘Dáil Éireann. Government of the Republic of Ireland (official communique)’ concerning the Republican Appeal to Rome (6 November 1922, 1p);
– carbon copy text of statement by de Valera ‘To the People of Ireland’ on the execution of Erskine Childers [published in the Daily Bulletin of 18 November 1922] (17 November 1922, 2pp);
– copy letters to Ernie O’Malley and J.J. O’Kelly from de Valera, both signed by him, informing them of his Cabinet nominees and seeking their formal approval of the nominations (13 November 1922, 2 items, 1p each);
– consents to ratification of the Cabinet by the following members of the Council of State: Austin Stack; George Noble Count Plunkett; Laurence Ginnell and Cáit Bean Mhicíl Uí Cheallacháin (14–29 November 1922, 4 items, 1p each);
– copy drafts and published text in newspaper of Proclamation issued by ‘Dáil Éireann. Government of the Republic of Ireland’ on 17 November 1922 revoking the approval by Dáil Éireann on 7 January 1922 of the Anglo-Irish
1695 contd. Treaty signed on 6 December 1921 and declaring the Provisional Government an ‘illegal body’ (17 November 1922, 4 items);
– copy drafts of Proclamation decreeing the suppression of ‘all British Courts purporting to exercise jurisdiction within the territory of the Republic’ (18 November 1922, 3 items, 2pp each);
– typescript and holograph drafts of a ‘Formal Notice’ seeking ‘whole-hearted support’ for the Republican government (22 November 1922, 4 items);
– correspondence between de Valera and B. Ó hUiginn on the securing of ‘some official translator to turn Proclamations and other public Government documents into Irish’; the work and expenses of the translator and the organisation of a department of translation. Ó hUiginn undertakes the job himself (25 November–30 December 1922, 3 items);
– typescript copy letter from de Valera to Liam Mellowes in jail informing him of his nomination as Minister for Defence and forbidding a proposed hunger-strike from 1 December by eight hundred men in Mountjoy Jail on the grounds that the Provisional Government ‘are...at the mad dog stage—the stage preceding collapse, but they are capable of doing anything. They would simply let a large number of our men die, and there would be strong forces inducing the remainder either to give on or to continue until their health would be permanently ruined. That mustn’t be. I regard the men in gaol as the great reserves for the future, and their hardships in the present must be borne with an eye to the future.’ Also includes reference to the execution of Erskine Childers—‘Childers died like the good brave man he was, hoping that his death would aid the cause and promising to continue, if possible, from whatever new sphere he is in. His loss is irreparable—not half so much because of his ability as because of the nobility of his character’ (26 November 1922, 1p);
– drafts of de Valera’s Christmas message ‘On behalf of the Government and Army Command’ ‘to every soldier and citizen of the Republic’. Two signed by de Valera, one with holograph amendments (December 1922, 3 items, 1p each);
– texts of decrees or draft decrees, proclamations, orders and addresses issued between 5 January and 14 March 1923 and between 1st and 23rd October by President de Valera, Acting President P.J. Ruttledge, Acting Minister for Economic Affairs Michael P. Colivet, Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and Minister for Finance Austin Stack (5 January–14 March; 1–23 October 1923).

1696 [1922] Home-made notebook labelled ‘Record’ containing lists of documents dating from 1921 and 1922 given to various individuals for safe-keeping, containing the names of trusted individuals, covering addresses and lists of Cabinet, Council of State and Executive members. 30pp
1697

30 January–
9 February 1923

Correspondence concerning the reaction within
the Republican Government and Army
Command to proposals for an immediate
surrender of arms and men issued by the Deputy Chief of Staff Liam Deasy,
following his arrest on 18 January 1923. Correspondence is mainly between
de Valera, Liam Lynch, Florrie O'Donoghue, Donal O’Callaghan, Mary
MacSwiney, Frank Barrett [O/C 1st Western Division] and Seán MacSwiney
[Cork No. 1 Brigade].
See also P150/1749 for references to Liam Deasy’s surrender proposal in
correspondence between de Valera and Chief of Staff Liam Lynch; P150/1763
for dispatches between de Valera and Michael Carolan, Director of
Intelligence
39 items

1698

22 June 1923

Typescript letter to ‘Rev. Father’ from de
Valera concerning arrangements for the
safekeeping, cataloguing and provision of access to de Valera’s papers, in the
event of his imprisonment or death. ‘It is my hope that I may be able myself
to superintend the cataloguing and annotation of these papers some day. If
not, no one but my secretary, Miss Kathleen O’Connell, has the intimate
information which will enable the work to be properly done…..very many of
the papers—important links in the chain—have had to be destroyed. I have
endeavoured to save these in order that there may be some documentary
material for the history of this period and for a proper appreciation of the
motives and actions of the Republican Government and Army Executive I
need scarcely lay stress on the necessity of keeping all the papers together.
They throw light one upon another and help to make understood what in
isolation might be misconstrued or be altogether unintelligible.’
Letter on headed paper ‘Dáil Éireann [Government of the Republic of Ireland]
Oifig an Uachtaran’ and headed ‘Secret–Contents not to be communicated to
anybody except to those mentioned below’. Signed by de Valera.
1p

1699

1923

File on the efforts of the Republican
Government to bring the treatment of
Republican prisoners and internees to the attention of the XI International
Conference of the Red Cross in 1923 and seeking an inquiry into conditions
in prisons in Ireland. Includes:
– typescript copy of ‘Memorial From the Government of the Irish Republic
To the International Committee of the Red Cross’ written ‘In order that the
International Committee of the Red Cross may be in a position to understand
the present political situation in Ireland’ (n.d., 4pp);
– typescript copy of ‘Protest’ addressed to Richard Mulcahy ‘Commander in
Chief of the Army of the Irish Free State’ by Liam Lynch, I.R.A. Chief of
Staff, against ‘systematic breaches of the laws of war’ through the ill-
treatment and execution of Republican prisoners. Attaches ‘detailed
particulars of the breaches of the laws of war set out in this Protest’ (19 February 1923, 15pp);– carbon copy reports of Republican delegates to the XIth Conference of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva in August 1923 forwarded to P.J. Ruttledge, the Acting President (August 1923, 4 items).

See also P150/1749 for carbon copy of memorandum from de Valera to P.J. Ruttledge, Minister for Home Affairs, on the formal protest to the Red Cross in Geneva against the Free State Government’s execution of Republican prisoners (15 December 1922); P150/1664 for file on the efforts of the Women Prisoners’ Defence League to publicise ill-treatment of Republican prisoners in contravention of Article 10 of the Geneva Convention.

16 items

11 August 1923 Typescript copies of notification to ‘All Foreign Representatives’ of the appointment of P.J. Ruttledge (‘Padraig O’Ruithleis [Adjutant General and Minister for Home Affairs] as de Valera’s ‘Deputy and Acting President of the Republic’ until de Valera’s ‘return, or until a new President is elected’ and Ruttledge’s subsequent message to the foreign representatives. Although the latter document is dated 11 August it makes reference to de Valera’s arrest in Ennis, which did not occur until 15 August 1923. 2 items, 1p each

3 September– 24 November 1923 Typescript copies of various statements issued by Acting President P.J. Ruttledge, to the people of Ireland. 4 items

23 November 1923 Typescript letter of support and encouragement from Acting President P.J. Ruttledge, to the Presiding Chairman of the Ard Comhairle. ‘At this the first meeting of the new Ard Comhairle the duty devolves on you to lay down plans for the general development and improvement of the Sinn Fein Organisation in the country, the welding together of all the Republican forces and the preparation for the phase of the fight which lies ahead.’ 2pp

1704 May 1924 Limerick by-election handbill with text of a message to the people of Limerick from Acting President P.J. Rutledge.

1p

1705 June–August 1924 Duplicate letter book (21cm x 27cm), containing copies of outgoing holograph letters by M.W. Doran (‘D’) of the Republican Government Department of Foreign Affairs. The recipients of the letters include ‘M’ (Molly Childers); ‘M/F’ (M.P. Colivet Acting Minister for Finance); ‘M. NicS’ (Mary MacSwiney, sometimes addressed as ‘D/P’ Director of Publicity); ‘A/P’ (Acting President P.J. Rutledge); ‘M/F/A’ (Minister for Foreign Affairs Donal O’Callaghan) and ‘P’ (de Valera). All letters are signed ‘D’ except that dated 26 July 1924, signed ‘M.W. Doran’. Also includes two loose letters found in the book, one to ‘D’ from Mary MacSwiney (17 July 1924, 1p) and from Molly Childers to the Minister for Foreign Affairs (27 July 1924, 2pp).

3 items, 56pp, 1p & 2pp

1706 July & August 1924 Copies of Republican Government Departmental reports sent by the various Ministers to de Valera on his release from jail in Arbour Hill Barracks, in response to Acting President P.J. Rutledge’s memoranda to Cabinet Ministers dated 26 July 1924 (see P150/1745) suggesting that each member of the Cabinet prepare a written report...on the work of his Department from the time of the President’s arrest, or in the case of members who were not in a position to take up duties for some time afterwards, from the time of taking over.

Comprises covering letter to de Valera from Rutledge enclosing reports on the activities of the Departments of Finance [Acting Minster Michael P. Colivet]; Publicity and Education [Director of Publicity and Acting Director of Education Mary MacSwiney]; Economic Affairs [Robert Barton Minister/Director until April 1924, with Art O’Connor Acting Director/Minster from April 1924]; Local Government [Minister /Director Seán T. O’Kelly] and report (5 August 1924, ) by P.J. Rutledge on the overall situation tracing the activities of the Republican Government since de Valera’s arrest in August 1923—the appointments of Mary MacSwiney as representative of the Government, succeeded by Seán T. O’Kelly, Minister for Local Government; the issuing of a Decree in connection with the 1923 General Election; meetings of the available Republican deputies after the election; the nomination of a Directorate approved by Comhairle na dTeachtaí and the Standing Committee of Sinn Féin; the appointment of Mary MacSwiney as Director of Publicity; the organisation of the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis; hungerstrikes by Republican prisoners and co-operation between the Army and civil organisation.

19 items
1707  1924  Typescript copies of draft ‘Scheme In Connection With The Fund For Citizenship Certificate’ and ‘Certificate Of Application For Citizenship Of The Republic’. With holograph annotations and corrections by de Valera.  
2 items, 2pp & 1p

1708  24 February 1925  Holograph draft by de Valera of a letter appointing Seán Lemass as ‘temporary Minister for Defence and member of the Cabinet’, following Frank Aiken’s resignation from the post on 20 February 1925, to concentrate on his position as Chief of Staff. With rough notes by de Valera on reverse. Also typescript copy letter of same.  
2 items, 2pp & 1p

1709  18 March 1925  Carbon copy report by Art O’Connor Director of Economic Affairs on the work of the Department of Economic Affairs and Local Government. Attached is a list of names, with comments relating to economic or social issues such as ‘Land Policy’, ‘Would gain support from small farmers’. The names listed are ‘M’; Miss Broderick; Lar Brady; ‘Goulding’; Fr. Kelly; Countess Markievicz and ‘McCarthy’ (n.d., 1p).  
2 items, 1p each
II. Communications between Ministers

1710  8 November 1922– 8 August 1923
Memoranda between de Valera or his
Secretary, Kathleen O’Connell, and P.J.
Ruttledge, Minister for Home Affairs mainly
concerned with:

- appointments to the Republican Government including Seán Moylan (‘M.’) as Acting Minister for Economic Affairs and Michael P. Colivet (‘C.’) in reserve;
- the legal defence of Art O’Brien (‘A. O’B’) and other Republicans arrested in Britain and the effect of O’Brien’s arrest on financial arrangements for the maintenance of the various overseas Republican Representatives’ offices and on civil and political organisational work in Britain;
- Ruttledge’s views on the Revenue Decree in response to a memorandum from de Valera circulated to all Ministers and the Chief of Staff dated 8 January 1923 (see P150/1695 for copy of the memorandum);
- the re-organisation of Sinn Féin, including the recruitment of local organisers and the administration of the offices in No. 6 Harcourt Street and Suffolk Street;
- organisation in Scotland;
- the Liam Deasy peace proposal and various peace moves including those of Lord Midleton; the Neutral I.R.A. Members’ Association; the Sinn Féin Peace Committee; and Monsignor Luzio;
- the arrest of Eamon Donnelly [Director of Organisation, around 22 February 1923] and its effect on the Sinn Féin re-organisation;
- the suppression of the ‘so-called Courts which the enemy had set up’ (see report dated 15 March 1923);
- the death of Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and arrangements for a meeting of the Army Executive;
- Ruttledge’s appointment as Adjutant General following the arrest of Tom Derrig and the death of Liam Lynch;
- references to ‘Jetter’ [John T. Ryan];
- Ruttledge’s ill health;
- preparations for the General Election of August 1923;
- the issuing of Proclamations by the Republican Government, including those dealing with sports/amusements, robberies and general lawlessness and dog licences.

Includes short report by Ruttledge summarising the activities of the Department of Home Affairs to mid-March 1923 (15 March 1923, 2pp).
Also includes references to the activities of Mary MacSwiney, Dr. Kathleen Lynn with the Red Cross and at the Geneva Conference, the Ministers for Finance [Austin Stack] and Local Government [Seán T. O’Kelly]; Director of Organisation Eamon Donnelly, Counsellor Michael Comyn, legal advisor to the Republican Government, Daithi O’Donoghue, Countess Markievicz and Máire Comerford (Máire Ní Chomatóin).
Also includes some correspondence between de Valera and Art O’Brien forwarded to Ruttledge and some between de Valera and Counsellor Michael.
1710 contd. Comyn (‘M.C.’) mainly on the O’Brien case, between de Valera and Frank Fahy (Proinnsias Ó Fathaigh) on the upcoming elections, between de Valera and Gobnait Ni Bhruidar [Broderick], between Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and Ruttledge and copies of communications (19, 22–24 July; 6 & 8 August 1923) between Ruttledge and Director of Elections [Eamon Donnelly?] forwarded to de Valera.

Note: ‘E.D.’ refers to Eamon Donnelly; ‘O’C’ and ‘D. O’C’ to Donal O’Callaghan; ‘S. O’M’ to Stephen O’Mara; ‘D. O’D’ to Daithí O’Donoghue; ‘M. Nic S.’(Máire Nic Shuibhne) to Mary MacSwiney; ‘T.D.’ to Tom Derrig; ‘E. PÓC’ to Eoin P. Ó Caoimh and ‘T.B.’ to Tom Barry.

See also P150/659 and P150/1944 for correspondence between P.J. Ruttledge and Mary MacSwiney; P150/1758 for communications between de Valera and P.J. Ruttledge as Republican Army Adjutant General

1711

1 & 2 August;
24 October 1924

Memoranda from Acting President P.J.
Ruttledge to de Valera following de Valera’s release from jail in Arbour Hill Barracks in July 1924, on the Directorate Scheme, arrangements for a meeting of Cabinet members in early August, the first since de Valera’s release and the text of a communication (24 October 1924, 1p) on the burning of Seán McGarry’s house ‘By Brigade and Batt[alion] orders the house was burned as reprisals for the executions of soldiers of the Dublin Brigade’. Includes agenda for the meeting.

Note: ‘C’ refers to Cabinet and ‘D’ to Directorate.

See also P150/1863 for memoranda to de Valera in Kilmainham jail from Acting President P.J. Ruttledge; P150/1706 for copies of Republican government Departmental reports as submitted to de Valera at the Cabinet meeting following his release from jail; P150/1769 for agendas and very brief minutes of or notes on various 1923 & 1924 Republican Cabinet meetings

5 items, 1p each

1712

18 January–8 June 1923
Memoranda between de Valera and Donal O’Callaghan the [Acting] Minister for Local Government and General Secretary of the Republican Dáil on:
• the staffing and activities of the Local Government Department and the General Secretariat for which O’Callaghan is responsible;
• the development of Local Government policy;
• arrangements for the promulgation of decrees and proclamations;
• O’Callaghan’s appointment as Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs in April 1923;
• O’Callaghan’s reluctant acceptance of the position of Special Envoy to the U.S.A.; his journey to London to see C.B. Dutton and the position of the London office and the legal defence of Art O’Brien and others;
• preparations for O’Callaghan’s taking up of the post of Special Envoy to the U.S.A., including references to the legal action over funds in the U.S.A.
Includes:

- personal holograph letter to de Valera from O'Callaghan stating ‘this
department exists only in name...It seems to me utterly – and unnecessarily –
anomalous that the name of the Dept. should continue and that by virtue
thereof I should consider myself – or be considered – a member of the
Government. I suggest to you therefore, that this should cease or,
alternatively, that it should cease under this particular heading. It is obviously
invidious to be nominally in charge of a Dept. which simply does not exist...[the] Secretariat...would go equally well were I not here at all...I
think I am entitled to urge my personal wish in this matter which is that I
return to my former job in the Army in Cork (with the Marshal’s baton in
reserve)!’ (10 March 1923, 2pp);

- brief holograph report by O'Callaghan on the General Secretariat (15 March
1923, 1p);

- copy memorandum from de Valera to O'Callaghan asking him to take on
the role of Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in addition to his duties as
General Secretary (8 April 1923, 1p);

- holograph note to de Valera from O'Callaghan stating that he has received a
letter from the prisoners in Newbridge Camp asking him to transmit to de
Valera ‘an assurance of...unswerving allegiance to him and to the
Government of the Republic. A private note attached says that a message to
the prisoners would be much appreciated and would do much good....I have
been asked to tell you that Mgr. L[uizio] said to Mr. Somebody that if the F.S.
turned down the present peace offer the onus of all future bloodshed would be
on them. (A little more onus would not matter much)’ (3 May 1923, 1p);

- holograph note to de Valera stating ‘Mrs. Stopford Green is supposed to
have confided in a ladyfriend that the F.S. Govt. would not treat with De
Valera – he was too slippery – but that after a month or so they would take up
with the republican Army leaders; also that if the war was continued for two
or three months more the F.S. would be ruined...Rumours float about division
of F.S. Cabinet on proposals...Rumours also for the past few days that
negotiations were going on with Tom Barry...’ (4 May 1923, 1p);

- memorandum from de Valera telling O'Callaghan to 'make all
arrangements to proceed as soon as possible to the U.S. to act there as
Republican representative’ and summarising O'Callaghan’s duties once there
(16 May 1923, 1p);

- holograph memorandum to de Valera setting out the reasons why he thinks
it unnecessary to send a Representative of the Republican Government to the
U.S.A.; why a Representative should be sent out on a ‘Special Mission’ and
the work he would undertake; and requests that he be relieved of the
appointment as a Special Envoy to the U.S.A. (5 June 1923, 4pp);

Note: some of the copy documents are very faint.

See also P150/1259 for documents relating to the appointment and activities
of former Lord Mayor of Cork, Donal O’Callaghan (Domhnall Ua
Ceallacháin) as Republican Government ‘Special Envoy’ to the U.S.A.
following the death of Laurence Ginnell on 17 April 1923;P150/1726 for
communications between Austin Stack, Minister for Finance and Donal
O’Callaghan, Minister for Local Government and General Secretary
1713  26 May–31 July 1923  Memoranda between de Valera and ‘Counsellor Comyn’ [Michael Comyn, Republican Government legal advisor and member of the Sinn Féin Standing Committee] on:
• the drawing up of a revocation of powers of attorney granted by de Valera to John F. Finerty on 22 October 1922 and arrangements for its application with regard to Donal O’Callaghan, the newly appointed Republican Representative in the U.S.A.;
• the re-organisation of Sinn Féin including the question of the name of the new organisation and the activities of the Standing Committee;
• the sale of No. 6 Harcourt Street, Dublin. ‘I am not sure who owned the building, whether it was the Sinn Fein Bank, or the Sinn Fein Organisation. I was appointed sole Trustee by the Standing Committee in January, 1922. I would like to prevent them from selling the building, if possible, and certainly would not like Cumann na Gaedheal to get possession of it.’
See also P150/1220 for power of attorney, de Valera to Finerty, dated October 1922; revocation of that power & grant of power of attorney to Seán T. O’Kelly, dated 16 September 1924  11 items

1714  25 January & 20 February 1923  Correspondence between the Acting Minister for Local Government Donal O’Callaghan and [Robert Brennan] Director of Publicity mainly on the staffing of the new Department of Local Government.  4 items

1715  25 January–30 March 1923  Communications between Minister for Home Affairs P.J. Ruttledge and Acting Minister for Local Government Donal O’Callaghan on:
• the Minister for Home Affairs proposed proclamations prohibiting outdoor sports and indoor amusements; and announcing measures against robberies;
• staff for the Local Government Department;
• Michael Comyn’s [Republican Government legal advisor] views on whether the payment of rates to Local Bodies is held to be prohibited by the Republican Government Proclamation of 2 December 1922;
• the scheme for the re-organisation of the Courts;
• the development of Local Government policy;
• arrangements for the promulgation of decrees;
• the effect on the General Secretariat of the arrest of ‘S Ó B’ [also O/C/ Foreign Communications] and the need to appoint a new O/C/ Foreign Communications.  22 items
1716 31 January–21 February 1923 Communications between Acting Minister for Local Government Donal O’Callaghan and Sinn Féin Director of Organisation Eamon Donnelly. Donnelly was Sinn Féin Director of Organisation until his arrest on 23 February 1923. He was later appointed Director of Elections. See also P150/1792 for communications between de Valera and Eamon Donnelly 12 items

1717 1–22 February 1923 Communications between Acting Minister for Local Government Donal O’Callaghan and the Director of Chemicals and Munitions on papers belonging to the latter’s brother who was an Inspector in the Department of Local Government. 6 items

1718 4 February–8 June 1923 Dissociated correspondence of Donal O’Callaghan Acting Minister for Local Government. Correspondents include:
- Michael Carolan Director of Intelligence;
- Mrs. Cáit [Kathleen] Brugha;
- Mrs. Tom Clarke;
- ‘C Bhean Ní C’;
- Caitlin de Barra;
- O/C Government Communications;
- ‘P. Ó’M’ O/C/ Britain [Patrick ‘Pa’ Murray];
- Adjutant, 1st Southern Division;
- the Assistant Quarter-Master General.
Note: some of the memoranda are carbon copies and very faint. 35 items

1719 [February]–14 July 1923 Communications mainly between Donal O’Callaghan and ‘S. Ó B.’ and ‘S. de B.’ of the General Secretariat (‘G.S.’); and between de Valera or his secretary, Kathleen O’Connell and the General Secretariat, mainly from the end of June onwards following O’Callaghan’s departure for the U.S.A. as Republican Special Envoy. The main topics are:
- the establishment and staffing of the Local Government Department;
- the development of Local Government policy;
- arrangements for the promulgation of proclamations and decrees;
- the safety of communications and reliability of couriers;
- the appointment of O’Callaghan as Special Envoy to the U.S.A. following the death of Laurence Ginnell in April 1923.
1719 contd. Includes:
– list of letters/codes corresponding to departments or office holders in the Republican Government, as follows: ‘C’ for Chief of Staff; ‘E’ for the Acting Minister for Economic Affairs [Michael P. Colivet]; ‘F’ for the Minister for Finance [Austin Stack and then Michael P. Colivet]; ‘G’ for General Secretariat; ‘H’ for the Minister for Home Affairs [P.J. Rutledge]; ‘L’ for Local Government; ‘P’ for President and ‘R’ for ‘Decrees etc.’ (n.d., 1p);
– monthly estimates and accounts of expenditure of the General Secretariat and the Government Communications Branch;
– report by O’Callaghan on the General Secretariat (15 March 1923, 2pp);
– report on the General Secretariat and Government Communications Branch (30 June 1923, 3pp). 200 items

1720 November 1923, 
February 1924 Letters to de Valera as Minister for Foreign Affairs from:
• ‘D’ [M.W. Doran?] enclosing copy of a letter from a priest in Mount Argus, Dublin recounting an incident whereby Fr. Brendan Keegan an allegedly ‘Republican’ priest was prohibited by the Minister for Home Affairs, Kevin O’Higgins, from giving a Retreat to members of the Dublin Metropolitan Police (15 November 1923, 2pp) and copy of Mary MacSwiney’s ‘formal complaint’ directed at Papal Delegate Mons. Luzio of ‘unjust deprivation of the Sacraments inflicted on…[her]…by the Rev. Fr. Augustine Farrell who claims to be acting under the obedience to the Archbishop of Dublin the Most Rev. Dr. Byrne’ (15 & 16 November 1923, 3 items);
• the Minister for Finance on accounts in the Paris and London offices (26 February 1924, 2pp). 4 items

1721 [6 January 1924] Carbon copy comments consisting of fifty points on the recently published report of the Committee appointed by the Free State government to inquire into the ‘Fiscal Question’, in favour of Sinn Féin support for protection of Irish commerce and industries. Signed by ‘D’ [M.W. Doran?] on 6 January 1924. 4pp

1722 [19] May 1924 Copy of covering letter from [Donal O’Callaghan] Minister for Foreign Affairs to Acting President P.J. Rutledge enclosing a ‘draft memorandum prepared by C[omyn] for presentation to the International Red [Cross]…and the Hague. Personally I do not see that it will help us in any way. As you know, we have tried the Red Cross and failed. The Hague deals only with International Questions and recognition of the Republic would be an essential preliminary
1722 contd. to its case being heard. That, as you will agree, is out of the question…‘M’ [Michael Comyn?]…and L.H.K[erney] are equally sceptical of results from this” (19 May 1924, 1p).

Includes covering letter from Michael Comyn to the Acting President (1p) and copy of the ‘draft Memorial & Protest with reference to the Prisoners’ (7pp).

3 items

1723 6 June, 20 September 1924 Letter from T.P. Walsh, Cumann Poblachta na h-Éireann, Melbourne, Australia, seeking the autograph of Minister for Foreign Affairs Donal O’Callaghan and O’Callaghan’s Secretary’s reply. 2 items, 2pp & 1p

1724 23 March 1925 Copy memorandum from the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs dealing with various topics arising from arrears of correspondence on foreign affairs. 2pp

1725 7 December 1922–[17] April 1923 Copy memoranda from de Valera to Austin Stack, Minister for Finance and Stack’s holograph responses. Topics include:
• Dáil Éireann funds in the U.S.A.;
• a suggestion to apply to the country’s Jewish community for aid for the Republican cause;
• the organisation of financial affairs with regard to the acknowledgement of remittances for sums received by Republican organisations prior to the formation of the Republican Government;
• the separation of ‘the Party expenses from Government expenses’;
• the question of salaries for the members of the Government and foreign representatives;
• Government Estimates;
• the use of credit notes as a set off against claims in taxation;
• the Proclamation of 2 December 1922 concerning income taxes;
• rents and annuities;
• the Revenue Decree (see also P150/1695 for memoranda sent by de Valera to all Ministers and the Chief of Staff seeking their views of the draft Decree);
• instructions to ‘all Representatives of the Republic in foreign countries, and to all Officers, Officials, Citizens or others concerned’ ‘relating to Government moneys, including Army moneys’ (9 March 1923, 2 items, 1p each);
• de Valera’s ‘views on the situation’ on 10 April 1923 – ‘to attempt to carry on with the present prospects of success would be unjustifiable…we must consider how best peace can be made…the decision lies between a “quit” by a
Governmental Proclamation and Army Order to ‘Cease Fire’, or a public Pronouncement by the Government of the basis on which it is prepared to make peace…” (sic).
Also includes correspondence between de Valera, Stack and Michael Comyn [legal advisor to the Republican Government] on the Revenue Decree (5, 8, 28 & 29 January 1923, 4 items); a small amount of correspondence with Stack in his capacity as a Sinn Féin Honorary Secretary; and correspondence between de Valera and various members of the Department of Finance on Stack’s behalf. Stack was arrested in [early April] 1923. The Acting Minister for Economic Affairs, Michael P. Colivet, took over as Acting Minister for Finance on 22 May.
See also P150/1277 for memoranda between de Valera and Edward J. Hearty c.137 items

24 January–21 April 1923 Communications between Minister for Finance Austin Stack and Acting Minister for Local Government, Donal O’Callaghan mainly on arrangements for the staffing of the [Local Government] Department and the furnishing of accounts of the General Secretariat. 12 items

20; 27 June & 2 July 1923 Communications between de Valera and Austin Stack in jail comprising holograph letter from Stack and two carbon copy memoranda from de Valera on conditions in the jail; the organisation of the army (I.R.A.); the pace of ‘Political organisation’; the nomination of a Secretary of Sinn Féin to act in Stack’s place and the re-organisation of Sinn Féin; de Valera’s intention to send a ‘special message to the prisoners very soon…and also a public statement as to the future policy that I would advocate for our party’. States ‘If the Camp organisation & instruction is good, it will be the best school of nationality in a practical sense. You have a wonderful opportunity for giving to all the men reasons for the faith that is in them, reasons which will save them from ever becoming West Britons’ (2 July 1923, 1p). Includes holograph annotation by de Valera on top of memorandum dated 2 July, ‘Stack? 9/6/23’. 3 items, 2pp, 2pp & 1p

7 August 1923 Holograph testimonial letter from Austin Stack to Prof. Arthur Clery (Art O’Cléirigh) ‘to place on record the part which you took in establishing and working the Republican Courts from an early date in 1920, up to their suppression in 1922 by the Southern Free State Government set up by the British Government’. Includes amendments in de Valera’s hand. Also includes typescript copy of letter. See also P150/1653–1656 2 items, 2pp & 1p
Communications between de Valera and Michael P. Colivet Acting Minister for Economic Affairs (‘E.A.’), and from May 1923 Acting Minister for Finance. Communications between de Valera and Colivet in his role as Acting Economic Affairs Minister are mainly on the drafting and publication of a British Boycott Order and a Democratic Programme. The possibility of linking up with Labour on the return of James Larkin from the U.S.A. is the subject of communications dated 20 to 25 January 1923. Other topics include Colivet’s views on the Revenue Decree in response to a memorandum from de Valera circulated to all Ministers and the Chief of Staff dated 8 January 1923 (see P150/1695 for a copy of the memorandum); the truce proposals of the Neutral I.R.A. Members Association in response to de Valera’s letter to ‘All Ministers’ dated 19 February (see copy in P150/1647); and the re-organisation of Sinn Féin.

Colivet took over as Acting Minister for Finance on 22 May 1923, following the arrest of Finance Minister Austin Stack in April, and so corresponds with de Valera in his capacity as Acting Minister for Finance from May onwards.

Includes report by Colivet on the activities of the Ministry of Economic Affairs. ‘Two particular subjects were put to me for attention – advisability & feasibility of enforcing Ulster & British Boycotts, and the elaboration of our 1919 Democratic Programme to meet the needs of the present situation…The Boycott is the only outstanding item of activity and…seems to be very little known…The situation is vastly and radically different from that of former Boycotts. One can easily visualise the difficulties by reflecting that it depends absolutely on the Army to work it, and cannot be effectively worked by them except their own main position is a strong one (sic). In fact all activity hinges on the Army. There is no civil organisation to rely upon. In conclusion, Government Departmental work except in so far as it may help and be helped by the Army seems to be out of the question. Possibly a Minister more competent and instructed in Economic Affairs could make more of the situation, but I doubt it – unless one views the Ministry as a constructive weapon for the future, for an atmosphere in which political work was free to be carried on’ (10 March 1923, 5pp);

– memorandum from de Valera to Colivet confirming the decision of 13 May 1923 that he ‘should take over control of the Finance Department as Acting Minister of Finance and as Director of Finance for the Army’, giving instructions relating to the appointment including the retrieval of a copy of de Valera’s power of attorney granted to John F. Finerty on 22 October 1924, from amongst Austin Stack’s papers (see P150/1220 & 1713 for copies of the power of attorney) (16 May 1923, 1p). c.299 items

Memoranda from Chief of Staff Aiken to Minister for Finance [Michael P. Colivet or Con Murphy]. 2 items, 1p each
Memoranda to de Valera from Acting Minister for Finance, Michael P. Colivet, commenting on some enclosed American newspaper cuttings; the Irish Republican Prisoners’ Dependents’ Fund and an enclosed letter from Donal Hales, Republican Representative in Genoa (3 September 1924, 2pp).

1732

Correspondence between Chief of Staff Frank Aiken and Minister for Home Affairs Austin Stack concerning emigration permits and any possible association between Sinn Féin and the recent dissolution of County Roscommon Health Committee and the sentencing of two of its members for ‘corrupt practices’.

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Correspondence, mostly between Acting President P.J. Ruttledge and Minister for Economic Affairs and Sinn Féin Director of Economic Affairs Robert Barton, often signing himself ‘Fear an oibre’ or ‘Fao’, and from May 1924, between Ruttridge and the Acting Director of Economic Affairs Art O’Connor, mainly concerning the development of a Republican Government/Sinn Féin Economic and Social programme. Includes drafts of the Economic Programme and communications from Michael Comyn [Republican Government legal advisor], the Minister for Finance [Austin Stack or Michael P. Colivet] and the Republican prisoners’ Economic Committee in Hare Park Camp.

Also includes documents on the organisation of the fishing industry, agenda and ‘precis of discussion which took place at meeting of the Industrial Sub-Committee’ on 24 June 1924 (2 items, 1p & 3pp) and carbon copy ‘Report on Inspection of Hare Park and Tintown’ forwarded by the Director of Intelligence to Ruttledge being ‘the report submitted by the Camp O/C which fully explains the prisoners’ attitude and can be used for publicity’ (2 June 1924, 3pp). 

1734

Correspondence between Chief of Staff Frank Aiken and the Acting Director of Economic Affairs Art O’Connor on:
• a proposal to draw up ‘lists of Volunteers whose training for trades or professions were interrupted because of service in the Army or Civil Departments’;
• the appointment of the Adjutant General as Army representative on the Reconstruction Committee of the Irish Republican Prisoners Dependents’ Fund;
• Aiken’s recommendation to set up an Electrical Advisory Committee ‘who would work out in detail plans for the development of electrical power–its
costs and uses. The simplest thing they could start on is electric lighting of towns and villages. After that they could draft a scheme for the promotion of an Electric Fitting and Electric Motor Manufacturing Company…I am quite sure that we send millions of pounds per year out of the country to purchase power for oil and coal for lighting and petrol for motor cars’ (8 September 1924, 1p).

Note: Robert Barton, Minister for Economic Affairs applied for leave of absence from the post of Minister and Sinn Féin Director of Economic Affairs. Art O’Connor was appointed Director of Economic Affairs for Sinn Féin and carried on the duties of the Minister from April 1924.

4 items

1735

[26 February]– 21 March 1925

Communications between de Valera and the Minister for Defence [Seán Lemass?] on the following:
• an appeal for help from Stephen Lally, of Oranmore, Co. Galway, concerning the publication of a history of the Connaught Rangers’ Mutiny of June 1920 by a John Flannery. Lally, who states he was ‘the responsible Leader’ of the mutiny, claims that Flanagan ‘turned King’s Evidence on us in India and I call it a crying shame that he is allowed to write anything about that Noble Mutiny’;
• the ‘draft Army Temporary Regulations’… ‘The object of these Regulations is to regularise the position of the Army in relation to the Government’ (includes copy of the regulations, 12 March 1925, 2 items, 1p each);
• de Valera’s help in solving the problems posed by the Fianna ‘or rather the Fianna Executive and G.H.Q.,…[who]…have lost sight of their original objects which were the training of the youth of Ireland to be good upright citizens. They are now maintaining themselves…as a sort of rival force to the I.R.A…. [and]…have become a source of danger to the whole Republican position and some action will have to be taken to get them under proper and responsible control’ (Minister for Defence to de Valera, 14 March 1925, 2pp).

7 items

1736

20 September 1922– 31 October 1923

Memoranda between de Valera and successive Directors of Publicity [Erskine Childers was appointed Director in de Valera’s Government, Robert Brennan filled the position until end of September 1923, when he went to France for health reasons, Michael P. Colivet took over from the end of November 1923] dealing with the work and organisation of the Publicity Department of the Republican Government, mainly arrangements for the printing and distribution of leaflets, newspapers, posters and other publicity material, securing publicity for the Republican cause and countering Provisional Government propaganda, both at home and abroad. Includes publicity material relating to the arrest, trial and execution of Erskine Childers, the general election of August 1923 and some memoranda between de Valera and P.J. Little, (‘P.J.L.’) [Publicity Department staff member].

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Includes references to articles in, and the production of *An Phoblacht*, *Éire (The Irish Nation)*, *An tÓglach* and the *Bulletin*.  

Also includes:  
– report by Sean de Burca on the organisation and activities of the Publicity Department (30 November 1922, 4pp);  
– carbon copy report on the activities of the Department for the month of January 1923 (1 February 1923, 3pp);  
– memoranda between de Valera, the Director of Publicity and Brian Ó hUiginn (Brian O’Higgins) on Ó hUiginn’s employment as official Irish translator for the Republican Government (1–4 January 1923, 7 items).  

*See also* P150/659 for correspondence between Director of Publicity Mary MacSwiney and Acting President P.J. Ruttledge (MacSwiney was appointed Sinn Féin Director of Publicity on 1 January 1924)  

c.250 items

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### III. Communications with Army G.H.Q.

1922; October 1962  
Republican Army documents relating to the period from [January] and [July] 1922 including reports on military activity, miscellaneous notes and press cuttings. Includes:  
– sixteen questions and answers put by Florrie O’Donoghue to Oscar Traynor relating to the ‘Watching Council appointed about 18th January, 1922’ [two Republicans appointed to attend Army Council meetings with a watching brief ‘as a guarantee that the Republican aim shall not be prejudiced’]; decisions taken at the adjourned meeting of the Army Convention held on 9 April 1922, the ‘Mansion House Convention’ of [18] June 1922, and a ‘further Convention...in the Four Courts’ on [15] June 1922; the G.H.Q. ‘scheme of re-organisation’ undertaken during ‘the early months of 1921’; Traynor’s assessment of the temperament of Liam Lynch; the attack on the Four Courts and the Dublin Brigade (n.d., 3pp);  
– notebook containing miscellaneous notes including notes on constitutional matters and the Army, and rough minutes of Army Council, Executive and other meetings on 8, 9, 17, 19, 20, 21 & 26 June 1922 (26pp). Also includes separate sheet headed ‘Provisional Committee’ with names of individuals from each province (1p).  
Both items found in envelope labelled ‘Important 1922 (Army) Notebook and Provisional Committee list’.  
– copy of the letter sent by eleven I.R.A. officers, headed by Rory O’Connor and Liam Mellows, to the new Minister for Defence Richard Mulcahy requesting the holding of a General Army Convention to consider the resolution (text enclosed) that the Army ‘shall be maintained as the Army of the Irish Republic’, under the control of an Executive appointed by the Convention, which Executive shall ‘draft a Constitution for submission to a subsequent Convention’ (original dated 11 January 1922, 2pp & 1p) and
1737 contd. copy of Mulcahy’s reply proposing a private meeting to discuss the matter, with handwritten annotation [by Erskine Childers?] ‘Interesting as showing Mulcahy recognizes Dáil Éireann as a legal Govt. He has been very keen to get hold of this paper [and] to prevent our using it’ (13 January 1922, 1p);
– photocopies of cuttings from The Freeman’s Journal, The Irish Independent, and An Phoblacht on the summoning of the Army Convention on 26 March 1922, the ‘coherent facts in the history of the Army Crisis’ between 11 January and 26 March as published in An Phoblacht on 29 March 1922, the military position on 3 April, and Liam Mellowes letter of 14 April to the Secretary of Dáil Éireann concerning the conditions ‘upon which the Council is prepared to discuss measures by which unity of the Army may be obtained’ (23 March–23 April 1922, 8 items);
– copies of documents dating to early June relating to efforts to draw up a scheme for the reunification of the Army ([3–12] June 1922, 4 items, 1p each);
– typescript copy of Official Bulletins Nos. 2, 3 & 4 issued from the Field General H.Q., Military Barracks, Clonmel, on operations in the various Divisions ([July] 1922, 3 items, 2pp each);
– typescript copy of a report on a number of ‘enemy’ landings in the south of the country (n.d., 1p);
– report of General H.Q. Staff meeting held in New Barracks, Limerick on 5 July 1922, including reports on operations from the 1st and 2nd Southern Divisions (6 July 1922, 4pp);
– carbon copy list of Divisions and their constituent Brigades, with names of places in Brigade areas (n.d., 2pp). 35 items

1738

23 February–14 March 1922

Copies of minutes of meetings of the Divisional Staff, 1st Southern Division, under Liam Lynch, held on 23 & 27 February, 3 & 7 March 1922. Also attached:
– copy of regulations governing the admittance of Officers and men and visitors to Mallow Barracks (14 March 1922, 1p);
– typescript sheets of instructions and directions including Officers of the Day and their respective duties; duties of sentries, guards and commanders of guards, duties of N.C.O.’s in barracks; manner of arranging bedding, equipment and arms in rooms, ‘Suggested Detail of Officers for Training’ and ‘Suggested Special Equipment for Different Branches’ (n.d., 7pp);
– copies of Óglaigh na h-Éireann blank forms for passes, sick reports, guard reports, charge sheets and orderly officer’s reports, (6 items, 1p each). 18 items

1739

March 1923–August 1924

Copies of agendas and minutes of meetings of the Republican Army Executive held on:
– [March] 1923 (7pp);
– 23–26 March 1923 (2pp)(copy in P150/1758, memoranda between de Valera and Tom Derrig Adjutant General);
1739 contd. – meeting adjourned from 26 March held on 20 April 1923 (2pp);
– 11 & 12 July 1923 (4pp);
– 27–28 January 1924 (8pp);
– 10 & 11 August 1924 (5pp & 2pp) including Chief of Staff Frank Aiken’s report to the meeting (9 August 1924, 4pp).

12 items

1740 27 April–6 June 1923 Typescript copies of minutes of three meetings between the Republican Government and the Army Council held on 26 & 27 April; 13 & 14 May and 30 June 1923. All minutes signed by de Valera, the latest also with holograph annotations. See P150/1752 for draft minutes of the two meetings of the Government and Army Council on 26/27 April and 13/14 May 1923 which Aiken asks de Valera to ‘touch’ up ‘as you are well known to be a good “artist” ’, a comment de Valera notes as a ‘very backhanded compliment!!!’

4 items

1741 1922–1924 Brief synopsis of the history of the Army Executive from 1922 to 1924 and lists of members of successive Executives. Comprises:
– typescript lists of members of the Army Executive and their substitutes appointed at various Conventions between 26 March 1922 and 28 January 1924, as follows:
  • ‘Members of Temporary Executive appointed to frame Constitution’ and members of the Army Council appointed at the ‘First Convention’ on 26 March 1922;
  • ‘Executive Elected At Second Convention 9th, April 1922’;
  • ‘Members of Executive at Outbreak of War June 28th, 1922’;
  • ‘Members who attended Executive Meeting Held 16th–17th, October, 1922 and Substitutes co-opted to replace casualties’;
  • ‘List of members after 16th–17th, October Meeting 1922 and their substitutes’;
  • lists of Executive members and substitutes as on meetings held on: 24–28 March 1923; 20 April 1923; 11 & 12 July 1923, 27 & 28 January 1924;

2 items, 11pp & 2pp

1742 1 February–26 July 1923 Dissociated communications between Army General Headquarters Staff not involving de Valera. Includes handwritten list ([1950s/60s], 1p) of members of Army GHQ staff: Chief of Staff; Deputy and Assistant Chief of Staff; Adjutant General; Assistant A/G; Directors of Organisation, Intelligence and Purchases and Chief Staff Officer, between November 1922 and July 1923 noting dates of arrest of each office holder.

11 items
1743  1 February–30 March 1923  Copies of proclamations and orders issued by the Chief of Staff and Adjutant General with respect to reprisals for the execution of Republican prisoners and action to be taken against newspapers considered hostile to the Republic.

4 items

1744  18 October 1923– 22 March 1924  Despatches, mainly holograph communications to ‘Commandant D.’ from [‘M. Ó’C’], ‘D/P’ or ‘D/Pchs’, Britain. Also includes communications to Commandant D. from [‘J.M.’] O/C Britain. Includes many references to ‘L.H.K.’ [L.H. Kerney, Republican Representative in Paris].

30 items

1745  6 January– 28 August] 1924  Correspondence between members of the Republican Government and Directorate, mostly Acting President P.J. Ruttledge (P. Ó Ruithleis), Chief of Staff Frank Aiken, and Director of Local Government Seán T. O’Kelly (‘D/LG’). The majority of the file comprises communications between Ruttledge and Aiken. The main topics covered include the re-organisation of Sinn Féin especially in relation to by-elections; organisation for the Limerick by-election campaign; refuting the Free State government’s claim that Republican Army forces were responsible for the shooting of British soldiers in Cobh on 21 March 1924; campaigns for the release of de Valera and other Republican prisoners; the boycott of the Tailteann Games and reported divisions in the Free State Government as a result of the Army Mutiny.

Includes correspondence between Rutledge and: Seamus Mac Cathmhaoil (‘S MacC’) (6 items); Daithí Ceannt (‘D.K.’) and Leo Henderson (‘L.H.’) and between Frank Aiken and Minister for Foreign Affairs Donal O’Callaghan (5 items). Also copies of various memoranda from the Acting President issued to all Cabinet members (8 items).

Also includes:
− ‘Report on Scheme of Organisation’ [the Directorate Scheme] (7 February 1924, 4pp);
− questionnaire for United Press of America, with answers supplied by Rutledge (13 March 1924, 9pp) and statement by Rutledge for the Montreal Star (13 March 1924, 1p);
− St. Patrick’s Day message ‘To every member of the Irish Race’ from Acting President P.J. Rutledge (17 March 1924, 1p);
− typescript copy of statement by Acting President Rutledge to the people of Ireland following the result of the Limerick by-election which saw a pro-Treaty majority of 8,000 at the 1923 General election halved. ‘…the result reveals a magnificent national advance and proves conclusively that the accession of support to the Republic is universal, steady, continuous and irresistible’ (30 May 1924, 1p);
1745 contd. – questionnaire with answers by Ruttledge concerning the Boundary Commission (7 June 1924, 3 items);
– copy of memorandum issued by Ruttledge to all Cabinet members giving extracts from a communication to him dated 5 July 1924 from de Valera in Arbour Hill referring to his visiting privileges and those of Austin Stack and warning the Acting President and Chief of Staff not to be captured ‘before we are all out—even if they only kept you 24 hours—would be a victory for them—a certain finality in their campaign (which they have failed to get up to this). Take no chances then. Very hopeful as to the future’ (9 July 1924, 1p);
– memorandum issued by Ruttledge to all Cabinet members – ‘C. meeting will be held as soon as possible after the President’s return, which will be early next week. I suggest that each member of the Cabinet prepare a written report, for meeting, on the work of his Department from the time of the President’s arrest, or in the case of members who were not in a position to take up duties for some time afterwards, from the time of taking over’ (26 July 1923, 1p).
Note: ‘M.C.’ refers to Michael Comyn legal advisor to the Republican government.

1746 April–December 1924 Intelligence reports from ‘M’ – Mrs Molly Childers, widow of Erskine Childers, addressed to members of the Republican Government and Army Executive, mostly Acting President P.J. Ruttledge or de Valera, but also to Chief of Staff Frank Aiken, Director of Intelligence Michael Carolan, Director of Publicity [Mary MacSwiney], Minister for Finance [Michael P. Colivet] and Director of Local Government Donal O’Callaghan. Passes on information largely supplied by two sources referred to as ‘300’ and ‘350’ concerning the activities of the Free State Government, with particular reference to reported enmity and rivalry between Ministers including W.T. Cosgrave, Kevin O’Higgins, Richard Mulcahy and Desmond Fitzgerald, and links between these Ministers and Minister for Industry and Commerce Joseph McGrath or Major-General Liam Tobin. Also refers to Free State relations with other Dominions and with Great Britain, the Free State’s position in the League of nations, the shooting of British soldiers in Cobh, the publication of the Republican newspapers Éire and Sinn Féin and speculation concerning the release of Republican prisoners. Includes a few replies from Rutledge. Also includes typescript copy of a letter from [Molly Childers?] in Chicago to ‘My dear Mother’ describing Republican organisational work performed by the writer in the U.S.A. (April 1924, 2pp).
See also P150/1659 for letters to de Valera from Mrs. Molly Childers following her husband’s execution in November 1922;
P150/1794 for correspondence between de Valera and Mrs. Molly Childers between January and July 1923. c.120 items
1747  22 September–1 October; 7 November 1924  Communications mainly between Director of Purchases, Britain ['M. O C'?] and the [Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs] [Joe Begley?] on remittances forwarded to Republican Representatives, Donal Hales in Genoa and L.H. Kerney in Paris. 8 items

1748  [10–29] November 1924  Communications between Acting President P.J. Ruttledge, and Chief of Staff Frank Aiken, Adjutant General Padraig Ó Muireadhaigh and Director of Publicity Mary MacSwiney, while de Valera was detained in Belfast Jail between 27 October and 28 November 1924. 14 items

1749  9 May 1922–9 April 1923  Memoranda between de Valera and I.R.A. Chief of Staff Liam Lynch ('L.L.') on the military situation, the organisation and administration of the Army, the relationship between the Republican Government and the Army, publicity/propaganda matters, various peace proposals and efforts to arrange a truce, and the organisation of Republican support in America. Also includes memoranda between de Valera and Commandant Moss Twomey ('M.T.') on behalf of Lynch, while the Chief of Staff was in the South in February/March 1923 and holograph despatches from Lynch in Tipperary to Twomey, dated 9 April 1923, the day before he died (3 items).

Topics in detail include:
• arrangements for a meeting between Lynch and de Valera concerning the 'present position of Army under the Executive, and…the general view of the latter on present negotiations' (20 May 1922);
• Frank Aiken and the activities of the 4th Northern Division in Dundalk;
• the establishment of de Valera’s Republican Government on 25 October 1922, the appointment of its various Ministers, Lynch’s objections to the nomination of Robert Barton as Minister for Economic Affairs and Lynch’s reasons for refusing to accept de Valera’s offer of the position of Minister for Defence in the new government;
• the drafting of a proposed ‘Appeal to Free State Soldiers’;
• the extension of the power of Military Courts to inflict the death penalty for possession of arms or ammunition and the subsequent execution of Erskine Childers on 24 November 1922;
• the reaction of the Army Executive to the execution of four Republican prisoners by the Provisional Government and the drafting of a letter dated 27 November 1922, to ‘The Speaker of the Provisional Parliament’ from the Chief of Staff on behalf of the Army Council;
• a proposed hunger-strike by Republican prisoners in Mountjoy Jail;
• the drafting of a standard letter of condolence from de Valera to the relatives of executed Republican soldiers;
• Lynch’s report giving his view on the military position throughout the country comprising brief reports from each Division;
• various ‘peace moves’ including a Gaelic League (Conradh na Gaeilge) Peace Committee proposal for the cessation of hostilities; peace proposals by James G. Douglas; and attempts by the Neutral I.R.A. Member’s Association to arrange a truce;
• the raising of funds for the Army;
• the appointment of various Commanding Officers;
• de Valera’s proposal to declare a temporary cease fire for the Christmas period;
• reports on the general military situation in December 1922;
• Lynch’s proposal to establish a ‘Northern Committee of four or five individuals who have already proven themselves keen on the general situation in the Six-Counties. This could be used as an Advisory Body on any matters requiring attention’;
• the activities of J.J. O’Kelly, Laurence Ginnell, Seán Moylan and [Robert] Briscoe in the U.S.A. and the organisation of support for the Republic in that country through the various Republican organisations such as the A.A.R.I.R. and Clan na Gael (Reorganised);
• the acquisition of arms and ammunition and the role of ‘Jetter’ [John T. Ryan];
• the organisation and administration of the ‘Defence Department’;
• Lynch’s views on the Revenue Decree in response to a memorandum from de Valera circulated to all Ministers and the Chief of Staff dated 8 January 1923 (see P150/1695 for copy of the memorandum);
• methods of countering Free State propaganda;
• the imprisonment of Ernie O’Malley;
• proposals to obstruct train communications;
• a proposal to send Republican representatives to Australia;
• the Belfast Boycott and a boycott on English goods;
• de Valera’s stance on the taking of prisoners and reprisals;
• intelligence reports on the Free State Army;
• administrative arrangements for the operation of the Republican Government;
• the re-organisation of General Head Quarters and Commands in January 1923;
• Republican representation and organisation in Britain;
• Lynch’s tour of the South and his visit to Southern Command H.Q. in February and March 1923, following the arrests of a number of officers of the 1st and 2nd Southern Divisions;
• Lynch’s proposed orders concerning ‘drastic action which would definitely finish executions’, Operation Order No. 17;
• the publication of Liam Deasy’s letter calling for the unconditional surrender of Republican forces;
• Document No. 2;
• attempts to arrange a meeting of the I.R.A. Executive in early March 1923.
Also includes:
– carbon copies of letters to Minister for Defence Richard Mulcahy from Frank Aiken, Commandant of the Fourth Northern Division, on the ‘Position of the 4th Northern Division from January, 1922, to July 17th, 1922’; Aiken’s attempts to call a truce and stop the fighting; his subsequent attempt to remain neutral; his appeal to former members of the I.R.A. now serving under the
1749 contd. Provisional Government to ‘down tools’, and copies of the notices posted up in Dundalk following the recapture of Dundalk barracks and prison by Republican forces, including the notice inviting the people to a public meeting to demand a truce and an end to the fighting, or alternatively, the dissolution of the Dáil and the holding of an election ‘at which the issue shall be the present Constitution’ (6 July–16 August 1922, 10 items);
– carbon copy of memorandum from de Valera to P.J. Rutledge, Minister for Home Affairs, forwarded to Lynch, dealing with the Dáil Éireann external loan; Republican prisoners’ hungerstrike; the Republican Government’s ‘formal protest against the execution of prisoners-of-war…to the Red Cross, or other international organisation at Geneva’; the burning of property of Free State officials and the issue of reprisals; the degree of support for the Republican forces in contrast with those of the Provisional Government and its influence on any peace negotiations (15 December 1922, 2pp);
– report for Lynch by the Divisional Adjutant and Officer Commanding Operations, 1st Southern Division, comprising ‘a general review of the situation existing at present in this Divisional area, with suggestions as to the best methods of dealing with it, in order to ensure that the republic be maintained and that this war be brought to a speedy and successful conclusion’ (31 January 1923, 2pp);
– copy of report by Seán Moylan, Republican Military Attaché in U.S.A., for the Chief of Staff, forwarded to de Valera, summarising the position in the U.S.A. (original dated 16 March 1923, 4pp) and handwritten report by Moylan on attempts to secure artillery, guns and transport and to find ‘J’ ['Jetter’–John T. Ryan] (n.d., 4pp);
– envelope labelled in de Valera’s hand ‘Safe. Very Precious. General Liam Lynch’s last despatches. National Treasures’ containing memorandum (13 April 1923, 1p) to de Valera from Director of Intelligence Michael Carolan, enclosing holograph despatches from Lynch in Tipperary to Twomey reporting on the situation in the Southern Command and arrangements for the meeting of the Army Executive on 10 April 1923; and a holograph memorandum from Lynch to the O/C Britain on the question of his resignation (9 April 1923, 3 items) (see P150/1756 for holograph letter dated 11 May 1923, to de Valera from P. Ó Muireadhaigh (Patrick ‘Pa’ Murray) ‘O/C Britain’ regarding his resignation) Also includes typescript copies of the three despatches, labelled by de Valera ‘Probably Last Dispatches of the C/S’.
Some of the 1922 documents are marked in red ink with de Valera’s delta sign.

1750 1922–24, 1959 Miscellaneous documents relating to Liam Lynch especially his commemoration. Comprises:
– notebook with contents in Lynch’s hand recording subjects dealt with in memoranda and reports between July 1922 and January 1923. Includes references to memoranda sent to the President; the Minister for Finance; the Deputy Chief of Staff; Adjutant General; Assistant Adjutant General; Quarter
1750 contd. Master General; Assistant Director of Intelligence; Director of Engineering; Assistant Director of Organisation; Director of Chemicals; 3rd Southern Division; 1st and 3rd Eastern Divisions; Dublin No. 1 & 2 Brigades and O/C Britain.

Also includes lists of dates and subjects of Chief of Staff’s Operation Orders; Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff’s General Orders; Chief of Staff’s Memoranda and Routine Orders. Also includes some poetry and quotations on the subject of freedom and endeavour and numbers in columns and companies in Cork No. 1 No. 3 & No. 5 Brigades and the 1st Western Division (1922–23, 50pp);

– memorial card with photograph of Commandant-General Liam Lynch. ‘Leader of the Irish Republican Army of Counties Cork, Kerry and Waterford during the Black and Tan Terror, and later Chief of Staff of Irish Republican Army, who died fighting for Ireland on the Knockmealdown Mountains, Tuesday, April 10th, 1923. Age 29 Years’ (1923, 6cm x 9cm);

– black and white print of man standing beside a cross with note on reverse ‘where Liam Lynch fell’ (n.d., 6cm x 10cm);

– handwritten sketch by unknown individual of Liam Lynch’s military career between 1918 and 1921. ‘His wish to discuss every officer’s view point. Slowness in making up his mind. Rigidity when made up. To my mind because of slowness of decision not as good a column O.C. as O’Malley or Barry but because of it eminently suited for position in which eventually placed’ (n.d., 2pp);

– souvenir programme for a Liam Lynch Commemoration Concert held in the Theatre Royal on 30 March 1924 (March 1924, 4pp);

– typescript copies of correspondence relating to the presentation to Taoiseach de Valera by Seán Lynch [brother of the late Liam] of a pair of glasses belonging to Liam Lynch and de Valera’s presentation of the glasses to the National Museum of Ireland (March & June 1959, 3 items, 1p each).

See P150/1752 for typescript drafts of de Valera’s ‘Address to the Army’ following the death of Lynch. 8 items

1751 1923 Black and white photographs of the funeral of Liam Lynch in April 1923. Comprises five prints taken by J.T. Smartt, Dublin as follows, with most captioned on reverse:

– crowds surrounding a car in the street;

– ‘Waterford Pipers Band with flag who took part in the Procession’;

– group of mourners carrying a wreath captioned ‘Wreath from G.H.Q., Mr. G. Daly, Hon. Sec. Sinn Fein on Right’;

– ‘Head of Procession arriving at Graveyard’;

– ‘Government Wreath’ (5 items, 21cm x 16cm each) and two prints captioned as follows:

– ‘The mother and friends of the Late Liam Lynch praying at the graveside’ and

– The grave covered with wreaths’ (2 items, 20cm x 15cm each).

7 items, c.21cm x 16cm
Memoranda between de Valera and Frank Aiken, who succeeded Liam Lynch as Chief of Staff, after Lynch’s death on 10 April 1923.

Also includes communications with Commandant [Moss] Twomey (‘T.’), Director of Intelligence Michael Carolan, Tom Barry (‘T.B.’), Padraig Ó Muireadhaigh, Officer Commanding Britain (‘O.C. B’) and Adjutant General, and later Acting President, P.J. Rutledge.

Subjects dealt with include:
- the wounding and capture of Liam Lynch;
- Aiken’s appointment as Acting Chief of Staff;
- the organisation of the meeting of the I.R.A. Executive on 20 April 1923;
- terms for accepting peace with the Free State;
- the temporary ceasefire and attempts by Republicans to secure terms;
- General Army Order No. 19;
- Free State propaganda and measures to counter such propaganda;
- relations with Republican prisoners and their role before and after the ceasefire, prisoner of war rights, arrangements for returning released prisoners to civilian life, the policy of hungerstriking and communications with prisoners;
- list of members of the Army Executive as constituted at the date of attack on the Four Courts;
- references to Seán Moylan (‘S.M.’);
- the Cease Fire Dump Arms Order issued by Aiken on 24 May 1923 and de Valera’s accompanying address;
- arrangements for the dumping of arms and demobilisation;
- Aiken’s decision to allow himself to be captured by Free State troops, de Valera’s reasons why the proposed action is ‘almost unthinkable’ and his belief that it was more important to organise an employment and relief bureau in co-operation with the Irish Republican Prisoners’ Dependents’ Fund Committee;
- reports from Padraig Ó Muireadhaigh, O/C Britain;
- a ‘form of undertaking enemy are putting to our boys in prison’;
- the future position of the Army (I.R.A.), its re-organisation, finance, training, recruiting and discipline;
- Tom Barry’s ‘views on the present position and…suggestions as to the future policy namely the ‘releasing of the army from its allegiance to the Republican Gov[ernmen]t’ enabling it to ‘enter into negotiations on…Amnesty and Arms…without touching the national issues involved’ (8 June 1923, 2pp) and the reaction of Aiken and de Valera (13 & 14 June 1923, 3 items); and further communications to and from Barry, culminating in Barry’s resignation from the Army Executive Council, Army Council and as an officer of the I.R.A., on 11 July 1923;
- ‘civic organisation’—‘The main work of the arm, next to securing employment for the men should be to assist actively in building up the S[inn] F[éin] organisation’ (de Valera to Aiken, 21 June 1923, 1p);
- General Order No. 20 to all Officers Commanding Divisions, and Independent Brigades—‘any officer or man who seeks to usurp the powers or authority of General Army Convention, Executive, or Government and Army Council, by obstructing the decisions and policy of those bodies, attempting
to seduce volunteers from their allegiance, or by doing any act or making any statement prejudicial to the maintenance of discipline in the Army will be suspended pending court-martial’ (22 June 1923, 1p);
• the poor health of the Minister for Home Affairs, P.J. Ruttledge;
• arrangements for a meeting of the Government and Army Council on 30 June 1923;
• the re-organisation of Sinn Féin, the drafting of ‘Instructions’ on the topic to Officers Commanding Divisions, and Sinn Féin’s proposed policy with regard to the upcoming elections;
• the General Election of August 1923;
• permits for Volunteers to leave Ireland;
• the contents of a reprinted Fianna handbook and the re-organisation of Na Fianna Éireann;
• General Order No. 23—on the ‘Punishment of Volunteers Guilty of Robbery or Espionage’ (4 August 19231p);
• statements by Aiken to I.R.A. members, hungerstriking Republican prisoners and the public.

Also includes:
– typescript drafts of de Valera’s ‘Address to the Army’ following the death of Lynch. With holograph amendments, signed by de Valera (12 April 1923, 4 items, 1p each);
– holograph letter to de Valera from Tom Barry refuting rumours that he is ‘concerned in some negotiations with the Free State people’. Also includes de Valera’s reply (9 May 1923, 2 items, 2pp & 1p);
– copies of letters to Aiken from members of the Army Executive in Mountjoy Jail on receipt of a draft ‘Proposed terms of Agreement’ from Aiken. Comprises letters from Tom Derrig, Pax Whelan, Michael Kilroy and Ernie O’Malley (13 & 14 May 1923, 2 items);
– holograph report to Aiken from Mary MacSwiney on her visit to the [ ] Convention in Glasgow. Includes references to the change in O/C Britain (25 June 1923, 3pp);
– draft minutes of the two meetings of the Government and Army Council on 26/27 April and 13 /14 May 1923 (2 items, 2pp & 1p) which Aiken asks de Valera to ‘touch’ up ‘as you are well known to be a good “artist” ’, a comment de Valera notes as a ‘very backhanded compliment!!!’ (26 June 1923, 1p) (see P150/1740 for minutes of meeting of the Government and Army Council on 26/27 April; 13 & 14 May and 30 June 1923);
– draft reports by P.J. Ruttledge, Adjutant General, on the meeting of the Army Executive held on 11/12 July 1923 (14 July 1923, 2 items).

195 items

November, 1753

Memoranda between Chief of Staff Frank Aiken and de Valera following the latter’s release from Arbour Hill in July 1924 concerning:
• relations between the Republican Government Cabinet and the I.R.A. Executive; the appointment of G.H.Q. staff and the communication of resolutions adopted at meetings of the I.R.A. Executive;

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1753 contd. • disciplinary action taken against Oscar Traynor following his release from jail after signing of a form of undertaking and the question of Traynor’s selection as a candidate for the North Dublin constituency (see also P150/1761 for communications between de Valera and the Adjutant General on the latter);
  • the preparation of a Code of Regulations for the Army (I.R.A.);
  • Kevin O’Higgins’ statement ‘purporting to be a reply to President de Valera’s demand for the release of prisoners in great Britain and Ireland’ in which he apparently inferred that ‘the President...deliberately refrained from specifying the particular persons who should be released...the devilish innuendo being that there is no distinction between the most criminal of these and...Volunteers of the Irish Republican Army’;
  • the question of responsibility for debts contracted by Republican forces;
  • the raising of funds in Co. Louth for the ‘Daily Paper project’;
  • Tom Barry’s involvement in the organisation of the ‘Bandon Memorial Meeting’ on 12 October 1924;
  • notification served by the Free State authorities to relatives of executed Republicans that ‘if they make a claim before the 20th [October 1924]...the bodies will be handed over to them. If not, that they will be buried by the military (Free State)’;
  • Aiken’s report on the mortal wounding of Seán Hales by Volunteers of the Dublin Brigade Active Service Unit on 7 December 1922 and General Headquarters’ acceptance of ‘full responsibility for the shooting of every Free State soldier who was shot by our men during the campaign June 28th. 1922–May 28th. 1923, and for every other authorized act carried out by Volunteers during that campaign, including those measures taken to defend the lives of our comrades who were helpless prisoners of war’ (18 October 1924, 1p);
  • the composition and duties of the Army Council includes list of clauses or regulations relating to the Council, [draft for possible inclusion in the Constitution of Óglaigh na hÉireann?] (n.d., 1p);
  • the framing of the ‘Draft Army Constitution’.

Also includes typescript copy of letter to Aiken from de Valera confirming his appointment as Chief of Staff and the ratification of his appointment as Minister for Defence at a meeting of Comhairle na dTeachtaí (23 August 1924, 1p). Aiken’s dispatches are numbered from P/62 onwards.

65 items

1754 May–November 1923 Holograph communications between Chief of Staff Frank Aiken and Ernie O’Malley on the Republican prisoners hungerstrike of Autumn 1923.

See also P150/1752 which includes copies of letters to Aiken from members of the Army Executive in Mountjoy Jail on receipt of a draft ‘Proposed terms of Agreement’ from Aiken.

4 items
January 1925–May 1926 Communications between de Valera and Chief of Staff Frank Aiken on the following topics:

- Aiken’s resignation as Minister for Defence on 20 February 1925, the Aiken/de Valera Agreement signed as members of the Army Council on the same date, and the appointment of Seán Lemass as temporary Minister for Defence;
- the shooting of a Dr. Muldoon of Mohill in March 1923;
- ‘Republican Loan registration by F[ree] S[tate], the Government of the Republic cannot recognise the Free State Minister of Finance as the legitimate registering authority. We cannot accordingly advise or recommend that any claim be made on him for registration of subscriptions to the “Internal Loan of 1919 of the Government of the Republic” ’ (20 & 23 February 1925);
- organisation for the upcoming General Election in the six Northern Counties;
- the Limerick Agreement of July 1922;
- the resignation of the O.C. South Dublin Brigade and the appointment of a replacement in November 1925.

Includes correspondence between the Chief of Staff and others, forwarded to de Valera.

Also includes:
- holograph letter from Aiken to de Valera resigning ‘from the appointment of Minister for Defence … I feel I am not able to do my work as Chief of Staff efficiently and at the same time devote sufficient thought and attention to the Defence department as a whole’ (20 February 1925, 1p) and de Valera’s reply accepting the resignation, having decided to adopt Aiken’s ‘suggestion of separating the offices of C/Staff and M/Defence and making a temporary appointment to the latter’ (20 February 1925, 1p);
- holograph text by de Valera of agreement in the name of de Valera and Aiken as members of the Army Council, containing the following five clauses: ‘1. That the Government is accepted as controlling authority for the Army. 2. That the offices of M/D. and C/S. be separated, and that the resignation of C/S. as M/D. be accepted and a temporary appointment as M/D. be made. 3. That military matters only be discussed by Volunteers (staffs, councils, parades, etc.) whilst assembled as soldiers. 4. That matters political be discussed only after the formal “dismiss” is given, when the Volunteers revert to groups of citizens. 5. That draft army regulations be drawn up for approval of Army Council and submission to Govt.’ Signed de Valera and Aiken (20 February 1925, 1p);
- typescript draft of ‘Army Council Report to General Army Convention, Autumn, 1925’. Recounts ‘some of the principal events that have occurred since the Treaty in which the General Army Convention, Army executive or Army Council had to make grave decisions, so that the delegates here present may be reminded of them and keep them before their minds whilst they are planning the future’.

Stamped ‘Dept. Chief of Staff 22 Sep. 1925’ and forwarded to de Valera (September 1925, 10pp).

35 items
1756
11 May 1923  
Holograph letter to de Valera from Padraig Ó Muireadhaigh, O/C Britain, concerning his resignation.  
1p

1757
21 May–10 July 1924  
Communications between Acting President P.J. Ruttledge and Adjutant General Padraig Ó Muireadhaigh (Patrick ‘Pa’ Murray, P.Ó M) on organisation and results of various by-elections; arrears of pensions for Republicans; a boycott of G.A.A. inter-county matches in protest at the continued detention of Republican prisoners and the Republican boycott of the Tailteann Games.  
23 items

1758
13 October 1922–6 August 1923  
Communications between de Valera and Acting Adjutant General Tom Derrig (Tomás Ó Deirg, T.ÓD.) and, following his capture on 6 April 1923, his successor P.J. Ruttledge (Pádraig Ó Ruithleis, P. ÓR). [Ruttledge changed from Assistant A/G to A/G sometime between 9 and 16 May 1923.] The reference number of dispatches from the A/G to the President is ‘AP’ (i.e. AP 2, AP 3 etc.). Also includes some memoranda from de Valera to the Assistant A/G in November 1922 [Tom Derrig] and January 1923. Main topics covered include:

• the appointment of a Director of Publicity following the execution of Erskine Childers;
• co-operation between the Army and the Government on the question of publicity and the adoption of a more secure cipher for the transmission of correspondence;
• the execution of Republican prisoners;
• propaganda and publicity matters;
• the formation of an All Ireland Relief Committee;
• the expulsion of T.D.’s who have taken the oath of allegiance;
• terms of a proposal for a truce submitted by the Neutral I.R.A. Members’ Association aka the ‘ex-I.R.A. Men’s Association’ and the Old I.R.A. Members’ Association’;
• reaction to the peace proposals put forward by de Valera and published in the press on 17 February 1923;
• Document No. 2;
• the Chief of Staff’s tour of the South;
• Seán Moylan and ‘Jetter’–[John T. Ryan];
• arrangements for meetings of the Executive;
• copy of minutes of meeting of the I.R.A. Executive on 23 March 1923 (see also P150/1739 for minutes of Executive meetings held between March and July 1923 and in August 1924);
• administrative arrangements following the capture of the offices of the Adjutant General and Chief of Staff in April 1923;
• alleged attacks by Republicans in the south Dublin area;
• communications with Mary MacSwiney;
• the contesting of the forthcoming elections.  
c.73 items
1759
6–12 October; 20–24 November 1922
Holograph dispatches from [Adjutant General Con Maloney] (‘C. O’M’) to de Valera or ‘C. Ó.’–[Kathleen O’Connell]) concerning Miss O’Connell’s salary; Eamon Donnelly; a raid on his parents’ house; money ‘for the Republic’ from the U.S.A.; the composition of the Republican Government’s Cabinet and other administrative arrangements.

1760
24 February 1923
Holograph letter to Adjutant General Con Maloney from Robert Barton in Mountjoy Jail outlining the contents of a memorandum he sent de Valera in September 1922 on the Oath of Allegiance. Refers to Ernie O’Malley, ‘Of all the prisoners here Ernie is in the worst shape and the best spirits. He makes no progress towards convalescence and a good game of chess tires him out. No atrocity is too atrocious for the F.S. Army Council, even to try a man who is too weak most days to get up for even one hour in the day. If they try him within 6 weeks or two months, they will have to carry him to court. He is a favourite with everyone except the black coated individual who passes for a man of God!…Is it true that the English Law Advisers have declared the Boundary Clause in the Treaty ‘ultra vires’ it should knock another leg from under the Free State. Poor A[rthur] G[riffith] would turn in his grave. He looked upon the Boundary Commission as the grace of Carsinism (sic).’

See also P150/1891 for communications between de Valera and Robert Barton in Mountjoy Jail in February 1923 and from Hare Park Internment Camp in June 1923

1761
[25 August] 1924–22 January 1925
Communications between de Valera or his Secretary Joseph ‘Joe’ Begley and Adjutant General Padraig Ó Muireadhaigh (Patrick ‘Pa’ Murray, P. Ó’M), following de Valera’s release from Arbour Hill in July 1924. Communications concern administrative matters including:
• the summoning of a General Army Convention in September 1924;
• the arrest of Bob Lambert T.D. for Wexford, and the question it raises relating to the recommendation by the I.R.A. Executive to the Republican Government not to allow Volunteers charged with acts committed under orders to defend themselves;
• the production of memorial cards;
• intelligence reports on a German citizen Ernest Kraatz, former resident of Tipperary, who was refused a permit by the Free State authorities to enter Ireland;
• funding for Ernie O’Malley to ‘leave the country for 3 or 4 months in order that he may recuperate somewhat to stand the strain of his next operations’;
• the question of the selection of Oscar Traynor as the Republican candidate for the North Dublin constituency and the issues it raises relating to the relationship between the Republican Government and the Army. ‘The discussion of political matters is, properly, not one for General Headquarters
Staff...The Headquarters Staff, as such, should confine itself strictly to military matters. Political questions, so far as they affect the Army, are matters for the Army Council to advise the Government on’ (letter from de Valera to the Adjutant General dated 13 January 1925, 1p).

Includes:

– carbon copy memorandum to Chief of Staff Frank Aiken, forwarded to de Valera by the Adjutant General, on the position of the Republican Government and its relationship with Sinn Féin. Memorandum is annotated by de Valera. The Adjutant General states ‘I had certain fears about the Government and Political Party…I felt sooner or later a clash would occur on what I considered fundamentals. In order to avoid that clash I tendered my resignation. You refused to accept it and at your request I continued to act as A/G. Since then my fears, instead of lessening, have increased, particularly during your absence from G.H.Q.. During the period of hostilities and up to the time of the releases in February, the Government did all in its power to maintain its position. With the releases the idea of working into the open...got root and a Sinn Fein Directorate...was established, controlled by the Government in the background...When the General releases did take place, the Government instead of immediately assuming control and coming into the open...decided to work under the guise of Sinn Féin. Everything of a Governmental stamp or anything pertaining to the Republic was put aside, even to the extent of abolishing Governmental notepaper. It was easy to see that the Government were becoming political in outlook and that the danger now was, not from the Sinn Fein Directorate, but from the Government itself. It was beginning to submerge itself and all it stood for. The Government has ceased to operate as a Government, to issue statements or to correspond as a Government. They have even refused to correspond with the Army as a Government...It has become the head of the Sinn Fein Organisation and that only...They must be either the Government or the Political party. As the Government they will get the full allegiance of the Army. As a Political party masquerading as a Government, they may get certain benefits in America, or even in Ireland, but they cannot get the full allegiance of those who accept the Government as representing fully that for which they have fought, for the last 8 or 9 years...They must face the facts, they must discuss the matter fully and forget their policy of Hush. Now is not the time for concealing anything. They must be the Government of the Political Party’ (19 January 1925, 3pp);

– carbon copy memorandum from Minister for Finance Michael P. Colivet to the Adjutant General, forwarded to de Valera, in answer to complaints put forward by the Adjutant General concerning the furnishing of accounts on behalf of the Army to the Minister for Finance (22 January 1925, 3pp).

39 items
1763  22 January–19 July 1923  Memoranda between de Valera and the I.R.A. Director of Intelligence, Michael Carolan (‘M.C.’). The reference number of dispatches from Carolan is ‘K’ (i.e. ‘K/17, K/18 etc.). Includes references to:

- peace moves by ‘Mr. Swaine K.C.’;
- peace proposals by prisoners in Limerick Jail and their letter to Liam Deasy;
- intelligence information on the ‘Neutral I.R.A. Members’ Association’ [or the ‘ex-I.R.A. Men’s Association’ or ‘Old I.R.A. Members’ Association’]
- the arrest of the Adjutant General [Tom Derrig];
- arrangements for meetings of the I.R.A. Executive;
- Sean Moylan and ‘Jetter’–[John T. Ryan?];
- O/C Britain [Padraig Ó Muireadhaigh];
- codewords and communications;
- Republican prisoners including prisoners’ protests to Monsignor Luzio [Papal Delegate]; a memorandum from the Deportees’ Committee [a committee representing the deportees from Britain at present in Mountjoy Jail] to the Republican Prisoners’ Council in Mountjoy, on the ‘present position of the Deportees and the Deportees’ Committee in the wing and in relation to the wing Council and the Prison authorities’; prison conditions and inspections by the Red Cross;
- the degree to which the current Executive represents the views of the officers and men of the army;
- an apparent plea from Cardinal Gasparri to the Free State Government to accept ‘De Valera’s Peace proposals’ (5 May 1923, 1p);
- a report that Tom Barry, ‘Operations Officer Southern Command is…discussing peace with certain people, mostly members of the I.R.B. amongst whom is Sean Hegarty of Cork’ (7 May 1923);
- morale amongst the members of the I.R.A.;
- Desmond Fitzgerald in Rome;
- the actions of Mary MacSwiney in urging officers to ‘sign a form pledging themselves to resume hostilities immediately as they ‘have been let down by the Government, Army Council & GHQ”’;
- a report by Carolan summarising the ‘effects produced in various quarters by peace proposals’;
- a warning to de Valera from ‘Professor Maginess T.D.’ with regard to his personal safety and Maginess’ position in relation to the ‘Murder Bill’;
- the question of whether or not to take part in the upcoming elections;
- text of letter of support and encouragement by de Valera, addressed to inmates of ‘all Camps & Prisons’. ‘The camps should be converted into miniature universities…The future is with the party that is most intelligent and of most value to the nation…But all the intelligence in the world will not be sufficient unless we organise thoroughly. I give you education, temperance, organisation as your mottos’ (sic) (18 July 1923, 3pp).

c.58 items
1764 21 July–11 October 1924 Communications between Director of Intelligence Michael Carolan and de Valera following the latter’s release from Arbour Hill on 16 July 1924. Comprises intelligence reports mainly on the number of Republican prisoners, their campaign for treatment as political prisoners, and the conditions under which they are being held in Mountjoy, Maryboro, Waterford, Sligo and Peterhead. 15 items

1765 20 May–2 August 1924 Communications between Acting President P.J. Ruttledge and Director of Intelligence Michael Carolan. Includes references to the Limerick by-election campaign. Also includes copy of list of ‘Particulars of Prisoners sentenced or awaiting trial as criminals, classifying them under the following headings: (a) Those who acted under orders and for whom responsibility can be accepted, (b) Those whose cases must be investigated and (c) Criminals for whom no responsibility can be accepted’. List forwarded by ‘K S/Comdt. for D/Intelligence’ (2 August 1924, 2 items, 1p & 7pp). 7 items

1766 17 & 20 September 1924 Note to ‘D’ [M.W. Doran] from the Director of Intelligence Michael Carolan inquiring if ‘we have any official or even a friend in Germany (similar to Kerney in France) who is in a position & willing to give advice on German commercial matters?’ (17 September 1924, 1p) and copy of reply to the Director of Intelligence from the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs suggesting he contact Kerney in France (20 September 1924, 1p). [L.H. Kerney was Republican Representative in Paris]. 2 items, 1p each

1767 1 January–31 July 1923 Communications between de Valera and Tom Crofts, Officer Commanding and subsequently Director of Communications [also O/C 1st Southern Division]. Includes references to:
• the proposed organisation of army and civil communications;
• administrative arrangements for the O/C Foreign Communications;
• ‘City’ and ‘Country’ communications;
• the capture of Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and arrangements concerning the meeting of the Executive;
• communications with the Southern Divisions;
• arrangements for the meeting of the Executive on 20 April;
• communications with O/C Britain;
• the contest of the forthcoming elections. 23 items
1768 11–20 April 1923  Memoranda between de Valera and Director of Organisation Seán Dowling (Eoin Ó Dúnlaing, E. Ó’D). Also includes communications from the D/O to the Minister for Home Affairs.
Includes references to:
• the capture of Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and the state of organisation in the Southern Command;
• the capture of Adjutant General Tom Derrig;
• arrangements for a meeting of the Executive on 20 April 1923—‘it seems extraordinary that they [members of the Executive]…should persist in the desire to hold this meeting in the only area in Ireland where there is any activity and where a dug out and prisoners seem to be captured every day’ (holograph memorandum from Dowling to de Valera dated 20 April 1923).
15 items

IV. Cabinet meetings

1769 31 August 1923–  Agendas and very brief minutes of or notes on 28 November 1924 Republican Cabinet meetings held on 31 August 1923; 26 September 1923; 11 & 18 November 1923; 8 & 9 December 1923; 10 January 1924; [3 February 1924]; 2 March 1924; 16 May 1924; 29 June 1924 and 28 November 1924. Also includes draft statements to the people of Ireland (n.d., 4 items) and copy of a report on the Department of Foreign Affairs considered at the meeting of 31 August 1923.
21 items

1770 1925  Envelope labelled ‘Cabinet Meetings. January–March 1925’ containing rough holograph notes by de Valera concerning Cabinet meetings on the following dates: 8 January 1925; 13 January 1925, postponed to 20 January 1925; 24 February 1925; 16 March 1925[5].
13pp & envelope
V. Communications with overseas representatives

1771 November 1922–October 1925 Communications between L.H. Kerney (L.H. Ó Cearnaogh) and de Valera, Donal O’Callaghan Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Michael P. Colivet Minister for Finance, concerning Kerney’s activities as Republican Representative in Paris. The main topics are Kerney’s expenses in maintaining the consulate in Paris, his attempts to encourage trade links between Ireland and France and coverage of Irish affairs in French newspapers. Includes memorandum from de Valera dated 31 May 1923 stating ‘The Minister for Finance has warned me that it will be impossible, owing to the drain on our resources at home, to continue our foreign establishments even on the present scale. He suggests closing them down out of hand. Realising how important it is to have Ireland represented abroad, I am most reluctant to take this course. However, I must give you notice that after September next your appointment and establishment can only be continued, if at all, on a monthly basis, and you will make your arrangements accordingly’. The later correspondence mainly concerns arrangements for the closing down of the Paris office at 4 rue de la Terrasse for ‘considerations of economy’ and Kerney’s position as ‘Honorary’ Representative of the Republic. c.244 items

1772 7 April–4 August 1924 Copies of regular information Bulletins (no. 151–no. 164 and no. 166) issued by Republican Representative L.H. Kerney from his office at 4 Rue de la Terrasse, Paris. Bulletins were circulated to European newspapers, French politicians and other individuals. 18 items

1773 14 April–5 August 1924 Letters from L.H. Kerney to the editor of Sinn Féin for publication in that paper. Letters contain reports of Kerney’s activities, information on French press coverage of Irish affairs and accounts of developments in French politics. 26 items

1774 13 February–20 June 1923 Despatches from de Valera to Donal Hales (Domhnall MacHales) on his activities as Republican Representative in Genoa, mainly on financial arrangements following the ‘sealing of the funds of the London office’. 5 items
1775 31 March–21 July 1923 Despatches from de Valera to C.B. Dutton on the scaling-down of operations of the London Office as a result of the straitened financial circumstances of the Republican Government. Dutton was appointed Art O’Brien’s deputy following O’Brien’s arrest. 6 items

1776 5 September 1923– 15 September 1924 File on the Republican movement in Britain, concerning attempts to organise the Irish Freedom League, and to the League’s relationship with the Irish Self-Determination League of Great Britain. The majority of the correspondence involves the Secretary of the Irish Freedom League, Brian Hannigan (‘B.H.’ or ‘M.B.H.’), and the Minister for Foreign Affairs Donal O’Callaghan. Others involved include C.B. Dutton, Art O’Brien, Mary MacSwiney and Seán T. O’Ceallaigh. c.250 items

1777 January 1925– October 1926 Correspondence between de Valera and the newly appointed Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Seán T. O’Kelly, Envoy of the Republican Government in the U.S.A., on the Republican funds litigation; the organisation of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic and Clan na Gael; relations between the different Republican organisations; fundraising drives in the U.S.A. including Mary MacSwiney’s U.S. tour; elections in Ireland and the establishment of an Advisory Council ‘consisting of representatives of the principal Republican organisations…to be the chief executive Republican authority’ in December 1925.

Includes copies of letters sent to O’Kelly and forwarded by him to de Valera, from Luke Dillon Secretary of Clan na Gael (3 February 1925, 1p); John F. Finerty (8 June 1925, 3pp); and Martin Conboy (11 June 1925, 1p). Telegrams to de Valera from William P. Lyndon, Illinois State Treasurer, A.A.R.I.R. on the Illinois State Convention and from Captain Denis Molloy, Chairman, and Joseph Begley, National Secretary, A.A.R.I.R. on the 5th National A.A.R.I.R. Convention (July 1925, 3 items). Copies of credentials and letters of instructions for Joseph O’Doherty and Frank Aiken (‘F.A.’), newly appointed members of the Republican Mission in December 1925, and letters to O’Kelly following de Valera’s resignation as President of Sinn Féin and the foundation of Fianna Fáil (16 April, 27 May & 24 October 1926, 3 items, 2pp each).

Also includes some correspondence between O’Kelly and de Valera marked ‘Personal’ (10 February; 11 & 14 March; 10, 22 & 30 April; 22 May & 24 June 1925) and personal letters from O’Kelly to Kathleen O’Connell (12 March & 20 May 1925).

Note: A number of O’Kelly’s dispatches to de Valera have been annotated by de Valera. ‘Parson’ probably refers to Fr. Michael O’ Flanagan. ‘Mary’ and ‘Our lady friend’ refers to Mary MacSwiney, ‘J.B.’ to Joseph Begley,

VI. Dáil Éireann and I.R.A. accounts

1778 December 1922– December 1923 Monthly financial statements for Dáil Éireann, Government of the Republic of Ireland, including detailed breakdown of Departmental expenditure. Also includes statement of receipts and expenditure for the period of seven months June to December inclusive 1923 and financial statement for President’s Department, April 1923.

See also P150/1725 for correspondence between de Valera and Minister for Finance Austin Stack (until his arrest in April 1923); P150/1729 for correspondence between de Valera and (Acting) Minister for Finance Michael P. Colivet (from May 1923). 21 items

1779 [1923], January– December 1924 Monthly and half-yearly statements of accounts for Dáil Éireann and the I.R.A. for 1924 and copies of some accounts for 1923. Comprises:

– carbon copy memorandum from Acting Minister for Finance Michael P. Colivet to Acting President P.J. Ruttledge enclosing the ‘Estimate for April’. Notes ‘S/Féin will be bound to come looking for more money, and I think you should now make it a condition of further loans that their finances are put definitely in charge of D/F. S/F’ [Director of Finance, Sinn Féin] (1 April 1924, 1p);

– carbon copy memoranda from Acting Minister for Finance Michael P Colivet to Acting President P.J. Ruttledge (28 July 1924, 1p) enclosing accounts ‘for half-year ending June 30th. Last, Civil and Army…I append a comparison with last year. The figures of first period 1923 are really “net issues” and not “nett expenditure”, as the a/cs for that period were not kept in a way suitable for abstracting nett expenditure; but the differences are really immaterial for general purposes’.

Encloses copies of Dáil Éireann Statements of accounts for the half-year January to May and the half-year June to December 1923 (4 items) and Dáil Éireann, Statements of Acs for Half-Year Jan–June (inclusive) 1924 consisting of: I. Gross Receipts & Issues by Aire Airgid. II. Nett receipts & Expenditure. Dáil Éireann. III. Summary of Departmental Receipts & Expenditure. IV. Detailed Expenditure of each Dept., excluding Army, which is accounted for separately’ (19 July 1924, 4 items) and ‘Irish Republican Army Statement of A/cs for Half-Year January to June 1924, consisting of: I. Gross Receipts & Issues by Director of Finance. II. Nett Receipts &
IV. Detailed expenditure of each Department (19 July 1024, 3 items);
  − Cash Summary ‘Eire’ A/C Jan/Dec 1923 (1p) and ‘Éire’ Trading a/c Jan/Dec 1923 (1p);
  − ‘Dáil Éireann Summary of Accounts’, monthly for the months January to September 1924. Endorsed by ‘MPC’ Michael P. Colivet, Acting Minister for Finance (January–September 1924, 15 items, 1f. each);
  − ‘Dáil Éireann Cash Accounts’, monthly for the months February to September & November to December 1924. Most endorsed by ‘MPC’ Michael P. Colivet. The August account has a covering note attached, from Michael P. Colivet to de Valera (February–December 1924, 17 items, 1p each);
  − I.R.A. Summary of Accounts, monthly for the months January to July 1924. All endorsed by ‘MPC D/F’ – Michael P. Colivet, Director of Finance for the Army (January–July 1924, 7 items, 1f. each);
  − I.R.A. Cash Accounts’, monthly for the months February to December 1924. Most of the February–August accounts are endorsed by Director of Army Finance Michael P. Colivet, September–November are certified correct by Sean MacBride, Director of Army Finance, sanctioned by Chief of Staff Frank Aiken and accepted by Acting Minister for Finance Michael P. Colivet. The September account has a covering note attached from Acting Minister for Finance and Director of Finance for the Army Michael P. Colivet, to Minister for Finance Austin Stack (February–December 1924, 12 items).

78 items

1780 [1924] & January–September 1925 Monthly and half-yearly statements of accounts for Dáil Éireann and the I.R.A. for 1925 and copies of some accounts for 1924. Comprises:
  − Dáil Éireann Statements of Accounts for the half-year ending 31 December 1924 (31 January 1926, 8pp);
  − Dáil Éireann Statement of Accounts for the half-year January to June 1925 sent by Minister for Finance Michael P. Colivet to Kathleen O’Connell for de Valera (31 July 1925, 6pp);
  − handwritten Dáil Éireann monthly ‘Cunntas an Airgid’ for the months of January to June, August and September 1925 (July missing), for circulation between ‘P, MHA, MEA, CS’ [de Valera, President, the Minister for Home Affairs, AO’C, the Minister for Economic Affairs and Chief of Staff Frank Aiken] (January–September 1925, 9pp);
  − monthly I.R.A. Statements of Accounts for the months ending 31 January, 30 February & 31 March 1925. Each sheet certified correct by I.R.A. Director of Finance Seán MacBride, sanctioned by Chief of Staff Frank Aiken and accepted by Minister of Finance Michael P. Colivet (3 February–10 March 1925, 3 items, 1p each);
  − Copy ‘Financial Statement of the Cash Accounts of the I. R. Army for the Month Ending May 31st, 1925’ (1p);
1780 contd. – monthly Statements of the Cash Accounts of the Ministry of Defence for June to September 1925. Sanctioned by Minister for Defence and accepted by Minister for Finance Michael P. Colivet (4 items, 1p each);
– Reconstruction Committee. ‘Total Amount of Receipts to 11th March 1925’ (1p) and ‘Total amount of Loans to 11th March 1925’ (1p).
21 items

5 items

22. REORGANISATION OF SíNN FÉIN,
PEACE MOVES AND CEASEFIRE,

November 1922 – August 1923

Cuttings from Irish and British newspapers on political events in Ireland. Cuttings have been pasted onto blank sheets. Newspapers not identified in many cases.

1782 November 1922 c.200pp
1783 December 1922 c.200pp
1784 January 1923 c.150pp
1785 February 1923 c.150pp
1786 March 1923 c.150pp
1787 April 1923 c.150pp
1788 May 1923 c.150pp
1789 June 1923 c.75pp
1790 January–August 1923


Subjects include the degree of support for the Irish Free State and the Republic; the Anglo-Irish Treaty; the Oath of Allegiance; the background to the civil war and the prospect for a truce; Republican party policy; associations with the U.S.A. and revolutionary movements in Italy; Republican prisoners; the General Election of August 1923 and countering various claims of Free State Minister for Foreign Affairs Desmond Fitzgerald.

59 items

1791 8 February–2 August 1923

Texts and draft texts of various statements issued by de Valera during 1923.

Includes:

– ‘Statement by Mr. De Valera on the Registration of the Anglo-Irish Treaty with the League of Nations’. Incomplete (n.d., 1p);
– drafts of statement ‘To the People of Ireland’. ‘On the eve of further executions of disinterested and patriotic Irish soldiers which will be but a prelude to still further intensification of hostilities…I feel it my duty to give the people my own personal views.’ Details six ‘fundamental’ principles and seven reasons why ‘Republicans opposed the acceptance of the London agreement’. Includes one version with note by [Kathleen O’Connell] ‘don’t think it was published’ (8 February 1923, 4 items);
– drafts of statement in answer to a question of a representative of the Press Association ‘as to how peace might be secured’ (14 February 1923, 2 items, 1p each);
– statement in answer to a question of a representative of the International News Service ‘why Republicans will not accept the Free State challenge to let the Treaty be decided by a vote of the people’ (16 February 1923, 2pp);
– statement issued on the question of the renewal of hostilities (23 July 1923, 1p).

16 items

1792 8 November 1922–13 August 1923

Memoranda between de Valera and Eamon Donnelly [Sinn Féin Director of Organisation until his arrest around 22 February 1923; appointed Sinn Féin Director of Elections on 8 August 1923] including communications on organisational work for the Ard Fheis and the upcoming

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1792 contd. elections. Includes references to Aodh de Blacam’s attempted meeting with de Valera in [May] 1923 (see P150/1821 for letters from de Blacam to de Valera). Also includes handwritten memorandum to de Valera from ‘E’ reporting on a meeting of the Sinn Féin [Executive] held on 8 August 1923 at which Eamon Donnelly was appointed Director of Elections and they resolved to ‘contest the forthcoming Parliamentary election to the limit of our estimated strength’. Includes extract from minutes of Dáil Éireann of 29 June 1920 (the Dáil’s resolution of support for de Valera) (8 & 9 August 1923, 2 items, 1p each).

See also P150/1710 for communications between de Valera and Minister for Home Affairs, P.J. Ruttledge including some correspondence between Rutledge and Donnelly 32 items

1793 January–February 1923 Correspondence and reports on the activities and membership of the Neutral I.R.A.

Members’ Association [or the ex-I.R.A. Men’s Association or Old I.R.A. Members’ Association] including reports on leading members of the Association, on their aims, ‘to end the Civil War’, and on levels of support.

Comprises communications between the Assistant Adjutant General [Tom Derrig?] Adjutant General Con Maloney, Chief of Staff Liam Lynch, [the Assistant Officer Commanding] Dublin No. 1 Brigade, the Director of Organisation [Sean Dowling] and Michael Carolan Director of Intelligence.

Also includes correspondence between de Valera, Frank Fahy and the Association’s Secretary M.J. Burke on the Association’s efforts to secure a truce (5 January–27 February 1923, 17 items).

See also P150/1749, 1758 & 1763 for references to the Neutral I.R.A. Association 45 items

1794 5 January–9 August 1923 Correspondence between de Valera and Mrs. Molly Childers comprising mainly holograph letters from Mrs. Childers. The letters are often not specific in content with individuals referred to by their initials and codenames e.g. ‘Peter’ & ‘John’).

Includes references to:
- her husband Erskine Childers, his activities during the peace negotiations in London in 1921, his various messages of farewell before his execution and his assessment of de Valera’s character and his admiration for de Valera;
- various peace initiatives including Senator James Douglas’s peace initiatives in December 1922, and the U.S.A. including many references to the activities of ‘W’ and ‘Mr. Washington’ and the Dáil Éireann funds. Note: ‘Jeff’ refers to John F. Finerty;
- a meeting with Signor Radaoni an ardent follower and intimate friend of Mussolini;
- Maire Comerford (‘M.C.’);
- K. O’Brien (K. O.B.’);
- Eileen McGrane (‘E. McG.’);
1794 contd. • the visit of Apostolic Delegate Monsignor Luzio (‘L.’) to Ireland in April 1923;
  • Stephen O’Mara (‘S.M.’);
  • Mary MacSwiney (‘M’);
  • the Red Cross, the treatment of Republican prisoners, hungerstrikes and
female prisoners including Maire Comerford;
  • the re-organisation of Sinn Féin;
  • a meeting with [James] Larkin;
  • future policy;
  • the upcoming elections.
Includes copy of letter to de Valera from Erskine Childers (junior) concerning
the possibility of election work for Miss Barton in Wicklow (original dated 9
August 1923. 1p) and de Valera’s copy reply–‘I hope you will help to put Bob
at the top of the poll, and enjoy the work’ (9 August 1923, 1p).
Mrs. Childers cut a number of her letters down the middle and sent the two
parts on to de Valera separately. Another means of ensuring secrecy was her
habit of writing letters leaving out significant words or phrases and later
sending on a separate ‘key’ to de Valera containing the omitted words.
See also P150/1659 on trial and execution of Erskine Childers;P150/1886 for
communications between de Valera and ‘M’ (Molly Childers) following de
Valera’s release from Arbour Hill in July 1924;P150/1746 for intelligence
reports from ‘M’ [Molly Childers] to members of the Republican government
and Army Executive, mainly P.J. Ruttledge, de Valera, Frank Aiken or
Michael Carolan(April–December 1924). 71 items

1795 July & September 1921; January−August 1923 Mainly correspondence between de Valera and
Eoin P. Ó Caoimh as Honorary Secretary of the
Dublin Sinn Féin Peace Committee, on
proposals put forward by the Committee in an attempt to secure an end to the
Civil War; and correspondence between the two on the re-organisation of
Sinn Féin and meetings of the Sinn Féin [Standing/Re-Organising]
Committee. Includes:
– ‘Suggestions for Organised Activities of Sinn Fein Cumann’ whereby each
Cumann appoints four Committees – Political, Land, Sports and Historical.
Outlines the aims and activities of each committee. Also recommends the
appointment, by each committee of Arbitration Courts to ‘adjudicate on
matters in dispute…absolutely impartially, irrespective of class, creed, or
political outlook of disputants’ (n.d., 8pp);
– copy letter to de Valera from Ó Caoimh ‘Rún. Ón.’ [Honorary Secretary,
The Irish Independence League] reporting on a meeting [of The Irish
Independence League] held on 31 May 1923 outlining the objectives of the
organisation–‘To re-assert inalienable right to complete independence…To
deny anybody’s right to partition Ireland, or cut off any of its citizens from
rights and responsibilities of Irish citizenship…To declare right to sit in An
Dáil without oath to foreign power’ (1 June 1923, 1p).
See also P150/1647 for correspondence between de Valera, Eoin P. Ó
Caoimh and Fr. Thomas, O.S.F.C. regarding the peace proposals of Ô

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contd. Caoimh’s friend, Fr. Thomas, O.S.F.C. (14 November–2 December 1922); P150/1858 for correspondence between Acting President P.J. Ruttledge and Eoin P. Ó Caoimh. 47 items

January–March 1923 Correspondence between de Valera and Eileen McGrane of Cumann na mBan on:
• de Valera’s contribution to a proposed Cumann na mBan pamphlet on Erskine Childers;
• protests against the execution of Republican prisoners;
• a questionnaire submitted to de Valera by Aodh de Blacam;
• the proposed publication of speeches and correspondence of Erskine Childers;
• Document No. 2.
See also P150/1659 for letters to de Valera from Eileen McGrane on the trial and execution of Erskine Childers in November 1922. Includes references to Mary MacSwiney and hungerstrikes. 8 items

17–28 January 1923 Correspondence between Chief of Staff Liam Lynch, de Valera and Mrs. Una McClintock Dix, Honorary Secretary, Irishwomen’s International League, concerning the latter’s efforts seeking meetings with the Army Council and de Valera, on behalf of the Irishwomen’s International League and the People’s Pace League, to ‘discuss a basis for a truce’. 10 items

30 January–26 July 1923 Correspondence between de Valera, Máire Comerford (‘Máire Ní Chomatun’) and Máire’s mother Mrs. E.M. Comerford, on Máire’s imprisonment in Mountjoy Jail and the North Dublin Union, her eventual release following a hungerstrike, and her appointment as an Inspector to oversee the work of the Sinn Féin ‘Organising Committee’. Includes carbon copy report by Comerford detailing the appalling treatment of Republican female prisoners in Mountjoy Jail and the North Dublin Union, describing incidents of physical ill-treatment and occasions on which prison guards fired on prisoners, and outlining the conditions which led to hungerstrikes (n.d., 9pp, first page of report is missing). 16 items

February–March 1923 Cuttings from the Irish Independent on de Valera with particular reference to statements denouncing the Treaty. 4 items
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3 bound volumes of Irish and English newspaper cuttings on Canada, the Dominion and constitutional status of the Irish Free State, the Treaty of Lausanne (24 July 1923) and the Dominions’ attitude towards it.

1803
1 March–25 September 1923;
7 February–14 August 1924 56pp

1804
3 March–26 July 1924 33pp

1805
15 December 1923–12 July 1924 24pp
All cuttings from Sinn Féin.

1806
2 March–9 April 1923  Correspondence between de Valera and Daithí R. Ceannt ‘Cork No. 2 Brigade’ on prospects for peace and ‘the situation on general’ and assistance in repaying a loan of £500 from the bank, obtained to pay the deposits and expenses of three candidates in East and North East Cork at the last election.
3 items

1807
March–August 1923 Memoranda from de Valera to unidentified persons whose names have been cut away, obscured or not included in copy documents. Includes:
– memorandum to an individual in the U.S.A. on the situation in America with reference to Laurence Ginnell, the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, funds, [Robert] Briscoe and Joseph McGarrity (12 March 1923, 2pp);
– carbon copy memorandum [from de Valera] defending the Cease Fire Dump Arms order—‘From the beginning, it has been clear to me that the utmost we could hope for from such a fight was a negative gain, such as the abolition of the oath and the Governor General. We have definitely failed to attain this objective by military action, but we have gained a position in which that objective is possible of attainment by non-military action’—discussing why he thinks Sinn Féin should contest the elections and appealing to the unknown individual to ‘think earnestly before taking any independent action’ (29 May 1923, 2pp);
– carbon copy memorandum [from de Valera to same individual as above on 29 May 1923] on contesting the forthcoming elections (8 June 1923, 2pp);
– typescript draft memorandum on a unspecified project and the role of the Sinn Féin Standing Committee; referring to Mary MacSwiney and Dr. Kathleen Lynn; the status of the Republic; references to Cuba and de Valera’s interview with the Westminster Gazette in the U.S.A. in February 1920. With holograph additions and amendments by de Valera and annotation ‘Not Sent’ on first page (8 June 1923, 2pp);
– carbon copy of memorandum on the necessity of taking part in the General Election; an outline of ‘The one policy that has a chance of success—Maintaining that we are a sovereign state & ignoring as possible any
1807 contd. conditions in the “Treaty” that are inconsistent with that status...Breaching the “Treaty” by the Oath, smashing thro. that first & then compelling Eng. To tolerate the breaches or bring her to agree to a revision which would lead to something like the Doc. 2 position’ (21 June 1923, 4pp).

10 items

1808

13 March–8 June 1923 Cuttings from English newspapers, mainly The Times, concerning the deportation to the Irish Free State of Irish people living in Britain, including parliamentary and law reports.

47 items

1809 March–June 1923; October 1924 Documents relating to the mission to Ireland of Papal Delegate Monsignor Salvatore Luzio, in March and April 1923 to examine conditions there. The Monsignor was expected to deal with the complaints of Republicans who were deprived of the sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. Documents mostly relate to his efforts to find a basis for peace which would lead to the ending of the Civil War and arrangements for him to meet with de Valera.

Comprises mainly letters to and from de Valera (‘P.’) and those acting in the capacity of go-between for the arrangements, namely Mary MacSwiney (‘M. Nic Shuibhne’); Michael Carolan (I.R.A. Director of Intelligence) (‘M.C.’); Professor Arthur Clery (‘A.C.’); Cáit O’Kelly (‘Cáit bean Sheán T.’–wife of Seán T. O’Kelly); Mrs. Kathleen Brugha, widow of Cathal (‘Cáit bean Chathail’); Rev. Dr. Edward J. Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin (‘B.’); Eoin P. Ó Caoimh (‘E.P.ÓC’); Count Plunkett (‘Count P.’) and his wife, and Monsignor P. Magennis and Monsignor Hagan. Includes some correspondence between de Valera and Monsignor Luzio. Also includes:

– carbon copies of memoranda and statements addressed to Monsignor Luzio from male Republican prisoners in Mountjoy Jail, female prisoners in Kilmainham Jail and Republican prisoners in No. 1 Tintown in the Curragh, protesting against the stance of the Irish Hierarchy and their treatment including the refusal of some chaplains to administer the Sacraments to them (1 & 21 April 1923, 6 items);

– copy of confidential letter to the Monsignor from de Valera seeking to maintain the contact between them established in 1923, as Monsignor is ‘one of the few in Rome who understand and sympathise with the cause of Irish Independence–the cause of the Republic’ (9 October 1924, 1p).

See also P150/1654 to 1656

67 items
1810  1923  Documents concerning de Valera’s travelling arrangements between Waterford and Dublin in connection with the meeting of eleven members of the I.R.A. Executive on 24 March 1923. Comprises:
– handwritten letter to de Valera from I.R.A. Adjutant General Tomas Derrig outlining the route for the journey from Dublin to Hackettstown, Co. Carlow ('3rd Eastern to pick us up here'). Concludes ‘I have to arrange to pick up M/F, D/C/S & D/O…& time is very precious’ (17 March 1923);
– cutting from an unknown newspaper depicting ‘Mrs. Wall’s Cottage, in the Comeragh Mountains, where Mr. De Valera, and the Republican Army Council held a secret meeting in March, 1923 (n.d., 11cm x 8cm);
– holograph statement by Katherine Teehan Benn[edit] recounting a journey she made with de Valera in March 1923 from Poulacapple, Co. Tipperary to Dublin and naming the various drivers, guides and those who gave them hospitality along the way (n.d., 3pp).  3 items

1811  1922–[23]  Various legal opinions of the Treaty and the legal position of Ireland since the signing of the Treaty i.e. the legality of the Dáil. Also includes documents relating to the Boundary Commission. Includes:
– holograph letter to de Valera from Michael Comyn stating he is enclosing ‘a rough draft of my part of the pamphlet…I will append a full list of British Breaches’ (13 November 1922, 4pp). Attached is a typescript draft of a legal opinion [by Comyn?] alleging the illegality in the parliamentary measures taken since 6 December 1921, by the British Government (including 12 Geo.5 Chapter 4) and the Provisional Government ([second half of 1922], 6pp). Also attached is a printed copy of chapter 4 of *the Irish Free State (Agreement) Act, 1922* [12 Geo.5], an Act to give the force of the law to the Treaty Agreement ([31 March 1922], 9pp). With handwritten notes on back page.  7 items

1812  11 & 16 April 1923  Communications between de Valera and ‘E. Doyle’ [the name by which the writer is ‘known to the O/C Communications’, possibly Eileen McGrane?] on publicity matters including the request from the Chicago Tribune for a statement by de Valera on the ‘capture’ of Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and enclosing a copy of a confidential explanatory memorandum by de Valera on his Document No. 2, outlining the genesis of the document, the reasons why he ‘refrained from…defending my proposals in public’ and the powerful influence of the propaganda campaign conducted against the alternative proposals (n.d., 2pp).  3 items
1813 13 April 1923  Daily Bulletin no. 165 comprising ‘President’s Address to the Army’ ‘On the death of Liam Lynch’. With handwritten note in pencil ‘See slightly different version given by D[orothy] Macardle, page 976. She refers on p.845 to Éire, 28 April (1923)…27/7/72’. 1p

1814 11 April–20 July 1923  Correspondence between de Valera and Constance Markievicz on the death of Liam Lynch; a meeting of ‘Presidents and Secretaries of all Clubs’ [Sinn Féin?] on 16 June 1923; the Countess’s offer to help the cause, her work in Scotland and her offer to go to America—‘I believe that I could do a lot there, my social position does much to nullify my being a woman, and I did not quarrel with anyone. I never quarrel over personal things, only with traitors and am pretty good at making peace.’ 6 items

1815 December 1966–[March] 1967  Correspondence, some in Irish, between President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly, and Tomás Culliton of Mountmellick, Co. Laois concerning a map which was used in the Republican hideout nicknamed ‘Katmandu’ on Whelan’s farm at Poulacapple, Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary. Includes handwritten statement by Culliton describing the location and appearance of the secret room built into a cowshed and lists the people who were involved in its building and operation and those who regularly stayed there (March 1967, 5pp). This was the location of the adjourned meeting of the I.R.A. Executive on 20 April 1923. 8 items

1816 April & May 1923  Correspondence and reports relating to peace negotiations in April and May 1923 in which Andrew Jameson and Senator James Douglas acted as mediators between de Valera and W.T. Cosgrave. Comprises reports to the Free State Executive Council by de Valera and by Jameson and Douglas on their series of meetings with de Valera between 1 and 7 May; proposed draft terms of settlement and terms proposed by de Valera; comments on the drafts by members of the Army Council and by Douglas and correspondence between Jameson and Douglas and de Valera. 55 items & envelope

1817 21 April–17 May 1923  Correspondence between de Valera and Kathleen Barry (Caitlín de Barra), Secretary, and ‘[E. Ní Bh]’, Acting Secretary, Irish Republican Prisoners’ Dependents’ Fund [I.R.P.D.F.]. Includes financial statements (1 February, 21 April & 5 May 1923) and reports of I.R.P.D.F. meetings on 1 February & 3 May 1923. 15 items
Memoranda between de Valera and Joseph Connolly, Chairman of the Standing Committee/[Re-Organising], Sinn Féin (‘J.C.’) on a proposed interview with de Valera to discuss the formation of a ‘political party in opposition to the party in power & based on the policy of complete independence’; the re-organisation of Sinn Féin and organisation for the upcoming elections. Attached to memorandum of 9 August is a memorandum to an unknown individual signed by ‘Dunlop…D.P. will know the name’ on the possibility of an alliance between the Republicans and the business community with regard to the elections (n.d., 1p). Also includes a list of ‘Council just “elected” by the Dublin Industrial Development Association which includes many Anti-Government businessmen who have lost much by them’ (the Free State Government) (1p) and de Valera’s reply to ‘Dunlop (24 July 1923, 1p). Also:

− typescript copy of a letter (17 December 1922, 2pp) to de Valera from Connolly, recently returned from the U.S.A. where he was Irish Consul in New York, following Diarmuid L. Fawsitt, enclosing ‘Analyses of some Phases of Existing Situation with suggestions for a possible basis for peace’ (5pp). Connolly resigned his ‘position as Consul-General in the U.S.A. immediately after Miss Mary MacSwiney had gone on Hunger Strike and when it seemed as though her strike would be allowed to continue until the end. My action has of course put me out of court with the present Government, but if it leaves me in a position to open the way towards a reconciliation between former friends or at least a basis whereby the present deplorable state may be terminated I will thank God that events have worked out as they have’;

− memoranda from de Valera addressed ‘To the Organising Committee’;

− holograph [draft] letters from Connolly to [Kevin O’Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs] regretting that he cannot stand as a candidate in Cavan and remarking ‘I wish you would emphasize to the Army people:–I am in so far as Civil War is concerned really pacifist, in fact on broad lines I am pacifist, but realize & appreciate military necessity in so far as England is concerned. I mention this merely so that I shall in no sense be sailing under false colours’ (6 & 9 August 1923, 2 items, 1p each);

− holograph letter to de Valera from Connolly following a search of his records for material relating to the re-organisation of Sinn Féin in 1923, ‘I find nothing save a couple of your notes which dealt with the position prior to the launching of the reorganisation…The elections were held in late August & I left for the U.S.A. in October resigning the Chairmanship…after I had cleaned up all the details of the election & left the movement going. As you will remember most of our business was carried on by conference & it was usual in the circumstances of the time to retain none of the papers but to destroy most of them as received’ (18 February 1942, 2pp).
1819 27 April 1923  Documents relating to the meeting of the
Government and Army Council on 26 & 27
April 1923 and the issue of the ‘Suspension of Offensive’ Order and de
Valera’s Proclamation of 27 April 1923. Includes:
– carbon copy ‘Dáil Éireann (Government of the Republic of Ireland)
Proclamation’ issued by de Valera as President, that Army Command is
issuing an order ‘to all units to suspend aggressive action’ not later than 30
April 1923 (2pp) and photocopy of same as published. (n.d., 2 items, 1p &
2pp);
– carbon copy of ‘Suspension of Offensive’ Order to ‘O/C’s Commands &
Independent Brigades’. Signed by Chief of Staff, Frank Aiken (27 April 1923,
1p);
– copy of directive issued by P.J. Ruttledge, Acting Adjutant General
accompanying Aiken’s Order (27 April 1923, 1p);
– cuttings from various Irish and British newspapers on the order (28 April—
1 May 1923, 11 items). 21 items

1820 May 1923  Lyrics of song in Irish entitled Tor na
mBealtaine. Dáin Cánachais cun an saoir-fhear
Eamonn Ui Bheléire agus lucht na Fíor-Ghaedhil a d’fhan go daingean,
dóchlaoidte leis ins an mbéar na baoghal. Song to be sung to the air of ‘Óro se
do bheatha abhaile’. ‘Cumtha ar bun áit éigin sa Mhumhan. Oíche Bealtaine
1923’. With handwritten notes on reverse. ‘Sean fhear in gContae an Chláir
do scriobh é seo’. 2pp

1821 [2 May]–10 August 1923  Holograph letters to de Valera from Aodh de
Blacam on the need for peace; the ceasefire; the
winning of freedom; the social programme of Liam Mellowes; an interview
with the Director of Publicity and Director of Elections Eamon Donnolly.
First, undated letter is incomplete, being only a portion of a six page letter.
See also P150/1796 and 1666 for questionnaires submitted by de Blacam to
de Valera in November 1922 3 items

1822 May–20 June 1923  Correspondence and reports on the re-
organisation of Sinn Féin. Includes circular
letters from de Valera to Sinn Féin members and members of the Sinn Féin
Organising Committee on the objectives of the organisation and his scheme
for organisation of election staffs ‘so that there may be coordination of effort
throughout the whole country’. Also includes carbon copy of memorandum
on the Organisation Committee for the upcoming elections and the necessity
to contest the Election; the relationship between Sinn Féin and Cumann na
Poblachta. ‘They are synonymous so long as S.F. keeps to its objectives’. (20
June 1923, 3pp). 7 items
1823

[7 May 1923]; Typescript copy of draft ‘Proposed Terms of Agreement’ (3pp) and first page of same captioned ‘Draft–May 7th, 1923–of Terms of Settlement Proposed by Mr. De Valera on behalf of the Combined Republican Government and Army Council’ during the peace negotiations sponsored by Senators Andrew Jameson and James Douglas (1p). Also includes holograph covering note to de Valera from Frank Aiken, Minister for Defence, commenting on the enclosed copies of the draft proposals – ‘Paragraph D of attached page is the important one to stress in present circumstances. The terms of settlement were approved unanimously by the Executive of the I.R.A. who were free at the end of the Civil War. Copies were sent to all units in the country and to all jails and camps and not a single protest was received although we were in Daily communications with the prisoners’ (23 September 1933, 1p).

3 items

1824

12 & 16 May 1923 Holograph letter to de Valera from Mrs. O’Malley [mother of imprisoned Ernie O’Malley Assistant Chief of Staff] explaining the background to a letter by her other son Kevin, captured in a raid on their house and published in the newspapers and used for propaganda purposes by the Free State government (12 May 1923, 2pp). Also includes holograph letter to de Valera from Kevin O’Malley on the same subject (n.d., 2pp) and de Valera’s reply to Mrs. O’Malley (16 May 1923, 1p).

3 items

1825

16 May–9 July 1923 Correspondence between de Valera (‘P’– President) and the ‘A.L.’ or ‘A/L’ on the re-organisation of Sinn Féin, mainly accounts of meetings of the Sinn Féin Standing/[Re-Organising] Committee.

28 items

1826

19 May 1923 Copy letter from de Valera to Monsignor John Hagan, Rector of the Irish College, Rome, following the meeting of the Republican Government Cabinet and the Army Executive on 13 & 14 May and informing him of the Cease Fire Dump Arms Order to be issued shortly. ‘This will mean peace if our men are not pursued and harried by the Free State. If they are, it can only mean the beginning of a far more horrible type of warfare than that which we have so far experienced….If this new fighting starts it will persist, I fear, until the nation is completely crippled and all hope in the future lost. Good-will on our part alone cannot prevent this. We are sorely in need of the help of all who have learned to think broadly in terms of the nation. This is why I write to you. The particular help that you can give you will, yourself, be the best judge of.’ Discusses the recent visit of Papal Delegate Monsignor Luzio to Ireland.

Marked ‘Please Destroy’ in de Valera’s hand.

2pp
1827 24 May 1923  Copies of Order to ‘Cease Fire – Dump Arms’ issued by Chief of Staff, Frank Aiken and de Valera on 24 May 1923 and operational orders on foot issued by P.J. Ruttledge, Adjutant General. Also includes drafts of de Valera’s associated address to all ranks, many with holograph amendments, one signed ([22]–24 May 1923, 10 items). 15 items

1828 6 & 11 June 1923  Holograph letter to de Valera from Sinn Féin Vice President Dr. Kathleen Lynn, on rumours that Joseph Connolly ‘who is forming the new non-Republican political organisation’ had been offered ‘the post of director…of the new Free State loan about to be floated by…[the Land Bank]’ and de Valera’s reply. 2 items

1829 6 June & 2 July 1923  Holograph letter to de Valera from Art O’Connor (‘Art Ó Conchubhair’) from ‘Droichead Nua Internment Camp’ on the morale of the internees and seeking guidance on ‘what particular line of action is laid out for us by our friends in freedom so that we may do nothing to queer the “pitch”…consequently a general idea of recent happenings and tendencies in the immediate future would be very helpful for us’. Also describes the internees activities and comments ‘When we go out “mental wooliness” will probably be our worst legacy of time spent here’ (6 June 1923). De Valera’s reply discussing future policy, the importance of organised instruction in the camps among the prisoners and his intention to send a message to the prisoners ‘pointing out that everything depends on their conduct when they are released–They must set the standard. They can do a good deal while in jail to fit themselves for the work to be done when they are released’. 2 items, 2pp each

1830 12 June 1923  Copy letter from de Valera to ‘B. ni B.’ giving his opinions on the query whether there are any objections to Republicans applying for pensions in respect of relatives killed during the course of the Black and Tan war. 1p

1831 5–24 July 1923  Memoranda between de Valera and Dr. Con Murphy (‘C. MacM’), Sinn Féin Director of Finance. Dr. Murphy was appointed temporary Director of Organisation and Elections on 5 July 1923 and also acted from that date as temporary Honorary Secretary of Sinn Féin in place of [Eoin] P. Ó Caomh, for a short time. Memoranda relate to his activities in those capacities during July 1923. 22 items
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n.d.

Various lists of T.D.’s elected in the Pact Election of 1922 and the General Election of August 1923. Comprises lists of:
- members of Dáil Éireann elected in August 1923, listed by constituency (n.d., 5pp);
- T.D.’s arranged by constituencies and party allegiance [Republican; Free State; Farmer; Labour and Independent] and details of changes through death, resignation or change of party allegiance since the General Election of 1923 (n.d., 3pp);
- T.D.’s detailing ‘Members of 2nd Dáil who have been re-elected in June 1922 and August 1923’, ‘Members of 2nd Dáil re-elected at Pact election 1922 but not later’, ‘Members elected at Pact election and 1923’, ‘Members elected in 1923 and later bye-elections’, ‘Members elected in 2nd Dáil and in 1923, but not elected in Pact’ and ‘Members elected in 2nd Dáil only’ (n.d., 2 items, 4pp & 2pp);
- T.D.’s elected at the elections for the 2nd Dáil, the Pact Election of 1922 and 1923. Two copies, both with handwritten annotations and amendments (n.d., 2 items, 5pp each);

13 items

1839

8 August 1923

Typewritten report by unknown [Sinn Féin] organiser in Scotland on the effects of the deportation of Irish people from Scotland by the British government, the necessity of winning the General Election in August, suggestions for Republican candidates for the elections and future policies.

4pp

1840

10 August 1923

Carbon copy personal letter from de Valera to Dr. Murray requesting him to make up and send a rimless pair of pince-nez, in accordance with the prescription of Dr. Cummins, oculist, Clare Street, to de Valera at 23 Suffolk Street.

1p

1841

10 August 1923– 30 December 1924

Documents relating to efforts to raise funds for the establishment of a Republican daily newspaper. Comprises mainly correspondence between de Valera or his secretary and R. Ó Breandáin, Secretary, National Press Fund and Secretary, Promotion Committee, Republican Daily Press; but also includes typescript drafts of an appeal by de Valera for subscriptions of £10 and upwards for the establishment of a National Press or ‘Irish daily Republican Press’ (10 & 11 August 1923 & n.d., 3 items) and typescript copy letter from de Valera to Proinnsias MacCarthaigh T.D. (Frank McCarthy) stating ‘I am very glad that you have been selected by the Promotion Committee to solicit subscriptions in Britain for the proposed daily Newspaper’ (9 October 1924, 1p).

11 items
1842 10–12 August 1923; Documents relating to de Valera’s journey to
January 1940; Ennis, Co. Clare between 12 & 15 August 1923.
December 1964 Includes communications from the Intelligence
Department [Michael Carolan (‘M.C.’),
Director of Intelligence] and the Assistant Chief of Staff [Sean Hyde], a
detailed account of the route and Ordnance Survey maps (2 sheets, scale: 2
miles to 1 inch and 3 sheets, scale: 1 inch to 1 mile) with his route marked (by
J. Barrett in December 1964).
Also includes:
– black and white print of Ciamaltha House, Newport, Co. Limerick, at which
de Valera stopped on 12 August 1923 on his way to Ennis, Co. Clare. With
‘Ciamaltha’. A Remembrance of the ‘Troubled Times’ written on reverse
(n.d., 8cm x 6cm);
– black and white photograph of a bearded de Valera and ‘Pat? Creagh
(temporary occupier of Ciamaltha house at which Pres. stayed for tea on
12/8/23 on his way to Ennis. He slept at Hartigans on bank of river at
Castleconnell. Pres. cut his beard off on Aug 14th having cut his beard he left
his mustach (sic) on until a snap was taken’ (2 copies, August 1923 & modern
reproduction, 8cm x 10cm & 9cm x 12cm);
– mounted photograph of de Valera, Seán Casey [Adjutant, 1st Western
Division, I.R.A.] and Joseph Barrett [O/C, 1st Western Division, I.R.A.].
Labelled ‘This photograph was taken on the eve of the famous General
Election meeting, 14th August, 1923, when Eamon de Valera, Republican
candidate for Clare, was fired on before he was arrested by Free State Forces.
He was then leader of the Republican Party and was elected member for Clare
by the greatest poll of that election, over 18,000 votes.’ Mount autographed
by Barrett (21cm x 26cm including mount, 10cm x 15cm excluding mount).
17 items

1843 [August] 1923 Proposals by an unidentified organisation ‘to
make lasting peace among us and lasting peace
with Gt. Britain as well’. Calls ‘on every man and woman in Ireland to
consider them and when polling day arrives to vote only for those candidates
who shall have undertaken to adopt and carry out what will be found to be the
only righteous cure for the hatred and bitterness now existing between the
Republican and pro-Treaty Ministries and those who support them’.
6pp

1844 1923 Miscellaneous holograph notes by de Valera on
Republicanism and the Treaty, majority rule,
the Cease Fire Dump Arms order, what Sinn Féin stands for and the Sinn Féin
Election Fund. Also notes made between June and August 1923.
15pp & 27pp
1845 June–September 1923 Documents concerning the General Election of 27 August 1923. Comprises election handbills (3 items); typescript drafts of statements by de Valera and statements as published in the press (15–30 June 1923, 6 items); typescript drafts of ‘Election Manifesto’, one with holograph amendments by de Valera ([11] August 1923, 3 items, 1p each); lists of candidates elected to Dáil Éireann in August 1923 and list of first preferences for each candidate in Clare (3 items) and cuttings from British newspapers on the election campaign and a summary of British Press reaction to the election results (August–September 1923, 7 items). See also P150/1838 for lists of T.D.’s elected in the August 1923 General Election; P150/1831 for memorandum on Sinn Féin’s resolution of 8 August 1923 to take part in the Election; P150/582 for Sinn Féin, 1923 file. 20 items

1846 n.d. Pamphlet entitled *Deceiving the Irish Men!* Consisting of a selection of contrasting quotations on the effects of the Treaty, made by Irishmen at home and speakers in the House of Commons, between 14 December 1921 and 28 November 1923. 8pp

1847 [1923] Typescript lists of ‘Fatal Casualties’ in Battalions 1 to 6 of the Dublin No. 1 Brigade. Notes name and rank of the deceased, circumstances and date of death and address of next of kin. 27 items

1848 [1923] Carbon copy text of an article by de Valera entitled ‘Four Years Ago’ reproducing the texts of the Proclamation of the Republic, 1916; the Sinn Féin Manifesto, 1918; the official report of the first meeting of Dáil Éireann; the ‘Declaration of Independence’; the Message to the Free Nations of the World and the Democratic Programme, all of 21 January 1919. With handwritten corrections and amendments. 7pp
23. ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT

August 1923 – July 1924

1849
August 1923;
1968 & 1973

Documents relating to de Valera’s arrest by Free State troops during his address to a campaign meeting in O’Connell Square, Ennis, Co. Clare, on 15 August 1923. Includes:
- memoranda to de Valera from Michael Carolan (‘M.C.’), Director of Intelligence warning him of plans by the Free State ‘murder gang’ to shoot de Valera (4–10 August 1923, 3 items);
- cipher message sent by the General Officer Commanding, Limerick to Command Adjutant, Limerick – ‘It is absolutely essential that De Valera should be arrested before he appears in Public. Send Fallon to Ennis with definite instructions to carry this out at once….De Valera may make a public speech even before Wednesday. This must not be allowed’ (18 August 1923, 1p);
- black and white photograph of de Valera addressing crowds in Ennis, Co. Clare on [15 August 1923 or on 15 August 1924]. Two copies, one inscribed on reverse ‘With great esteem to dear Mrs. Roughan from Fr. Victor O’Carolan, Saint Edmund’s, Clontarf, Dublin. Sept. 23, 1924’ (n.d., 2 copies, 8cm x 10cm each);
- copy of report on de Valera’s arrest, by the Assistant Officer Commanding, 12th Battalion, Limerick, to Command Adjutant, Limerick (original dated 15 August 1923, 2pp);
- Saorstát Éireann Order by [General Richard Mulcahy]Minister for Defence for the detention of Eamon de Valera under the Public Safety (Emergency Powers) Act, 1923 and the Public Safety (Emergency Powers) No. 2 Act, 1923. ‘True Copy’ with holograph annotation by de Valera ‘Received 7pm (?) Aug. 20. Monday’ (9 August 1923, 1p). Additional copy signed by Mulcahy. With de Valera’s note ‘Recd 5pm Aug. 22 Gentleman who gave me this said the other was not a “true copy” ’(19 August 1923, 1p);
- typescript copy of order for the detention of de Valera at Arbour Hill Military Detention Barracks. With de Valera’s annotation ‘Recd 8.15pm Friday 24th Aug.’ (24 August 1923, 1p). 17 items

1850
3 January 1955;
15 April & 22 May 1965

Articles from The Irish Independent, The Evening Press and the Clare Champion recollecting de Valera’s arrest in Ennis. 3 items
1851 December 1964  Envelope labelled ‘Prints of x-ray of President de Valera’s leg showing splinters of bullets which entered his leg while being arrested at Ennis, 15/8/23. (Taken at Mater, Dec. 1964—prints also exist of x-rays taken some years ago).’ Encloses two x-rays (37cm x 15cm each) and four prints (25cm x 15cm each) numbered S 22039L, showing shrapnel lodged in muscles of leg bones. Also includes x-rays of de Valera’s chest and neck (also numbered S 22039L (December 1964, 3 items, 20cm x 25cm & 35cm x 42cm).

9 items

1852 August 1923  Documents concerning de Valera’s detention in Arbour Hill between August and October 1923 following his arrest by Free State troops in Ennis on 15 August. Comprises:
– newspaper cutting captioned ‘Mr. De Valera. A Prisoner at Arbour Hill’ comprising text of short statement by Mrs. de Valera on her visit to Arbour Hill following receipt of a telegram stating that her husband was detained there (n.d. ([August] 1923, 1p);
– holograph letter to de Valera from James Comyn ‘election agent for…[de Valera]…and the other Republican Candidates at the recent election in Clare’, seeking permission to meet de Valera to discuss ‘some matter dealing with your election’ and ‘money deposited by you and Mr. O’Higgins at the time of the election for Clare’. Refers to ‘Master Terry De Valera (whom I have met several times recently)…He is a sweet little baby and you will be delighted with him when you see him’ (6 October 1923, 4pp & envelope).

2 items & envelope

1853 22 August– 3 September 1923  Telegrams to Mrs de Valera concerning de Valera’s arrest and his election in Clare in August 1923. 4 items

1854 17 April–20 October; 14; 19 November 1923  File on the hungerstrike by Republican prisoners in the Autumn of 1923. Includes communications between Donal O’Callaghan [Republican Minister for Local Government] and prisoners’ representatives in Newbridge Camp (17 April & 19 May1923) and copies of communications sent from prison by de Valera (September & October 1923). Also includes holograph statement and report by Austin Stack in Kilmainham concerning two meetings he and Thomas Derrig had with Dr. Moore on probable terms of settlement (19 November 1923, 2 items, 1p & 2pp) and memorandum to Acting President P.J. Ruttledge from Director of Intelligence Michael Carolan stating ‘Although the P. had not yet acknowledged receipt of your communication informing him of the Cabinet Order that he is not to go on Hungerstrike, you may take it as definite that he has received the Order’ (20 October 1923, 1p).

14 items
1855  Carbon copies of the Republican Bulletin covering the hungerstrike by Republican prisoners in October and November 1923.

16 October 1923
17 October 1923  no.2 (sic)
22 October 1923  no.273
23 October 1923  no.274
14 November 1923  no.287
16 November 1923  Special Gaols Edition  no.8

1856  Copies of the Daily Sheet issued from Sinn Féin Headquarters, 23 Suffolk Street, reporting the hungerstrike by Republican prisoners in October and November 1923.

25 October 1923  no.1
26 October 1923  no.2
27 October 1923  no.3
29 October 1923  no.4
30 October 1923  no.5
31 October 1923  no.6
1 November 1923  no.7
2 November 1923  no.8
3 November 1923  no.9
5 November 1923  no.10
6 November 1923  no.11
7 November 1923  no.12
8 November 1923  no.13
9 November 1923  no.14
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12 November 1923  no.16
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22 November 1923  no.25
23 November 1923  no.26
24 November 1923  no.27
1857 n.d. Note in Irish by de Valera commenting on the story of the hungerstrike by Republican prisoners in Autumn 1923, as reported in Mary Bromage *De Valera and the March of a Nation* (1956). 1p

1858 September–December 1923 Communications between Acting President P.J. Rutledge and Eoin P. Ó Caoimh (O’Keefe) Secretary, Sinn Féin, on the activities and re-organisation of Sinn Féin. 14 items

1859 12 September [1923] Handwritten confidential memorandum for de Valera, origin unidentified, passing on information from an unnamed ‘trustworthy’ source, stated to be a ‘member of Senate, Unionist’, that an English Cabinet Minister has met prominent Unionists and has laid five terms before Craig in Belfast as a basis of an agreement ‘re Ulster’…North is stated to be nibbling at suggestions…These are stated to be the definite lines now being considered’. 2pp

1860 1923 Carbon copy extract from an article published on 22 September 1923 in *Éire* by Maud Gonne MacBride, on the circumstances surrounding the formation of the Women’s Peace Committee and its efforts to arrange a truce between Republicans and the Free State government following the bombardment of the Four Courts. 1p

1861 [1923–24] Hardback copybook containing holograph notes on Irish grammar. Also contains some notes on German grammar and shorthand (Gregg). Possibly begun by de Valera during his time in prison following his arrest in Ennis in August 1923. ‘1923. Sept.28’ written on inside of front cover. c.102pp

1862 [October–November 1923] Copy covering letter to Brigadier General & 9 April 1962 Andrew McDonnell, Rathgar, Dublin from Marie O’Kelly, President de Valera’s Personal Secretary (9 April 1962, 1p), enclosing copies of the following documents from the National Library of Ireland: – authorisation signed by Colonel Micheál Costello on behalf of the Director of Intelligence, for the bearer of the form. ‘Captain Quirke of this Department
1862 contd. to visit De Valera’s cell for the purpose of acquiring certain articles believed to be in his possession’ (original dated 29 October 1923, 1p);
– list of ‘Contents of Timber Box, the Property of Eamonn De Valera’ signed by Commandant Seaghan Ua Broin, Military Governor, Kilmainham Jail, addressed to Commandant Corri, Military Governor, North Dublin Union (original dated 16 November 1923, 1p). 4 items

1863 [November] 1923– January 1924 Communications to and from de Valera (‘Flynn’) while in Kilmainham Jail, following his transfer from Arbour Hill in October 1923, mainly between de Valera and Acting President P.J. Ruttledge on the Dáil Éireann Funds Litigation in the U.S.A.. Includes:
– communication, partly in code, from de Valera to [Ruttledge]. Headed ‘W/244. 2411-23 R.28-11’ comprising six points covering his transfer from Arbour Hill, his visit from Dr. Moore concerning the hungerstriking Republican prisoners, a warning to be vigilant, and the personnel in the prison. Comments ‘This was an awful place at first but the guard, even for their own sakes, had to get things fixed up a bit. I have a whole Wing facing South to myself. It is at back of jail where E. O’Maille and Teeling were in B. & T. days’. Note on top of page ‘Rec’d 2/12/23’ (November/December 1923, 1p);
– memoranda to de Valera from Acting President P.J. Ruttledge (‘A/P’) on the hungerstrike by Republican prisoners, the prospects for the release of prisoners; the re-organisation of Sinn Féin and the drawing up of the Directorate Scheme; the launch of the Free State ‘home loan for £10,000,000’; the question of Ulster, a ‘preliminary “Boundary” discussion (not boundary Commission) between F[ree] S[tate] and N[orth] E[ast] representatives has been called by British Govt. for beginning of new year’; and Dáil Éireann funds litigation in the U.S.A. (December 1923–January 1924, 4 items);
– communication ‘Sent to P. 17/1/24 Held up by “wind up” messenger’ being handwritten notes on the contents of The Irish Times on 16 & 17 January 1924 and The Sunday Times on 13 January 1923 (17 January 1924, 1p);
– handwritten note concerning preparations for an escape requesting two ladders (n.d., 1p).
Note: ‘F’ refers to John Finerty. 13 items
1864 December 1923 Christmas cards and letters sending Christmas and New Year’s greetings received by de Valera while in Kilmainham Jail. Cards are mostly from members of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic from Jenkinstown, Pennsylvania. Letters are from Sr. Aloysius, Presentation Convent, Bagnalstown, Co. Carlow, Dorothy Godfrey and Michael J. Lennon, Longwood Avenue, Dublin. 21 items

1865 31 December 1923– 1 August 1924 Correspondence between Caitlín de Barra (Kathleen Barry), Secretary of the Irish Republican Prisoners’ Dependents’ Fund, Donal O’Callaghan, Minister for Foreign Affairs (‘D.O.C., M.F.A.’), Acting President P.J. Ruttledge and Marie Comerford. See also P150/1817 for correspondence between de Valera and Kathleen Barry. Includes 1923 financial statements and reports of I.R.P.D.F. meetings 40 items


1867 January 1924–March [1925] Documents relating to various meetings of the Executive Committee of the Irish Republican Prisoners’ Dependents’ Fund, held between January and August 1924 and on 25 March [1925]. Comprises minutes of meetings, Secretary’s reports and financial statements. c.52 items

1868 1 February 1924 True copy of order by the Minister for Defence Richard Mulcahy for the detention of de Valera. With de Valera’s annotation ‘Served Feb. 2. 1924 about 2.39 pm’. 1p

1869 12 February–3 November 1924 Dissociated correspondence of de Valera. Includes letters from: Seamus Breathnach, Director of the Tailteann Games inviting de Valera to participate in the opening ceremony; Elizabeth M. Needham, Boston, Massachusetts;
1869 contd. • individual members of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic and the A.A.R.I.R. Ann Devlin Council of the Bronx New York City on the split within the A.A.R.I.R.;  
• Frank Gallagher on de Valera’s imminent departure for Northern Ireland, concerning the murder of Seán Hales, and the upcoming by-elections in Dublin, Cork, Waterford, Sligo and Mayo (22 October 1924, 1p).  
Also includes letters from de Valera to:  
• George Noble Count Plunkett on the calling together of a Committee to prepare Standing Orders for Comhairle na dTeachtaí;  
• Stephen O’Mara;  
• Miss Una Ford of The Monitor of New York on the holding of funds by Major Eugene Kincaid. 30 items


1871 1924 Lists of codewords and personal belongings, contemporary newspaper cutting and postcards relating to de Valera’s detention in Arbour Hill Barracks. 12 items

1872 [January]–July 1924 Communications to and from de Valera in jail in Arbour Hill Barracks between [mid/late January] and July 1924, mainly between de Valera and Acting President P.J. Ruttledge and between de Valera and Michael Comyn on the Dáil Éireann litigation in the U.S.A.. Includes typescript copies of many of de Valera’s holograph dispatches.  
Also includes holograph letter to de Valera from Chief of Staff Aiken about a recent meeting of the Army Council and how the ‘boys’ are faring. In Irish (n.d., 1p). 25 items

1873 1924 ‘Memorandum of Facts’ ‘concerning the welfare’ of de Valera ‘distinguished native of New York City and freeman of New York, Boston, New Orleans, Chicago, San Francisco and many other American cities, in whose behalf the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic and allied Societies ask the United States Government to make benevolent intercession with the British Government in London for his release upon grounds of humanity’.  
Two copies, one with annotation on cover ‘Greetings and a tribute of

3 items

1874 [1924], 1937, 1976 Photographs relating to de Valera’s time in Arbour Hill Barracks in 1924. Comprises:

– black and white postcard photograph of de Valera, Austin Stack (with pipe) and ‘Keegan’ from Limerick sitting in the prison yard ([1924], 13cm x 8cm);

– black and white postcard photograph of de Valera, Austin Stack, ‘Keegan’ (holding book) seated in the prison yard, with Free State officer/guard standing behind ([1924], 13cm x 8cm);

– black and white postcard photograph of de Valera, Austin Stack and ‘Keegan’ (tying shoe) seated in the prison yard with Free State officer/guard in the background ([1924], 2 copies, 13cm x 8cm each);

– black and white postcard photograph of de Valera and Free State officer/guard [Comdt. Hugh Maguire] playing chess in Arbour Hill Barracks, with fellow prisoner ‘Keegan’ looking on ([1924], 2 prints, 13cm x 8cm each);

– black and white print of de Valera and Austin Stack playing chess in Arbour Hill Barracks in 1924. Includes annotations on reverse relating to spacing and size of photo for publication (n.d., 21cm x 16cm).

8 items

1875 1924 Photograph of de Valera, Austin Stack and ‘Keegan’ with Free State officer/guard aiming his revolver at them in jest. Photograph taken in Arbour Hill between January and July 1924. 9cm x 6cm

1876 29 November 1937, 1966 & 1967 Article by M.T. O’Donoghue in *The Evening Herald* entitled *Twineway System at Arbour Hill How Prisoners Communicated With One Another*. Reproduces photograph of de Valera, Austin Stack and ‘Keegan’ with Free State officer/guard aiming his revolver at them in jest (29 November 1937, 1 item) and holograph letter to President de Valera from Fr. Patrick Pearson, London seeking the identity of the individuals depicted in the photograph reproduced in the article. Includes reply of the President’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Connell (12 May 1966 & 22 February 1967, 3 items).

4 items
1877
16 March 1924
Black and white photograph of the front of a steam engine decorated with branches, flags and a banner proclaiming ‘Viva De Valera’. Labelled on reverse: ‘An Irish Pilgrimage train on the Argentine Pampa, bearing the loved name of President De Valera–March 16 1924’ and ‘Greetings to Mrs. Roughan from Rev. Victor O’Carolan C.P., Retiro de San Pablo Capitan Sarmiento F.C.C.A. Argentina. July 22 1925.’ Also copy of same annotated by Fr. O’Carolan on reverse ‘Viva De Valera written on an Irish-Argentine Pilgrimage train in Buenos Aires, March 16, 1924, put there by a priest. It is a British railway!’.
2 items, 8cm x 10cm each

1878
April–June 1924
File on Mrs. Wheelwright’s campaign in the U.S.A. to free her son. Comprises newspaper cuttings and booklet A Mother’s Appeal for Her Son including the text of an address by Mrs. Catherine de Valera Wheelwright delivered in Washington D.C. on 4 May 1924, at a mass meeting of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic protesting ‘Against the Imprisonment of President de Valera and Over 1000 Irish Patriots’; ‘A Romance of Two Continents. The Story of the de Valera Family’ by Katherine Hughes (1924, 16pp) and photocopy of de Valera’s Corrected Birth Certificate (2 June 1924, 1p).
Mrs. Wheelwright went to Washington to see members of Congress about de Valera’s continued imprisonment and was guest of honour at a large gathering of the A.A.R.I.R..
9 items

1879
[April]–December 1924
Various statements by de Valera issued during 1924. Comprises:
– typescript copy of statement ‘To the people of Ireland–Nearly a year has elapsed since the Army of the Republic, in loyal obedience to the orders of its trusted leaders, ceased to defend itself against its aggressors’ (c.April 1924, 1p);
– Sinn Féin Special Edition with banner Tailteann Games. President De Valera’s Statement (2 August 1924, 1p);
– carbon copy address by de Valera ‘To every friend of the Irish Republic in Australia’ (1 September 1924, 1p);
– carbon copy text of ‘President’s Christmas Message. To the citizens of the Republic’(December 1924, 1p).
4 items

1880
June 1924
Photograph of de Valera (6cm x 4cm) attached to a white ribbon stamped ‘Síocháin & Saoirse Souvenir Meitheamh 1924’.
1 item
1881

6 July 1924

Extract from L’Ame Gauloise, (Journal Républicain, Mutualiste et Littéraire paraissant le Dimanche) being an article by Etienne Beuque, entitled ‘La Guerre civile en Irlande’ (1922). With handwritten note on top of page ‘A really splendid article. I think this series might be worth translating & publishing as a pamphlet. Mme. Beuque deserves the recognition’.

See also P150/3632 for article published in The Irish Press entitled ‘This French Writer Loves Ireland. Etienne Beuque At Home’. Article is on reverse of editorial article captioned ‘Origin of the Civil War. A Narrative Of The Facts’ (14 April 1938); P150/1893 for October 1924 letter from de Valera to Etienne Beuque thanking her for her support of the Republican movement through her writing.

1p

1882

(1923); 14–17 July 1924

Documents relating to de Valera’s release from Arbour Hill Barracks on 16 July 1924.

Comprises:

− file of copy letters and typescript copies of press cuttings concerning the detention of de Valera and attempts by groups in the U.S.A. to secure his release. Among those involved are S.P. Breathnach (Joseph P. Walsh), Secretary, Department of External Affairs; T.A. Smiddy, Free State Representative in Washington D.C.; Colonel D. Nelligan, [Free State] Director of Intelligence; Eoin P. Ó Caoimh, ‘Honorary Secretary, Sinn Féin Reorganising Committee’) and Sinéad de Valera (August 1923–April 1924, 37pp);

− memorandum from ‘S.M.’ announcing the news that de Valera will be released on 15 or 16 July (14 July 1924, 1p);

− copy letter to Kathleen O’Connell from Seán T. O’Kelly on de Valera’s imminent release (16 July 1924, 1p);

− telegram from same to same stating ‘President released 8.15 this evening’ (16 July 1924, 1p);

− newspaper cutting ‘Stop Press Gaol Gates Opened De Valera and Austin Stack Released This Evening’ (16 July 1924, 1 item);

− letters of congratulation to de Valera following his release from Chief of Staff Frank Aiken, Acting President P.J. Rutledge and Acting Minister for Finance Michael P. Colivet (16 & 17 July 1924, 3 items, 1p each).

8 items

1883

July–August 1924

Telegram of congratulations upon the release of de Valera from prison in July 1924 from Sinn Féin Cumann throughout Ireland and from Irish groups and individuals in Britain, the U.S.A., Canada and Australia including Archbishop Mannix, Edward J. Hearty, John F. Finerty, John F. Harrigan and J.J. Castellini.

c.212 items
Letters of congratulation upon de Valera’s release from prison from American, Australian and French citizens and Republican organisations including:

- Mrs. Mary F. McWhorter;
- Joseph McGarrity;
- the Benjamin Franklin Club of New York;
- the Rebel Cork Benevolent Association, San Francisco, California;
- James J. Holloway, President, The Theban Legion.

Some letters are in Irish.  

**24. CAMPAIGNING AND ARREST IN NEWRY, COUNTY DOWN**

**August–December 1924**

**1885**  
21 July 1924  
Carbon copy ‘Speech by President Eamon de Valera at Reception Mansion House Dublin’.  
With headings ‘We have not changed’; ‘The work to be done’; ‘The Pact’; ‘Partition’; ‘Hatred not our ruling motive’; ‘No glory in civil war’ and ‘A warning to other struggling nations’.  
6pp

**1886**  
25 July; 4 September–17 December 1924  
Communications between de Valera and ‘M’ [Molly Childers], following de Valera’s release from Arbour Hill in July 1924.  
See also P150/1794 for communications between de Valera and Mrs. Molly Childers, between January and August 1923; P150/1746 for communications between Mrs. Molly Childers and Acting President P.J. Ruttledge, between April and July 1924.  
9 items

**1887**  
n.d.  
Typescript entitled ‘Quotations from Eamon de Valera’s Speeches, Statements, Writings etc. from His Release from Pentonville Prison 1917 to His Release from Arbour Hill 1924’. Contains extracts dated 24 June 1917 to 15 August 1924.  
9pp
1888

3 August–12 December 1924
Correspondence between de Valera or his Personal Secretary Kathleen O’Connell (Caitlín Ni Chonaill) and members of the Executive Committee of Cumann na mBan, Eilis Nic Eachnaidh, Síghle Nic Amhlaoibh and Brighid Ní Mhaoláin. The topics covered are the proposed boycott of the Tailteann Games, the organisation of a Harry Boland Commemoration Concert, the lack of women representatives in the Republican Cabinet, in Republican delegations or in the elected assembly, and the hungerstrike by Republican prisoners in Mountjoy Jail.

Note: letter (2pp) dated 3 August 1924 from Síghle Nic Amhlaoibh is in Irish.

See also 1928 for 1925 correspondence between de Valera and Cumann na mBan members.

21 items

1889

August 1924
Documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Ennis, Co. Clare on 15 August 1924, his first main public appearance since his release from Arbour Hill on 16 July. Includes:

− black and white photographs of crowds at Ennis on 15 August 1924, sent by Fr. Victor O’Carolan, to ‘Mrs. Roughan from Argentina on happy anniversary of August 15th, 1924’ (August 1924, 3 items, 10cm x 8cm each);
− carbon copy memoranda to de Valera from Art O’Connor enclosing statistics ‘about Imports and general position of our Trade’ for his speech in Ennis and recommending de Valera make reference to the Gaelic League in the speech (14 August 1924, 3 items);
− typescript copy of ‘Points and Headings of speech, Ennis August 15, 1924’. With handwritten note on top of page ‘To Sean O Cuiv. Not to be released before 2pm Friday August 15’ (August 1924, 3pp);
− carbon copy text of ‘President De Valera’s Speech at Ennis, 15th August, 1924’ (3pp);
− cutting from The Irish Independent Mr. De Valera at Ennis. States he has no new policy (16 August 1924, 1 item);
− pamphlet Souvenir of President De Valera’s Visit to Ennis, Aug. 15, 1924’ (August 1924, 31pp).

14 items

1890

[August] 1924
‘Address from the Meelick District Council to President De Valera On the Occasion of his First Visit to his Constituency since his release’. Silk scroll on poplin backing c.27cm x 46cm
1891 August 1924 Documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Dundalk, Co. Louth on 24 August 1924. Comprises:
- typescript list of arrangements for the event (n.d., 1p);
- carbon copy drafts of ‘Speech of President De Valera at Dundalk. Sunday, 24th August, 1924’. With holograph amendments and corrections by de Valera (August 1924, 2 items, 5pp each);
- typescript copy of ‘Points of speech Dundalk, Aug. 24th’ under the headings ‘Sinn Fein Purpose and Policy’ and ‘Policy of the Republican Cabinet of 1921’ (2pp). 4 items

1892 August 1924 Carbon copy text of ‘President De Valera’s Speech at College Green Tuesday Night, 26th August, 1924’. With holograph amendments and corrections by de Valera. 3pp

1893 August–December 1924 Dissociated correspondence of de Valera. Comprises:
- letter of support and welcome from [Fr.] J.B. Coyle, St. Joseph’s Dundalk;
- carbon copy letter from de Valera to Mlle. Etiennette Beuque thanking her for her support for the Republican cause through her writing (15 October 1924, 1p);
- copy letter from de Valera to Liam Pedlar on a gift of money to Pedlar from Fr. Magennis (2 December 1924, 1p);
- holograph letter (1p) from Morchadh Ó Caomhánaigh (‘Arm Poblachta na h-Éireann’) about a photograph of Vivion de Valera he is sending to de Valera along with Christmas and New Year’s wishes. Photograph (c7cm x 5cm) is mounted in Christmas card (23 December 1924, 2 items). 5 items

1894 28 August–27 September 1924 Newspaper articles on Document No. 2 and the ‘Boundary Question’ mostly consisting of public statements issued by the pro- and anti-Treaty sides. 5 items

1895 1923; October 1924 Printed pamphlet, No. 6. *The Alternative to the Treaty* (‘Document No. 2’) by de Valera (Dublin: Irish Nation Committee, 6 Harcourt Street) (1923, 13pp) and pamphlet also entitled *The Alternative to the Treaty, ‘Document No. 2’* by de Valera (February 1923, 11pp). Same text as previous pamphlet, but in a different format. Initialled by de Valera. Also includes printed pamphlet, *The Anglo-Irish Treaty and Mr. De Valera’s Alternative* (October 1924, 12pp). 3 items
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<td>Holograph letter from Maud Gonne MacBride, Honorary Secretary of the Prisoners’ Defence League, to de Valera (13 September 1924, 4pp) enclosing English and French translations of a resolution to be proposed at a meeting on Sunday 14 September in O’Connell Street, which is being sent to the President of the Council of the League of Nations. Resolution calls attention to the fact ‘that 18 months after the cessation of hostilities in Ireland, the Free State Government which is a member of the League of Nations, is violating the accepted rules of nations at war in regard to prisoners of war still held in their jails. The Free State is sentencing individual soldiers as criminals for acts done by military orders during the war’ (2 items, 1p each). Also includes acknowledgement of receipt. 4 items</td>
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<td>Cuttings from Northern Irish and British newspapers, mostly on the Boundary Commission, Northern Ireland’s decision not to appoint a Commissioner, and political decisions of the Free State Cabinet. Comprises cuttings from the following newspapers: <em>The Monitor; The Outlook; Morning Post; Yorkshire Evening Post; Sunday Times; Westminster Gazette; Belfast Newsletter</em> and <em>Northern Whig and Belfast Post</em>. 28 items</td>
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1901  
8 September–8 October 1924  
Documents relating to an interview given by de Valera to Edward Alden Jewell ‘International Correspondent’, London, on 23 September 1924. Includes correspondence between Jewell and de Valera’s Personal Secretary Kathleen O’Connell on arrangements for the interview and its publication, list of questions and answers and text of the interview submitted by Jewell for checking prior to publication. The latter includes extensive alterations in de Valera’s hand (September 1924, 7pp).

10 items

1902  
October 1924  
Typescript copy of a speech delivered by de Valera in Carlow on 5 October 1924. Discusses his decision to oppose the Treaty—‘I would have opposed the Treaty, because I knew the Treaty could not lead to peace or prosperity’; the Republican Cabinet’s policies in 1921; self-sufficiency—‘You cannot have prosperity without freedom...We ought not in this country have to be buying boots from abroad or clothes. We should not be smoking tobacco and cigarettes manufactured abroad. All these things can be done here at home and the millions that at present are used to strengthen the people who are insisting on exploiting us could be used here to feed our own people and make them content and prosperous’; the ‘right to govern ourselves in our own way without interference from outside’; the Boundary question; ‘the question of our attitude towards England’; the small number of Republican prisoners still in jail. ‘The fact that a large number of the prisoners—the majority of them—have been released has made it possible for their jailers to treat those who are left behind barbarously as criminals. Seumas Lennon and Bob Lambert are not criminals as you know’; the decision to burn the Custom House; and concludes with a call for unity among the people of Ireland.

6pp

1903  
8 October–18 December 1924  
Letters to de Valera from members of the public in London, Las Palmas and Chicago, Illinois seeking autographs and offering advice.

5 items

1904  
October 1924  
Carbon copy of ‘President’s Speech at Bandon Meeting, Sunday, 12th October, 1924’.

3pp
1905 October 1924  
Article from Current History Magazine by Maude Radford Warren entitled Ireland’s House in Order on the composition and personalities of Dáil Éireann.  
7pp

1906 September–November 1924; Documents relating to de Valera’s arrest in Derry on 26 October 1924 and his imprisonment in Belfast Jail from 1 November until 29 November 1924. Includes:  
– typescript extract from the Public Meeting Act, 1908 (8th. Edward VII Cap. LXVI), setting out the ‘Penalty on Endeavour to Break up Public Meeting’ (original dated 21 December 1908, 1p);  
– order issued by Sir Richard Dawson Bates, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, under the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act (Northern Ireland) 1922, prohibiting de Valera from entering ‘the Counties of Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Tyrone, and Londonderry, the County of the City of Belfast, and the County of the City of Londonderry’. Signed (1 September 1924, 1p);  
– typescript notice issued to de Valera that he ‘will be charged before a Court of Summary jurisdiction constituted under the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act (Northern Ireland) 1922, at Belfast on 1st November 1924’, on the charge of entering the County of the City of Londonderry on 26 October 1924, in contravention of an order issued on 1 September 1924. Signed ‘D.I. for Inspector General R.U.C.’ (30 October 1’924, 1p);  
– order signed by the Governor of Belfast Prison for a Third Class train ticket to Dundalk for de Valera (28 November 1924).  
12 items

1907 4 July 1951  
Cutting from The Derry Journal headed De Valera’s 1924 Visit to Derry. The True Story of How the Armed Cordons were Outwitted.  
1 item

1908 22 March 1966  
Press cutting from the Derry Journal headed Mr. De Valera and the Co. Derry Seat being an account of de Valera’s arrest at an election meeting in Derry in 1924.  
1 item

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1909 1924 ‘Notes taken from diaries – President’s and K. O’Connell’s’ listing dates of eight events between 26 October and 5 December 1924 including the lying in state and funeral of executed men, de Valera’s arrest in Derry (26 October 1924) and his release from Belfast jail (29 November 1924).

1p

1910 November 1924 Carbon copy ‘Speech of Acting-President Rutledge at College Green Meeting in Support of Candidature of Sean Lemass, 9th November, 1924.’

4pp

1911 December 1924 Typescript draft of ‘President De Valera’s Speech at Gorey’ Co. Wexford on 14 December 1924. With holograph amendments and corrections.

7pp

1912 16 October 1924 Typescript text of an [election campaign] speech made by de Valera in Dun Laoghaire on 16 October 1924 on the general policy of Sinn Féin, especially with regard to the Treaty. Answers the charge of ‘inconsistency in that we are now about to contest the elections in the North-East, whereas a couple of years ago we advised our people in the North-East to have nothing to do with these elections’. Seán MacEntee also spoke at the meeting on the question of partition.

4pp

1913 1924 Typescript draft of de Valera’s ‘Appeal to Republicans’ for subscriptions to be forwarded to the Honorary Treasurer of Sinn Féin [Mrs. Cathal Brugha]. ‘Five bye-elections are pending. At any moment we may be called upon to defend the Republic at a General Election…A determined contest is certain to be costly, and, following the recent years of disruption, careful reorganisation is a matter of pressing necessity.’

1p
25. CAMPAIGNING AND BOUNDARY AGREEMENT BILL

1925

1914
18 January 1925 Carbon copy letter to de Valera from ‘Catlín b
ni’ reporting on the work of the delegation
comprising herself and [Linda Kearns] from the Irish Republican Prisoners’
Dependants’ Fund in Australia, Brisbane, Cairns, Sydney, Melbourne and
Victoria, and general Irish attitudes towards the Free State and Republicanism
throughout the country. Asks de Valera to send out a relief delegation to
campaign and raise funds to relieve distress, between July to December and
suggests ‘Madame’ [O’Rahilly] as an ideal candidate.
7pp

1915
January 1925 Typescript ‘Suggestions for Speech at Cavan
25-1-25’ concerning the Oath of Allegiance and
reports in ‘One of the newspapers supporting the Merrion Street
administration’ that ‘Republican deputies have been considering the question
of entering the Free State Parliament’. States ‘Our policy is to assert the right
of the people to decide their own form of government free from external force
or pressure, and we know that such a government would carry out the
Democratic Programme adopted by Dáil Éireann in 1921’.
1p

1916
January 1925 ‘President’s Speech, Thomas Street, 28/1/25/
President De Valera, speaking in support of the
candidature of Michael O’Maolain at a meeting held in Thomas Street,
Dublin’. Two copies, one typescript (10pp) and one handwritten (29pp).
2 items, 10pp & 29pp

1917
February 1925 Cutting from The Irish Independent on de
Valera’s speech at Ballaghadereen, Co.
Roscommon ‘in support of the Anti-Treaty candidate for Roscommon’.
1p

1918
February 1925 Typescript copy of de Valera’s speech at
Kilkenny, in support of Michael Barry’s
Candidature, concentrating on the question of the Oath of Allegiance.
9pp
1919
6 February & 25 June 1925  Holograph letters in Irish to de Valera from George Noble, Count Plunkett on the need to re-organise and revitalise various branches of the Republican movement, the Count’s reaction to rumours that the Republican T.D.’s are going to enter the Free State parliament, the role of the Army and the task he (the Count) faces—“Sé sin Airm na tíre a thabhairt slán, agus gach uile rud eile a leigint uaim go mbéidh Airm na Poblachta gléasta, gceart le haireamh greannta greidhmhara. Tá na hÓglaigh ann fós. Ní thioическихd siad amach ar fháinn ná ar phaire muna bhfuil gunnai aca. Níl gunnai aca. Is fior sin agus ní bréag é. Tosnuighheadh ar saoirse a baint amach d’Éireann le hÓglaigíbh agus a ngunnai. Nuair a bhíomar gléasta ní raibh stop nó stad d’ar ngluaiseacht, nó daoine ‘g ár gcur sios le féidhm. Ar an am so tá muinntir an ‘Free State’ d’ar ndalladh le dallógaibh-phúicín…Seas suas, in ainm Dé agus cuir do lámh chun oibre ionnus go mbéidh Airm againn arís. Seas!”. 2 items, 1p & 3pp

1920
29 February 1925  Holograph letters to de Valera from Donal O’Callaghan declining to serve on a committee as he is hoping to leave the city soon; and conveying news that a ‘London journalist succeeded…in getting hold of Casement’s Diary. He made a copy of it. The fact that he had the Diary was discovered and he was sent for by the Home Secty. The return of the Diary was demanded and secured. Some time later–presumably steps were being taken to get the copy published–he was again sent for. The copy was demanded. He denied having it. He was warned that this was regarded as a very important State Document under the Official Secrets Act. This interview is supposed to have led to the recent official Press paragraph on the matter. This stated that the Hearst people in U.S. have another copy and that they will probably publish it. The kernel of H.’s story was that this London copy could be bought if that were considered advisable.’ Letter declining to serve on the committee in Irish.

2 items, 1p each

1921
February–March; November 1925  Miscellaneous letters to de Valera mainly from members of the public. Includes:
– letter from Timothy McMahon, Co. Clare, seeking de Valera’s help in the return of a gun, ‘a single barrel breach loder (sic)…cost me £5’, which had been ‘handed into your officers at the time of the black and tans’. Includes Secretary’s reply (11 February 1925, 1p);
– letter from Fr. H. Farrell C.S.Sp., Blackrock College, Dublin, on a meeting in the Shelbourne Hotel attended by Alec McCabe, T. O’Malley and Chris Byrne (7 November 1925, 2pp);
– holograph letter to de Valera’s Personal Secretary Kathleen O’Connell, from H. O’Connor of Sinn Féin enclosing figures for the pig trade for the 44 weeks to 5 November 1925; memoranda headed ‘Irish Banks: Clearing House Returns, 45 weeks to November 7th’, ‘Revenue and Expenditure’ comparing the levels of income tax and indirect taxation in Ireland and Britain and ‘Trade’ dealing with imports and exports of food and manufactured goods (13 November 1925, 15pp). 8 items
1922 3 March 1925 Typescript comments by de Valera ‘with regard to Mr. Cosgrave’s denial of his [de Valera] assertion at Crossmolina as to Mr. Cosgrave’s attitude towards the Treaty’. At Crossmolina, de Valera had said ‘it was a rather common misconception that the majority of the Cabinet of the Republic were in favour of the proposals embodied in the so-called Treaty’. 3pp

1923 14 March 1925 Holograph letter to de Valera from Seán Lemass concerning the accidental publication in the press of a draft letter by Lemass and seeking de Valera’s advice. De Valera replies ‘I think now you had better let the matter rest as it stands now. The controversy is bound to develop and you will have abundant opportunities to make your position clear’. 2 items, 1p each

1924 20 March 1925 Typescript report of an interview in which de Valera explains the reasons for the decision by the Ard Chomhairle of Sinn Féin to put forward Republican candidates in the elections in the ‘Six Northeastern Counties’. With handwritten amendments by de Valera. 2pp

1925 30 March & 7 April 1925 Carbon copy letters from de Valera to the editor of Sinn Féin advising him on publicity matters including the inclusion in the paper of a regular ‘short note’ on countering Free State propaganda, especially in order to show up the Free State authorities’ ‘persistent use of the word “Anti-Treatyite”…the idea here is not merely to deny us the name “Republican” or “Sinn Fein”, but also by use of the word “anti” to suggest cranks…’. Also includes memorandum referring to the death of Fr. Peter Yorke of San Francisco, ‘I would like to have an appreciative article of his work in Sinn Fein…He was a tower of strength to us when I was in America’. 3 items, 1p each

1926 Easter 1925 Typescript ‘Copy of verbatim Report’ of ‘Address by General Aiken, in Dundalk at National Commemoration Ceremony–Easter, 1925’. 3pp
1927  May 1925  Drafts of letter from de Valera to Pope Pius XI bringing to the latter’s attention the ‘unwarranted and bitterly partisan attitude of a great many of our Bishops and clergy in political matters’. Five drafts as follows:  
- holograph, on official Dáil Éireann notepaper. Found in an envelope addressed to ‘His Holiness Pius XI’ and marked ‘Draft Letter not sent’ (12 May 1925, 2pp);  
- typescript, with holograph amendments by de Valera (May 1925, 3 items, 3pp, 2pp & 2pp, latter two marked ‘Identical Copy’);  
- typescript final version (9 May 1925, 2pp).  
5 items, & envelope

1928  June–December 1925  Correspondence between de Valera and members of the Cumann na mBan Executive, mainly Síghle Nic Amhlaoibh and Fiona Ni Phluingcéid, concerning Republican policy with regard to the Oath of Allegiance and the ‘Free State Parliament’. Note: a number of the letters are in Irish. Also includes letter to de Valera from Countess Markievicz on behalf of the Cumann na mBan Executive following de Valera’s oration at the grave of Wolfe Tone in Bodenstown cemetery on 21 June 1925, with regard to complaints that ‘the movement is becoming Daily more and more a political party, and adopting party methods…the whole movement centres around elections and that unfortunately the result of this is that bribery, trickery and corruption, impersonation etc. is increasing with every election…’ (13 June 1925, 2pp). 
See also P150/1888 for 1924 correspondence between de Valera and members of Cumann na mBan.  
12 items

1929  21 June 1925  Typescript copy of ‘President’s Speech at Bodenstown, June 21st, 1925’ at the grave of Wolfe Tone (5pp). Includes copy of first page, with handwritten amendments by de Valera and printed introduction from a book or pamphlet comprising ‘extracts from speech delivered by Eamon de Valera at the grave of Wolfe Tone, June 21, 1925’ (2pp).  
3 items

1930  21 August 1925  Souvenir print of de Valera standing in front of a rock face ‘Listening to the echoes, Killarney’.  
15cm x 10cm
1931  1925  Envelope marked ‘Important Army File’ containing the following documents:
- typescript copy ‘Letter of Instructions to Timthire Oglach na h-Éireann (Complementary to his verbal instructions)’ issued by the Chairman of the Army Council. ‘As Timthire you will represent Oglagh na hÉireann in all official consultations and activities in the United States…You will duly report all such consultations and activities to the Chairman of the Army Council’. Also outlines his relations with the Envoy and Republican organisations in the U.S.A. (n.d., 2pp);
- typescript copy ‘Statement by Army Council’ issued to Officers Commanding all Units and to be transmitted to all ranks. At the General Army Convention held on 14 November 1925 ‘the Army decided to fall back on its own Constitution, as amended by the Convention, and to constitute the Army Council the Supreme Authority…At the first meeting of the new Army Council the following decision was unanimously arrived at: That no member of the Army Council or G.H.Q. Staff shall hold himself free to enter the Parliaments of Northern or Southern Ireland, or advocate the entrance of these bodies with or without the Oath of Allegiance’ (n.d., 1p);
- carbon copy on tissue paper of Constitution of Oglagh na h-Éireann (Irish Republican Army) as Amended by General Army Convention, 14th–15th November, 1925 (4pp);
- typescript carbon copy on tissue paper of Report on General Army Convention, 14th–15th Nov., 1925 by the Staff Commandant, Secretary to the General Army Convention (November 1925, 6pp).

4 items & envelope


1p

1933  November 1925  Various typescript drafts of de Valera’s speech at Ennis, Co. Clare on November 29 1925, on the Treaty and the Boundary Commission. Five versions, most with holograph amendments and corrections, including carbon copy version marked ‘Pub[lished] Cl[are] Champ[ion] 5.12.25’ (6pp).  5 items

1934  November 1925  Drafts of speech delivered by de Valera in Limerick on 30 November 1925, on partition and financial relations between Ireland and Britain, including quotations from letters sent to him from Arthur Griffith in London during the Treaty negotiations of 1921. Three typescript copies, one with holograph amendments and one with handwritten annotations in preparation for publication in An Phoblacht.

3 items, 9pp each
1935
[November]–
File on the outcome of the Boundary December 1925 & n.d. Commission’s work and the Boundary Agreement of 3 December 1925. Mainly consists of copies of statements and interviews with de Valera on the Boundary Commission. Includes:
– typescript ‘Notes on the Boundary Negotiations’ signed by John Chartres. With holograph annotation by de Valera ‘This note was sent to me recently–confidentially. I intend using substance’. (19 October 1924, 3pp);
– telegram from ‘Broadstreet Dublin’ to the Morning Post in London giving comments by de Valera on the Boundary Commission and denying allegations that Republican Deputies contemplated entering the Free State Parliament (1 December 1925, 4pp);
– part of an article for The Irish World by Frank Gallagher on the Boundary Agreement, sent by Gallagher to aid de Valera in preparing his statement on the matter (4 December 1925, 2 items, 1p & 2pp);
– ‘Appeal to Republican Deputies’ from de Valera calling on all those ‘elected at and since the General election of 1923 to be present at the meeting called for the Shelbourne Hotel at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow (Tuesday)…I welcome the opportunity which I hope the meeting will afford of reuniting the people of all parties throughout the country in effective opposition to partitioning our motherland’. Signed by de Valera (7 December 1925, 1p)
– American and Irish and English newspaper articles (November–December 1925, 4 items);
– holograph notes by Michael Comyn, including ‘Arguments for a Constituent Assembly’ (December 1925, 3 items);
– typescript list of 55 ‘Deputies who voted for Boundary Agreement Bill 1925. Thereby creating status quo for North East Ulster Government’ and those who voted against (14) (15 December 1925, 2pp) and lists of those who voted for and against in the Bill’s 2nd and 3rd Reading in the House (n.d., 2pp);
– extracts from Dáil debates on 13 April, 30 June, 20 & 25 July 1923, referring to the Boundary Commission headed ‘The Boundary Commission as mentioned in the Free State Parliament’ (n.d., 7pp);
35 items

1936
4 December 1925
Holograph letter to de Valera from Austin Stack following the decision of the three governments on 3 December to leave the border unaltered. ‘This Boundary business is terrible. The first thing that struck me this morning–when I saw the heading in the press–was that it might be defeated in the so called Dáil. Then I read in Daily Mail that our 47 might go in and throw out the proposed piece of legislation. Could we do it?…Oath and all I would be inclined to favour the idea (tho’ my mind is not quite made up) if our going in would defeat the proposal. Would it not be the end of the Free State? And what better issue than Irish territorial integrity?’ (4 December 1925, 1p).

1p
1937  
6 December 1924  
Typescript speech by de Valera in Dublin on 6 December 1925 on the Boundary Commission and the financial settlement between the Free State and Britain. With holograph corrections and amendments.  
6pp

1938  
December 1925  
Carbon copy text of de Valera’s speech delivered at a meeting of Republican deputies in the Rotunda in Dublin, on 10 December 1925. ‘In another place tonight other representatives of the people have met to decide whether or not they will give their consent to the Partition of our country…the sanction of our consent that partition could never have.’ Includes the text of the protest to be signed by all Republican Deputies present. Found in envelope marked ‘President speech at Rotunda Dec. 10. 1925. Linda K. To be returned to K. O’C’.  
2pp & envelope

1939  
December 1925  
Typescript text of newspaper report of speech by de Valera in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on the Boundary Commission.  
3pp

1940  
15 February 1962  
Typescript drafts of a letter from an unknown writer to an unidentified publication in response to a letter from Senator Boland, in which he referred to the question of whether Sinn Féin ‘by entering the Dáil in 1925 could have defeated the Bill for the ratification of the Boundary Agreement on December 3rd 1925’ (n.d., 2 items, 1p each). Accompanied by typescript text giving numbers who voted for and against, during the various stages of the Boundary Agreement Bill in the Dáil (n.d., 1p) and note on the number of Republican deputies in 1925, referring to differing figures cited by Frank Gallagher and Dorothy Macardle (15 February 1962, 1p).  
4 items, 1p each

1941  
22 December 1925  
Holograph letter of sympathy from de Valera to [Dorothy Macardle].  
1p

1942  
1925  
List of names of seventeen Republican T.D.’s and activists, with addresses added in pencil (n.d., 1p) and list of names of T.D.’s, in two groups, headed ‘For: 55’ and ‘Against: 14’ (15 December 1925, 2pp).  
2 items, 1p & 2pp
1943 post-February 1924, Republican election campaign leaflet headed pre-Summer 1926 ‘What The Free State Has Done For Ireland’, with sections headed ‘Promises and Achievement’ [of the Free State government] and ‘What a Republican Government Could Do For Ireland’. 4pp

26 COMHAIRLE NA DTEACHTAÍ

1924 – 26

1944 14 September– 20 December 1923 Documents relating to meetings held by the available Republican T.D.s, those not in prison or on the run, elected in the General Election of August 1923. Includes minutes of meetings, letters from Acting President P.J. Ruttledge to the Chairman of the meetings and correspondence between Ruttledge and Mary MacSwiney who acted as Secretary to the meetings. Includes statement by the eleven Republican deputies ‘at present free’ calling attention to the ‘continued illegal incarceration of so many of our colleagues’. Signed by Countess Markievicz, George Noble Count Plunkett, Michael Skelly, Conchubar Ó Broin (Connor O’Byrne), Mrs. [Kathleen or Cáit] Brugha, Dr. Kathleen Lynn, Frank Fahy, Mary MacSwiney, L.E. O’Dea, Dr. Seán Crowley and Seáamus Ó Cillín (Killane).

37 items

1945 July– November 1924 File on meetings of Comhairle na dTeachtaí during 1924. Includes minutes of monthly meetings, statements by Acting President P.J. Ruttledge addressed to Sean T. O’Kelly, Chairman of the meetings, and correspondence between Ruttledge and Mary MacSwiney, Secretary and Director of Publicity. Also includes:
– typescript account of a meeting of Comhairle na dTeachtaí, summarising discussions on Dáil Éireann accounts, the raising of funds in the U.S.A., the finances and circulation of the weekly paper, the work of the Department of Economic Affairs, distribution of lands, the cattle trade, utilisation of foreign markets especially market for C[arraig]n Moss, a proposed campaign in favour of Irish-manufactured goods, and emigration. Contributors to the debate include the Minister for Finance, Joseph O’Doherty, Constance
1945 contd. Markievicz, de Valera, Peadar O’Donnell, Tom Derrig, Mrs. Clark, Dr. Kathleen Lynn, David Kent, Art O’Connor, Mrs. Kathleen Brugha, Mrs. Stack, Mr. Lennon, Mr. Brady, Seamus Fitzgerald and Sean Buckley ([1924], 10pp);
– handwritten memorandum ‘from Mr. Hutchinson’ tracing developments in the Republican movement in Scotland since the Treaty (c. January 1924, 5pp).
Note: ‘S.T.’ refers to Seán T. O’Kelly and ‘B.B.’ to Robert Barton.
16 items

1946 June–[December] 1925 File on meetings of Comhairle na dTeachtaí in 1925. Comprises mainly minutes of meetings held on 22 & 28 June 1925 (3 items) and account (60pp) of discussions which took place at the meeting of 15 November 1925 on the question of whether the refusal to enter the Free State parliament is a matter of principle or expediency. Detailed reference is also made to the decision of the Army to revert to its own constitution, and the consequences of this for the status of the Republican Government). Also includes:
– proposals submitted by Mary MacSwiney for a new statement of Republican policy (19 October 1925, 2pp & 23pp);
– memorandum for de Valera from [Art O’Connor] Director of Economic Affairs, entitled ‘Coachbuilding Industry’ (18 February 1925, 2pp);
– carbon copy memoranda as follows ‘Notes on Political Policy’ (2pp); ‘Suggested Lines of Policy’ (2pp) and ‘Suggestion for a Basis of Discussion on the Outline of Political Policy’ (2pp). The latter is annotated on 2 May 1925 by ‘A O’C’ (Art O’Connor) ‘This note was drafted by a mutual friend—I will tell you his name later—with whom I had quite a long discussion before he put them in form. They will, I hope, prove useful for taking stock of our present position and show what is moving in the minds of our people’;
– draft memorandum (with alterations by de Valera) on the Republican Arbitration Courts (n.d., 5pp);
– draft statement or report of remarks by de Valera to a meeting of Comhairle na dTeachtaí concerning the question of entering the Free State parliament if the Oath of Allegiance was abolished (n.d., 2pp).
14 items

1947 July 1925 Typescript account of an interview with de Valera by an Irish Times journalist following ‘a statement published in yesterday’s Irish Independent, to the effect that efforts were being made to bridge over the difficulties separating the followers of the Free State Government and Republican T.D.s’, with reference to a meeting of Comhairle na dTeachtaí on 28 June 1925. The account is preceded by the statement ‘The Irish Times sent a Journalist to interview President de Valera. The President granted the interview on conditions it should be published as he gave it. The Irish Times did not publish the interview.’
1p
1948

19 March– [7 December] 1926

File relating to meetings of Comhairle na dTeachtaí comprising notices and minutes of meetings, some in draft form and some undated, held on 28 & 29 March, at which de Valera, Austin Stack, Seán Lemass and Art O’Connor resigned from the Executive and Art O’Connor, Gerald Boland, Sean Lemass and Austin Stack were appointed to the Advisory Committee, and a meeting following the inaugural meeting of Fianna Fáil at the La Scala Theatre on 16 May 1926. Also includes lists of Republican T.D.’s. and typescript headed ‘Discussion on the minutes’ outlining comments by the President to a meeting of Comhairle na dTeachtaí on the question of overall Republican policy, with particular reference to the Oath of Allegiance and entering the Free State parliament, the status of the Republican Government, relations with the Army and contesting the General Election (n.d., 35pp).

29 items

1949

23 November 1926– 17 January 1927

Correspondence between de Valera and Art O’Connor mainly relating to meetings of Comhairle na dTeachtaí and the Bond litigation.

9 items
27. ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATIONS

1923 – 73

1950
17 March 1923
Typescript copies of text of de Valera’s St. Patrick’s Day message to ‘the Irish Race’. ‘Like the Israelites at the mountain of the Amorites our nation is within sight of the land of promise, and the question is whether the people will listen to the voices that urge them to go forward and possess their inheritance or hearken rather to those crying out “Our brethren hath discouraged our heart, the Anakims are greater and taller than we, let us choose a captain to lead us back to Egypt”. The policy of courage is the policy of wisdom. United upon it our people can go forward unconquerable. The policy of weakness is the policy of division, futility, and defeat.’
One copiesigned by de Valera.
2 items, 1p each

1951
17 March 1926
File on St. Patrick’s Day, 1926 comprising draft and final version of a statement by de Valera entitled ‘The Partition of Ireland’ ‘For release St. Patrick’s Day, 1926’. Final version with holograph note by de Valera ‘Exclusive to Mr. Brayden, Associated Press’ and marked with de Valera’s personal delta sign (17 March 1926, 2 items, 3pp each) and typescript drafts of de Valera’s St. Patrick’s Day message to be published in An Phoblacht (March 1926, 4 items, 1p each).
6 items

1952
March 1928
File on St. Patrick’s Day, 1928 comprising typescript drafts of de Valera’s St. Patrick’s Day messages to the Irish people and American news agencies.
4 items, 1p each

1953
March 1929
Carbon copy draft of de Valera’s 1929 St. Patrick’s Day message to the United Press of America.
2pp

1954
February–March 1931
Letter to de Valera from George McDonagh of United Press of America seeking the text of de Valera’s 1931 St. Patrick’s Day message to the U.S.A. and three typescript drafts of the 1931 message, including one signed by de Valera.
4 items, 1p each
1955
March 1932
Typescript copy of text of ‘President de Valera’s Broadcast Message, St. Patrick’s Day, 1932’. Begins ‘This is the first occasion that I have had the opportunity of speaking at the same moment to the Irish people at home and in the United States of America. The fifteenth Centenary anniversary of the coming of St. Patrick; the year of the Eucharistic Congress; the recent election by the people of this State of the first Fianna Fáil Government, all combine to make this year’s celebration of the National Festival one of unique interest in our history.’ Annotated ‘5 page, 1500 word message’. 5pp

1956
March 1933
‘President’s St. Patrick’s Message, 1933 (given to Mr. M. Harkin, for Mr. McDonagh, United Press of America)’. 1p

1957
March 1934
File on the celebration of St. Patrick’s Day, 1934 comprising:
– drafts of de Valera’s St. Patrick’s Day messages for various news agencies as follows:
  • ‘Mr. Connolly, International News Service, New York’ (2 March 1934, 2 items, 1p each);
  • John Darby of the Public Ledger, Philadelphia (15 March 1934, 3 items, 1p each);
  • The New York Times (16 March 1934, 3 items);
  • George McDonagh of the United Press of America (3 items, 1p each);
– drafts of the text of de Valera’s 1934 St. Patrick’s Day radio broadcast to the U.S.A. (5 items). Begins ‘Two years have passed since last on our National Feast Day I have had the privilege of speaking to the friends of Ireland in America. Our Government had then just entered on its first period of office, and in my address I adverted to some of the problems that were confronting us and pressing for solution…It will interest our friends to learn now how we have fared with our programme, and, after two years of effort, what progress has been made’;
– text of address to be published in the newspapers (1p);
– ‘Dublin, Athlone and Cork Broadcasting Stations. Programme, Saturday, 17th March, 1934’ including ‘6.0 Address by President De Valera to the United States (by courtesy of Columbia Broadcasting System Incorporated, of America)’ (1p). 19 items

1958
March & May 1935
Drafts of the text of de Valera’s 1935 St. Patrick’s Day radio broadcast to Ireland and the U.S.A. (10 items). Also article from The Irish Press on the St. Patrick’s Day celebrations in Ireland and on the speech headlined ‘Year of Notable Advance. Mr. De Valera’s Radio Message’ (18 March 1935, 2pp). ‘Our American friends will desire to hear something of the way in which Ireland
1958 contd. has met during the past year the difficulties with which every country in the world has been faced. As you know, these difficulties have been intensified in our case by the economic war which is still being waged against us. We have, nevertheless, come through the year maintaining a strength and vigour which has surprised our friends no less than our enemies.’ Also partial copy of Father Matthew Record and Franciscan Mission Advocate (Vol. 28, No. 5) containing the full text of de Valera’s broadcast (May 1935, pp.198–200).

1959

March 1936 File on the celebration of St. Patrick’s Day, 1936 comprising:
– de Valera’s itinerary for the day, including the times of radio broadcasts to Australia (‘8a.m. to 8.8 a.m.’), Britain (‘11.4 a.m. to 11.11a.m.’) and the U.S.A. (‘8.15 to 8.30 p.m.’) (1p);
– typescript draft of a St. Patrick’s Day address by de Valera to ‘the people of our race in all corners of the earth’ (n.d., 3pp);
– ‘President’s Message for publication on Saint Patrick’s Day, 1936–given to Mr. Rooney, Associated Press of America’ (6 March 1936, 2pp);
– ‘President’s Message given to Mr. McDonagh, United Press of America, for publication on St. Patrick’s Day, 1936’ (6 March 1936, 1p);
– draft of de Valera’s broadcast address to Australia (‘8 mins’). Autographed by de Valera (7pp);
– drafts of de Valera’s broadcast address to ‘those who have their homes in Britain, in the overseas states of the British commonwealth, or in the other vast territories where people from Ireland and from Britain have settled in a common home’. One draft labelled in Kathleen O’Connell’s hand ‘P’s own draft–not used March 16. 1936’ (4pp), other draft headed ‘St. Patrick’s Day 1936. Broadcast to B.B.C. 7 mins.’. Autographed by de Valera (5pp);
– draft of de Valera’s broadcast address to the U.S.A.. Autographed by him (10pp);
– Irish and Australian newspaper reports on the broadcasts to America, Australia and ‘to other countries’, including reports on the continuous interruptions of de Valera’s speech broadcast by Radio Athlone by persons unknown who had tapped the line between Athlone and Dublin and had interrupted the broadcast by means of a telephone, and the Archbishop of Melbourne, Rev. Dr. Daniel Mannix’s reply to de Valera’s broadcast, ‘the first which has ever been relayed to that continent from the Irish Free State’ (18 & 19 March 1936, 6 items);
– Irish newspaper reports on the celebrations in Ireland (18 March 1936, 5 items).
1960

March & April 1937

File on the celebration of St. Patrick’s Day 1937 comprising:

– memorandum setting out ‘the arrangements which have been made for the procession from Government Buildings to the Pro-Cathedral and return on St. Patrick’s Day’ (3pp) sent to Kathleen O’Connell by the Department of External Affairs;

– typescript copy of de Valera’s ‘Broadcast to Irish Nation and Irish race abroad’ (4pp);

– holograph and typescript drafts of de Valera’s broadcast to Australia. Two items, one labelled ‘Draft not followed’ (7pp) and one labelled ‘Sent for record in Australia. Delivered at Dublin Studio 8.45 am. 15.III.37. abt 8 mins’ (7pp);

– holograph and typescript drafts of his broadcast to the U.S.A. Two items (12pp each), one autographed and annotated ‘Delivered Dublin Studio at 9.15 pm., 17.III.37’ and ‘14 mins’;

– reports from The Irish Independent on the broadcasts (18 March 1937, 2 items);

– communications to Kathleen O’Connell from Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, on publicity given, and reaction to, de Valera’s broadcasts in Rome and the U.S.A. (23 March–12 April 1937, 6 items);

– extract from The Father Matthew Record and Franciscan Mission Advocate containing the full text of de Valera’s broadcasts (n.d., pp.191–194).

17 items

1961

March 1938


‘On former occasions like this I took the opportunity to report to you from year to year the progress made towards the national objectives which we were originally elected to secure. During the year that has passed we have had a general election. The people confirmed their adherence to our programme, and so the march towards complete national liberty, better relations with our neighbour, a balanced economic development, and a juster social system is being continued without interruption. The outstanding event of the year was the adoption by the people of a Constitution based on their own Christian conception of life, embodying their own political, social and cultural ideals and providing the framework for future development in accordance with the national genius and tradition…Another important event which you may wish me to speak about was the opening a couple of months ago of formal negotiations with the British Government with a view to settling the chief outstanding matters in dispute between the two countries. These were partition, the occupation by British forces of certain defence positions on our ports, the financial dispute, and the discriminating tariffs imposed by Britain on Irish produce entering the British market…’

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| 1962 | March 1939 | File on de Valera’s visit to Rome between 10 and 19 March 1939, for the coronation of Pope Pius XII [Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli] on 12 March. Comprises:  
- itinerary for de Valera’s ‘Coronation Mission to Rome’ (3pp);  
- official list of international representatives present at the coronation (in French) (March 1939, 18pp);  
- mounted black and white formal group photograph of de Valera and Joseph P. Walshe (front row, extreme right) and members of St. Isidore’s College, Rome. Autographed by de Valera (14 March 1939, 36cm x 28cm including mount, 23cm x 18cm excluding mount)  
- mounted black and white photograph of de Valera [with the President of the College?] and [Fr. Hubert Quinn, Guardian of St. Isidore’s College] in St. Isidore’s College, Rome (14 March 1939, 8cm x 12cm excluding mount, 15cm x 22cm including mount);  
- drafts of de Valera’s 1939 St. Patrick’s Day radio broadcast from Rome. ‘The address, which was intended particularly for exiles in America, was relayed to Irish listeners by Radio Éireann’. He recalled political developments in Ireland during the preceding year and affirmed once more his unwavering devotion to the cause of Irish territorial unity (4 items);  
- report from The Irish Press on de Valera’s address (18 March 1939, 2pp).  
10 items |
| 1963 | March 1940 | Copy amended text of de Valera’s 1940 St. Patrick’s Day radio broadcast to the U.S.A., relayed on 16 March 1940, on the changes in Ireland over the last 25 years (3 items) and reports from The Irish Press, The Irish Times and The Irish Independent on the address (18 March 1940, 3 items).  
4 items |
| 1964 | March 1941 | Typescript copies of de Valera’s 1941 St. Patrick’s Day radio broadcast to the U.S.A. (2 items) and text of address as published in The Irish Press under the headline ‘Taoiseach’s Message to United States. Food, Arms To Defend Freedom’ (18 March 1941, 2pp). ‘The Taoiseach dealt with the economic and political situation in Ireland at the moment, and explained the purpose of Mr. Aiken’s visit to America.’ The Minister for the Co-Ordination of Defensive Measures had been sent to the U.S.A. on a special mission designed to secure supplies of wheat, essential raw materials and arms for defensive purposes and to defend his country’s resolve to maintain neutrality.  
3 items |
| 1965 | March 1942 | Typescript drafts of de Valera’s 1942 St. Patrick’s Day radio broadcast to the Nation (3 items) and text of address as published in The Irish Press under the headline ‘Future Will Depend On Ourselves. Taoiseach Says Border Bar To Unified Defence’ (18 march 1942, 1p).  
4 items |
1966
March 1943
Typescript copy of de Valera’s 1943 St. Patrick’s Day radio broadcast to the U.S.A. entitled ‘The Ireland that We Dreamed of’ (12pp). Annotated ‘Was finished at 7p.m. From Radio Éireann at 10.10pm after Irish news & before English’. Also text of address as published in The Irish Press under the headline ‘Language Must Be Saved Call To The Nation. Each One’s Duty, Taoiseach Says’ (18 March 1943, 2pp). The ideal Ireland ‘would be the home of a people who valued material wealth only as the basis of right living, of a people who were satisfied with frugal comfort and devoted their leisure to the things of the spirit’. 2 items

1967
March 1944
Typescript drafts of de Valera’s 1944 St. Patrick’s Day radio broadcast (2 items) and front page of The Irish Press covering the address (18 March 1944, 1 item). ‘Fifteen centuries have rolled by since our people first embraced Christianity…Except our national territory, and our constancy in the profession of that Faith which St. Patrick brought us, there is nothing that is so distinctively Irish and our own as is this Irish speech…Since this war began I have never sought to minimise the dangers it held for us…I have asked that waste be eliminated, that each one of us should restrict his wants, that every worker should give of his best whether in the field or in the factory, producing to the utmost so that no one may be in grievous need. Above all, I have called on our young men to join our armed forces so as to be able to defend the liberty which they have had the good fortune to inherit and which was won at so great a cost…we pray…that God may be pleased to avert the doom which seems to threaten Rome and its people…May God grant that it be preserved to be for the future a beacon to light men’s path…’. Also two letters sent to The Irish Times with regard to de Valera’s reference to saving Rome from destruction (21 & 22 March 1944, 1p) and copy of the Weekly Review of the German News Agency (No. 16) giving the German government’s answer to the message from de Valera concerning the saving of Rome from destruction forwarded to the German government by the Irish Legation in Berlin (27 April 1944, 8pp). 5 items

1968
March 1945
Holograph draft of de Valera’s St. Patrick’s Day radio broadcast to the U.S.A. Begins ‘Over four years have passed since I spoke to you like this…St. Patrick’s Day 1941 was the last occasion on which I addressed you. Earlier in the war I c[oul]d speak to you without restraint–On that occas[ion] I had to speak with reserve lest I sh[oul]d be misunderstood–as one neutral to another. I am glad to be back on the old terms of freedom’. 4pp
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<td>Notes for, and typescript drafts of de Valera’s 1946 St. Patrick’s Day radio broadcast to the U.S.A. (8 items) and various cablegrams and reports on American and Canadian reaction to the address, sent to Kathleen O’Connell by Secretary of the Department of External Affairs Joseph P. Walshe (5 items). ‘Five years have passed since I last spoke to you on St. Patrick’s Day and on that occasion I had to speak with some reserve for your country had become engaged in war. Earlier on I had been able to speak freely to you, as from one neutral nation to another…When a small nation engages in a modern war it runs risks far in excess of any incurred by a great power…if a small nation is on the losing side it can be utterly annihilated. If, on the other hand, a small state is on the winning side it has no means of insisting that the principles, for which it fought and risked everything, be put into effect…These are some of the considerations I would have put to you had it been possible to speak to you during the war…There was a further special consideration I would also have put to you. Twenty-five years ago this ancient nation of ours was partitioned by an Act of an alien Parliament…until the re-union of our country is achieved it is idle to ask Irishmen to be convinced that the State responsible for Partition could be found waging war altruistically defending the right of small nations to be free from the aggression of stronger States…During the war…Britain has respected our neutrality and our status and has behaved with all correctness towards us. That has undoubtedly improved our relations, but Partition remains, and Partition is the mutilation of our country and our nation…the area severed from the main body of the national territory was determined by British political party considerations. It has no justification for existence as a separate state either in history, or in geography, in politics, in religion, or in economics…’ 13 items</td>
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<td>1970</td>
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<td>Typescript drafts of de Valera’s St. Patrick’s Day radio broadcast to the U.S.A. (2 items) and text of the address as published in The Irish Press under the headline ‘End of Partition Would Help World Peace. The Taoiseach’s Call: Tribute to Irish in U.S.’ (18 March 1947, 1p). ‘A strong call to do all in their power to help in ending Partition and so assist not only in securing the foundation of a splendid future for our country, but also in the great work of bringing nations together and in the great movement towards world peace, was made by the Taoiseach in his St. Patrick’s Day broadcast to the United States.’ 3 items</td>
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<td>1971</td>
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1972

9–13 & 17 March 1954

File of correspondence between Seán Nunan, Kathleen O'Connell and F.H. Boland, Irish Ambassador in London, concerning arrangements for de Valera’s St. Patrick’s day visit to London on the 16 and 17 March 1954 where he was the guest of honour at the National University of Ireland Club silver jubilee banquet in Grosvenor House.

Also includes black and white photographs of the banquet comprising print of de Valera and an unidentified woman [probably Mrs. Howlett, wife of Dr. J. Howlett, President of the Club] (16cm x 16cm), Frank Aiken, [Dr. J. Howlett or Boland] and de Valera listening to an after-dinner speech by His Eminence Cardinal Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster (20cm x 16cm) and de Valera mid-speech (15cm x 23cm). ©: Illustrated.

18 items

1973

February–May 1955

Texts of St. Patrick’s Day greetings and messages of goodwill sent by de Valera to various American, British and Australian organisations, individuals, newspapers and radio stations including:

- Albert D. Castellini, Chairman of the Memorial Committee for Friends of Ireland;
- Patrick McGeown, Honorary Secretary of the Anti-Partition League of Ireland (Scotland);
- Peter Kilroy, Dublin representative of the U.S. International News Service and Melbourne Advocate;
- John Costello, organiser of the Colwyn Bay St. Patrick’s Day dinner;
- Martin Fleming, Chairman of the Detroit, Michigan branch of the Gaelic League.

Also accompanied by associated correspondence.

34 items

1974

February–April 1956

Texts of St. Patrick’s Day greetings and messages of goodwill sent by de Valera to various American, Irish and British organisations and individuals including:

- Albert D. Castellini, Chairman of the Memorial Committee for Friends of Ireland;
- Peter Kilroy, Dublin representative of the U.S. International News Service and Melbourne Advocate;
- Terence Marsh of the Anti-Partition of Ireland League (Leeds Branch);
- Paul H. Spiers Jr. of the Holyoke Daily Transcript, Holyoke, Massachusetts;
- Patrick K. Downey, editor of The Gaelic Weekly, Limited;
- Paul McGeown of the Anti-Partition League of Ireland (Scotland);
- James Colman McCoy, editor of The Cleveland Irish Bulletin, Cleveland, Ohio;
- John Costello, organiser of the Colwyn Bay St. Patrick’s Day dinner;
- Martin Fleming, Chairman of the Detroit, Michigan branch of the Gaelic League.

Also accompanied by associated correspondence.

40 items
1975
December 1956– March 1957
Texts of St. Patrick’s Day greetings and messages of goodwill sent by de Valera to various American and British organisations and individuals including:
• George G. Reilly, National editor of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America’s National Hibernian Digest;
• Albert D. Castellini, Chairman of the Memorial Committee for Friends of Ireland;
• Peter Kilroy, Dublin representative of the U.S. International News Service and Melbourne Advocate;
• John Costello, organiser of the Colwyn Bay, North Wales Annual St. Patrick’s Day dinner.
Also accompanied by associated correspondence. 17 items

1976
December 1957– March 1958
Texts of St. Patrick’s Day greetings and messages of goodwill sent to various American, Australian, Canadian and British organisations and individuals, by de Valera for St. Patrick’s Day, 1958, including:
• George G. Reilly, National editor of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America’s National Hibernian Digest;
• R. Nolan, Honorary Secretary of the Australian Patrician Association;
• the Charitable Irish Society of Halifax, Nova Scotia;
• Albert D. Castellini, Chairman of the Memorial Committee for Friends of Ireland;
• Peter Kilroy, Dublin representative of the U.S. International News Service and Melbourne Advocate;
• Martin Fleming, Chairman of the Detroit, Michigan branch of the Gaelic League;
• John Costello, organiser of the Colwyn Bay St. Patrick’s Day dinner;
• the Irish community in Argentina through the Southern Cross.
Also accompanied by associated correspondence. 40 items

1977
March–May 1958
File on de Valera’s St. Patrick’s Day visit to London between 16 and 19 March 1958. The Taoiseach was accompanied by Frank Aiken, Minister for External Affairs. Comprises:
– itinerary for visit (1p);
– typescript drafts of de Valera’s ‘address in reply to toast of Ireland, Annual St. Patrick’s Day Banquet of National University of Ireland Club, London, 17th March, 1958’ (2 items, 4pp each);
– Irish and English newspaper cuttings on the visit (16 March–19 April 1958, 15 items);
– Australian and American newspaper cuttings (17–29 March 1958, 15 items);
– cuttings from various European and American newspapers, on de Valera’s visit to London and the press interview given by him on St. Patrick’s Day, in
1977 contd. reply to a circular minute sent by the Department of External Affairs to Irish embassies and consulates inquiring as to the extent of international press coverage of the Taoiseach’s interview (March–May 1958, 20 items). c.50 items

1978 March 1959 Typescript text of de Valera’s 1959 St. Patrick’s Day message to ‘Ireland’s friends across the seas’. 2pp

1979 March 1960 Lists and texts of de Valera’s greetings and messages of goodwill to Australian, American and Canadian organisations, for St. Patrick’s Day 1960. 9 items


1981 February–October 1962 File on de Valera’s nine-day state visit to Rome and the Vatican in March 1962, to attend the closing of the Patrician Year and the elevation of His Eminence Cardinal Michael Browne O.P., Master-General of the Dominican Order. The President was accompanied by Mrs. de Valera, Tánaiste and Minister for Health Seán MacEntee and Mrs. MacEntee [sister of Most Rev. Dr. Browne Cardinal Designate], Minister for Foreign Affairs Frank Aiken, Major Vivion de Valera and Mrs. Emer Ó Cuiv. Includes numerous reports about the Cardinal. The decoration of the Supreme Order of Christ was conferred on the President by Pope John XXIII on 16 March at the Irish Embassy in the Vatican. The gold cross of the Papal distinction Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice was conferred on Mrs. Sinéad de Valera, the highest Papal distinction ordinarily to be bestowed on women; and the Grand Cross of the Pian Order on Frank Aiken, the third highest of the Papal Orders of distinction. De Valera had an audience with the Pope on St. Patrick’s Day and presented him with a replica of St. Patrick’s
1981 contd. Bell and its shrine. The party also attended a reception at San Clemente, the Irish Dominican House [Saint Clement’s College of the Irish Dominicans] on St. Patrick’s Day.

Comprises mainly newspaper reports, including pages from Roman papers (15–16 March 1962, 53 items) but also includes itineraries and programmes for the visit, communications between the Department of External Affairs and the Irish Embassy in the Vatican on arrangements for the visit including leather-bound volume entitled ‘Official Visit to His Holiness Pope John XXIII of His Excellency Éamon de Valera President of Ireland. Protocol for the Solemn Reception 17th March 1962’ (1962, 26pp), typescript text of ‘Address of His Holiness Pope John XXIII to His Excellency, Mr. Eamon de Valera President of Ireland March 17th 1962’ (2pp), of the Pope’s message to de Valera prior to his departure for Ireland (2pp), letters of thanks written by de Valera to various individuals in Rome on return home and statements of expenses relating to the visit. 82 items

1982 1962 & May 1973 Leather bound book with text in Irish and Latin on the St. Patrick’s Bell and Shrine (10pp) and accompanying explanatory note by Marie O’Kelly (11 May 1973, 1p)–’Copy of book which accompanied the St. Patrick’s Bell and Shrine (replica from original in Museum), and which the President presented to Pope John in 1961–it is understood that Pope John arranged that it would be sent to Bishop Tom Ryan, (Clonfert) after his death, and I am told that this was done’. Also typescript notes on the history of the Bell (n.d., 3pp). The bell and shrine were actually presented to the Pope by de Valera in March 1962, during de Valera’s nine-day state visit to Rome and the Vatican to celebrate the closing of the Patrician Year. 3 items

1983 17 March 1962 Article from The Irish Press on de Valera’s presentation to Pope John XXIII of a replica of the St. Patrick’s Bell and its shrine, made from the originals in the National Museum of Ireland (17 March 1962, 1p). 1 item

1984 17 March 1962 Series of thirteen black and white photographs (18cm x 24cm (12) & 31cm x 18cm (1)) recording President and Mrs. Sinéad de Valera’s attendance at mass in St. Peter’s and the de Valeras’ audience with Pope John XXIII in the Vatican on St. Patrick’s Day, the day following the conferral of the Supreme Cross of Christ on the President, during his official visit to Rome and the Vatican at the close of the Patrician Year. 13 items

1985 March 1962 Series of thirty black and white photographs (18cm x 23cm each) recording President and
Mrs. Sinéad de Valera’s visit to St. Patrick’s Church, Rome at the close of the Patrician year, on 17 March 1962. Prints originally found in an album prepared by Fr. Patrick N. Duffner, O.S.A. as a memento of the visit.

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<td>Black and white press photographs of de Valera’s visit to the ‘Dominican House’, Rome in March 1962, as guest of honour at a reception at San Clemente, the Irish Dominican House on St. Patrick’s Day) (©: The Irish Press). 5 items, 20cm x 15cm each</td>
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<td>Series of twelve black and white photographs (18cm x 24cm each) recording de Valera’s visit to the Instituto Marcantonio Collonna, Rome on 20 March 1962 during the Patrician year. Originally found in a presentation album. Each photograph is accompanied by a short description. Album presented to de Valera as a remembrance of the visit, during which he was accompanied by Mrs. Sinéad de Valera and Frank Aiken, who also appear in the photographs. Note: Photographs have been separated from album leaves for conservation purposes. Both prints and leaves have been numbered to maintain original order. 12 photographs &amp; 13pp</td>
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<td>1988</td>
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<td>16mm film labelled ‘President de Valera at Vatican, 17/3/62’ in leather bound presentation box inscribed ‘I gCuimhne Turas an Uachtaráin Eamon de Valera chun na Róimhe, Márta 1962, arna bhronadh ag Stiúrthóir Radio Éireann’. Film is accompanied by the following typescript note on Radio Éireann headed notepaper: ‘The enclosed film of President de Valera’s visit to Rome in March, 1962 runs for slightly over eleven minutes. The film opens with the departure of the President from Dublin Airport on a dull, wet day, and the next sequence shows, in brilliant sunshine, the President’s arrival at the Vatican with Bean de Valera. The next sequence shows the Holy Father talking to the President, and this is followed by shots showing the presidential party with Vatican officials at a reception, after the audience. The final sequence shows the President, Bean de Valera and party leaving St. Peter’s. The film was taken on St. Patrick’s Day, 1962 and was first shown on Telefís Éireann News at 9p.m. the same night. Note: The film is single-sprocket stock. It can be shown on any modern 16mm projector. It would be advisable to check the projector beforehand, however as it may be of the older type with double sprockets which would mangle the film.’ 1 reel &amp; 1p</td>
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1990

1 April 1962

Copy of Famiglia Cristiana (vol. 32, no. 13) containing a profile of de Valera following his official visit to the Vatican in March, entitled ‘Un uomo tranquillo è l’idolo degli irlandesi’ (‘A Man of Tranquillity and the Idol of the Irish Nation’) (p.12 & 13) by F. Zambonini. Also typescript English translation of article, by unknown priest in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe (n.d., 6pp).

1991

March 1963

File on the unveiling of a memorial by President de Valera, to Cork No. 1 Brigade at the Republican Plot, St. Finbarr’s Cemetery, Cork on St. Patrick’s Day 1963, comprising mainly texts of addresses on the occasion and typescript notes on the Republican Plot and the memorial. Also includes text of de Valera’s St. Patrick’s Day message (March 1963, 1p).

1992

March 1965

Typescript text of President de Valera’s 1965 St. Patrick’s Day message to the ‘Ireland’s sons and daughters in other lands’.

1993

March 1966

File on St. Patrick’s Day 1966 comprising typescript text of President de Valera’s message to ‘all our friends beyond the seas’, autographed by de Valera (17 March 1966, 1p) and copy of Éire Ireland Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 731) containing the President and the Taoiseach’s St. Patrick’s Day messages (15 March 1966, 12pp).

1994

March 1971

Typescript text of President de Valera’s message to Irish people at home and abroad on

1p


1p

28. PARTITION

1921 – 58

1996 1921–57 Compilation of printed material on partition, some annotated by de Valera. Comprises pamphlets and leaflets as follows:
– Correspondence between His Majesty’s Government and the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland relating to the Proposals for an Irish Settlement (London: H.M.S.O.) Cmd. 1561 (1921, 12pp);
– [12 Geo. 5, Ch. 4] Irish Free State (Agreement) Act, 1922. ‘An Act to give the force of Law to certain Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland, and to enable effect to be given thereto, and for other purposes incidental thereto or consequential thereon’ (1922, 9pp);
– Correspondence between the Government of the Irish Free State and His Majesty’s Government relating to Article 12 of the Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland, from 19th July, 1923 to 17 June, 1924 (Dublin: Stationery Office) (1924, 34pp);
– Irish Free State and Northern Ireland. Correspondence between His Majesty’s Government and the Governments of the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland relating to Article 12 of the Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland (Cmd. 1560) (London: H.M.S.O.) Cmd. 2155 (1923, 27pp);
– Irish Boundary. Extracts from Parliamentary Debates, Command Papers, etc., relevant to Questions arising out of Article XII of the Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland, dated 6th December, 1921 (London: H.M.S.O.) Cmd. 2264 (1924, 53pp);
– Correspondence between the Government of the Irish Free State and His Majesty’s Government relating to Article 12 of the Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland (Dublin: Stationery Office) (1924, 20pp);
– Final Report of the Northern Ireland Special Arbitration Committee (London: H.M.S.O.) Cmd. 2389 (1925, 11pp);
1996 contd.

- The Price of Ireland’s Neutrality. An Invocation of Historical Truth in Reply to Henry Steele Commager Professor of History at Columbia University, New York by Henry Harrison, O.B.E., M.C. (London: Offices of the Commonwealth Irish Association) (1943, 8pp);
- Partition of Ireland. How a British Border-Line was created in Ireland and the reasons why it must be abolished in the interests of the peace and territorial integrity of the Irish Nation (Chicago, Illinois: American Congress for the Unity and Independence of Ireland) (May 1940, 8pp);
- Labour’s Constructive Programme for an Organised Nation (Dublin: The Irish Labour party) (1941, 36pp);
- Orange Terror. By ‘Ultach’. The Partition of Ireland. A Reprint from The Capuchin Annual, 1943 (Dublin: The Capuchin Annual Office) (1943, 72pp);
- The Partition of Ireland. How and Why it was Accomplished by David O’Neill (Dublin: M.H. Gill and Son, Ltd.) (1946, 38pp). Also 1947 Fourth Edition (38pp) and The Partition of Ireland. How and Why it was Accomplished. Compiled from the original pamphlet of David O’Neill (Wellington, New Zealand: New Zealand League for an Undivided Ireland) (1948, 40pp);
- A Comparison of the Economic Position and Trend in Éire and Northern Ireland by Labhrás Ó Nualláin, reprint from the journal of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland (194[7], 38pp);
- leaflets and pamphlets ‘Issued with the Compliments of the Ulster Unionist Council to the Delegates attending the Conservative Conference Llandudno (October, 1948)’ (9 items);
- United Ireland. A Monthly Bulletin Published by the Anti-Partition of Ireland League (Vol. 1, No. 12) (October 1948, 23pp);
- Irish Protestantism. To-Day and To-Morrow. A Demographic Study by R.P. McDermott and D.A. Webb (Dublin & Belfast: Association for Promoting Christian Knowledge) (1948, 27pp);
- article from The New Statesman entitled Partition and Defence (5 March 1949, 2pp);
- The Orange Card Issued by The All-Ireland Anti-Partition Conference, Mansion House, Dublin (n.d. (1949), 19pp);
- Ireland’s Right to Unity. The Case stated by the All-Party Anti-Partition Conference Mansion House, Dublin, Ireland (n.d. (1949), 16pp);
- One Vote Equals Two. A Study in the Practice & Purpose of Boundary Manipulation Issued by The All-Ireland Anti-Partition Conference, Mansion House, Dublin (2nd Edition, n.d. (1949), 18pp);
- Discrimination. A Study in Injustice to a Minority Issued by The All-Ireland Anti-Partition Conference, Mansion House, Dublin (2nd Edition, n.d. (1949), 24pp);
1996 contd. – *Irish Resistance to British Aggression*. Issued by the Army Council Óglaigh na hÉireann (November 1954, 3pp);
– ‘The day-dreams of anti-Partition’, leading article from *The Leader* (Vol. 54, No. 23) (November 1954);
– ‘Northern Ireland: a people divided’ by Francis Canavan in *America* (Vol. 93, No. 19) (6 August 1955);
– *Óire-Ireland* Weekly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 302) on ‘Partition and Unlawful Force’ (5 December 1955, 12pp);
– *Óire-Ireland* Weekly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 314) containing an article headed ‘Why the Border…?’ (12 March 1956, 9pp);
Also series of leaflets issued by the North-Eastern Boundary Bureau:
• No. 1 – 6 (n.d., 6 items);
• No. 5 – 9 (n.d., 5 items) and
• Pamphlets B – J (n.d., 8 items).
Also poster headed ‘A Graphic Presentation of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920’ (March 1921, c63cm x 85cm).


15 items

1998 11 May 1938– January 1958 Miscellaneous correspondence relating to partition including letters on the establishment of Anti-Partition Leagues in Britain and America in 1938, correspondence with Fr. Eugene Coyle P.P. Co. Fermanagh (June–September 1945, 4 items), with Peter Cunningham of the Anti-Partition League (Scottish Council) (15 February 1950–August 1951, 11 items) and with Seán Lemass concerning the text of memoranda on partition (April 1955 & January 1958, 4 items).

35 items

1999 n.d. Miscellaneous holograph notes and drafts of speeches by de Valera on partition.

9 items


c.264 items
29. FOUNDATION OF FIANNÁ FAÍL AND ENTRY INTO DÁIL ÉIREANN

January 1926 – August 1927

2001 January 1926 Carbon copy text of speech by de Valera at a re-organisation meeting under the auspices of the Ranelagh Club [Sinn Féin] at Rathmines Town Hall on 6 January 1926. 10pp

2002 January & February 1926 File on the 1926 Leix-Offaly election, comprising typescript approved versions of reports of a speech by de Valera in Portlaoise Town Hall at the opening of the Republican campaign in the election (30 January 1926, 5pp) and his speech at Mountmellick, in support of Republican candidate Art O’Connor (February 1926, 5pp). 2 items

2003 n.d. Typescript notes on the registering by the Irish Free State of the 1921 Anglo-Irish Treaty at the League of Nations on 11 July 1924; the supplemental agreement of 1925 on 5 February 1926, and on British objections to both acts. 1p

2004 28 February–August 1927 Letters to de Valera seeking articles or messages for inclusion in Indian or Korean publications. Also includes holograph letter of introduction to de Valera for Fr. Francis Xavier Talbot S.J. Literary editor of America, the Jesuit Weekly Review, from Prof. Timothy Corcoran S.J., Department of Education, University College Dublin (28 February 1926, 1p).
See also P150/2948 for letter from Fr. Francis Xavier Talbot S.J., Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland (former editor in Chief of America) in file on de Valera’s 1948 Anti-Partition tour of the U.S.A. 11 items


2006 27 March 1926 Photocopy of holograph declaration by de Valera certifying that ‘James N. Flynn, formerly Divisional Adjutant Second Southern Division I.R.A., was an officer on active service during the war for the maintenance of the Republic of Ireland from February 1921 to the Cease Fire Order of May 1923 and during a part of that period served as a personal adjutant to me. He is forced to leave Ireland at present owing to the economic conditions prevailing. I can vouch for Mr. Flynn’s devotion to the Cause of Irish Liberty, to his ability as an executive officer, and to his personal integrity. Any kindness shown to Mr. Flynn I shall appreciate as a personal favour.’ 1p

2007 4 April 1926 Typescript amended text of de Valera’s address at the Republican Plot, Glasnevin Cemetery, on Easter Sunday 1926. 2pp

2008 13 April 1926 Carbon copy text and published statement in *The Irish Independent* by de Valera refuting reports that he and his followers would join Clann Éireann and announcing his intention to form a new organisation following his resignation from the Presidency of Sinn Féin. 2 items, 1p each

2009 14 April 1926 Typescript statement issued in the name of Fianna Fáil (Republican Party), 33 Lower O’Connell Street, Dublin ‘Opposite Old G.P.O.’. ‘A provisional Organising Committee has come together for the purpose of taking the preliminary steps towards forming a new National organisation, having for its object the achievement of the independence of a united Ireland under a Republican form of Government and working on the lines indicated in the resolutions submitted by Eamon de Valera to the recent Ard Fheis of Sinn Fein. The following Executive Officers have been appointed: P.J. Rutledge T.D., Chairman, Sean Lemass T.D., Gerald Boland T.D., Secretaries, Dr. J. Ryan T.D, Sean MacEntee, Treasurers…The Committee requests all who are willing to help them in their task to communicate with them...’ (14 April 1926, 2pp). Also cutting from the *Evening Herald* of same statement under the headline *A New Party. Policy of Mr. De Valera and His Supporters. Ard-Fheis Sequel* (14 April 1926, 1p). 2 items, 2pp & 1p
2010  April–December 1926  Correspondence between de Valera and Art O’Connor [Minister for Economic Affairs, Minister for Local Government and Temporary Secretary, Cumann na Poblachta] mainly on the future of Cumann na Poblachta and arrangements for the final winding up of its affairs.  18 items

2011  17 April 1926  Typescript statement of the aims of Fianna Fáil, given by de Valera in an interview with a representative of the United Press, a month before the public inaugural meeting of Fianna Fáil on 16 May 1926 in La Scala Theatre, Dublin. With holograph annotations. Also carbon copy printed version of same.  2 items, 2pp each


2013  1926  Typescript draft and printed handbill headed Fianna Fáil (Republican Party) and listing the ‘Republican Aims’ and ‘Some Points in Programme of Action’ (Fodhla Printing, Rutland Place, Cavendish Row, Dublin).  2 items, 1p each

Illustrated front page of *The Irish World and American Industrial Liberator* (Vol. 56, No. 2922) comprising interview between de Valera and ‘Special Correspondent’ Frank Gallagher, under the headline *Get Rid of King and Oath* and the following by-line ‘Eamon de Valera…Makes Clear His Position On Vital Points – Stresses The Absolute Need of Fighting The Free State On Its Own Ground And Eliminating The Obstacle Placed by Britain Against Irish Unity – In This Statement He Cuts The Feet From Under Those Who, In Order To Help England Subvert The Irish Nation, Charge Any Deviation From The Principle of The Republic – A Complete Answer To Those Who Have Sought To Criticise His Actions And The Policy Aimed At The Abolition Of The Oath Of Allegiance To a Foreign King Which Stands In The Way. Three Questions Answered Plainly And In Detail Relative To Policy of Fianna Fáil – De Valera Declares His Policy Aims At Ridding Ireland Of The Oath To The King And, After The Oath, of The British-Made And British-Imposed Constitution – At Present The Primary Need Is The Abolition Of Those Things Which Make The Free State And a Partitioned Ireland Possible Under The Rules of Downing Street – With These Present Obstacles Removed, It Will Be Possible To Get Rid Of The Last Remnant Of British Rule In Ireland And Restore To The Irish People Again their Inalienable Right to Decide For Themselves Upon Their Own Government – Thus Will The Republic Be Restored To Power’.

Menu for ‘A Reception and Banquet in Honour of Eamon de Valera, President of Fianna Fáil, in the Grand Hotel, Glasgow, on Tuesday, December 7th 1926’ given by the Irish Social Club (December 1926, 1 item) and holograph notes by de Valera for a speech and [replies to newspaper questions?] relating to his visit to Glasgow (n.d., 3 items).


See also P150/212 for 1921–23 documents relating to Colonel Maurice Moore’s (Muiris Ó Mórdha) mission to South Africa from 2 April to 29 July 1921, ‘to persuade General Smuts and the other South African Ministers, who were expected to attend an Imperial Conference…to advocate the cause of Ireland and obtain a settlement between the two nations favourable to the complete Independence of Ireland’.
2018 1926 Itinerary with holograph notes by de Valera for a [Fianna Fáil fund-raising?] tour of Kilkenny and Cork. 2pp

2019 1926 Draft address by de Valera rallying supporters – ‘Ireland free, Ireland Gaelic, Ireland self-supporting, and as far as possible, self-contained economically – these are the aims which the new national organisation Fianna Fáil purposes to secure’. 2pp

2020 [1926] Carbon copy extract from a report of a Fianna Fáil election campaign meeting in County Clare in support of de Valera. The speakers mentioned are T.V. Honan, D. McPartland, John O’Dwyer and ‘Mr. McGann’. Incomplete, second page of report only. 1p

2021 [1926] List of names of ‘Republican Party. Officers and Standing Committee’. 1p

2022 25 January 1927 List of questions submitted to de Valera by a representative of the Evening Mail and typescript answers by de Valera, in which he defined ‘the attitude of Fianna Fáil with respect to the Oath of Allegiance and entry in to the Free State Parliament’. Includes reference to Dan Breen’s decision to enter the Dáil. 2 items, 2pp & 1p

2023 10 February 1927 Copy despatch from de Valera to Frank Aiken in the U.S.A. concerning fund raising for Fianna Fáil, arrangements for keeping in communication, Aiken’s codename to be ‘Jack’, the Dáil Éireann funds litigation and Aiken’s personal finances. ‘I imagine you must be pretty well exhausted by this. When you went out West I lost touch with you for a considerable period, and overlooked this aspect of the matter. I am sending you tomorrow a draft for $1,000…’. 2pp
2024  17 February 1927  Carbon copy text of questions and answers given to a representative of the Chicago  Daily News in which de Valera ‘contrasted the position in Ireland to-day with that of seven years ago when he was in America on behalf of Dáil Éireann seeking recognition of the Irish Republic.’  1p

2025  1927 & n.d.  Typescript ‘Note on Conference held in London on 26th April, 1927’ arising out of the Convention provided for under Article 6 of the Treaty, on the ‘nature and extent of the share which the…[Free State authorities]…desired to take in the coastal defence of the Irish Free State’. The ‘informal discussion between experts’ took place between Rear Admiral Pound and [Diarmuid] O’Hegarty. Includes typescript commentary at conclusion of text [added at a later date?] ‘There is no doubt whatever that the British never intended Articles 6 and 7 to be taken together. Coastal defence meant minesweeping for them, purely local defence, having nothing to do with  Imperial defence (meaning for the British defence of Britain) which involved the holding of the ports…Article 7 most obviously referred to a permanent state of things. It provided for such harbour and other facilities as would be required by “His Majesty’s Imperial forces” in peace and in war. The  peace facilities were set out in an annex specifically mentioned in Art. 7 which adds that the Irish Free State should afford in time of war such other facilities as the British Government might require’.  4pp

2026  23 May 1927  Handwritten address of welcome to de Valera from the Fianna Fáil organisation of North-West Tirconnail on the occasion of his visit to Milford, Co. Donegal on 23 May 1927.  5pp

2027  June 1927  Black and white photograph of crowds outside the Gresham Hotel at a mass meeting in Upper O’Connell Street, during the Dublin County by-election campaign (election held in June) 1927. Fianna Fáil candidates were Seán Brady (defeated), Robert Brennan (defeated), J. Morris (defeated) and Seán MacEntee (elected).  19cm x 15cm

2028  14–20 June 1927  Press statements issued by de Valera following the June General Election, concerning the result of the election and the determination of the party not to take the Oath of Allegiance.  5 items, 1p each
2029  15–25 June 1927  Texts of interviews given by de Valera following the June General Election, to English and American newspapers on the election results, the Oath of Allegiance, partition, Fianna Fáil policy and the Irish language.  
5 items, 1p each

2030  22 & 24 June 1927  File on Fianna Fáil’s attendance at Leinster House on the opening day of the new session of the Dáil on 23 June 1927, their being refused access to the chamber and the meeting of the National Executive later that evening. Includes:  
− typescript statement issued by the Fianna Fáil Publicity Department following a meeting of the Fianna Fáil party at which the following statement was signed ‘The undersigned Deputies, wrongfully debarred from taking their seats as representatives of the people because of their refusal to subscribe to an Oath of Allegiance to a foreign King, emphatically repeat their election pledge, that under no circumstances whatever will they subscribe to any such oath’ (23 June 1927, 1p);  
− copy letter (24 June 1927, 1p) from de Valera to William P. Lyndon, National Secretary-Treasurer, A.A.R.I.R., noting that he expects ‘the legality of our exclusion yesterday will be put to the test in the Free State Courts. It is too much to hope for success there, but there is a possibility, for undoubtedly the action was illegal. We are likely to go to the people to demand the setting up of the ‘initiative’. The Free State Constitution provides for this, and by it the people can themselves move in the matter of the removal of the oath. On a referendum we would get a majority.’  
Encloses typescript drafts (22 June 1927, 2 items, 2pp each) of a statement issued from Fianna Fáil HQ the day before the Fianna Fáil deputies set off for Leinster House on the opening day of the session, June 23rd. ‘Forty-five duly elected Deputies have been shut out by a party of Forty-six and prevented from exercising their right as representatives of the people because they would not swear a false oath or admit that the people of this nation owe allegiance to a foreign power.’ 8 items

2031  June 1927  Copy of a statement: ‘June (1927) Pledge–The following Deputies, wrongfully debarred from taking their seats as representatives of the people because of their refusal to subscribe to an Oath of Allegiance to a foreign King, emphatically repeat their election pledge, that under no circumstances whatever will they subscribe to any such oath’. Signed by de Valera and 40 Fianna Fáil deputies with copy typescript signature of Patrick Belton [expelled from the Fianna Fáil party in July, after entering the Dáil following the government’s announcement of the introduction of the three bills in reaction to the assassination of Kevin O'Higgins]. 8pp
2032  

29 June–1 July 1927  
Typescript press statements and published articles on the Fianna Fáil decision to support legal proceedings by Seán T. O’Kelly and Seán Lemass against the exclusion of Fianna Fáil deputies from the Dáil; and de Valera’s petition to abolish the oath under Article 48 of the Constitution. Includes typescript draft press statement issued by the Fianna Fáil Publicity Department in response to enquiries as to whether the Fianna Fáil Deputies intended to present themselves again at Leinster House. ‘Mr de Valera replied in the negative. He stated further that legal action would probably be taken in the matter of the exclusion of the forty-five deputies on Thursday last from the place of meeting of the elected representatives. Simultaneously with the legal proceedings, Fianna Fáil would proceed to secure the 75,000 signatures necessary to demand that provision be made to enable the people themselves to move on the matter of the oath’ (29 June 1927, 1p).

8 items

2033  
June & July 1927  
Legal opinions on the Oath of Allegiance, whether or not the Treaty or the Constitution imposes on members of the Irish Free State parliament the taking of an oath as a matter of obligation, and whether de Valera’s petition to amend the Free State Constitution is ‘repugnant to any provisions’ of the Treaty. Comprises counsels’ opinions by:
– Arthur C. Meredith, K.C., Albert E. Wood, K.C and George Gavan Duffy. ‘…there is no authority in anyone under the Treaty or the Constitution or the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann to exclude any member of that House (whether he has taken the oath or not) from any part of the House before the House has been duly constituted and the Ceann Comhairle duly elected. In case any such exclusion takes place, we are of opinion that any Ceann Comhairle chosen in the absence of the excluded member or members will not have been validly elected. Any member may be proposed and elected as Ceann Comhairle without taking any oath’. Carbon copy signed by the three (21 June 1927, 1p);
– Martin C. Maguire. Typescript copy (n.d., 2pp);
– James Geoghegan. Typescript copy (30 July 1927, 1p).
Also includes [incomplete] Counsel’s Opinion of Albert Wood K.C.. ([1927], 14pp) in the case of Ó Ceallaigh & Another v The Attorney General & Others.

6 items

2034  
6 July 1927  
‘Substance of an interview given by Mr. De Valera to a representative of l’Echo de Paris’, with answers to the following questions:
• What is your opinion of the possibilities of reunion with Ulster?;
• What is the exact legal position of Ireland today with regard to the British Empire?;
• What is the legal relation between Ireland and England which you wish to secure?
2034 contd.  • Do you feel yourselves absolutely different from the British community?
• What is Document No. 2? It is referred to very often in the Irish press.
• What are your immediate plans now that you have been excluded from the Free State assembly?

2035  7 July 1927;  Letter to de Valera from Monsignor John
22 August 1965  Hagan, Rector of the Irish College in Rome,
expressing his satisfaction with the recent election result and referring to the ‘latest step towards making Cosgrave &
Co. move in the matter of the oath’. Suggests sending a petition or similar document to Rome preferably including the signature of Cardinal O’Donnell.
Attached is a typescript note by de Valera stating that the letter was given to him by Miss A. Doyle, Áras an Uachtarán housekeeper, ‘She said that her brother, Fr. Patrick, had come across it when he was arranging the papers of the late Dr. Browne, formerly Vicar General of the Diocese of Ferns who died…I do not remember ever having received this letter’ (22 August 1965, 1p).

2036  1922 & 1927  File on Kevin O’Higgins (1892–1927)
comprising typescript ‘Extract from “Civil War
and the Events which led to it” by Kevin O’Higgins T.D.’ concerning O’Higgins’ opinion of de Valera (n.d., 1p); and typescript copy of A statement issued by de Valera in Ennis. Co. Clare, following the assassination of Kevin O’Higgins on 10 July 1927. Describes the assassination as ‘murder and…inexcusable from any standpoint…It is a crime that cuts at the root of representative Government, and no one who realises what the crime means can do otherwise than deplore and condemn it’.
See also P150/3626 for photostats of holograph letters sent by O’Higgins to Rory O’Connor following O’Connor’s wedding in October 1921

2037  1921–71  File on Countess Constance Markievicz
(1868–1927), mainly comprising documents relating to her death and subsequent commemorative material. Includes:
– holograph text of de Valera’s address at the grave of Madame Markievicz (17 July 1927, 3pp) and typescript draft (1927, 2 items, 1p each);
– pamphlet and newspaper cutting on the activities of the Countess Markievicz Memorial Committee and de Valera’s unveiling of a bust of the Countess in St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin in July 1932 (n.d. & 1932, 2 items);
– typescript draft forewords by de Valera for a book entitled Prison Letters of Countess Markievicz by Esther Roper [friend of Eva Gore-Booth. One autographed and dated 2 May 1934 (1934, 2 items, 2pp & 3pp);
− handwritten notes [by Dorothy Macardle?] following publication of Esther Roper’s book comprising her ‘recollections of the aspects of Madame’s life & character most noticeably brought out in Miss Roper’s book’ (n.d., 4pp);
− newspaper cuttings on the Countess’s life, the unveiling by de Valera on 9 July 1967 of a plaque in her honour outside Sir Patrick Dun’s Hospital, Dublin, where the Countess died in 1927 and the publication of Jacqueline Van Voris’s *Countess Markievicz In the Cause of Ireland* (1959–69, 10 items);
− correspondence between Marie O’Kelly, President de Valera’s Personal Secretary, Dr. Nicholas S. Ó Nualláin of the Taoiseach’s Department and Nora Niland, Sligo County Librarian, about presentations of various documents relating to Countess Markievicz to the County Museum (24 February 1962–24 February 1964, 17 items);

Also includes the following contemporary documents and photographs:
− holograph letter to Eva Gore-Booth from ‘A.E.’ (George Russell) informing her that her sister Countess Markievicz (‘CM’) has been arrested with Seán MacBride and sent to Mountjoy. ‘She had been “on the run” for a good many months and as that kind of life is not good for her health if she gets decent prison treatment it may bring up her health again. I daresay there will be some official statement made about what is to be done with her. Whether she will be tried or simply deported I do not know. The country is in a devil of a state and I think myself for people like CM life is safer in prison than out of it just at present’ (30 September 1920, 2pp);
− holograph letter from Countess Markievicz to Director of Intelligence Michael Carolan on the apparent resignation of Richard Mulcahy as Minister for Defence, ‘One of the reasons alleged is that he wants to have his hands free to try & negotiate for peace’ (November 1922, 1p);
− verses and sketches, some signed ‘C de M’. Included is a poem entitled ‘Christmas Wishes for our Prisoners’ and another ‘In Memoriam Erskine Childers, who died for Ireland, Nov. 24, 1922’. (5pp);
− black and white photographs of Countess Markievicz comprising:
  • [photocopy of a] print of the Countess as a young woman (n.d., 5cm x 7cm);
  • print of the Countess standing in a garden with ‘Father Scott [Chaplain] in Aylesbury day of leaving 1917’. Image blurred (n.d., 11cm x 16cm);
  • print of the Countess (face only). With the following particulars on reverse: ‘Markievicz, Countess. 42 years. dark hair. fairly tall. pale com[plexion]. wears glasses. sharp features. reg. nose. slight make. 16/1/20’. [Note age is incorrect—in 1920 the Countess was 52 years old] (1920, 7cm x 9 cm);
  • photographic reproduction on a postcard of the Countess dressed in armour during a stage production, with another woman in prison dress (8cm x 13cm);
  • photograph of de Valera and the Countess standing in Coughlan’s garden (1924, 7cm x 11cm);
2037 contd.  • photograph of de Valera and the Countess standing in Coughlan’s garden (different pose) (1924, 9cm x 16cm) and enlargements of same (1924, 2 items, one with ‘July 1924 after release from Arbour Hill’ on reverse, (14cm x 19cm and 16cm x 21cm);
– photograph of de Valera labelled ‘After Chief’s release from prison in 1924: taken in Coughlan’s garden’ (1924, 2 copies, 10cm x 16cm and enlargement 16cm x 20cm);
– photograph of a Republican funeral procession preceeded by priest and group of uniformed Volunteers and civilians. On reverse ‘M Stewart papers. T. Ashe funeral?’ (15cm x 10cm) [Thomas Ashe died in prison on 25 September 1917 while being forcibly fed – see P150/490 for file on Ashe];
– photograph of P.J. Ruttledge and de Valera and one unidentified man to rear, carrying a coffin draped in a tricolour. Funeral unknown, possibly that of Countess Markievicz as coffin is followed by uniformed youths [members of Fianna Éireann?] ([1927], 11 cm x 15cm);
– pencil sketch of man (possibly de Valera) and profile of an unknown woman, possibly by Countess Markievicz (n.d., 1p).

40 items

2038  25 July 1927  Typescript draft Fianna Fáil Bulletin (Vol. 1, No. 1). With holograph amendments by de Valera.  6pp

2039  25 July 1927  Cuttings from The Evening Mail of 25 July 1927 of statement by de Valera. ‘Asked by a representative of the Press whether, under the new conditions, Fianna Fáil T.D.s were likely to reconsider their attitude with respect to the oath of allegiance, Mr. De Valera said “…No … After the election, and after our exclusion from the Free State assembly, the party met, and each member signed a statement reiterating his election pledge and stating that under no circumstances whatever would he subscribe to such an oath”. That was final.’ Also typescript draft of the statement by de Valera issued by the Fianna Fáil Publicity Department (25 July 1927, 2pp).  2 items, 1p & 2pp

2040  25 July 1927  Carbon copy typescript letter to de Valera from ‘a member of the Fianna Fáil party’ [signature cut away] on his ‘appreciation of the political entanglement as it is seen by our people here. The chief view held is that the F.F. party could save the country from the proposed repressive legislation…[the Public Safety Bill]…by taking the Oath and entering, with the sanction of the F.F. Organisation and F.F. electors. Alternatively, they should resign and allow men who would to contest the vacant seats, provided they pledged themselves...
to work for the restoration of Independence through the medium of the Free State Assembly, oath or no oath...I, personally, would strongly recommend that...a fierce opposition campaign [to the Public Safety Bill] would be embarked upon, at once. I have tried to visualise what the consequences of such action would be. I do not believe Cosgrave could be sufficiently strong or dictatorial to exact a single death penalty through the medium of his contemplated legislation...He will proclaim demonstrations, and order them to be dispersed if attempts are made to hold them. We cannot obey, of course. Will he order force to be used? He may not, but would proceed to make arrests immediately, and subsequently. This would be followed by temporary incarceration and expulsion orders. If he does order force to be used, I believe blood will be shed, sooner or later, and we may enter the throes of another civil conflict. You are the best judge of our capacity for bringing success out of such a position. You can better judge, too, if the people should be called upon to pay this further sacrifice in the hope that it may bring about the restoration of free and independent democratic institutions of government for our country...I believe your masterly judgement is now undergoing the supreme test. If you arrive at the conclusion that we have not the necessary field of action wherein to achieve success with the stern opposition policy, or that the chance is not sufficiently clear to view, to ask the people to make the requisite sacrifices, you must get an united F.F. Party to support you...I will give my quota of help as I have tried to do in the past. I will pray that God may guide you in giving wise counsels to the Irish people'.

2pp

July & August 1927  File of communications between de Valera, the Labour Party and the National League on the possibility of an alliance, and on contacts between the parties and various others such as Independents and the Irish Nationalist Party. Comprises holograph and typescript notes by de Valera on meetings with Thomas Johnson, the leader of the Labour Party, particularly the meeting of 8 August and communications from Johnson to de Valera; communications from Capt. William A. Redmond, leader of the National League Party, and from Captain Henry Harrison of the Irish Nationalist Party. Includes:
− ‘Draft Notes for the Informal Conference’ (8 August 1927, 2 items, 1p each);
− memorandum by Captain Harrison outlining a policy of appeasement (4 August 1927, 4pp);
− Johnson’s copy reply to Harrison, forwarded to de Valera (8 August 1927, 1p) and his memorandum on the present political situation. ‘The entry of Fianna Fáil deputies into the Dáil as suggested would make a complete change in the political and economic prospect and give new hope and inspiration to those of various parties who are less concerned with political party prestige than with the nation’s future...The Labour Party with only twenty two members has no anxiety for office and would be relieved if the responsibility did not come its way for some time. But we are willing to do what the occasion seems to demand if no better way can be found...’ (8 August 1927, 4pp);
2041 contd. – proposals for a Coalition Government and agreement by the National League Party to support the vote of No Confidence in the Cosgrave administration called by Johnson (10 & 13 August 1927, 2 items, 1p each);
− covering note and accompanying ‘Memorandum Setting forth Certain Considerations As to Proposed Coalition Government and the effect of the Pending Bye-Elections in the Metropolitan Area’ by Captain Harrison (11 August 1927, 2 items, 1p each).  21 items

2042 10 August 1927 Drafts and copies of final version of statement prepared by de Valera for the newspapers and submitted to the meeting of Fianna Fáil deputies on 10 August 1927 announcing their intention to ‘present themselves at the Clerk’s office of the Free State Dáil “for the purpose of complying with the provisions of Article 17 of the Constitution”, by inscribing their names in the book kept for the purpose, among other signatures appended to the required formula. But, so that there may be no doubt as to their attitude, and no misunderstanding of the action, the Fianna Fáil deputies hereby give public notice in advance to the Irish people, and to all whom it may concern, that they purpose to regard the declaration as an empty formality, and repeat that their only allegiance is to the Irish nation, and that it will be given to no other power or authority.’ Includes final (original) typescript statement with holograph signatures of 42 Fianna Fáil deputies, as published in the newspapers on 11 August (Midnight 10 August 1927, 2pp).  12 items, 1p each

2043 August 1927; 1932; 1946–47 Documents relating to the Fianna Fáil deputies’ attendance at Leinster House on 11 August 1927 to sign their names in the book in the office of the Clerk of the Dáil Colm O Murchadha. Comprises:
− de Valera’s original holograph note in Irish read to the Clerk of the Dáil, before signing the book. Also typescript copy (2 items, 1p each);
− typescript copy statement by Frank Aiken T.D. and Dr. James Ryan T.D. recounting the interview between de Valera and the Clerk of the Dáil on 11 August 1927 (23 September 1927, 2pp);
− holograph signed statement by Frank Aiken and Dr. Ryan of their recollections of the interview (27 February 1946, 2pp);
− holograph signed statement by Pádraig O’Caoimh [later Clerk of the Senate] on de Valera’s signing of the ‘Address Form’ following his signing of the Roll Book and an interview between himself (O’Caoimh) and ‘Fr. Waters’ in early October 1927 with regard to an intended article by Fr. Waters in Studies or The Irish Ecclesiastical Record on whether or not de Valera’s signature in the Roll Book constituted his taking of the Oath of Allegiance. On speaking to O’Caoimh, Fr. Waters concluded that ‘he took no oath, I’ll write no article’ (12 March 1946, 2pp);
− signed statement by Gearóid MagCanainn (Clerk Assistant, 1927, later Clerk of the Dáil) on his recollection of the signing of the book by 43 Fianna Fáil deputies (19 March 1946, 1p);
2043 contd. – holograph signed statement by Ó Caoimh on his recollection of a talk with Monsignor Waters P.P., Iona Road in 1935 concerning Fr. Water’s examination of ‘whether or not an oath had been taken by the Fianna Fáil members’. Includes reference to the meeting between Fr. Waters and Gearóid MagCanainn in October 1927 as related in MagCanainn’s statement of March 1946 (1 February 1947, 1p);
– drafts of interview prepared by de Valera to be given to the press in case an interview was sought on the proceedings in the Clerk’s office (11 August 1927, 5 items, 1p each);
– typescript copy extract from the Parliamentary Debates (Vol. 41, Cols. 1100–3 (29/4/32) headed ‘President de Valera and Oath’ in which de Valera recounts the proceedings in the Clerk’s office on 11 August 1927 (original extract dated 29 April 1932, 4pp). 15 items

2044 26 October–1 November 1954 Copy letters to the editor of The Northern Whig
in response to an editorial which stated ‘Mr. de Valera shows again that he has his own ideas of the sanctity of treaties, just as he has of the nature of a solemn oath’. ‘I repeat that neither I, nor any of my colleagues, took or subscribed to an oath on entering the Dáil, nor did we promise any allegiance other than to our own country, or attempt in any way to deceive anybody.’ 5 items

2045 14 March–1 April 1957 File relating to Senator Thomas J. O’Connell’s 1957 letter to the editor of The Irish Press with regard to Fianna Fáil’s entrance into the Dáil in 1927, the question of their taking the Oath of Allegiance and why they ‘did not enter in 1925 when the Boundary Bill was under discussion’.
Comprises letter as published in The Irish Press on 14 March 1957 (14 March 1957, 1p); two letters of reply by de Valera (published on 16 & 18 March 1957, 2 items, 1p each); two replies by Senator O’Connell (published on 19 & 21 March 1957, 2 items, 1p each) and letter published on 1 April in the paper by Eoin P. Ó Caoimh (1 April 1957, 1p).
Also correspondence between Fr. James Brennan C.C., Derry and de Valera arising out of the series of The Irish Press correspondence concerning the definition of ‘Fianna Fáil’ in the Concise Oxford Dictionary of Current English which refers to Fianna Fáil’s ‘taking the oath’ in 1927 and to a footnote on page 46 of Moral Pastoral Theology by Henry Davis S.J. concerning the definition of ‘Fictitious Oaths’ (March 1957, 4 items). 10 items
2046 August 1927 Pamphlet by de Valera entitled What Fianna Fáil Stands For, comprising the text of a speech delivered by him in Blackrock Town Hall on 22 August 1927 ‘containing an outline of the national and economic aims of Fianna Fáil’ (4pp). Speech delivered during South Dublin by-election in which Robert Briscoe was a candidate. Also draft of speech (6pp) and typescript extracts from the same speech (2pp); and drafts of speech with holograph amendments, delivered by de Valera on 21 August at the Queen’s Theatre, Dublin headed ‘Reasons for entering the Dáil’ (6pp & 3pp), at the conclusion of which he makes reference to the Blackrock Town Hall speech the following night. Also includes printed version of Queen’s Theatre speech as published in The Nation on 27 August 1927, under the headings: ‘Decision Unanimous’, ‘The Alternatives’, ‘Changed Conditions’, ‘Every Avenue Closed’, The Future’, ‘Abolish the Oath’, ‘Attitude of the English People’, ‘Set up the Initiative’ and ‘Economic Programme’ (4pp). 6 items

30. FIANNA FÁIL

I. Ard Fheiseanna, 1926–59

2047 November–December 1926 File relating to the First Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis, held in the Rotunda, Dublin on 24 & 25 November 1926. Includes printed Ard Fheis Programme, autographed by de Valera and Kathleen O’Connell (November 1926, 7pp); newspaper reports; copies of de Valera’s opening and closing addresses (3pp & 4pp); and reports of the Honorary Treasurers (2pp) and Honorary Secretaries (3pp). 12 items

2048 1927 File relating to the Second Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held on 24 & 25 November 1927. Includes Ard Fheis programme amended by de Valera; newspaper reports; reports of the Honorary Treasurers and Honorary Secretaries; typescript ‘Statement by Eamon de Valera T.D., at 2nd Annual Ard Fheis of Fianna Fáil, as President of that Organisation’ (6pp) and carbon copy report on the Ard Fheis (12pp). Also includes the following printed pamphlets and handbills: A Brief Outline of the Aims and Programme of Fianna Fáil (7pp); Some Points in the Agricultural Policy of Fianna Fáil (4pp); All-Ireland Agricultural Conference. Held at Jury’s Hotel, Dublin, on 3rd February, 1927. Speech delivered by Eamon de Valera (4pp); The Free State Government’s Secret Financial Agreement with Britain (4pp); Sinn Féin Economic Programme
2048 contd. (3pp); Ireland’s Right to the Land Annuities (3pp); The Peace Party and the War Party by William O’Brien (1p); What the Free State has done for Irish Fisheries (1p); Cóiriú Fhianna Fáil (8pp) and Chóiriú Fhianna Fáil (as passed by the Ard Fheis, 1927) (8pp). 27 items

2049 October 1928 File on the Third Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Rotunda, Dublin on 25 & 26 October 1928. Includes reports of Honorary Secretaries and Honorary Treasurers; carbon copy ‘Statement by the President Mr. De Valera, at the Afternoon Session, Friday, 26th October, 1928, on General Policy’ (10pp); Third Annual Ard Fheis 1928. Report of Proceedings (11pp) and Cóiriú Fhianna Fáil (As Passed by the Ard Fheis, 1928) (10pp). 10 items

2050 1929 File on the Fourth Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 17 & 18 October 1929. Includes Ard Fheis Clár; reports of Honorary Secretaries and Honorary Treasurers; copy of de Valera’s Address to the Ard Fheis (6pp); newspaper reports; Fourth Annual Ard Fheis 1929. Report of Proceedings (15pp) and Cóiriú Fhianna Fáil (As Passed by the Ard Fheis, 1929) (11pp). 15 items

2051 1930 File on the Fifth Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 30 & 31 October 1930. Includes Ard Feis Clár amended by de Valera; reports of Honorary Secretaries and Honorary Treasurers; copies of de Valera’s Ard Fheis Addresses. 13 items

2052 1931 File on the Sixth Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 27 & 28 October 1931. Includes de Valera’s admission ticket; Ard Fheis Clár; reports of Honorary Secretaries and Honorary Treasurers; corrected and amended copy of de Valera’s Address to the Ard Fheis (8pp); and Cóiriú Fhianna Fáil (As Passed by the Ard Fheis, 1931) (11pp). 14 items
2053 1932  File on the Seventh Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 9 November 1932. Includes *Ard Fheis Clár*; reports of Honorary Treasurers; copy of de Valera’s Address prepared for him but not used at the Ard Fheis (8pp).
   12 items

2054 1933  File on the Eighth Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 8 & 9 November 1933. Includes *Ard Fheis Clár* (4 copies, all annotated by de Valera); report of Honorary Secretaries; copy of a proposed Address for de Valera [not delivered] (5pp); copy of de Valera’s Address to the Ard Fheis (9pp); ‘Memorandum. Department of Agriculture. Particulars of the Steps Taken by the Department towards the Self-Sufficiency of Saorstat Éireann’ ‘For the President (Ard-Fheis) 12 noon, 7/11/32’ (9pp); newspaper cuttings and *Eighth Annual Ard Fheis 1933. Report of Proceedings* (15pp).
   29 items

2055 1934  File on the Ninth Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 13 & 14 November 1934. Includes *Ard Fheis Clár*; reports of Honorary Secretaries and Honorary Treasurers; copy of de Valera’s Address to the Ard Fheis (6pp); newspaper reports and *Córú/Constitution (1933–34)* (11pp).
   15 items

2056 1935  File on the Tenth Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 13 & 14 November 1935. Includes reports of Honorary Secretaries and Honorary Treasurers; newspaper reports and ‘List showing for each month of 1935 the principal outrages attributed by the Police to I.R.A.’ (6pp).
   16 items

2057 1936  File on the Eleventh Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 3 & 4 November 1936. Includes *Ard Fheis Clár*; report of Honorary Secretaries; copy of de Valera’s Address to the Ard Fheis (9pp); typescript list of ‘Government Achievements’ summarised under the following headings: Political, Land Annuities, Agriculture, Industries, Social Services including housing, public works etc., Land Commission Activities and Transport (10pp); typescript list headed ‘Fulfilment of Election Promises, Provision of Social Services etc.’ listing twenty one aims and objectives and outlining progress made on each one (7pp) and holograph notes by de Valera with the following headings: Britain, Constitution, Irish Language, Burden of Annuities, Financial Provisions of 1923 Act and Northern Ireland (13pp).
   23 items
2058 1937    File on the Twelfth Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 13 & 14 October 1937, mainly comprising newspaper reports on the proceedings. 18 items

2059 1938    File on the Thirteenth Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 22 & 23 November 1938. Includes de Valera’s Admission Ticket; Ard Fheis Clár; reports of Honorary Secretaries and Honorary Treasurers; copy of de Valera’s Address to the Ard Fheis prepared by Seán Ó Cuív (11pp); newspaper reports and Fianna Fáil Córú/Constitution 1938 (16pp). 20 items

2060 1939    File on the Fourteenth Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 12 & 13 December 1939. Includes de Valera’s Admission Ticket; Ard Fheis Clár; report of Honorary Secretaries; newspaper reports and Fianna Fáil Córú/Constitution, 1939 (16pp). 20 items

2061 1939    Extracts from, or press summaries of sections of de Valera’s Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis Addresses of 1927, 1930 and 1933, dealing with the Irish language, its survival and promotion (3 items) and ‘1938–39. Statement of the total provision made in the current financial year for the advancement of the Irish language’ (1939, 3pp). 4 items

2062 1943    File on the Fifteenth Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 28 & 29 September 1943. Includes Ard Fheis Clár; reports of Honorary Secretaries and Honorary Treasurers; Department of Lands memorandum entitled ‘Work of Land Commission as affected by Emergency’ (29 March 1943, 5pp); holograph notes by de Valera (4pp); memorandum by Minister for Local Government and Public Health Seán MacEntee entitled ‘The Department of Local Government and Social Services administered by it’ (28 September 1943,8pp); typescript notes listing ‘Criticism of the Government during General Election’ made by Fine Gael, the Labour Party and Clann na Talmhan (3pp); compilation of quotations by Fine Gael deputies and candidates on aspects of the economy, ‘self-sufficiency’, ‘Industry and Black Market’, free trade, the civil service, agriculture and the Irish language (12pp); memoranda on the ‘Exemption of T.D.’s Allowances from Income Tax’ (2 items, 6pp each); notes on the Trade Union Act and a Second House of Dáil Éireann; Fianna Fáil Resolutions and newspaper reports on proceedings of the Ard Fheis. 47 items
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2070  1952  File on the 23rd Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Mansion House, Dublin in November 1952. Includes drafts of address/letter for the Ard Fheis dictated by de Valera from hospital in Utrecht
See P150/101 for file on de Valera’s eye operations in Utrecht in 1952.
4 items

2071  October 1953  File on the 24th Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 13 October 1953. Includes Ard Fheis Clár; reports of the Honorary Secretaries (3pp) and Honorary Treasurers (4pp); pamphlet Constitution and Rules Approved by 24th Ard Fheis 1953 (16pp); copies of de Valera’s speech to the Ard Fheis (2 items, 10pp each); typescript ‘Summary of Taoiseach’s Ard-Fheis Speech 1953 as Broadcast by Radio Éireann’ (3p) and newspaper cuttings (5 items).  15 items

10 items

2073  November 1955  Printed report of proceedings of the 26th Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis, held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 22 & 23 November 1955.
8pp

10 items
November 1957
9 items

October 1958
File on the 29th Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis, held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 28 & 29 October 1958. Includes Ard Fheis Clár; reports of the Honorary Secretaries (4pp) and Honorary Treasurers (3pp); Account of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended 30 September 1958, relating to the Fianna Fáil General Fund (1p).
4 items

November 1959
Report from The Irish Press on de Valera’s address to the 30th Annual Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis, held in the Mansion House, Dublin on 22 & 23 November 1959.
6pp

II. Histories & commemorative publications, 1935 – 76

1935
16pp

[1943]
Typescript home-made notebook labelled ‘Achievements of the Fianna Fail Administration’ containing figures relating to the beet industry between 1941 and 1943; Roscommon and Clare election returns, 1943; and brief listing of the ‘Achievements of Fianna Fail’ including figures for agricultural and industrial output and social services. With note on cover in de Valera’s hand ‘Get rest of this’. Accompanied by holograph notes on agriculture in Ireland and Britain (36pp).
50pp
2080  n.d. (post July 1945)  Bound draft typescript entitled ‘The Fianna Fail Handbook’ outlining the history of the party [to 1945].  104pp

2081  17 May–29 June 1947  File on the twenty-first anniversary of the foundation of the Fianna Fáil party in May 1947. Comprises mainly cuttings from The Irish Press and Scéala Éireann, also holograph notes for a speech on the anniversary (n.d., 4pp) and typescript text of speech in Irish headed ‘Fianna Fáil. Comóradh I gcuimhne ar bhunú an Eagrais 21 bliain ó shoin’ (18 May 1947, 2pp).  6 items

2082  May 1947  Illustrated commemorative pamphlet for a concert and address by de Valera on 18 May 1947, the twenty-first anniversary of the inaugural meeting of Fianna Fáil in La Scala Theatre in May 1927, entitled Fianna Fáil 1926–47.  14pp

2083  1947  Bound draft typescript entitled ‘The Story of Fianna Fáil, 1926–48’ (‘Revised Copy A’). With holograph amendments and annotations by de Valera including notes on frontpage ‘Make sure that phrases like “up to the present” read “to 1947” ’ and on final page ‘Since this pamphlet there has been a general election. Plans in hand when Election came.’  94pp

2084  1950 & 1956  Correspondence between de Valera and editors of the Concise Oxford Dictionary on the dictionary’s statement that the Fianna Fáil Party ‘took the oath’ on entering Dáil Éireann in 1927 under its entry for ‘Fianna Fáil’ (27 September–10 December 1956, 8 items). Includes de Valera’s suggested corrected definitions (2 items, 1p each). Accompanied by various notes on the etymology of the name ‘Fianna Fáil’ (n.d., 7 items, 1p each).  15 items

2085  1951  Fianna Fáil 1926–51. The Story of Twenty-Five Years of National Endeavour and Historic Achievement. Illustrated supplement produced by The Irish Press.  32pp
2086 1951  Souvenir programme to accompany an address given by de Valera in the Capitol Theatre on 21 October 1951 as part of an evening of celebration ‘mar chomóradh ar Iubhaile Fhianna Fáil a bunaíodh san Amharclainn se o 16ú Bealtaine chuíg bliana fichead ó shoin’. 1 item

2087 1951  Holograph notes by de Valera headed ‘Introdn. –25 years–teens’ on the ‘early days’ of Fianna Fáil, written for the 25th anniversary of the founding of the party. ‘Our dependence was on the people–we felt their hearts & minds no matter how they had been led away must we felt be fundamentally true to the ideal of Indep[en]ce & we felt that no man who had fought in the army of the R[epublic] c[oul]d fail to have respect for it or coul[d] refuse to return to his first allegiance if only a way was opened to him.’ 2pp

2088 1953  Fianna Fáil pamphlet entitled The First Two Years. ‘During the past two years the Fianna Fáil Government has been carrying out the Seventeen Point Programme issued in June 1951. Here is an interim report on the progress which so far has been achieved in relation to each of the Seventeen Points.’ 8pp

2089 1960  Book Fianna Fáil, An Chéad Tréimhse. The Story of Fianna Fáil, First Phase. With foreword by Taoiseach Seán Lemass. 131pp


2091 26 May 1976  Copy of a special supplement to The Irish Press to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of Fianna Fáil. 1 item, 12pp
31. GENERAL ELECTIONS

I. Results & statistics, 1918 – 69

2092 1927–69 Volumes of published and unpublished election results by constituencies, and transfers of votes in General and By-Elections for September 1927; January 1933; June 1938; June 1943; February 1948; May 1951 and between February 1948 and 1969. 13 items

2093 n.d. Folder originally labelled ‘Elections 1918–51’ containing figures for the distribution of seats following General Elections from 1918 to 1951. Includes:
– copy of ‘General Election 1918 Results’ by county, listing results under the following headings: Division; Candidate; Party and Votes (n.d., 4pp);
– copy of typescript listing the number of seats won by each political party in each General Election, from December 1918 [1st Dáil] to February 1948 [13th Dáil] (n.d., 4pp);
– typescript ‘Information received from the Clerk of the Dáil’ detailing the total number of deputies elected to the Dáil in 1923, the number who took the Oath of Allegiance [1922], the number present in 1925 at ‘the time of the vote on the Boundary’ [Commission] and the results of that vote (n.d., 1p);
– list of names and political affiliations of persons returned, for various constituencies during each General Election, from December 1918 [1st Dáil] to September 1927 [6th Dáil]. Lists members of the Irish Parliamentary Party, ‘Independent Unionists’, Nationalists, Republicans, Farmers, Independents, Sinn Féin and National League members and their constituencies (n.d., 2pp);
– figures giving the distribution of seats for parties, independent candidates and ‘others’ following each General Election from 1923 to 1951 (n.d., 1p);
– cutting from an unknown American newspaper of a table of figures ‘showing the increase in the Republican Poll in the Four General Elections since the Treaty was signed’, covering the period 1922 to September 1927 (1p). 6 items
II. Individual elections, 1927 – 57

2094 4–23 June 1927  File on the June 1927 General Election. Comprises mainly:
- half-page and threequarter-page advertisements urging the electorate to vote for Fianna Fáil, as published in The Irish Independent between 4 & 8 June (3 items);
- advertisement from the same paper following the results of the election, under the headline ‘Why is the Oath Retained?’ and the slogan ‘Help Fianna Fail to Break Down the Barrier to National Unity’ (23 June 1927, 1 item);
- lists of the names of elected deputies arranged by party, as published in the newspapers (3pp);
- holograph notes by de Valera including times and dates of campaign meetings and an election address (June 1927, 15pp);
- circular letter sent by de Valera to Republicans in the U.S.A. following the election results, urging them to support Fianna Fáil ‘and to advance by every means in their power the movement for the abolition of the penal oath’.
‘A good foundation has been laid, and the future is surely with us. The immediate task, however, of smashing down the oath barrier will be by no means easy…The state of parties being what they are, I think it unlikely that this parliament can live for anything like its full term of five years, so another election may be rushed at any time, and I ask you to do your utmost to ensure that every preparation is being made on your side to enable us to face it when it comes.’ Signed by de Valera (16 June 1927, 2pp).
9 items

2095 August–September 1927  File on the September 1927 General Election following the dissolution of the Dáil on 25 August. Includes newspaper cuttings on the dissolution of the Dáil (26 August 1927, 1 item), Fianna Fáil advertisements published in The Irish Independent (27 August & 1 September 1927, 2 items); typescript draft press statements by de Valera on the election results (20 September 1927, 2 items, 2pp each) and cuttings from The Irish Independent and The Irish Times on the results of the election (21 September 1927, 5 items).
20 items

2096 January–February 1932  File on the 1932 General Election comprising:
- Fianna Fáil election publicity material including handbills and leaflets (22 items);
- Cumann na nGaedheal handbills, including text of a parody of Percy French’s ‘Phil the Fluters Ball’ entitled ‘The Constituent Assembly, or De Valera’s Ball’ beg. ‘Have you heard of de Valera, he was lately out of luck…’ (4 items);
- ‘Original Copy’ of de Valera’s Address to Electors’ (9 February 1932, 3pp);
typescript copy of speech by President of the Executive Council William T. Cosgrave at a meeting called by the Lord Mayor of Dublin. ‘...the General Election which has now been proclaimed takes place at a really critical moment in our history. There has been in our time no parallel to the economic crisis which today confronts the whole of the civilised world. From every side we hear the same dismal story – prices falling, trade collapsing, incomes disappearing, unemployment growing, disappointment and despondency everywhere...The problems which arise from these facts must be tackled...if this country is to survive. The Government which will take office in March next will be called upon to deal with them as a matter of urgency. The whole future of the Irish Free State will depend upon how these matters are handled in the next two or three years...this is no time for irresponsible experiment ...There is one party in Ireland today which has the experience, the determination and the honesty of purpose to bring you through the present crisis and that is the Government party’ (n.d., (February? 1932), 29pp);

− draft and approved versions of interview given by de Valera to R.C.H. Waithman of the Daily News/News Chronicle on 16 February the eve of polling day, on the Oath of Allegiance, the Land Annuities, tariff barriers and future relations between the Irish Free State and Britain (16 & 17 February 1932, 3 items);

− formal notification sent to de Valera from the Clerk of the Dáil Colm O Murchadha informing him of his election as a member for County Clare. ‘Pursuant to Standing Order No. 1 of the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann, I have to notify you that your attendance is required at my office at Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin, on Monday, the 7th or Tuesday, the 8th March., between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., for the purpose of complying with the provisions of Article 17 of the Constitution’. Signed by O Murchadha (2 March 1932, 1 item). 35 items

1933

File on the 1933 General Election including:

− holograph and typescript drafts of de Valera’s Address to Electors (20 January 1933, 4pp, 2pp & 2pp);

− list of de Valera’s campaign meetings around the country between 10 and 23 January (3pp);

− memorandum entitled ‘Points for President’ covering the following areas and topics: ‘Reasons for...[the]...Election’, the Oath of Allegiance, agriculture, land annuities, manufacturing industries, foreign capital, transport, social policy, housing, unemployment, the civil service and economy measures (n.d., 9pp);

− drafts of de Valera’s campaign speech of 5 January (January 1933, 3 items);

− questions submitted by newspaper correspondents including R.C.H. Waithman of the News Chronicle and Con O’Leary of the Sunday Chronicle, draft answers and press statements by de Valera on the election campaign and Fianna Fáil’s policies (4–9 January 1933, 10 items);
2097 contd. — newspaper accounts of the election campaign and Fianna Fáil’s victory (13–29 January 1933, 16 items);— summary and analysis of first preference votes (2pp).
c.41 items

2098 March–July 1937 File on the 1937 General Election. Comprises printed appeal for subscriptions from de Valera (March 1937, 2pp); file of newspaper reports on de Valera’s speeches delivered at campaign meetings around the country (16–30 June 1937, 55 items); text of de Valera’s ‘Address to the Electors on The Constitution’ delivered in Kilkenny on 23 June 1937 (5pp); memorandum on General Election dates (n.d., 2pp); typescript draft of statement issued by de Valera to the press on 7 July 1937, ‘The enactment of the Constitution by the people must be a source of joy to everyone who has been working in the cause of Irish independence. It marks an epoch in our national history (7 July 1937, 1p) and memorandum entitled ‘Analysis of Election Results’ including tables of comparative statistics for the General Elections of 1933 and 1937 (10pp). 66 items

2099 1938 File on the 1938 General Election. Comprises ‘Message from Eamon de Valera’ to members of the Fianna Fáil Organisation, as published in The Irish Press on 31 May 1938 and draft of same, signed and dated by de Valera (2 items, 3pp & 1p); de Valera’s Election Address ‘To the Irish People’ as printed in Scéala Éireann (14 June 1938, 1p); de Valera’s letters to Thomas Derrig on his selection as Candidate for Leix-Offaly (31 May & 12 June 1938, 4 items); lists and newspaper accounts of de Valera’s campaign meetings around the country (30 May–17 June 1938, 36 items); newspaper reports of W.T. Cosgrave’s speeches at campaign meetings (28 May–17 June 1938, 22 items); result sheet for de Valera’s constituency (1 item) and extracts from The Irish Press on statements by de Valera and William T. Cosgrave on the outcome of the election (22 June 1938, 2 items, 1p each). 81 items

2100 1943 File on the General Election of June 1943. Includes lists of public meetings to be addressed by de Valera (1p) and candidates selected by Fianna Fáil Conventions (3pp); Fianna Fáil campaign material including entitled Ireland 1932 to 1942. A Story of Great Achievements. Outlines ‘Fianna Fáil’s Achievements in Office’ (1943, 31pp) and newspaper accounts of de Valera’s speeches made during the campaign (10 May–22 June 1943, 107 items). 113 items
2101  May 1944  File on the 1944 General Election comprising drafts and published copies of de Valera’s Election Address of 19 May, to the Irish People (8 items); draft and printed circular appeals for funds from de Valera (20 May 1944, 5 items) and the General Election Finance Committee (20 May 1944, 1p); election addresses in Irish (4 items); various election handbills and circulars (4 items) and lists of election results (36pp).  41 items

2102  1947–48  File on the 1948 General Election. Comprises mainly lists and newspaper reports of de Valera’s campaign meetings around the country between November 1947 and 8 February 1948 (3pp). Also includes:
– handwritten notes by de Valera headed ‘General Election 1948. Tour. Topics.’ Lists heads of Party policy (13pp);
– ‘Taoiseach’s Message to the Electors’ as published in The Irish Press on 25 October 1947 (1p);
– correspondence between de Valera or his Personal Secretary Kathleen O’Connell and Fr. Myles Allman, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the election (7 November 1947–16 January 1948, 10 items);
– letters on the selection of Fianna Fáil candidates at Conventions around the country to contest the election (8 November–16 December 1947, 9 items);
– printed circular appeals for funds from de Valera (15 December 1947, 2 items, 2pp & 1p) and the General Election Finance Committee (December 1947, 1p);
– black and white photographs of de Valera working at his desk in Government Buildings (27cm x 34cm) and of de Valera sitting down looking through his notes, at a campaign meeting in Athlone in February 1948 (24cm x 16cm). Prints labelled on reverse ‘Irish Elections de Valera’ and ‘Irish Elections de Valera at Athlone’. ‘Life Photos’ by Anthony Linck;
– holograph letter to de Valera from Mrs. Kathleen O’Donovan [sister of the late Harry Boland], ‘to tell you how grieved to think of the disaster to Ireland, if you are not elected’ (15 February 1948, 2pp).

Also includes results as published in newspapers, American and Australian newspaper reports on the defeat of Fianna Fáil and draft holograph letter by de Valera to be sent to Irish diplomatic representatives abroad (list of names included, 1p), on his ‘leaving the Office of the Minister of External Affairs’ expressing his ‘deep appreciation of their ‘great services to the State in the difficult year through which we have just passed’ (17 February 1948, 1p).  103 items
2103 1951 & n.d. File on the 1951 General Election comprising newspaper reports on the campaign, de Valera’s meetings around the country and election results (7 May–2 June 1951, 30 items). Also includes de Valera’s Election Address as published in The Clare Champion on 19 May 1951 (1p) and Fianna Fáil Clare constituency election campaign handbills and posters, mainly relating to the 1951 General Election with Fianna Fáil candidates de Valera, Considine, Hillery and O’Grady. ‘Win with Eamon de Valera. Valiant Eagle of the Gael’. 93 items

2104 April–June 1954 File on the 1954 General Election including:
– lists of candidates nominated for the General Election (2 items);
– list of de Valera’s campaign meetings around the country between 25 April and 17 May 1954 (1p);
– typescript texts of a series of Ministerial election broadcasts on Radio Éireann by:
  • Minister for Finance Seán MacEntee on 26 April – ‘I hope in this very brief address to tell you something of what Fianna Fáil has done and what it hopes to do’ (7pp);
  • Minister for Agriculture Thomas Walsh on 30 April – ‘I hope to convince my listeners that the future well-being of our country depends on the Government that approaches its work of administration with an honest, prudent, practical conception of the various problems that must confront it from time to time. In Fianna Fáil you have such a Government’ (7pp);
  • Minister for External Affairs Frank Aiken on 4 May (6pp);
  • Minister for Health and Social Welfare Dr. James Ryan on 6 May – ‘I should tell you that my two Departments…will spend this year about one-fourth of the money provided in the Budget for current expenses. That’s a very big sum and maybe you feel a bit annoyed that the sum should be so big. But I ask you to reason it out with me and let us see whether you feel more reconciled when you have heard the facts’ (5pp);
  • Taoiseach de Valera on 14 May – ‘You have been listening to political broadcasts for the past three weeks…It would of course be impossible for me in this broadcast to deal with all the points raised. In the main therefore, I shall try to confine myself to the wider issues’ (7pp);
– newspaper reports on the campaign and the election (6 March–31 May 1954, 30 items);
– drafts of statements and newspaper reports of statements issued by Fianna Fáil on the outcome of the election and its implications (June 1954, 8 items);
– lists analysing Fianna Fáil deputies and candidates and Fine Gael deputies by occupation (3pp). 50 items
32. FIANNA FÁIL IN OPPOSITION

1927 – 32

2105 February & March 1957 File on the General Election of March 1957 consisting of newspaper reports on the election results. 4 items

2106 25 August 1927 Typescript statement issued by de Valera: ‘The sharp practice of which the Free State Executive is guilty in dissolving the Dáil after adjourning it a few days ago and rushing the country into an unnecessary election during the harvest season does not surprise us. It is exactly what we should expect of them. They will find, however, that Fianna Fáil is not quite as unprepared as they think…’ 1p

2107 [September 1927] Holograph draft election address ‘To the people of Ireland’ published in The Irish Independent on 12 September 1927. ‘The sinister design of aiming at bringing about a sudden revolutionary upheaval, with which our opponents chose to credit us, is altogether foreign to our purpose and programme. We do not believe in attempting to practice sleight of hand on the electorate. We shall proceed as a responsible constitutional government acknowledging without reserve that all authority comes through the sovereign people and that, before any important step likely to involve their safety is taken, the people are entitled to be taken into the fullest consultation’. In pencil. 3pp

2108 [September 1927] Holograph draft election address ‘To the people of Ireland’ (8pp) and photocopied enlarged version of same (7pp). ‘I am informed by my friends that as the result of the propaganda of our opponents the wildest notions are entertained as to the intentions of the Fianna Fáil party if we are elected in a majority at the coming Election. It seems necessary [accordingly] that I…give publicly the assurances I have…[hereto given?]. Our action will be based on the F.S. [constitutional] position as we find it. The facts of the position are realities which we must face…’. In pencil. 2 items, 8pp & 7pp
2109 September & October 1927  
Texts of interviews given by de Valera to representatives of Swedish, American, German and Dutch newspapers following the September General Election.  
7 items

2110 September & October 1927;  
Theological interpretations of various aspects of the Oath of Allegiance such as the definition of an oath and the question of the validity of an oath taken under duress and whether or not an oath had actually been sworn.  
Includes opinions from Cardinal Patrick O’Donnell, Archbishop of Armagh (26 September 1927, 1p) and Rev. M.J. Browne, Professor of Moral Theology, St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth (6 October 1927, 3pp) and correspondence between de Valera and Marie O'Kelly and Fr. Patrick Kelly, C.SS.R. on the exact words used by Rev. Dr. Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne in his statement on the Oath (24 October 1956–12 June 1963, 9 items). Reference is also made in the correspondence to the opinion of the Jesuit theologian Fr. Genicot S.J..  
13 items

2111 1923, 1962 & n.d.  
Miscellaneous notes, extracts from Dáil Debates and newspaper reports on the Oath of Allegiance (1919) and the Oath of Allegiance (1922), including texts of both oaths.  
14 items

2112 10 October 1927  
Typescript press statement by de Valera that ‘the Fianna Fail deputies did not consider it necessary to define further their attitude towards the oath of allegiance…Every Fianna Fail deputy recognises that his allegiance is due to the Irish nation alone, and has made it clear that it will not be given to any outside power or authority. Their anxiety to have the oath removed completely, and their determination to remove it as soon as possible, was in no wise diminished, he said.’  
1p

2113 1927  
Handwritten verse entitled ‘Revenge!’ beg. ‘Ten little ‘mendments all in a line Dev. frowned on one and then there were nine’. With two handwritten annotations, ‘Ard Fheis 1927’ and ‘F. Gallagher’.  
1p
16 December 1927
Typescript statement issued by the Fianna Fáil Publicity Department, prior to de Valera’s departure to the U.S.A. ‘with reference to his attitude towards the Tailteann Games due to be held the coming year.’

December 1927
Christmas card ‘Remembrance and Best Wishes’ and signed by de Valera. Front with Irish seasonal greeting and handwritten English translation.

December 1927 & December 1967
File on de Valera’s trip to the U.S.A. between December 1927 and February 1928, comprising T.S. Leviathan Souvenir Log. United States Lines (16 December 1927, 1 item) and column by John Doohan from The Star entitled 40 Years Ago, recalling de Valera’s visit to the U.S.A. in December 1927 ‘to study industrial and commercial problems and prepare himself, he said, to formulate policies for Ireland’s economic independence should his party come to power’ (December 1927, 1p).

1 December 1927– 23 October 1928
National Executive elected by the Second Annual Ard Fheis of Fianna Fáil. Includes minutes of Special Meeting held on 31 July 1928 ‘to consider the question of Local Government Policy of Organisation’

30 October 1928– 15 October 1929
National Executive elected by the Third Annual Ard Fheis of Fianna Fáil. Includes minutes of Special Meeting held on 15 October 1929 and attendance role for all meetings at end of volume.
2119 22 October 1929– 14 October 1930
National Executive elected by the Fourth Annual Ard Fheis of Fianna Fáil.
Includes minutes of Special Meetings held on:
• 17 May 1930;
• 17 & 25 July 1930, called ‘for the purpose of considering the position arising out of the damage done to the headquarters as a result of a fire which occurred on Tuesday night, 15th July’;
• 15 August 1930, ‘to consider matters arising out of the Dublin Municipal Elections’;
• 3 October 1930.
Also includes attendance roll for all meetings. 72pp

2120 4 November 1930– 20 October 1931; 5 April 1932
National Executive elected by the Fifth Annual Ard Fheis of Fianna Fáil.
Includes minutes of Special Meeting held on 15 November 1930. 72pp

2121 3 November 1931– 31 October 1932
National Executive elected by the Sixth Annual Ard Fheis of Fianna Fáil.
Includes minutes of Special Meetings held on:
• 3 November 1931 ‘for the purpose of selecting a panel of Candidates…in connection with the Seanad Election’;
• 7 January 1932;
• 18 June 1932.
Note: minutes of 35th meeting held between 26 September and 10 October 1932 are missing. 64pp

2122 14 November 1932– 30 October 1933
National Executive elected by the Seventh Annual Ard Fheis of Fianna Fáil.
Includes minutes of Special Meetings held on:
• 24 November 1932 ‘to consider nominations of Cumainn in Waterford Constituency for submission to the Convention at Dungarvan on…27th November, for the Selection of a Candidate for the bye-Election’;
• 28 November 1932;
• 14 December 1932 ‘for the purpose of considering the Resolutions referred to the National Executive by the Ard Fheis, which had not so far been dealt with’;
• 30 December 1932 ‘to consider nominations of candidates sent by Cumainn for submission to the Convention, to be held at Letterkenny, on…6th January, 1933, for the selection of a Candidate to contest the Tirconaill Bye-Election’;
• 3 January 1933 ‘to make arrangements in connection with the General Election’;
• 3 February 1933 ‘to consider the financial position, following the General Election and to appoint a General Secretary’. 70pp
2123 13 November 1933–
25 November 1935 National Executive elected by the Eighth and
Ninth Annual Ard Fheiseanna of Fianna Fáil.
Includes minutes of Special Meetings held on:
• 27 November 1933;
• 11 December 1933;
• 3 & 4 March 1934;
• 16 April 1934;
• 17 September 1934;
• 29 March 1935 (Quarterly Meeting);
• 2 April 1935;
• 1 June 1935;
• 30 September 1935;
• 30 October 1935. 120pp

2124 9 December 1935–
19 October 1936 National Executive elected by the Tenth Annual
Ard Fheis of Fianna Fáil.)
Includes minutes of Special Meetings held on:
• 24 February 1936 (Quarterly Meeting);
• 25 July 1936;
• 30 July 1936 ‘to make arrangements in connection with the Wexford By-Election’;
• 7 September 1936 (Quarterly Meeting). 50pp

2125 [1927] Typescript draft article headed ‘Typical Free
State Meanness’ recounting how the Free State
authorities claimed de Valera requested police protection, when they
themselves put guards on his front gate. ‘Incidentally, it is interesting to note
that some burglar visited Mr. De Valera’s house since this “police protection”
was inaugurated’. 1p

2126 [1927] Documents headed ‘Safeguarding the
Constitution’ dealing with the Oath of
Allegiance and Article 48 of the Free State Constitution (amendment of the
Constitution by referendum), the Electoral Reform Act and the Public Safety
Bill. Typescript with handwritten alterations. Incomplete. 2pp
n.d. Miscellaneous lists of code words (including one written on Fianna Fáil headed notepaper) and deciphered code. See also P150/1132 for list of code words for persons active in the U.S.A. and Ireland, organisations, places and items required (e.g. arms) in correspondence between de Valera and Harry Boland in the U.S.A. between 1919 and 1921; P150/484 for typescript list of code names used in 1920/1921 for individuals, countries and counties; P150/1124 for memorandum from Robert Brennan Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs informing Harry Boland that the code-names for countries, towns and persons ‘is in the hands of the enemy’ and a new list will be forwarded (27 June 1921); P150/1871 for lists of codewords and personal belongings, contemporary newspaper cutting and postcards relating to de Valera’s detention in Arbour Hill Barracks in 1924. 6 items

[1927 or 1929] Photograph of passengers in fancy dress aboard the S.S. Republic, the ship in which de Valera sailed to the U.S.A. in 1927 and in 1929. See also P150/439 which includes a list of ships de Valera travelled on between Ireland and the U.S.A. and a postcard depicting the S.S. Republic, the ship de Valera sailed on, on two occasions, in 1927 and 1929 17cm x 12cm


[1927?] Black and white press photographs captioned ‘President welcomed home’ depicting de Valera on arrival at [Dun Laoghaire harbour] being greeted by two unknown men, one a cleric. [Possibly referring to de Valera’s return from one of his visits to the U.S.A. in 1927?]. 2 items, 21 x 16 cm

n.d. [1927?] Black and white press photograph captioned on reverse ‘The Man who “wanted a word with the President” being gently restrained by Police Superintendent as President de Valera’s car left Dun Laoghaire pier last night’. 26 x 20cm
2132 1928 ‘Irish Independent Comments on Mr. Cosgrave’s Visit to the United States’ published between 19 December 1927 and 13 February 1928. 4pp

2133 [February]–December 1928 Interviews with foreign journalists and press statements issued by de Valera during 1928, comprising questions submitted and approved versions of interviews and answers provided by de Valera. 12 items

2134 23 April 1928 Draft telegram from de Valera to William P. Lyndon, Chicago, National Secretary-Treasurer, A.A.R.I.R. ‘All Irishmen rejoice at Ireland’s association with first crossing of Atlantic East to West…Admiration for courage is above party’. Marked ‘Deferred’. [On 12/13 April 1928 Comdt. James C. Fitzmaurice, O.C. of the Air Corps, was a member of the three-man crew who flew the first East-West transatlantic crossing in a Junkers W.33 in 36 hours, from Baldonnel to Greenly Island, Newfoundland]. 1p

2135 Easter 1928 Typescript draft, and published version of de Valera’s ‘Message to the “Irish World”, Easter 1928’. 2 items, 1p each

2136 April & May 1928 File on de Valera’s petition under Article 48 of the Constitution, with a view to a constitutional amendment to abolish the Oath of Allegiance, presented to the Oireachtas in May 1928. [Under Article 48 it was obligatory on the legislature, on a petition signed by not less than seventy-five thousand voters, to make provision for submitting the amendment to a referendum of the whole people]. 23 items

2137 1928 Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Saint Columbanus in Ireland. For use of Officers only (1928, 61pp) and Knights of Columbanus in Ireland. Laws for Primary Councils (Internal). With synopsis of constitution and extracts from general laws. For use of Members only (1928, 49pp). Both pamphlets published by the Authority of the Supreme Council, June 1928. 2 items
January–July 1929  Miscellaneous newspaper articles and approved versions of interviews given by de Valera during 1929. Includes reports of speeches made by de Valera at various meetings around the country; text of interview given by de Valera to Hans Heiberg of the Dagbladet [Oslo] on 28 May 1929 on Fianna Fáil’s attitude towards the Treaty, the arrests of Republicans and the party’s economic policy (21 June 1929, 2 items) and questions and answers to questions submitted by Patricia Hoey special representative of the London General Press Agency on Fianna Fáil’s ‘future policy’ (July 1929, 5 items).  

15 items

9 January 1929  ‘Interview with Mr. Gilbert Ward January 9th, 1929’ concerning the provenance and disbursement of a sum of $100,000 donated by the Friends of Irish Freedom in 1920 as a subscription to the Dáil Éireann Loan but remitted to Ireland for benefit of of the Self-Determination Fund.  

2pp

15 January 1929  Circular sent to newspaper editors of the text of a lecture delivered by de Valera on Fianna Fáil’s economic policy, at Wynn’s Hotel, Dublin on 11 January 1929 at the inaugural meeting of Craobh na Féinne. ‘I propose tonight to deal with the main aspects of the economic policy of Fianna Fail, showing its bearing on agriculture, manufactures, finance and transport, and I shall endeavour to prove that it is capable of achieving what I conceive to be the main purpose of any national economic policy, that is, to ensure to the greatest possible number of persons the highest standard of well-being which the resources of this island can afford.’  

7pp

January 1929  Typescript draft of speech delivered by de Valera in Limerick on 19 January 1929 on general economic conditions and Fianna Fáil’s economic policy. Concludes ‘We know that the interests of our country, and its very existence as a nation, demand a policy of rigorous Protection, and we shall not flinch in applying it.’ De Valera’s personal copy marked with a ‘delta’ sign.  

7pp

February 1929  File on de Valera’s arrest on his way to Belfast to attend the opening of Aonach na nGaeheal, on 5 February 1929. Comprises carbon copy typescript draft of speech to be given by de Valera at the opening of the Aonach at St. Mary’s Hall, Belfast, on the national aims of the Gaelic League and the Gaelic Athletic Association, the two associations under whose auspices the event was
2142 contd. organised. Annotated on top of first page ‘Arrested—not given’ (February 1929, 6pp). Also Fianna Fáil handbill publicising a public meeting to be held in College Green, Dublin on 12 February to protest against de Valera’s arrest and ‘to demonstrate their…the citizens of Dublin’s…resentment towards this Act of Tyranny’ (February 1929, 1p). 2 items

2143 February & March 1929 Holograph diary notes in Irish and miscellaneous notes in English by de Valera written during his month-long imprisonment in Belfast following his arrest for crossing the border in contravention of the exclusion order issued against him five years before. 13pp

2144 March 1929 Notes for a meeting and ‘Notes of Speech Kilkenny Town Hall, March 24th, 1929’ on the present economic conditions and the ‘Failure of Government Schemes’. Includes handwritten notes outlining the ‘National objectives of Fianna Fail’, its economic and financial policy, for the Kilkenny meeting (n.d., 2pp). 3 items

2145 18 May 1929 ‘Notes for Sligo Speech, May 18th, 1929’ during the Sligo-Leitrim by-election campaign. Typescript notes with handwritten portion. Begins ‘Before dealing with the real issues on which we are asking the electorate of Sligo-Leitrim to pronounce their judgement, I desire to make a few remarks on the false issue which our opponents have decided to make the basis of their campaign.’ [Incomplete, pages 4–6 missing]. 5pp

2146 27 May & 20 July 1929 Letter to de Valera from R. Stephen Williams seeking an interview with him with a view to writing an article in a series described as ‘purely personal sketches entirely free from political and religious controversy’ (27 May 1929, 1p). Also published article on de Valera, part 11 of the series entitled Distinguished Irishmen by ‘R.S.W.’ in The Daily Express (20 July 1929, 1p). 2 items


2 items

2148 June & 1 July 1929 File on the Wolfe Tone commemorations in Bodenstown cemetery on 30 June 1929 comprising report from *The Irish Independent* of de Valera’s speech in the churchyard (1 July 1929, 1p), handwritten ‘Notes for Bodenstown Speech’ (4pp) and holograph and typescript drafts by de Valera of his speech (3 items).

6 items

2149 17 July 1929 Copy letter to W.T. Cosgrave from de Valera protesting at the ‘maltreatment on several occasions of Mr. T.J. Ryan, of Cranny, Kilrush, Co. Clare, by members of the Detective Branch of the Civic Guards’ during June and July 1929. ‘The attention of the Minister for Justice has been called more than once to the conduct of some members of the Detective Force in West Clare…May I ask why Mr. Ryan is kept virtually a prisoner in his own home; what legal authority there is for it? and whether you will have an enquiry held into the conduct of the Guards who have assaulted Mr. Ryan?’.

2pp

2150 24 October 1929 Carbon copy memorandum by ‘S. O’M’ (Seán Murphy or Seán Moynihan) headed ‘Property Losses Compensation’ with the following section headings: Pre- Truce Damage, Post-Truce Damage and Powers of Compensation (Ireland) Commission.

3pp

2151 [1928] & 1929 Documents relating to de Valera’s six-month trip to the U.S.A. in November 1929, fundraising for the foundation of an Irish daily newspaper and the establishment of the American company, Irish Press Incorporated. Includes: – holograph circular letters sent by de Valera on Hotel Pennsylvania, New York headed paper inviting ‘some of the old friends and workers in our cause’ to a meeting in New York in December 1929 at which de Valera shall ‘explain the exact position of the newspaper enterprise’ in order ‘to enlist your aid to bring it quickly to a successful issue’. Two copies, including one with holograph note by de Valera ‘Irish Press. This was the invitation we sent out. What do you think of it’ (17 December 1929, 2 items, 1p each);
2151 contd. – miscellaneous holograph notes by de Valera and duplicates of letters to various prominent American supporters (Note: most of the text is hardly legible) (December 1929, 23 items);
– invitation directed towards ‘old friends in Boston who by their actions in the past have proved their devotion to our cause’ to a similar meeting in the Copley-Plaza Hotel in December 1929 (23 December 1929, 1p);
– typescript headed ‘Interview with Eamon de Valera’ outlining the purpose of de Valera’s visit to the U.S.A.: ‘I have come on behalf of Irish Press, Limited, a public company incorporated last year with a view to the production of a new Irish Daily Newspaper’; the need for a national paper and progress to date in securing funds and a premises. Also discusses the land annuities question (n.d., 4pp);
– cuttings from American newspapers on de Valera’s fundraising activities and visits to newspaper plants around the country (December 1929–April 1930, 102 items). Cuttings arranged by location as follows:
• New York (de Valera arrived on 10 December 1930) (15 items);
• Rochester, New York for Christmas 1929 (5 items);
• Boston, Massachusetts on 29 December 1929 (10 items) & 22 March 1930 (23 items);
• Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in January 1930 (1 item);
• Hartford, Connecticut on 12 January 1930 (2 items) & 19 March 1930 (2 items);
• Staten Island, New York on 26 January 1930 (3 items);
• Newark, New Jersey on 28 January 1930 (2 items);
• Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on 22 February & 25 March 1930 (4 items);
• Cleveland, Ohio on 23–25 February and early March 1930 (5 items);
• Detroit, Michigan on 25 February 1930 (3 items);
• Chicago, Illinois on 26 February 1930 (9 items);
• Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in March 1930 (1 item);
• Providence, Rhode Island on 14 March 1930 (6 items);
• Brooklyn, New York on 16 March 1930 (4 items);
• New Rochelle, New York on 20 March 1930 (1 item);
• Seattle in April 1930 (2 items);
• Mecca Temple, New York on 27 April 1930 (4 items);
– cuttings from The Irish World (18 January–29 March 1930, 18 items) and
– Memorandum and Articles of Association of Irish Press, Limited (192[8/9], 32pp).

2152 December 1929 Typescript headed ‘Women & The Irish Republican Movement’ comprising ‘Extracts from Press Interviews given by Mr. De Valera’ to Sally McDougall, of the Sunday World on 11 December 1929 and to Hazel Canning of the Boston Sunday Post on 12 December 1929. 1p
December 1929  Black and white photograph accompanied by caption on a separate slip of paper reading ‘Edward H. Butler, publisher, The Buffalo Evening News; Mr. De Valera; Frank E. Gannett, editor and publisher, The Gannett Newspapers. Photograph in the executive offices of The Gannett Newspaper, Times-Union Building, Rochester, New York., December 26, 1929’. 25cm x 20cm

1929  Typescript draft statement by de Valera for the U.S.A. denying that the Fianna Fáil attitude is ‘one of repudiation of a national obligation’, and setting out the case in regard to the land annuities. 5pp

[1929]  Typescript draft of [a speech] by de Valera on emigration and unemployment and Fianna Fáil’s economic and industrial policies. Incomplete, first page missing. 10pp

[1880s/90s]; 1918–29; File on Austin Stack (1880–1929) comprising:
1961–72  – miscellaneous contemporary documents including:
• typescript letter of farewell from Stack in New York to Mrs. Charles Wheelwright [de Valera’s mother] prior to Stack’s return to Ireland (12 May 1922, 1p) see also P150/1272 for 1922 documents relating to the Cumann na Poblachta Delegation to the United States, mainly holograph letters to de Valera and Harry Boland from Austin Stack, Chairman of the Delegation, and delegation member Countess Markievicz;
• holograph letter of introduction to de Valera from Stack for a Jack Caball ‘a native of Tralee and…an almost life-long friend of mine’ (4 November 1928, 2pp).
– documents relating to Stacks’ death in 1929 including:
• holograph letter to de Valera from Mrs. Stack sending him some brushes, which were a wedding gift, as a token of remembrance. ‘He held you high in his friendship always, and now when I ask his dear intercession for our beloved country and for our dear friends your name will be often mentioned’ (4 July 1929, 3pp);
• holograph notes by de Valera on his friendship with Stack and his assessment of Stack’s personality (n.d. (1929), 1p).
– holograph letter to President de Valera from John B. Stack, West Hampstead, New York, thanking him on his own and his mother’s behalf for his condolences on the death of John’s father (August 1961, 2pp);
– typescript letter (18 October 1965, 1p) to Marie O’Kelly from Ruairí Brugha enclosing copy of Austin Stack’s ‘Own Account of Negotiations’ being a summary of ‘the circumstances which lead up to the signing of the
2156 contd. Treaty’, originally written on the twelfth day of Stack’s hungerstrike in 1923 (copy made 30 August 1929, 23pp);
– letter to President de Valera from Kevin Murnaghan, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, concerning a number of personal letters addressed to Austin Stack ‘by various friends whilst he was a prisoner in Manchester and Belfast’, found amongst the effects of his late uncle Professor Felix Hackett. Includes annotation on top of letter ‘Mr. and Mrs. Murnaghan called today Saturday 27th Jan. 1973 and gave the President a large box of correspondence for his safe keeping—to be put with his documents in Killiney’ (15 December 1972, 1p);
– photographs of Stack [and members of his family] as follows:
  • mounted photographic prints [of members of Austin Stack’s family] comprising studio portraits of young woman ([1880s/90s?]), 5cm x 9cm excluding mount, 11cm x 16cm including mount); middle aged man (n.d., 6cm x 9cm excluding mount, 11cm x 17cm including mount) and five children ([1880s/90s?]), 5cm x 9cm excluding mount, 11cm x 16cm including mount). All three prints are from the studio of Daly & Son 47A Nelson Street, Tralee;
  • autographed studio photograph of Austin Stack. ‘U.S.A. April 1922 Property of KOC [Kathleen O’Connell], 15 Herbert St. Dublin’ on reverse (©: Underwood & Underwood Studios, N.Y.) (1922, 13cm x 20cm);
  • black and white photograph of Austin Stack and supporters emerging from a doorway. ‘July, 1924 Release’ on reverse (1924, 21cm x 16cm).

2157 n.d. Handwritten addresses of welcome to de Valera on the occasion of his first visit to Navan, Co. Meath from the Navan Board of Guardians and Rural District Council (2pp), Meath County Council (1p), the Dean Cogan Branch of the Irish National Foresters Benefit Association, (Navan No. 350) (1p) and the Navan Fianna Fáil Constituency (1p).  3 items

2158 n.d. Handwritten address of welcome to de Valera from the West Cork Fianna Fáil Constituency and Youghal Cumann on the occasion of his visit to [Youghal].  1p

2159 n.d. Addresses of welcome to de Valera from the following organisations: the Fianna Fáil County Carlow Constituency (3pp); Cumann Ui Fhlanghaile & Patrise (Fianna Fáil) of Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon (2pp); and an unidentified Connemara Cumann (2pp). All in Irish.  4 items
2160
9–18 January 1930  Press cuttings and correspondence relating to a statement made by Seán MacEoin on a visit to Boston in which he criticized de Valera, claiming he plotted the destruction of the Anglo-Irish Treaty and was responsible for the civil war. De Valera offered to debate the matter before the public in Boston but MacEoin declined to take up the offer. 14 items

2161
28 March–18 April 1930  Cuttings from American newspapers on W.T. Cosgrave’s forced resignation as President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State on 27 March 1930 following an adverse vote on an opposition pensions bill; the nomination of de Valera and Labour’s T.J. O’Connor for the Presidency and the ensuing debate; and Cosgrave’s re-election by Dáil Éireann by a vote of 80 to 65 (28 March–18 April 1930, 55 items). Also accompanied by the text of Seán T. O’Kelly’s speech nominating de Valera as President of the Executive Council (2 April 1930, 3pp). 60 items

2162
1930  Holograph notes by de Valera accompanied by note stating ‘De Valera’s notes for speech on unveiling monument in 1930 to Daniel O’Brien, Liscarroll, Co. Cork executed in Cork Barracks, 16 May 1921’. 6pp

2163
[6 January 1923]– 21 February 1949  Folder containing newspaper cuttings and letters relating to the Connaught Rangers Mutiny on 28–30 June 1930. Includes:
– photocopy of article from The Irish Independent entitled Released Rangers in Dublin Warm Welcome Home (original article dated 6 January 1923, 4pp);
– photocopy of letter to the editor of The Irish Press from Joseph Hawes Kilrush, the ‘originator’ of the mutiny in India (original document dated 26 January 1949, 1p);
– letter to de Valera T.D. from Christopher P. Sweeney, one of the men who took part in the mutiny, concerning the false reporting of the affair in The Irish Times and a proposed book on the subject; and de Valera’s Secretary’s reply stating that de Valera has no influence in either case (4, 21 February 1949, 2 items);
– circular letter to de Valera from the Secretary of the Connaught Rangers Mutiny Association, seeking contributions for the erection of a stone cenotaph, to the memory of the Rangers who were killed during and after the mutiny (19 January 1949, 1p & envelope). 5 items
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| 2168   | October 1931 | Corrected texts of a statement by de Valera to a representative of The United Press on 29 October 1931 following the introduction in the Dáil of a Public Safety Bill in the form of an amendment to the Constitution (Article 2A), the recent outlawing by the Cumann na nGaedheal government of the socialist-republican organisation Saor Éire and the Catholic Hierarchy’s condemnation of the organisation (in a joint pastoral letter of 18 October) as communist and the apparent increase in Communist activities. ‘The politicians of the Cosgrave party are at the moment feverishly engaged in working up a scare. The failure of their party as a government…to deal
adequately with any of the major national and economic problems, has turned
the electorate against them... The bye-elections in Longford-Westmeath and
Kildare have shown clearly the trend of popular feeling. A general election is
at hand. The Cosgrave party are afraid to face the electorate on their record,
and have been looking around for some stunt by which they could create a
diversion and distract people’s minds for the consideration of their failures.
Certain recent happenings have provided them with just the opportunity they
have been seeking.’

5 & 7 November 1931  List of questions submitted to de Valera by
Linton Wells of the International News Service
(5 November 1931, 1p) and corrected text of ‘Interview given to Mr. Linton
Wells, International News Service, by Mr. De Valera, November 7th, 1931’
(4pp). Covers de Valera’s views on the Public Safety Act in the form of an
amendment to the Constitution (Article 2A), Dominion status, I.R.A.
activities, the maintenance of law and order, the ‘danger of Communism’, the
prospect of a General Election, his reasons ‘for desiring a tariff’ and Fianna
Fáil’s plans for the development of Ireland’s natural resources and economy.

10 & 12 November 1931 Questions submitted to de Valera from W.G.
Quisenberry of the United Press of America and
answers by de Valera (2pp), to be used in an article by Quisenberry. Covers
de Valera’s ‘plan to bring the Free State out of the economic depression and
reduce unemployment’, ‘growing sentiment in the country for complete
separation’ and the removal of the Oath of Allegiance.

1922–1931 File on the question of ‘Majority Rule’
containing:
October 1922, 2pp);
– series of articles by Dorothy Macardle published in the Irish Press entitled
The Irish Nation and Majority Rule, and associated letters to the editor from
Mary MacSwiney and Dorothy Macardle (18 October–17 November 1931, 6
items) (see P150/3662 for file on Dorothy Macardle);
– typescript copies of extracts from Dáil Éireann Parliamentary Debates,
Volume 28, February/March 1929 and Volume 40, October/December 1931,
on acceptance of majority rule (1929, 1931, 2 items).

5 items

17 February–3 March 1932 File of questions submitted by newspaper correspondents, answers by de Valera, corrected and approved versions of interviews and some published interviews, conducted in February and early March 1932 in the aftermath of Fianna Fáil’s victory in the General Election, before the meeting of the Dáil on 9 March and the formation of the new Government. Discusses the prospect of a Fianna Fáil-Labour party coalition, Fianna Fáil’s policies, especially with regard to the removal of the Oath of Allegiance from the Constitution, the withholding of the land annuities, the Imperial Conference in Ottawa, and Ireland’s subsequent relations with Britain and the other Commonwealth countries.

Comprises questions submitted by/interviews with the following correspondents and publications:

• John S. Steele, London Correspondent of The Chicago Tribune;
• George MacDonagh of Independent Newspapers Ltd. and the United Press of America;
• The Daily Mail;
• The Irish Times;
• Sunday Dispatch;
• James Kenny of The Daily Express;
• Dewitt Mackenzie, London Manager of The Associated Press of America;
• P.B. Seal, Director, Orient Press Service, London;
• Shán Ó Cuiv of the Herald-Tribune, New York;
• G.A. Birtwhistle of The Daily Telegraph;
• A.G. Lias, Special Staff Correspondent, The Christian Science Monitor, Boston, Massachusetts;
• Arnold Vas Dias, London editor of De Telegraf, Amsterdam;
• Southam Newspapers of Canada.

c.46 items
2174

14 March–17 September 1932

File of questions submitted by newspaper correspondents, texts of interviews and press statements issued by de Valera, between mid-March and August 1932, following the formation of the government in March. Discusses the new government’s policies especially with regard to the removal of the Oath of Allegiance from the Constitution and the passage of the Oath Bill through the Dáil; negotiations with Britain on the issue and the withholding of the land annuities; the Imperial Conference in Ottawa and the question of Commonwealth and international arbitration; Ireland’s subsequent relations with Britain and the other Commonwealth countries; and de Valera’s ideas ‘for a united Ireland’.

Comprises questions submitted by and interviews with the following correspondents and publications:

• Linton Wells of the London Bureau of the International News Service;
• John Steele, London Correspondent of the Chicago Tribune;
• Dingle M. Foot, Liberal M.P. for Dundee and special representative of the News Chronicle;
• Shán Ó Cuiv of the London Star;
• The Irish World, New York;
• J.E. Sewell of The Daily Telegraph;
• W.G. Quisenberry of the United Press of America;
• Edward Stanley of The Associated Press of America;
• Daily Mail;
• Press Association;
• L.M. Rea of La Stampa;
• J.F. Redfern of the Mercury, Leeds;
• H. Somerville of the Toronto Star;
• Pierre Sauvage;
• W.B. Blackley of the Sunday Graphic;
• B.Z. Goldberg of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle;
• Clair Price of The New York Times;
• H. Warren Hutchinson of the Glasgow Evening News;
• C.R. Greenaway of The Toronto Daily Star.

c.75 items
33. TAOISEACH

MARCH 1932 – FEBRUARY 1948

I. Negotiations with the United Kingdom, 1932

2175 21 March 1932  ‘Secret & Confidential’ despatch from Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, to John W. Dulanty, Irish High Commissioner in London outlining de Valera’s instructions for Dulanty’s meeting with Dominions Secretary J.H. Thomas. ‘You are not to take the initiative in informing the British of the Minister’s intentions, but if you are asked what these intentions are you are to state them definitely in your official capacity as High Commissioner … The Oath is not mandatory in the Treaty. We have an absolute right to modify our Constitution as the people desire’. Signed by Walshe and annotated ‘Draft approved by Minister. J.P.W., 21/3/32’. 2pp

2176 22 March 1932—5 December 1933  Copies of official correspondence between Irish and British officials dealing with the Oath of Allegiance and the land annuities. Mainly communications between John W. Dulanty, Irish High Commissioner, J.H. Thomas, Dominions Secretary, Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, Sir Edward Harding, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Dominions Office, and de Valera. Also includes printed pamphlets: Text of Notes Exchanged between The Irish Free State Government and the British Government relating to the Oath and Land Purchase Annuities. Presented to Both Houses of the Oireachtas by the Minister for External Affairs, April, 1932 (Dublin: Stationery Office), P. No. 650 (1932, 8pp) and Correspondence relating to the Land Purchase Annuities in the Irish Free State. Presented by the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs to Parliament by Command of His Majesty July, 1932 (London: H.M.S.O.) Cmd. 4116 (1932, 3pp). 39 items

2177 29 March 1932  Photocopy of an article by Winston Churchill entitled Plain Words on the Irish Treaty from The Daily Mail. ‘Mr. Churchill, one of the surviving British signatories of the Treaty of 1921 deals in this important article with the obligations of the Free State under the terms of that settlement’. 2pp
2178  2–8 April 1932

Telegram to de Valera from the Prime Ministers of South Africa, J.B.M. Hertzog, Australia, J.A. Lyons, and New Zealand, Forbes, and replies from de Valera. Also two memoranda, one concerning the attitude of the South African Government to the situation (2pp) and one on American and Canadian press reaction to plans to remove the Oath of Allegiance from the Constitution of the Irish Free State (8 April 1932, 1p). 10 items

2179  June 1932–June 1938

Secret memoranda from John W. Dulanty, Irish High Commission, 33–37 Regent Street, London, to Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, on Dulanty’s contacts with British Government officials between June 1932 and June 1938. Comprises mainly:

– ‘Note of a Meeting held at Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, at 11 a.m. on Monday, 7th September, 1936’ between Dulanty and Sir N.F. Warren Fisher, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Treasury, Sir. Horace J. Wilson and Sir Edward J. Harding, Dominions Office Permanent Under-Secretary. The British Government ‘had agreed to Mr. Malcolm MacDonald’s proposals that exploratory talks should take place with a view of seeing whether it would be possible to find a solution of the questions outstanding between the two countries’. Also discusses the position of the King in the new Irish Constitution (8 September 1936, 4pp);

– Dulanty’s report on his meeting of 15 September with Sir Warren Fisher, Sir Horace Wilson, Sir Edward Harding and Sir Grattan Bushe (Memorandum No. 74) (15 September 1936, 4pp);

– report on his meeting with Malcolm MacDonald on 15 September (Memorandum No. 75) (15 September 1936, 4pp);

– report of his meeting on 14 October with Sir Warren Fisher, Sir Horace Wilson, Sir Harry Batterbee and Sir Grattan Bushe (Memorandum No. 80) (19 October 1936, 9pp);

– report of his meeting on 19 October 1936 with Wilson and Batterbee (Memorandum No. 81) (19 October 1936, 4pp);

– minute on a ‘Phone conversation with the High Commissioner and Mr. Walshe, Sec. Dept. of External Affairs on Monday afternoon, January 18th, 1937’ (January 1937, 1p);

– Dulanty’s report on his meeting with Malcolm MacDonald on 25 January 1937 (Memorandum No. 10) (25 January 1937, 3pp);

– report of Dulanty’s meeting with Malcolm MacDonald on 1 December 1937 (Memorandum No. 51) (1 December 1937, 6pp);

– ‘Relations with Britain. Mr. Dulanty’s conversation with Mr. MacDonald. Report read by President at meeting of the Executive Council on 3rd, December, 1937’. Initialled by Maurice Moynihan (3 December 1937, 2pp);

– his report on his meeting with MacDonald on 14 March 1938 (Memorandum No. 9) (14 March 1938, 4pp);

– his report on a meeting on 15 March 1938 with the recently appointed American Ambassador Joseph Kennedy (Memorandum No. 10) (15 March 1938, 4pp);
2179 contd. – his report of a meeting on 23 March 1938 with MacDonald, R.A. Butler, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and all the High Commissioners ‘except Mr. Massey’ (Memorandum No. 14) (23 March 1938, 2pp);
– his meeting with the King’s Private Secretary Sir Alexander Hardinge at Buckingham Palace on 28 April 1938 (Memoranda No. 18 & 19) (2 May 1938, 2 items, 1p each);
– report on his lunch with J.H. Thomas on 10 June 1938 following Thomas’ resignation. ‘He spoke of his real pleasure in the recent Agreements though he would be less than human if he didn’t express his deep regrets that the British Cabinet had, long ago, turned down his own proposals for a not essentially different settlement’. Thomas gave his opinion on his former Cabinet colleagues and Dominions Office officials, including Lord Baldwin, Chamberlain, Sir John Simon, Lord Hailsham, Lord Stanley, Batterbee and Harding. Of the latter he remarked ‘He was so reactionary and unsympathetic to my ideas not only on Ireland but on other matters that I felt my position almost impossible. Batterbee, being his brother-in-law, was merely an echo of Harding’. He spoke of his own political downfall and said ‘…what makes me suicidal is that I have been publicly disgraced for giving away a secret I never gave away – I who probably hold more secrets locked up in my direct personal experience than half the members of the Cabinet put together. When Lady Astor’s son was in trouble for homosexuality who got that put right with complete secrecy? Jim Thomas. When the Prince of Wales was outraged because his nomination of Mr. Simpson to a Masonic Lodge had been turned down because the Lodge said Mrs. Simpson was the Prince’s mistress and this was a “blind” for the Prince, who brought the Prince before the three blackballers of His Royal Highness’s own nomination, and got an emphatic denial from the Prince about his relation with Mrs. Simpson and consequently secured Mr. Simpson’s election, thus saving a most embarrassing situation for the country? The answer again is Jim Thomas…I’m it the irony of ironies that I who hold and have never given away any of these real secrets am damned for ever because they say I gave away a supposed Budget secret which I never did’ (Memorandum No. 26) (16 June 1928, 5pp).
See also P150/2349 for reports of ‘Conversations with President and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald in London and Geneva January 14th, September 15th and 17th, 1937’. ‘Mr. Dulanty present at the London talk. The manuscript is his Report’; P150/2337 for letter of 14 September 1936 to de Valera from Sir Warren Fisher and Dulanty’s drafts of his conversation with de Valera on Fisher’s letter.

2180 8 June 1932
Department of Finance memorandum headed ‘Payments to Great Britain’ (8 June 1932, 7pp) and ‘Memorandum on Payments to Great Britain. Summary of Contents’ (5pp). 2 items
June–October 1932 Black and white captioned press photographs relating to the series of meetings between de Valera and Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald and other Cabinet members, held in London between 10 June and 16 October 1932 to discuss financial issues. Comprises prints of:

– de Valera and Vice-President Seán T. O’Kelly on the steps of No. 10 Downing Street on 10 June 1932 (John W. Dulanty, Irish High Commissioner in background) (10 June 1932, 20cm x 15cm);
– William Norton [Irish Labour Party Leader], de Valera and Sir Thomas Inskip at Euston station on the Irish party’s arrival in London on 15 July [Dr. T.J. Kiernan in background]. Print captioned ‘Mr. Eamon de Valera, President of the Irish Free State, arrived in London this evening July 15 at the invitation of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, to discuss the Irish situation and the threatened economic war which has arisen over the action of Mr. de Valera in withholding the annuities, amounting to £3,000,000 a year’ (15 July 1932, 25cm x 20cm); de Valera arriving at his London hotel on the evening of the 15 July (15 July 1932, 20cm x 25cm) and ‘Police keeping back crowds when Mr. de Valera arrives in Downing Street’ (15 July 1932, 21cm x 16cm);
– de Valera and Irish High Commissioner John W. Dulanty arriving at the Dominions Office in Downing Street to meet with J.H. Thomas Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs (5 October 1932, 20cm x 25cm); de Valera and Attorney-General Conor A. Maguire on the steps of the Dominions Office before their meeting on 5 October (5 October 1932, 20cm x 25cm); de Valera, John W. Dulanty and J.H. Thomas, outside the Dominions Office after their meeting (5 October 1932, 19cm x 25cm); de Valera, John W. Dulanty, J.H. Thomas and Conor A. Maguire [Irish Attorney-General] at Downing Street after the meeting (5 October 1932, 25cm x 20cm);
– Attorney-General Conor A. Maguire, Vice-President and Minister for Local Government and Public Health Seán T. O’Kelly, Minister for Finance Seán MacEntee, Captain O’Neill, de Valera, Minister for Defence Frank Aiken and [Minister for Justice John Geoghegan] on board the Scotia at Dun Laoghaire, on their way to the negotiations in London on 15 & 16th October (1932, 16cm x 11cm) and Attorney-General Conor A. Maguire, John W. Dulanty and de Valera in London for negotiations on 15 & 16th October (15/16 October 1932, 16cm x 21cm).

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11 June–20 July 1932 File relating to the series of meetings in London between de Valera and Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald in June and July 1932. Comprises:

– personal letter to de Valera from the Prime Minister, assuring him of his willingness to meet with de Valera–‘Whatever may have been the bitterness in the past, let me assure you that the Government have always felt and have endeavoured to make the relations between Ireland and Great Britain of the most cordial and co-operative character’–and appealing to him to ‘pass the whole matter through your mind once more…I feel sure that if Mr. Thomas and you had a further meeting when the position in which both you and he find yourselves could be quietly considered, something might happen’ (11 June 1932, 1p);
2182 contd. – holograph note by Ramsay MacDonald outlining the Government’s position–’With regard to the Oath: The British Gov. maintains the attitude expressed in the despatches sent by the Sec. of State for the Dominions to the Irish F. State Gov. (2) As regards the payment of the land annuities the Br. Gov. is prepared to submit the legal questions involved to arbitration of the nature envisaged in the 1930 Imp. Conf. Report par. (d) p.22–Commonwealth Tribunal’ (n.d., 1p);
– copy of notes by the British Attorney General on a meeting between de Valera and Ramsay MacDonald on 15 July (original dated 20 July 1932, 8pp). 5 items

2183 July 1932–9 April 1939 Memoranda to de Valera from Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, mainly concerning Anglo-Irish relations including Walshe’s reactions to High Commissioner John W. Dulanty’s reports from London and reports relating to the introduction of legislation in Dáil Éireann to deal with the abdication crisis in December 1936.
Also includes letters from Walshe in Khartoum, Sudan, on his travels in Africa and his meetings with the Governor-General of Sudan, Sir Stewart Symes (13 May 1938, 7pp), enclosing black and white photographs of himself and three natives ‘In the markets Khartoum’ (11 May 1938, 4cm x 3cm) and of himself and two unidentified men ‘In front of the ruins of the Mahdij tomb. Omdurman’ (9 May 1938, 4cm x 3cm) and letter from Cairo, Egypt, about the situation in Palestine and his discussions with officials of the Egyptian Department of Foreign Affairs (2 June 1938, 6pp). Also memoranda on the situation in Czechoslovakia and relations between Britain and Germany (24 & 28 September 1938, 3 items).
Includes:
– copy letter by Walshe to the Minister for Education on the question of the children of Foreign Representatives and compulsory Irish (26 November 1934, 1p);
– report headed ‘Our Political Relations with the British. A Chat with Sir Harry Batterbee’ (2 May 1936, 6pp);
– memorandum on ‘Conversations between ourselves and certain British Civil Servants concerning the position of the King as established under the recent Act’, ‘The procedure to be adopted should the Pope die in the near future’ and ‘The Form of Declaration to be made by the King at the Coronation’ (9 January 1937, 7pp);
– Walshe’s meetings in London on 28 and 29 December 1937 with Sir Edward Harding (3 January 1938, 8pp);
– Walshe’s meeting with Sir Edward Harding on 24 January 1938, 4pp);
– his meeting in London on 3 February 1938 with Sir Harry Batterbee and ‘three military members of the Committee of Imperial Defence, Cols. Hollis, Lunn and Wing Commander Frazer’ (8 February 1938, 10pp);
– his meeting with Harding and Batterbee on 15 March 1938 and Dulanty’s meeting with Malcolm MacDonald (15 March 1938, 3pp). See also P150/2571 for August 1939–October 1945 memoranda and reports to de Valera, Taoiseach and Minister for External Affairs from Joseph P. Walshe; P150/2716 for 1946–48 memoranda to de Valera and F.H. Boland, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, from Joseph P. Walshe, Irish Ambassador to the Holy See.

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6 October 1932

Typescript corrected text of a statement issued by de Valera to [-] Rose of Allied Newspapers on 6 October, following de Valera’s meeting earlier that day with J.H. Thomas, Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, to discuss purely financial aspects of the dispute.

‘We are entering the negotiations with the problems to be discussed in the present position, that is the British Government will continue to impose their tariffs on Irish imports and the Irish Government will continue to refuse the payment of annuities and other sums of money involved in the dispute. It is, as it were, negotiations without a truce’…Should there be no agreement resulting from the negotiations there still remained the possibility of an Arbitration Court as a last reserve…‘I may say, however, that in regard to an Arbitration Court the Free State Government is still adamant in the view that there should be a free choice of members of the Court, and the Chairman, and not limited to an “Empire” selection’.

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12 October 1932

Telegram to Executive Council Vice-President Seán T. O’Kelly from De Witt Mackenzie, Chef de Bureau of the Associated Press, informing O’Kelly of his presence in London to report on the negotiations and seeking assistance from the Irish delegation (12 October 1932, 2pp) and holograph letter from O’Kelly to de Valera enclosing the telegram, vouching for Mackenzie and asking de Valera to see him when in London (12 October 1932, 2pp).

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October 1932

File on the London Conference on 14 & 15 October 1932. Comprises:

- copy covering letter from de Valera to Dominions Secretary J.H. Thomas (12 October 1932, 1p) enclosing a copy ‘Memorandum Indicating Reasons why the Government of the Irish Free State has Declined to make Certain Payments to the Government of Great Britain’ (12 October 1932, 4pp);
- ‘Further Memorandum dealing with Claims put forward by the Government of the Irish Free State’ (13 October 1932, 2pp);
- ‘Observations on the Irish Free State Memorandum of 12th October, 1932’ (15 October 1932, 6pp);
- ‘United Kingdom Observations on the Irish Free State Further Memorandum’ (17 October 1932, 9pp);
- ‘Mr. Dulanty’s shorthand Note of Mr Chamberlain’s Statement on the Irish Free State Memorandum No. 2. (At the Morning Meeting on the 15th October, 1932)’ (n.d., 6pp);
- ‘Memorandum No. 7. Notes on Mr. Chamberlain’s statement on Overtaxation’ (n.d., 5pp);
- minutes of meetings between the Irish and British delegates on the afternoon of 14 October 1932 (19pp), morning of 15 October 1932 (21pp) and afternoon of 15 October (31pp). All marked ‘First copy’;
- file cover entitled ‘White Paper relating to Conference between Representatives of Irish Free State and United Kingdom at London on 14–15 October, 1932’ with contents listed as follows: The Agreements of 1923 and 1926; Land Purchase Annuities; Bonus and Excess Annuities; R.I.C. Pensions; Civil and Judicial Pensions; Local Loans Annuities; Public Office, etc, Annuities; Counterclaim under Article V.; Abandonment of Gold Standard; Road Fund; Coinage; Currency; Teachers’ Pension Fund Deficit and Other Claims. File cover annotated ‘Finance. No. 1.’ And ‘Taoiseach’ (20pp).

13 items

October 1932

‘Memorandum on Certain Financial and Economic Effects of the Annual Payments by Saorstát Éireann to Great Britain’. 51pp

October 1932

De Valera’s personal copy of the ‘General Memorandum Relating to the Matters to be discussed at the Conference between representatives of the British and Irish Free State Governments to be held in London on the 14th, October, 1932’. Divided into sections with the following headings: Introductory Note; Local Loans; Opinion–Local Loans; Judicial Salaries and Pensions; Civil Pensions; Opinion as to Superannuation of Judges and Civil Servants; Royal Irish Constabulary (Ordinary and Disbandment); Opinion–Royal Irish Constabulary pensions; Public Offices Site (Dublin) Annuity, 1903; Public Offices Site (Dublin) Act, 1903; Telephone Capital Annuities; Annuities to repay Advances by the National Debt Commissioners under the Railways (Ireland) Act, 1896 and Marine Works (Ireland) Act, 1902; Opinion–

Begins: ‘The claim of the Irish Free State is based on the principle that as from the establishment of the new Government under the Treaty, each partner of the former United Kingdom was entitled to the assets located in and arising out of its own area while it accepted the liabilities similarly located and arising; that the division of the public debt of the United Kingdom and the assets not comprised in the foregoing categories was left over for further settlement and so far as not settled by subsequent valid agreements is still open for discussion.’ 74pp

2190 1932 Copy letter from W. Ormsby Gore for the Secretary of State, to the Governor-General T.M. Healy, concerning the liability of the Irish Free State for the service of the Public Debt of the United Kingdom (original dated 21 April 1925). Attached is a ‘Memorandum on the liability of the Irish Free State, under Article 5 of the Treaty, for the service of the Public Debt of the United Kingdom and towards the payment of War Pensions’ (n.d., 6pp).

7pp

2191 [1932] ‘List of Waivers on the part of the British Government in connection with certain financial Agreements’.

1p

2192 [October 1932] De Valera’s personal copies of the Appendices to the ‘General Memorandum’ comprising:
- Appendix A: documents on Local Loans and their history (36pp);
- Appendix B: ‘Land Commission Papers’ (26pp);
- Appendix C: containing ‘Despatches & Agenda of London Conference’, ‘Despatches & Memos re General Financial Questions’ and extracts from House of Commons debate on financial settlement (55pp);
- Appendix D: containing minutes re ‘Telephone Capital’ and ‘Public Offices Site (Dublin) Act’ (34pp);
- Appendix E: ‘Royal Irish Constabulary Papers’ (19pp);
2192 contd. – Appendix F: ‘Miscellaneous’ containing ‘British Cabinet memo re considerations for giving effect to Treaty’, ‘Note on National Debt’ and Proposals of Mr. Lloyd George’ (22pp);
– Appendix G: ‘Are the Irish Bank Stocks and local loans Stock Public debt of the United Kingdom?’ (11 October 1932, 8pp);

7 items

2193 [October 1932] File of draft memoranda to be sent to the British Government. Comprises:
– covering note to de Valera from the Attorney-General’s Office (10 October 1932, 1p) enclosing a ‘Draft Memorandum for British Government’ ‘which has been settled here for consideration at this morning’s conference’. Memorandum divided into sections headed: ‘The Land Purchase Annuities’, ‘Local Loans–Annuity of £600,000’, ‘Judicial and Civil Service Pensions’ and ‘Royal Constabulary Pensions’. Incomplete–pages missing (n.d., 10pp). Also draft of similar memorandum, with the same section headings and, in addition, sections headed ‘Bonus and Excess Stocks’, ‘Annuities under the Public Offices Site (Dublin) Act, 1903; the Telegraph Acts, the Railways (Ir.) Act, 1896, the Marine Works (Ir.) Act, 1902, and the Military Works Acts’ and ‘Generally’ (n.d., 9pp);
– drafts of ‘Further Memorandum dealing with Claims put forward by the Government of the Irish Free State’. Marked ‘II’ in blue pencil (n.d., 3 items, 3pp, 3pp & 2pp);

9 items

2194 [1932] ‘List of Memoranda prepared by the Department of Finance’ (n.d., 1p) accompanied by the memoranda with the following headings. Note: all memoranda are undated, unless otherwise indicated.
– ‘Note on the view expressed by the British Government that the Land Annuities payments are essentially transactions between private individuals’ (2pp);
– ‘Statement of the legal position in regard to the attribution of income tax, sent to the Ministry of Finance on 30th June, 1924, in accordance with the conclusion to III (a) of the minutes of the Conference of the 29th May’ (5pp);
2194 contd. – ‘Some notes on the Land Annuities and other Payments to Great Britain’ (7pp);
   – Memorandum on Payments in respect of Pension to Civil Servants, Judges, etc., who retired prior to the Treaty’ (2pp);
   – ‘Memorandum on the Financial Arrangements between Saorstát Éireann and United Kingdom’ (4pp);
   – ‘Road Fund’ (2pp);
   – ‘Quit Rents’ (2pp);
   – ‘Memorandum on Claim arising from the Redemption of Surplus Token Coin’ (3pp);
   – ‘British Token Currency in the Irish Free State’ (12 October 1932, 2pp);
   – ‘Memorandum on the payments formerly made in respect of Royal Irish Constabulary pensioners’ (2pp);
   – ‘Claim to assets in respect of the Irish Free State Dormant Accounts in the British Post Office Savings Bank’ (2pp);
   – ‘Claims on account of the profits made by the British Treasury from the circulation of British currency in the Irish Free State’ (3pp);
   – ‘Concessions given by Great Britain to the Dominions under the Agreements made at Ottawa in August, 1932’ (5pp);
   – ‘Comparison of Social Services–National Health Insurance’ (5pp), ‘Pension Schemes in the Irish Free State compared with those in Great Britain for the years 1922 to 1932’ (4pp); ‘Memorandum on Exchequer contributions for Housing in England and the Irish Free State since 1923’ (2pp); ‘Outdoor Relief’ (1p); ‘Brief notes intended to show the relative capacity of great Britain and Saorstát Éireann to provide for their unemployed population by means of (1) compulsory levies on trade and industry and (2) direct state aid provided by general taxation’ (4pp);
   – ‘Statements of payments, indicating amounts and bases of British claims; Land Annuities, Telegraph Capital Annuities etc.’ comprising sections headed: ‘Land Annuities’ (7pp); ‘Contributions towards charges for bonus and excess stock’ (3pp); ‘Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions (ordinary and Disbandment)’ (2pp); ‘Civil Pensions’ (2pp); ‘Judicial Salaries and Pensions’ (3pp); ‘Local Loans’ (4pp); ‘Damage to property (compensation) payments now made to the British Government’ (2pp); ‘Telephone Capital Annuities’ (2pp); ‘Annuities to repay advances by the National Debt Commissioners under the Railways (Ireland) Act, 1896 and Marine Works (Ireland) Act, 1902’ (1p) and ‘Military Works Acts Annuities’ (1p).

Note: Item ‘P’ listed as ‘Memo on British concessions to Dominions under Ottawa Agreements’ is not in the file. 31 items

2195 [1932] De Valera’s personal copies of memoranda on ‘Over-Taxation’ comprising
   – ‘Memorandum No. 1. The Overtaxation of Ireland from 1801’ (n.d., 9pp);
   – ‘Memorandum No. 3. The Overtaxation of Ireland. The Argument on General Lines’ (n.d., 3pp);
   – ‘Memorandum No. 4. Over-taxation related to commodity taxation’ (2pp);
   – ‘Memorandum No. 5. An example indicating the practical difficulty involved in ascertaining relative taxable capacities’ (2pp);

2196 1914–27 Printed financial matter relating to the London Conference. Comprises:
– Returns of Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland and Ireland) for the years ended 31 March 1914 (16pp), 31 March 1918 (16pp) and 31 March 1920 (18pp) (London: H.M.S.O.);
– Agreement between the British Government and the Government of the Irish Free State in respect of Double Income Tax (Dublin: Stationery Office) (1926, 4pp);

2197 1922–32 Folder, marked with a delta sign and labelled in de Valera’s hand ‘Annuity Dispute. Financial Documents’ containing the following printed matter:
– Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland) Return ‘showing, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1921’…. (London, H.M.S.O.) (1922, 17pp);
– Financial Agreements between the British Government and the Irish Free State Government (12 February 1923, 3pp);
– Irish Free State. Heads of Working Arrangements for Implementing the Treaty. Cmd. 1911 (London, H.M.S.O.) (1923, 10pp);
– Home Office Northern Ireland Land Bill Memorandum explaining Financial Resolution. Cmd. 2299 (London, H.M.S.O.) (1924, 3pp);
– Finance Act, 1926. [16 & 17 Geo. 5. Ch. 22]. Autographed and annotated by Henry Harrison, May 1932 (London: H.M.S.O.) (1926, 47pp);
– Agreement between the British Government and the Government of the Irish Free State in respect of Double Income Tax (Dublin, Stationery Office) (1928, 6pp);
– Papers relating to the Parliamentary Oath of Allegiance in the Irish Free State and the Land Purchase Annuities. Cmd. 4056 (London, H.M.S.O.) (1932, 8pp) and

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2198 1921, 1922 & 1931 Folder, marked with a delta sign and labelled in de Valera’s hand ‘Annuities. Working out of Treaty Documents: Br. Docs.’ containing the following printed matter:
– Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland. Presented to Parliament by Command of His Majesty. Cmd. 1560 (London, H.M.S.O.) (1921, 8pp);
– Irish Free State (Agreement) Act, 1922. [12 Geo. 5. Ch. 4], ‘An Act to give the force of Law to certain Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland, and to enable effect to be given thereto, and for other purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon’. (London, H.M.S.O.) (1922, 9pp);
– Irish Free State (Consequential Provisions) Act, 1922. [13 Geo. 5. Ch. 2 Session 2]. (London, H.M.S.O.) (1922, 14pp);
Folder, marked with a delta sign and labelled in de Valera’s hand ‘Annuities’ containing the printed texts of the following statutes:

- Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891. [54 & 55 Vict., Ch. 48]. (1891, 35pp);
- Public Works Loans Act, 1892. [55 & 56 Vict., Ch. 61]. (1892, 8pp);
- Irish Land Act, 1903. [3 Edw. 7, Ch. 37]. (1903, 48pp);
- Government of Ireland Act, 1920. [10 & 11 Geo. Ch. 67]. (1920, 81pp);
- Saorstát Éireann. Number 1 of 1922. An Act to enact a Constitution for The Irish Free State (Saorstát Éireann) and for implementing the Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland signed at London on the 6th day of December, 1921. (Dublin, Stationery Office) (1922, 49pp).


Draft memorandum summarising the ‘issues under discussion and now awaiting decision in the pending negotiations’. Marked in pencil ‘Capt. Harrison’s notes’.

Untitled memoranda with section headings as follows:
- Land Purchase Annuities, R.I.C. Pensions, Civil and Judicial Pensions and Local Loans Annuity, Public Offices, etc., Annuities. Labelled ‘Finance 1’ (n.d., 2 items, 4pp & 3pp);
- Over-taxation, Gold Standard, Road Fund, Token Coinage, Currency, National Teachers’ Pension Fund Deficit, National Health Insurance (Women’s Equalisation) Fund, Receipts under certain Articles of the Peace Treaties which deal with Ex-Enemy Debts and Properties, Quit Rents, Dead Notes, Post Office Dormant Accounts and Death Duties. Labelled ‘Finance 2’ (n.d., 2 items, 6pp each);
- concerning ‘certain fundamental principles of an economic character’ relating to the financial disputes between Britain and the Irish Free State. Labelled ‘Finance 3’ (n.d., 2 items, 3pp each).
Draft ‘Final Memorandum by the Government of the Irish Free State’. ‘The Government of the Irish Free State in taking note of the Despatches which have been exchanged since March 1932 and of its own Memorandum and Further Memorandum dated respectively the 12th and 13th October, 1932, and of the Observations and Further Observations of the British Government, dated respectively 15th and 17th October, 1932, in reply thereto, regrets the differences of view which have so far rendered agreement impossible of attainment. Apart from certain subsidiary matters in regard to which acceptable adjustments appeared to be practicable, these differences of view have covered the whole field of negotiation. It appears expedient, therefore, that the exact points of difference should be recorded. Until these are disposed of no useful purpose can be served by further discussions of the var[ious] fig[ure]s which lie [behind] them’. 12pp


‘There were two directions in which it might be possible to find an amicable settlement. One was by arbitration. As regards arbitration, the British Government has signified its readiness to arbitrate on the question of the land annuities provided the…personnel of the Tribunal…were citizens of the States of the British Commonwealth. They made that a matter of principle. We, on our side, could not admit any such restriction…An amicable settlement by way of arbitration was, therefore, practically ruled out. The remaining way was by negotiation…The British Prime Minister agreed, provided that we hand over the annuities which, as you know, we had put to a Suspense Account. I pointed out that we could not do that…The conversations on that occasion resulted, as you know, in no agreement being reached, in the British imposing…their tariffs and later in our taking our counter measures. The position remained like that for some time until some time during the recess a proposal was made to me that…we should be prepared to show our good faith by putting the disputed moneys in the Bank of International Settlements during the progress of the negotiations…This happened whilst the Ottawa Conference was still going on. Nothing came of it…But there was…an indication that another way was still left open, namely that of negotiation directly on the basis of the present position without any preliminary tariff truce…When in Geneva I was informed that the British Government was prepared to enter into negotiations on that basis…it was decided that representatives of the two Governments should meet in London if possible on the 14th October, “in order to see whether it is possible to arrive at a comprehensive settlement of the future financial relations between the Irish Free State and the United Kingdom”…I promised also to let the British Government have a memorandum indicating the basis of our claim to withhold the payments that had been made up to that time. We prepared that memorandum and it was handed in just before the negotiations, I think, the day before the negotiations began…we put forward the claims that would be
contd. put forward, and should be put forward, whenever there was a question of what might be called an ultimate financial settlement between the two countries. Both of these memoranda were discussed in detail at the conference. Both sides argued on the various items and the discussion lasted...for a period of two days. In the afternoon of the second say, October 15, both sides admitted that there was no possibility of arriving at an agreement and that further negotiations were not likely to yield any fruit. It was agreed, therefore, that a public statement to that effect should be issued and that our memorandums and the British replies to them, which were also to be in the form of memoranda: that these four documents together with our final reply, should be published as a White Paper to both Parliaments, our reply to come roughly within a week or so...the...discussions...served one purpose which was to show to each side what the other point of view was if that had not been known already, and they confirmed us in belief that the British Government are not prepared, the present British Government at any rate, to admit the claims of this country to simple justice...They took their stand on the supposed inviolability of the secret documents of 1923 and 1926, and they refused to budge from that position...We are not prepared at any rate to bind our people, to commit them to the continued payment of these huge sums which have been extracted in the past...We believe that these payments are neither legally nor morally due and in that belief we propose to defend our rights. I have never denied that the tariff war, which is evidently going to continue, is bound to impose considerable hardships on our people, but I believe that the re-ordering of our economic life which the necessity for meeting this war is going to bring about, will in the long run relieve us from the position of dangerous dependence in which we have been in the past, a dependence on the British market which was the result of British dominance on the past, a position which the British now think Britain can use to compel us, or try to compel us, to bow to her will...’.

6pp

[21] October 1932 Memorandum entitled ‘Claim in respect of Over-Taxation’, marked ‘First Preliminary Draft For President from Minister for Justice, 21/X/32’ (8pp) and accompanying memorandum marked ‘M/Justice’ entitled ‘Claim in respect of Over-Taxation. Observations by way of caveat’ (7pp). (Geoghegan) 2 items

21 & 24 October 1932 ‘Draft Observations on the British Memorandum of the 15th October, 1932’ by the Attorney General Conor A. Maguire. Also memorandum by Joseph P. Walshe headed ‘What Constitutes Ratification’ (21 October 1932, 1p) and quotations from writers on international law [Schlosberg, Keith, Oppenheim, Satow] concerning the ratification of treaties and conventions (n.d., 2pp). 6 items
[October 1932] Handwritten memorandum headed ‘2. Settlement of present difficulties other than G.G.’ outlining discussions between Joseph P. Walshe and Sir Edward Harding and Sir Harry Batterbee of the Dominions Office in October 1932. Accompanied by five documents referred to in the memorandum, marked ‘A’ to ‘E’: proposals for a settlement submitted by Harding (n.d., 2pp); proposals submitted by Walshe, containing the ‘extreme limits of the concessions’ which he could ask de Valera to consider (n.d., 2pp); memorandum submitted by Walshe headed ‘My Personal Opinion’ ruling out the re-introduction of the Oath of Allegiance as an issue on the negotiations (29 October 1932, 1p); proposal that the Agreements between the two countries can only be ‘altered by agreement and in accordance with the position of the Irish Free State as a co-equal member of the Commonwealth and with the relationship existing between the King and each member of the Commonwealth’ (n.d., 1p) and proposal that de Valera should assure the British Government that he regards any modification of the Articles of the Treaty as a matter for consultation and agreement between the two Governments, and that he would not proceed with the Oath Bill without consulting the British Government (n.d., 1p).

6 items

1923–32 Folder, marked with a delta sign containing the following printed material:
– Saorstát Éireann. Text of Notes Exchanged between The Irish Free State Government and The British Government relating to The Oath and Land Purchase Annuities. P. No. 650 (Dublin, Stationery Office) (April 1932, 8pp);
– Saorstát Éireann. Text of Further Notes Exchanged between the Government of the Irish Free State and the British Government relating to the Land Purchase Annuities and Other Outstanding Financial Questions. P. No. 829 (Dublin, Stationery Office) (1932, 6pp);
– Land Purchase Annuities. Presented to Both House of the Oireachtas by Order of the Executive Council. P. No. 579 (Dublin, Stationery Office) (1931, 65pp);

5 items
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2209  March 1932  Typescript drafts of de Valera’s speech to the people of the U.S.A. and Canada, on the removal of the Oath of Allegiance and the Land Annuities, broadcast on 2 R.N. at 4.15a.m. on 4 March 1932 (3 items, 5pp each).

Also cutting (4 March 1932, 1p) from Scéala Éireann on the broadcast, under the headlines ‘The Oath of Allegiance Will Now Be Removed’. Mr. De Valera’s Declaration In Broadcast to U.S.A. ‘Drain of Millions Must Stop’. ‘One of the most important statements yet made by Mr. De Valera since the General Election was addressed by him this morning to millions of listeners in the United States and Canada…An oath hateful to all who prized independence “will now be removed” and through a fully representative assembly “we shall have internal peace without coercive legislation”. That peace will permit economic reconstruction. Irish parents must no longer be doomed to rear their children for export. “To provide opportunities for work for our unemployed must then be our first task”. Mr. De Valera went on to deal with unnecessary imports and with payments to Britain. “The drain of the millions of pounds which Mr. Cosgrave’s Government has been sending to England yearly without justification must also stop.” The Fianna Fáil leader also dealt with Anglo-Irish relations, saying that justice and the recognition of Ireland’s right to be free were the only foundations of lasting friendship.’

4 items

2210  March 1932 & 1968  Newspaper cuttings on the first meeting of the Seventh Dáil on 9 March 1932 and de Valera’s election as President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State. Also holograph note by de Valera stating ‘I have to inform the Dáil that I advised the Gov[ernor] Gen[eral] of my election as Pres[I]d[en]t of the Executive Council and that I was appointed accordingly’. (In English and in Irish) (9 March 1932, 2pp).

6 items

2211  April 1929, March–June 1932  Communications to de Valera from Attorney General Conor A. Maguire on the Land Annuities and other aspects of the financial relations between Britain and Ireland.

Includes drafts of ‘Opinion on the Legal Position of Irish Land Stock’ (29 April 1929, 2 items, 9pp & 11pp); ‘Note by Attorney General in regard to Pre-Treaty Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions’ (n.d., 2pp) and memorandum headed ‘Re Claim for payment of Annuity of £13,222-8-6 under the Public Offices Site (Dublin) Act, 1903’ (n.d., 7pp).

31 items
### 2212

23 & 31 March; 13 & 15 April 1932

Handwritten note inquiring about the number of Irish in Britain who may according to newspapers, become aliens and be deported if the Oath were abolished and the corresponding number of British citizens in the Free State were liable to be deported to England (n.d., 1p). Note is annotated by a member of the Department of Finance to Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs—'My Minister brought this back from the meeting of the E.C. held yesterday. The figures if they can be obtained, should I think be procured by your Dept.’. Accompanied by the following memoranda:

- memorandum on the Nationality and Status of ‘Irish nationals resident in Great Britain in the event of such action being taken in the Irish Free State as would (1) be regarded by the British Government as a breach of the treaty of 1921 or which would (2) put an end to the existing association of the Irish Free State with the British Commonwealth of Nations’ (13 April 1932, 3pp);
- memorandum by John J. Hearne, Legal Advisor to the Department of External Affairs, headed ‘Legal aspect of Oath-question re position of “Irish” in Great Britain’. ‘The assumption of certain English newspapers that the removal of the Oath from Irish constitutional procedure would immediately, and even automatically, injure the position of all persons of Irish origin now resident in Great Britain need not be taken seriously...but for the sake of argument we may review in broad outline what might be expected to happen to the “Irish” in Great Britain assuming: (i) that Article 17 be removed from the Constitution in exactly the same manner as, say, Articles 47 and 48 (referendum and initiative) were removed, and (ii) that the British Government adopted a militant attitude in consequence’ (31 March 1932, 7pp);
- memorandum by Seán Murphy, Assistant Secretary, Department of External Affairs (‘S.M.’) on the numbers of Irish-born persons resident in Britain and U.K.-born persons resident in the Irish Free State (15 April 1932, 2pp).

### 2213

25 March 1932

Typescript ‘Draft Cable to Our Washington Representative’ outlining the legal ‘position of the Government of the Irish Free State in regard to the Land Annuities’, for the information of the American press. ‘There is no question of the repudiation of a debt or any contractual obligation’.

2pp

### 2214

26 March 1932


1 item
2215  31 March–3 April 1932  Letter to Kathleen O'Connell from William Hillman, London Correspondent, Hearst Newspapers (31 March 1932, 1p), enclosing an article by Lloyd George entitled ‘The Policy of President De Valera’ (6pp) to be published in the *Sunday Express* on 3 April 1932, and seeking de Valera’s reactions to it. Concerns de Valera’s plan to abolish the Oath of Allegiance and to retain the Land Annuities and includes references to the Treaty negotiations and the payment of land annuities. Article annotated by de Valera ‘Hearst sh[ould] be asked why reply not distributed for publication as promised’. Also includes typescript copy of de Valera’s statement in reply (2 April 1932, 3pp).

3 items

2216  April 1932  Typescript drafts of de Valera’s speech in Ennis, Co. Clare, following Fianna Fáil’s victory in the February election. ‘This is the first time I have been able to visit Clare since the General Election, and it is fitting that, on behalf of myself and my colleagues, I should thank the electors of the county for their confidence in us.’ (April 1932, 2 items, 8pp each).

Also accompanied by covering note to de Valera from P.J. Ruttledge, Minister for Lands and Fisheries (9 April 1932, 1p), enclosing a personal communication to de Valera from the Secretary of the Irish Land Commission with regard to de Valera’s speech in Ennis, suggesting that he emphasise the necessity of paying the land annuities (8 April 1932, 2pp).

4 items


2 items

2218  14 April 1932  Holograph personal note by de Valera to an unknown individual ‘across the water’.

‘I would like you to keep in touch with Kathleen and let us know how y[ou]r book is progressing’ (14 April 1932, 1p). Also encloses formal general bilingual message of thanks for greetings and good wishes sent on de Valera’s election as President of the Executive Council (24 March 1932, 1 item).

2 items
2219  20 April 1932  Copy of Saorstát Éireann. Constitution (Removal of Oath) Bill, 1932, introduced by de Valera in Dáil Éireann on 20 April 1932 and passed on 19 May 1932. 1p

2220  April–November 1932; April & May 1968  Documents relating to the status and functions of the office of Governor-General and the controversy arising over the incident at the French Legation in April 1932, when Vice-President of the Executive Council Seán T. O’Kelly and Minister for Defence Frank Aiken walked out of the reception on the arrival of Governor-General James McNeill, and the issuing of invitations by McNeill to the Eucharistic Congress in June. Comprises:
– holograph letter from Governor-General James McNeill to Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, asking him to come to the Vice-Regal Lodge – ‘I am rather bothered about my official and personal self-respect, and you are the only person to whom I can explain my views’ (23 April 1932, 1p);
– copy correspondence between de Valera and McNeill in which McNeill protests over the insults to him and his office, demands an apology and announces his intention to publish the correspondence between the two in the newspapers, despite de Valera’s warning that such communications are ‘confidential State documents’ (originals dated 26 April–9 July 1932, 8 items);
– memoranda to de Valera and Irish High Commissioner J.W. Dulanty from Lord Wigram, Private Secretary to the King, regarding de Valera’s submission of 9 September to the King to have the office of the Governor-General terminated (14 September–17 November 1932, 4 items);
– memoranda regarding the Letters Patent constituting the Office of the Governor-General, by Seán Murphy, John J. Hearne, Joseph P. Walshe and Attorney-General Conor A. Maguire (April 1932, 4 May; 10 & 18 October 1932, 3 items);
– communications between de Valera, Seán T. O’Kelly, Chief Justice Hugh Kennedy and Attorney-General Conor A. Maguire (1–22 November 1932, 5 items);
– memorandum entitled ‘The Status and Functions of the Governor General on the Self Governing Dominions’, with headings as follows: ‘Opinions given at various times on the Governor General’s Position’; ‘Is the Governor equal to the King?’; ‘The Governor’s Functions’; ‘Responsibility of Governor General’; ‘Relations between the Governor and the Ministry’; ‘Relations of the Governor general with the Legislature’ and ‘The Governor’s functions as an Imperial officer’ (n.d., 22pp);
– memoranda entitled ‘The Governor-General and the “Kingdom of Ireland” ’ in which the writer [John J. Hearne?] considers ‘various alternative lines of action which might be expected to present themselves as practicable in the event of the Governor-General resigning before the expiration of his term of office (1st February 1933)’ and advises on which course of action seems ‘most likely to benefit our “status”-position’ (n.d., 7pp);
contd. – cuttings from *The Irish Times* arising out of the publication in July 1932 of correspondence between de Valera and McNeill (April & May 1968, 3 items). 33 items

2221  28 May 1932  Illustrated biographical article on de Valera by Francis Hackett, published in *The Saturday Evening Post* (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) (Vol. 204, No. 48) (pp.3–5, 95–96) on 28 May 1932. ‘De Valera is in power; and once more the world takes an interest in Ireland. Everyone knows that De Valera raises a real question—the question of Irish neutrality as against the British Empire.’ 5pp

2222  1932  Miscellaneous memorabilia relating to the 1932 Eucharistic Congress. Comprises illustrated wall calendar depicting scenes from the 31st International Eucharistic Congress, held in Dublin between 19 and 26 June 1932 (1932, 1 item) and invitation from the Lord Mayor Alderman Alfred Byrne to de Valera, Mrs. de Valera and Máirín de Valera to a reception in the Mansion House on 27 June 1932 to meet the Papal Legate His Eminence Cardinal Lorenzo Lauri. Invitation is covered in childish handwriting, [possibly that of de Valera’s son Terry?] (June 1932, 1 item). Also letter in Latin to de Valera signed by Cardinal Lauri, Papal Legate to the Eucharistic Congress (n.d., 2pp). 3 items

2223  1932 & 1933  Black and white photographs of Cardinal Lorenzo Lauri, Papal Envoy to the 1932 Eucharistic Congress in Dublin. Comprises mounted full-length portrait of the Cardinal, in presentation folder, autographed by him and dated Rome 27 May 1933. Portrait by Lafayette Ltd (May 1933, 16cm x 25cm excluding mount, 23cm x 33cm including mount) and two prints of Cardinal Lauri walking in procession with de Valera [at the Eucharistic Congress]. One print labelled on reverse ‘Cardinal Laurie Papal Legate 1932’ (1932, 2 copies, 25cm x 30cm each); smaller version of same, autographed by de Valera (9cm x 14cm) and postcard print of the Papal Legate with President De Valera prior to the former’s departure from Ireland (8cm x 14cm). 5 items
2224 [1932] Black and white press photographs [possibly taken during the 1932 Eucharistic Congress held in Dublin] of:
– Dr. John Charles McQuaid, President of Blackrock College, Papal Nuncio Paschal Robinson and Taoiseach de Valera [in the grounds of Blackrock College?]. © The Irish Times ([1932], 20 x 16cm);
– de Valera with Papal Nuncio Paschal Robinson (second from right) and three unidentified clerics [high-ranking cleric on de Valera’s right, is not Cardinal Lauri]. © The Irish Press ([1932], 20 x 15cm);
– congregation at Mass in the Pro-Cathedral in Dublin presided over by [Rev. Dr. Edward J. Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin]. De Valera, Seán T. O’Kelly, the Lord Mayor and members of the Cabinet in the front pews. © Independent Newspapers ([1932?], 20 x 16cm) 3 items

2225 July & August 1932 File on de Valera’s visit to Limerick on 30 July 1932 comprising mainly correspondence relating to the organisation of local deputations to be received by de Valera. Also includes correspondence between Stephen O’Mara, Kathleen O’Connell and Maurice Moynihan and report from The Irish Press on de Valera’s speech, ‘In many parts of the country yesterday enthusiastic meetings were held at which ministers explained to great audiences of cheering men and women the present situation and the government’s determination to defend the people against Britain’s economic aggression. The principal meeting was that held at Limerick, where Mr. de Valera and the local deputies addressed a crowd estimated at ten thousand people...Having dealt with the Land Annuities and with the Irish people’s right to them, Mr. de Valera said the Government was going to stand fast to the people, and asked the people in return to stand fast by the Government’ (1 August 1932, 4pp). 10 items

2226 2–18 August 1932 File on the Imperial Conference in Ottawa in August 1932 comprising statements and letters by Seán T. O’Kelly, Vice-President of the Executive Council and head of the Irish delegation, to Canadian newspapers concerning the land annuities (2–9 August 1932, 7 items) and communications, some in code, mainly between de Valera and Seán T. O’Kelly (15 July–18 August 1832, 27 items). The Irish delegation comprised Seán T. O’Kelly, Seán Lemass and Dr. James Ryan. c.34 items

2227 14 August 1932 Front page of The Washington Post Magazine Section with illustrated leading article De Valera: The Irish Enigma by Joseph A. Sexton. ‘Foundation for Power of Ireland’s President Was Laid in America—His has been a colorful and stormy career, in and out of prison confinement, and he still looms as a cloud on the British Horizon’. 1p
228 September 1932  Article by H.N. Brailsford published in *Vanity Fair* entitled 'Ireland challenges the Empire. An analysis of the petty but disconcerting issues that have arisen between Great Britain and Ireland'.

229 September 1932  Extract from *The Strand Magazine* containing an illustrated article (pp.240–247) entitled ‘Eamonn de Valera’ by Philip Guedalla.


233 October 1932– December 1935  Memorandum to Joseph P. Walshe from Michael Rynne, Assistant Legal Advisor to the Department of External Affairs, headed ‘Parliamentary approval and the binding force of International Treaties’. Begins ‘Before entering on any discussion of the question as to whether international treaties made by this State require the approval of Dáil Éireann to give them binding force, there is one point which must be made clear and put out of the way. This is the distinction between (i) parliamentary approval and (ii) ratification. The first-named is an internal “constitutional” procedure, the latter an external or “international” act. Emphasis on the default of the last-named procedure in connection with the Anglo-Irish Financial
Agreements of 1923 and 1926 as an argument to deny the binding force of those arrangements is not advisable’ (11 June 1935, 6pp). Refers in memorandum to letter of 31 October 1932 to the Scotsman written by A. Berriedale Keith, Professor of Sanskrit at Edinburgh University and a leading authority on Commonwealth law. Accompanied by carbon copy of the letter (31 October 1932, 1p) and the following items:
– press cuttings on the letter by Prof. Keith published in the Scotsman under the title ‘Irish Free State Claims’ declaring that British ‘negotiators made a very bad mistake when they failed in 1925 to effect a final financial settlement in treaty form duly approved by the British and Free State Parliaments, and I have no doubt that sooner or later we shall pay heavily for it in the inevitable waiver of part of our claims’ (November 1932, 2 items, 1p each);
– minute by Rynne for Joseph P. Walshe on the implications of Prof. Keith’s letter. Signed by Rynne (8 November 1932, 5pp);
– memorandum by Legal Advisor Michael Comyn on Prof. Keith’s letter (12 December 1932, 17pp);

See also P150/2200 for pamphlets on the land purchase annuities by Henry Harrison

2234 12 November 1932 Article from The Passing Show assessing de Valera’s character, entitled ‘That Man – de Valera’. Page annotated by sender ‘S.M.P.’. 1 item

2235 18 November 1932 Extract from The Spectator entitled ‘The Story of the Christmas Ghost’, a satirical version of Dickens’ tale with de Valera in the place of Scrooge. 1p

2236 November 1932 Colour caricature of de Valera ‘Don Quixote of Ireland’ as published in the November issue of Vanity Fair. 2pp

2237 3 December 1932 Black and white press photograph of de Valera sitting in front of a microphone annotated on reverse as follows ‘The new President of the Irish Free State speaks to his followers in America. Dublin, Ireland. Eamon de Valera leader of the Fianna Fáil party and leader of the fight for Independence, broadcasting a message to
contd. his American followers in the United States of America from Dublin shortly after he was elected to the Presidency of the Irish Free State in the recent elections which saw the defeat of the party headed by William Cosgrave, 3/12/32’. ‘Photo from World Wide Photos’. 25cm x 20cm

1932 Fianna Fáil pamphlet entitled The Land Annuities. The Reply of Counsel consulted by the National Executive of Fianna Fail to the arguments advanced in support of the action of the late Government in paying a sum equivalent to the land annuities to England. 24pp

193[2] Typescript headed ‘Another generation before land purchase is completed. That is the prospect held out to you by Cumann na nGaedheal’. [Text of a Fianna Fáil election campaign pamphlet?]. 2pp

[March 1932?] Black and white press photograph of de Valera [in London] with two unidentified men. London News Agency Photo. 16cm x 21cm

1932 Holograph draft statement by de Valera addressed to ‘Reeves’ complaining against his newspaper’s campaign against Fianna Fáil. Claims the paper is ‘now…engaged in an unjustified & malicious campaign against the Government and against our people. The Govmt. cannot prevent your Editors’ proceeding with this campaign outside the territory of the Free State–but within they have ample powers for dealing with it and will use them if after this warning the campaign continues’. Page annotated by Kathleen O’Connell ‘Not given I think?’ (n.d., 1p). Accompanied by compilation of excerpts from The Irish Independent dated between 11 January and 15 July 1932 of examples of the paper’s unfair treatment of, and inaccurate reporting concerning Fianna Fáil (n.d., 10pp). 2 items
File on Prof. Alfred O’Rahilly (1884–1969),
mainly correspondence between de Valera and
the Professor but also including:
– handbill, with the text of a letter from Prof. O’Rahilly to The Irish Press
protesting against a speech made by W.T. Cosgrave. ‘Professor
O’Rahilly…maintains that there is no ground for the suggestion that the
deletion of the Oath from the present Constitution would lead to trouble. He
announces his intention to vote, for the first time, for Fianna Fáil “unless
President Cosgrave and his new-fangled Synod give up their attempt to
intimidate us by issuing impertinent Lenten Pastoral’s” ’ (19[32]), 2pp);
– carbon copy draft of letter by Prof. O’Rahilly to the Editor of the
Manchester Guardian headed ‘The So-Called Anglo-Irish Treaty’ (original
dated 2 March 1932, 3pp);
– invitations to de Valera and Mrs. de Valera to the ordination and first mass
of Alfred O’Rahilly (December 1955, 2 items);
– cutting from Hibernia. News Magazine of de Valera kneeling to ‘receive a
blessing from Fr. Alfred O’Rahilly in Blackrock College where, fifty years
ago, they were school fellows’ (n.d., 1p).
See also P150/1685 for documents relating to the drafting and enactment of
the 1922 Irish Free State Constitution including typescript ‘Notes on Draft C
of the Constitution for the Members of the Provisional Government’ by Prof.
Alfred O’Rahilly

Official Christmas cards sent by de Valera in
1921 and between 1932 and 1972. Includes
undated card signed by de Valera, Dr. Patrick McCartan, Seán Nunan and
Harry Boland.

Holograph cards exchanged between de Valera
and Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald,
sending Christmas and New Years’ wishes.

Address of welcome to de Valera by the
Mainistir na Corann (Middleton, Co. Cork)
Fianna Fáil Cumann. In Irish.

Scrapbook containing Fianna Fáil campaign
advertisements published in Irish newspapers
during the campaigns for the February 1932 and
January 1933 General Elections.
December 1964  File of letters and extracts from Dáil Debates on ‘the whereabouts or eventual fate of affidavits made by candidates under the Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1927’ in the context of the 1932 and 1933 General Elections. ‘Under Section 7 of the Act the provision requiring candidates to make an affidavit that, if elected, they would take their seats and take the Oath required by Article 17 of the 1922 Constitution came into force on the 1st February, 1928…The Act was in force when general elections to the Seanad were held in 1928 and 1931 and it also applied to the Dáil general elections in 1932 and 1933. On the occasion of the two Dáil general elections in 1932 and 1933, returning officers were reminded by the Department of Local Government that the 1927 Act was still in force.’  5 items

January 1933  Holograph draft and typescript statement by de Valera given to Movietone News at 11am on 29 January 1933, following his dissolution of the Dáil on 3 January and Fianna Fáil’s success in the General Election later in the month. ‘The programme of Fianna Fail has now been definitely adopted as the National Policy of the Irish people. That programme aims at restoring the unity of Ireland and securing its independence, at placing as many families as possible upon the land, at building up our industries…Ireland united, Ireland free, Ireland self-supporting and self reliant, Ireland speaking her own tongue…these are the ideals to which enthusiastic young Ireland is now devoting her energies.’ Typescript statement initialled by de Valera.  2 items, 2pp & 1p

1933  File of questions submitted by newspaper correspondents, answers by de Valera, corrected and approved versions of interviews and some published interviews, conducted mainly between late January and early March 1933 in the aftermath of Fianna Fáil’s victory in the General Election and the formation of a new majority government. Discusses the outcome of the election and the reasons for the large increase in first preference votes for Fianna Fáil, the question of the declaration of a Republic, the state of relations with Britain, the suggested abolition of the Senate and a reduction in the number of Dáil deputies, the question of Ireland’s economic self-sufficiency and industrial development, partition, the maintenance of law and order, including the activities of the Army Comrades Association, the land annuities and the abolition of the office of Governor-General. Comprises questions submitted by/interviews with the following correspondents and newspapers:

• Donald F. Boyd of the Manchester Guardian;
• Michael H. Rooney of the Associated Press of America;
• The Irish Independent;
• Hector Legge of the Exchange Telegraph Co.;
• Shán Ó Cuiv of the New York Herald Tribune;
• Joseph Dennigan of the Canadian Press Association;
• the International News Service;
• T.C. Grant of The Newcastle Journal;
• A. Vidakovic of the Politika (Yugoslavia);
• A.Y. Takeuchi of The Tokyo Asahi;
• De Witt Mackenzie, Foreign Editor, Associated Press of America and
• Seán O’Faoláin of the Daily Herald. 31 items

2250 January 1933 Interview with President De Valera by Eric Burton Dancy published in The Orient Observer (pp.8 –9). 2pp

2251 1 February 1933 Leading article in The Irish Review (Official Organ of The Victorian Irish Association) entitled The Truth About De Valera. Even His Opponents Admit His Greatness Now. ‘The following remarkable article on the Irish Leader was contributed to a recent number of The Nineteenth Century Review by one of his ablest opponents—Mr. Denis Gwynn’. 1 item

2252 February 1933 Typescript entitled ‘President de Valera’s Opening Speech of Athlone Broadcasting Station’ on 6 February 1933. 5pp

2253 12 February 1933 Text of a radio broadcast made by de Valera to the U.S.A. on the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln reported in The World News under the headlines Partition Worst British Crime. President’s Strong Condemnation. Broadcast to U.S.A. Ireland Cannot Abandon North, He Declares. 1 item

2254 February & April 1933 Documents relating to the Army rescue effort on behalf of John J. Nolan, Professor of Experimental Physics, University College Dublin and his companion Mr. Hughes, who were ‘alleged to be isolated in a hut at Glencree in the Wicklow Mountains’ following a heavy snowfall in February 1933. Includes copy report to the Chief of Staff by the officer in charge of the rescue party Colonel Dan McKenna (original dated 27 February 1933, 2pp); holograph notes by de Valera on receipt of the report (n.d., 3pp) and copy letter of thanks from de Valera sent to James Jones of Ballinagee, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, a local farmer who assisted the rescue party in reaching the Meteorological Observation Station (12 April 1933, 1p). 5 items
2255 8 March 1933  Copy letter from John J. Hearne, Legal Advisor, Department of External Affairs, to Joseph P. Walshe on the statement the previous day in the House of Commons by Dominions Secretary J.H. Thomas who ‘repeated the fallacy that an agreement was reached at the Conference of 1930 to the effect that all disputes between members of the Commonwealth would be referred to a Commonwealth tribunal’.
‘The position as regards the Commonwealth tribunal is not, I submit, clear to the public either in this country or in Great Britain.’ 3pp

2256 March 1933  ‘President’s autographed message to Peace Organisation in Paris, March 1933’.
Handwritten message in Irish. Not autographed by de Valera. 2pp

2257 March 1933  File on the Land (Purchase Annuities Fund) Act, 1933. 4 items

2258 April 1933  Photocopy of ‘Speech delivered by the President of the Executive Council, Eamon de Valera, at Arbour Hill on 23rd April, 1933, as reported in the Irish Press’ Also illustrated report of the occasion from the The Irish Press, which described the address as ‘One of the most dramatic speeches ever made in Ireland’ (24 April 1933, 1p). 3pp

2259 27 April–12 December 1933 Correspondence between de Valera or his Personal Secretary and Maud Gonne MacBride, Secretary of the Women Prisoners Defence League, mainly on the latter’s protest at the maltreatment of Republican prisoners and the denial of political status to such prisoners; appalling conditions in Arbour Hill jail; the need for prison reform and the maintenance of Republican unity; the boycott of British goods and the ‘Military Tribunal’ [Constitutional (Special Powers) Tribunal]. Includes:
– typescript letter to de Valera from Maud Gonne MacBride protesting against the maltreatment of Republican prisoners by the police and judiciary–‘Arrests of Republicans on futile charges without evidence are constantly wasting the time of the Courts and stirring up ill-feeling and distrust against your Government as they are designed to do. Since 1922 as Secretary of the W.P.D.L. I have whenever possible, assisted in Court when Republicans are charged…’ Cites a number of cases of maltreatment in court, mentioning severe sentences in cases arising out of the ‘Bass raids’, and the ill treatment of political prisoners in Maryborough [Port Laoise]–‘13 prisoners in one year
2259 contd. had been transferred from Maryborough to Dundrum Lunatic Asylum’–and concludes ‘I am writing this entirely on my own…I am spokesman for no one, but with all these servants of England securely ensconced in every department there cannot but be trouble. The only way to avoid it, in my opinion, if they cannot be dismissed, would be for you and your party not to lose contact with the leaders of the I.R.A., who are intelligent, reasonable men whose only desire is the attainment of an Independent Ireland.’ Marked ‘Private’. Signed (2 October 1933, 6pp);
– copy reply from de Valera refuting many of Mrs. MacBride’s points and stating ‘Your views with regard to the civil service heads of Departments and other officials are based on a complete misconception of the facts. The policy of the Government is decided by individual Ministers on departmental matters, and by the Executive Council on major questions. The function of the officials is to carry out that policy. The Government alone is responsible for all the matters of which you complain, with the single exception of court sentences…I must say that I have noticed with regret the tendency to blame officials for decision (sic.) in which their only part is that of agents carrying out the orders of the Government’ (12 October 1933, 3pp).
12 items

2260 March; May–12 July 1933 File on de Valera’s official visit to Rome between 24 May and 4 June 1933. De Valera left Dublin on 19 May, arrived in Paris via London the next day and departed for Rome on 23 May. He left Rome on 4 June and arrived in Dublin via Paris, on 10 June. In Rome he attended the General Assembly of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and High Mass for the Society’s centenary in Notre Dame and visited the Irish College and the head house of the Holy Ghost Congregation. During the trip to Rome he also attended ceremonies at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, received the heads of the Colleges of Rome, had an audience with the Pope and received the sash and Grand Cross of the Order of Pius XI. He visited the Italian King, attended the Beatification ceremonies in St. Peter’s of the French nun Sr. Catherine Laboure, had two meetings with Mussolini and attended the canonisation ceremonies of St. Andrea Fournet in St. Peter’s, as well as numerous other engagements. Includes:
– ‘Proposed Scale of Allowances and Expenses for President’s Visit to Rome’ ([1 May] 1933, 2pp);
– itineraries for the visits (n.d., 2pp & 3pp);
– black and white postcard photograph of de Valera, Kathleen O’Connell and [Count G. O’Kelly de Gallagh, Free State Minister to France?] looking at the display in a bookshop window. ‘Paris, 1933’ written on reverse (1933, 8cm x 13cm);
– newspaper reports on de Valera’s engagements during the visits (20 May–10 June 1933, 22 items);
– black and white photographs of de Valera’s visit to Rome (May–June 1933, 15 items) as follows:
• de Valera in the middle of groups of clerical students in [Rome] (May/June 1933, 2 items, 9cm x 6cm & 15cm x 10cm) and of de Valera with a group of priests in [Rome] (May/June 1933, 9cm x 6cm);
• press photographs (London News Agency Photographs Ltd.) of John W. Dulanty, Irish High Commissioner in London (on left), de Valera and ? at Victoria Station and of ‘crowds round the train at Victoria as Mr. de Valera left’. Both prints captioned as follows on reverse: ‘Mr. de Valera President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State, accompanied by Mr. Sean T. O’Kelly, Mr. Sean Murphy [Assistant Secretary of the Department of External Affairs] and Mr. J.A. Belton, arrived in London today [Saturday] en route for Paris. Mr. de Valera will go to Rome and will take part in the Holy Year ceremonies’ (20 July 1933, 2 items, 21cm x 16cm each);

• de Valera with crowds of religious and laity on his arrival in Rome ‘for his visit to the Pope and Signor Mussolini’. Two copies, both captioned on reverse and stamped ‘Planet News Ltd., London’ (27 May 1933, 2 items, 24cm x 17cm each);

• formal group photograph of de Valera and members of St. Isidore’s College, Rome (28 May 1933, 37cm x 27cm including mount, 22cm x 15cm excluding mount);

• de Valera and an unidentified group, including Seán Murphy [with moustache] and John A. Belton, Department of External Affairs [right of Murphy], descending the steps of the ‘Mostra della Rivoluzione Fascista’ (May 1933, 23cm x 17cm);

• Seán Murphy, [-], de Valera, [-] and John A. Belton, Department of External Affairs in Rome (May/June 1933, 23cm x 17 cm);

• de Valera inspecting a Fascist school for boys in Rome on 5 June 1933. Two views of de Valera accompanied by unidentified priest inspecting a guard of honour composed of the schoolboys holding mock rifles, one captioned on reverse and stamped ‘Planet News Ltd., London’ (24cm x 17cm) and one by the Bruni Photo Agency (18cm x 24cm) and one view of the school assembled in front of the visiting party (24cm x 18cm);

• John A. Belton, Seán Murphy, de Valera and unidentified man in the Vatican (2 copies, one autographed by de Valera (May/June 1933, 24cm x 18cm each);

– holograph letter by de Valera in Rome to an unknown individual, in the form of diary entries describing his engagements between 26 and 31 May (27 May 1933, 4pp);

– stenographer’s report of de Valera’s speech at the American Club in Paris, delivered on 8 June 1933 in which he deals with ‘the economic side of our position in Ireland’ (12pp);

– copy letter from de Valera to Charles Bewley, former First Minister to the Holy See, thanking him for his hospitality during de Valera’s visit to Rome [he stayed at the Legation] and Bewley’s holograph reply (22 & 30 June 1933, 2 items, 1p each) and

– detailed ‘Diary of President’s Visit to Rome’ (5pp) sent to his Personal Secretary Kathleen O’Connell by John A. Belton on 12 July 1933.

48 items
2261 June 1933 File on de Valera’s visit to Bobbio, Italy between [5 & 8] June 1933. Comprises:
– black and white photographs of de Valera arriving at the Abbey of St. Colombano at Bobbio, accompanied by Monsignor Pellegrini on 8 June 1933 (25cm x 20cm) and de Valera at Mass in the Abbey (25cm x 20cm). Both prints captioned on reverse and stamped ‘Wide World Photos, London’.
– cardboard folder presented to de Valera as a souvenir of his visit to Bobbio by Costantini Bortolo containing 13 prints recording de Valera’s visit to Bobbio on 5 June (7pp), also loose prints similar to those in the folder (5 June 1933, 4 items, each 14cm x 9cm);
– printed poster of welcome reading ‘Saint Columbanus Land Welcomes De Valera and blesses Ireland. Long live the Irish Free State. May our Irish Saints bring freedom and happiness to the Island of the Martyrs’ (June 1933, 70cm x 33cm). 8 items

2262 May 1933 Extract from the Catholic News (U.S.A.) containing an article (pp.11 & 12) entitled ‘Eamon de Valera—Patriot, Statesman, Catholic’ by ‘L.P.O’F’. Annotated ‘From one who admires you at 6000 miles distant’. 2pp

2263 July 1933 Typescript drafts of address by de Valera to the Conference of the World Federation of Education Associations in Dublin on 31 July 1933. Comprises draft and final version of speech by de Valera (2 items, 3pp each) and briefing notes and draft address by Seosamh Ó Neill (21 July 1933, 2 items, 2pp & 3pp). 4 items

2264 July 1933 & n.d. Documents relating to P.J. Fleming’s meetings with Dominions’ Office Under Secretary Sir Edward Harding and Assistant Secretary C.W. Dixon in July and August 1933. Comprises:
– holograph letter to de Valera from Fleming—‘I want to see you rather urgently & if you would make an appointment tonight or in the morning I should be grateful…My business is of a national nature’ (14 July 1933, 2p.);
– holograph note to de Valera from Fleming in London—‘It is very important that no one else interferes for the next few days or at least until you see me which will probably be about next Wed[nesday] or Thurs[day] week. Should there be other conversations taking place with your knowledge please have some one wire the single word “yes” to me…’ (25 July 1933, 1p);
– letter to Fleming from [undeciphered signature] informing him that ‘The authorities’ would like to have an interview with him on 28 July ‘at 3.30 p.m. on Friday afternoon…I understand the preliminary interview will be between you, Sir Edward Harding and Sir. Harry Batterbee, who are the chief advisors.'
They are both most kind and non red-tape people and both good friends of mine’ (26 July 1933, 1p);
– note to de Valera from Fleming’s wife, Mrs. Rita Fleming following a phonecall from her husband in London—‘He asked me to tell you that there have been some developments since he wrote you and that his message is more important than ever, now’ (n.d., 1p);
– aide-mémoire by de Valera recounting a meeting between himself and Fleming in Leinster House on 29 July 1933 on the financial negotiations—‘I pointed out that there was no need of any go-between, that there were several points of unofficial contact which could be availed of and that I did not want the impression created that we were in any way weakening our attitude, which in fact remained the same. He said that on previous occasions a lump sum in settlement was suggested. I said that I had already heard that 25 million pounds had been mentioned by somebody; that Chamberlain had turned it down. I said I was glad, because we also had to turn it down… I agreed that a compromise by way of a lump sum was the easiest, but our view was that the lump sum was due to us—not from us, bearing in mind the payments that have been made since 1922…I indicated, however, that a lump sum payment of less than 10 millions would be considered. This would be equivalent to a payment of 66 x 10 by Great Britain’ (n.d., 1p).

August & September 1933  Report from the Clare Champion on de Valera’s visit to Ennis on 27 August 1933 during his tour of constituencies (2 September 1933, 4pp) including reports on the speeches made by local representative Seán O’Grady, T.D., Senator D.H. McParland, Senator Michael Comyn, K.C. and de Valera. Also accompanied by typescript report on de Valera’s speech by ‘Mr. Lawler, reporter at Ennis’, sent to Kathleen O’Connell (18pp).  3 items

September 1933  Report from The Irish Press on de Valera’s speech at Dundalk, Co. Louth on 10 September 1933. ‘We are facing a crisis—a crisis coming from a deliberate attempt to reduce our people to servitude, an effort by a powerful empire to exact from us a tribute which we do not owe, a tribute which it is humanly impossible for us to continue to pay.’ Also typescript draft of speech, with holograph amendments and corrections (11pp).  3 items

18 September 1933  Report from The Irish Press on de Valera’s speech at a ceremonial procession and open-air meeting in Macroom Castle, Co. Cork on 17 September 1933.  1p
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contd. Market Square, Enniscorthy, what was probably the largest meeting ever held in that town. In his speech Mr. de Valera declared that the country was advancing steadily towards self-sufficiency, and at an accelerating pace.’

2274 October 1933 Notes on some of the regular meetings between members of the Executive Council and representatives of the Irish Labour Party during 1933. Topics discussed include factory and workshop legislation, afforestation, redistribution of Dáil seats, inland fisheries and milk supplies.

2275 1 & 2 November 1932 Report from [The Irish Times] on the results of the Northern Ireland elections held in October 1932, under the headlines Northern Election Results. Government’s Majority Over All Parties. Mr. De Valera Returned for South Down. Premier on Signal Unionist Victory. ‘The election results declared in Northern Ireland yesterday have given Lord Craigavon’s Government a fresh lease of office with a clear majority over all other parties…Outstanding features of the election were the return of Mr. De Valera, with a big majority, for South Down; the return of Mr. J.P. McLogan [Republican] for South Armagh, with a larger poll than that of his two opponents combined, and the substantial support received by Mr. Joseph Devlin’s Republican opponent in the Central Division of Belfast’ (November 1932, 1p).

2276 15 November 1933 Report and editorial from The Irish Press on a statement made by J.H. Thomas in the House of Commons on 14 November 1933 and de Valera’s statement in reply. ‘Mr. J.H. Thomas…declared the “grave concern” of His Britannic Majesty’s Government at the three Bills removing the Royal Veto, abolishing the appeal to the British Privy Council, and taking from the Crown the right to recommend money appropriations. Mr. Thomas, having stated that the British regarded these Bills as a breach of the obligations under the Treaty, said the Free State Government could not at the same time renounce the Commonwealth and enjoy the privileges of membership in it. He added that as Mr. de Valera “must now have learned”, the Irish Free State was “completely free to order her own affairs”…Mr. de Valera…issued an important comment on Mr. Thomas’ statement. He pointed out that the Irish people never wished to exchange the “privileges” of Empire for independence…and that far from the Treaty being an honourable agreement, submission was only made to it under threat of immediate war. The British Government had never ceased to threaten to regard as a hostile act the exercise by the Irish people of their
contd. fundamental right to independence. If what Mr. Thomas said now was right and the people were free to order their own affairs then a clear declaration by the British Government would settle the matter. He asked the British Government to make that declaration. Co-operation and friendship could only exist between the two countries on the basis of British recognition of Irish independence.’

Also typescript draft of de Valera’s statement (2pp) and notes headed ‘Lines of Despatch’ (n.d., 1p).

4 items

Drafts of despatch from de Valera to J.H. Thomas, upon receipt of Thomas’ despatch of 6 December 1933. Regrets that the latter ‘contains no reply to the question addressed to the Government of the United Kingdom in my despatch of the 29th November, namely, whether a decision of the Irish people to sever their connection with the British Commonwealth of Nations would be treated by the Government of the United Kingdom as a cause of war or other aggressive action.’ This ‘has raised some doubt in the mind of my Government, and in the public mind generally in this country, as to the views held by the present Government of the United Kingdom on the right of the States of the Commonwealth to secede.’ Two drafts, both with handwritten annotations and alterations. One marked ‘Destroyed all copies (11)’.

2 items, 2pp each

Address of welcome to de Valera by Tralee Urban District Council on the occasion of his visit to Tralee, Co. Kerry on 16 December 1933. In Irish.

1p

File on de Valera’s visit to Tralee, Co. Kerry on January 1934 comprising correspondence between Seán Moynihan and Denis Shanahan, Secretary of the County Kerry Fianna Fáil Executive, on arrangements for the visit, newspaper reports and briefing notes including notes on ‘Kerry Outrages’ and typescript text of de Valera’s speech (7pp).

‘The speech dealt with the situation created by acts of violence. Referring to the determination of the Government to prevent them, he said: “We are going to have either a democracy—a Government elected by the people whose duty it is to govern in the interests of the people—or a dictatorship in which the faction who can get strongest support and have the most weapons come on top. We must face realities now. We cannot have it both ways”. Mr. de Valera dealt fully with the imprisonment of men guilty of violence and lawlessness and answered the charges about their treatment in jail. Replying to the recent statement of Mr. John Joe Sheehy that Arbour Hill out-Dartmoored Dartmoor,
2279 contd. he spoke as one who had been in both jails, and referred to conditions in Arbour Hill as being as liberal as was consistent with making imprisonment a deterrent. He decried the suggestion that the “silent rule” existed in that jail. Also includes correspondence and memorandum relating to the case of 12 young Kerry men who were arrested and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment by the Military Tribunal (Special Powers) for alleged breaches of the peace on the occasion of General Eoin O’Duffy’s visit to Tralee. Comprises mainly memorandum [by the Kerry Dáil Cheanntair of Fianna Fáil] and resolutions passed by various bodies including the Tralee Roger Casement Fianna Fáil Cumann, the Kerry Dáil Cheanntair, Tralee Comhairle Cheanntair and the Kerry Board of Health calling for clemency for the prisoners. Also includes copy replies setting out the Government’s policy towards dealing with acts of violence and breaches of the peace, irrespective of the circumstances under which the incidents occurred (21 October 1933–4 January 1934, 20 items). 36 items

2280 [1922, 1933–34] File of documents relating to General Eoin O’Duffy (1892–1944). Includes:
− press cutting of a photograph of ‘General O’Duffy, dismissed from his post as Commissioner of the Garda on February 22, 1933, by the newly-returned Fianna Fail Government’ (11cm x 18cm);
− negative photocopycopy of an article from The Irish Independent headlined *Northern Forces Border Aggression*, including a report of an interview with General O’Duffy in Clones (original article dated 13 April 1922, 1p);
− copy letter from Comdt. E.J. Cronin, Secretary, Young Ireland Association, to General O’Duffy, on the new organisation ‘United Ireland’, expressing concern at suggestions by [W.T. Cosgrave] that ‘ex-Ministers should be made more use of instead of being pushed into the background’ (original dated 16 November 1933). Copy made by Thomas P. O’Neill from a typescript biography of O’Duffy by Captain Liam Walsh (1p);
− extracts from speeches of General O’Duffy on the fundamental sovereign rights of the Irish people (taken from newspaper articles dated 15 & 21 May & 1 June 1934) (1p). 5 items

2281 [1933?] Memorandum headed ‘Secession. 1. The South African claim to the Legal Right to Secede. 2. The constitutional right of secession as an issue at the Coming Conference.’ [Imperial Conference in Ottawa]. Author unknown. 21pp

2282 [1930s?] Holograph English translation by de Valera of a prayer. Written on headed notepaper from Le Nouvel Hotel, Strasbourg. 8pp
2283  1934  Typescript draft of de Valera’s New Year’s message to the U.S.A. (2pp) and associated letters to [Seán] Moynihan, Secretary to the Government, from Michael H. Rooney of Independent Newspapers.  4 items

2284  January–October 1934  Corrected and approved texts of interviews between de Valera and mainly English and American newspaper correspondents conducted between January and October 1934 on the government’s ‘general policy’ and ‘current affairs’. Also includes associated correspondence concerning arrangements for interviews and publication.
Comprises texts of interviews with:
• Clair Price of The New York Times;
• Dr. Joseph Chapiro;
• B.T. Johns, Associated Press of America;
• Ferdinand Tuohy;
• Julian Grande;
• ‘Miss Fennelly, Boston, U.S.A’;
• Larry Rue of the New York Daily News.  12 items

2285  26 January 1934–5 January 1937  Pre-war correspondence relating to Robert Brennan Secretary to the Irish Free State Legation in Washington (1934–38) and Irish Representative in the U.S.A. (1938–47), comprising mainly communications between de Valera and Brennan on the American situation and the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic. Also includes letter from Brennan to Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, accepting the post of Secretary to the Legation in Washington (26 January 1934, 1p).  7 items

2286  13 February 1934  Letter to de Valera from William O’Brien of the Irish Transport & General Workers’ Union seeking an interview ‘in order to obtain from you a declaration of the policy of the Government in respect to the question of the Irish or English Trade Unions. This is essential in view of the action taken by the Minister for Industry and Commerce in the recent Tram dispute, and as it will be necessary to refer to that dispute we think it would be an advantage if you would arrange for the Minister...to be present at the interview’ (13 February 1934, 1p). Accompanied by handwritten statement issued by de Valera during the Tram strike to the effect that the Government had not decided to prevent workers in any trade who considered it in their best interest as workers to remain members of Unions with Headquarters outside Ireland, from continuing to do so (1p).  2 items, 1p each
2287  February 1934  Typescript text of de Valera’s speech at the opening of the Feis Átha Cliath, which ran in the Mansion House from 26 February to 3 March 1934 (4pp), and the accompanying Feis programme (20pp).  

2288  7 March–12 April 1934  Documents on arrangements for the arrival in Ireland on 20 March 1934, of the newly appointed American Minister to the Irish Free State, W.W. McDowell and his sudden death in early March. Comprises mainly letters of condolence to de Valera. Also accompanied by ‘List of persons of Irish origin who occupy high administrative positions’ in the U.S.A. (n.d., 1p).  

2289  17 March, 28 August 1934  Holograph letters to de Valera from William Davin of the Labour Party on recent Dáil speeches and newspaper articles on ‘co-operation between political leaders and parties on certain matters’. This will ‘not help to bring about the state of affairs which the majority of the people are hoping and praying for…a private meeting or conference between the representatives of the different parties as to the most effective means of preserving peace and order in the state and might possibly give the way to agreement on other matters. Any joint declaration issued by such a conference and which would help to bring us back to normal political activity and disciplined action by the followers of the various parties would have a very healthy effect on a people partly demoralized by the present acute differences between party leaders’. Letter annotated by de Valera ‘Spoke to Norton in Dáil & rang him up, 28-3-34’. Refers to the proposal to abolish the Senate, in his August letter.  

2290  March 1934  Holograph letter to de Valera from James O’Farrell, former Editor and Manager of The People’s Press Lifford, Co. Donegal, the newspaper which printed The United Irishman, ‘the weekly organ of the Cumann na nGaedheal party under the editorship of Mr. Ernest Blythe, the former Minister for Finance in Mr. Cosgrave’s Government’. Encloses the proof of an article (1p) entitled ‘Must We Have a Third Army?’ written by Ernest Blythe in July 1932, originally intended to be published in The United Irishman but held over and never published. ‘I send the proof of the article to you now because it clearly indicates that at the time it was written Mr. Blythe and his friends contemplated the setting up of a private army equipped with guns. Furthermore the Army Comrades Association was formed the very time that this article was written, and from the A.C.A. has developed the present Blue Shirt movement which you regard as a menace to the public safety…Because the motives of the Fine Gael leaders seem to be in direct conflict with their
utterances on the arming of their followers I, as a citizen who wishes to avert
civil war feel that you should be made acquainted with the enclosed
document’ (5 March 1934, 4pp).
Also includes sworn declaration of O’Farrell to the same effect (7 March
1934, 3pp). 4 items

2291 26 March 1934 Front page from The Irish Press with headline
Midlands’ Great Welcome to Mr. De Valera.
12,000 at Mullingar reporting on de Valera’s visit to Mullingar, Co.
Westmeath on 25 March 1934. ‘Having cited what the Administration had
done to help the farmers to meet the new economic situation, Mr. De Valera
dealt with the question of the Senate, recalling that its abolition had been
approved by the electorate…Speaking of a General Election he said:—“When I
think it is necessary to go to the people to get a renewal of confidence, then I
will go, but not before…”’. He referred to the need for Republican unity, and
said if Fianna Fáil were not moving fast enough, others could go to the people
and ask them to give the leadership to them.’ 1p

2292 28 March 1934 Approved typescript text of an interview
between de Valera and A.J. Cummings as
published in the News Chronicle on 28 March 1934 on the economic situation
in the Irish Free State, the Blue Shirts and Anglo-Irish relations.
See alsoP150/2330 for 1936 article on Ireland and de Valera by A.J.
Cummings. 5pp

2293 March & December 1934 Letters to de Valera from P.J. Fleming
concerning Fleming’s suggestions for a
substitute body for the Senate following the introduction of the Bill for its
abolition (29 March 1934, 2pp) and the opinion of Eamon Duggan [Treaty
Signatory] that ‘you ought to be given a chance to proceed unhampered from
within with the economic war…Sean Milroy…indicated that, if he thought
you would welcome a gesture from him, he would be prepared to propose at
the next Senate meeting that the Opposition should back the Government in
their fight with England, and that the matter being decided one way or
another, they could then pursue their respective party policies on domestic
issues’ (3 December 1934, 1p). Also includes copy reply from de Valera’s
Personal Secretary ‘the President…is naturally anxious to have as united a
front as possible, but there is nothing that he can do directly in the matter’ (10
December 1934, 1p). 4 items
March & April 1934  File on de Valera’s visit to Arva, Co. Cavan on 8 April 1934 comprising letters from Paddy Smith on arrangements for the visit and memorandum to de Valera giving particulars of meetings arranged in Mullingar, Arva and Clonmel on 25 March, 8 April and 15 April respectively (10 March, 2pp).

April 1934  Partial draft (1p ) and approved version (3pp) of interview between de Valera and Allen D. Fraser, Special Representative of the Australian Newspapers’ Cable Service, on ‘his aims for the future relationships between the Irish Free State and the other members of the British Commonwealth’. Also accompanied by de Valera’s ‘Message for the Australian Newspapers Cable Service on the Melbourne Centenary Celebration—(given to Allen D. Fraser 12/4/34.)’ (12 April 1934, 1p).

April 1934  File on de Valera’s visit to Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on 15 April 1934 including handwritten notes and typescript text of ‘Points for President’s Speech at Clonmel’ (8pp). De Valera’s speech included references to the ‘No Rates’ campaign organised in Tipperary and neighbouring counties.

May 1934  File on de Valera’s visit to Cork on 12 & 13 May 1934 to attend a Convention of Fianna Fáil Cumann and address a mass meeting on 13 May. Comprises report from The Irish Press (2pp) and memorandum on arrangements for the visit (1p).

‘In his speech, the head of the Government dealt with the gloomy predictions which had characterised the Press and Opposition platforms before the Budget was introduced. Their general trend was that economically the Free State was “cracking up”, that it only needed a little extra pressure to bring about collapse. But the fact was that…as a result of Fianna Fail policy the industrial people were in a better position than when we came into office. The poor were in a better position. The professions and salaried people were no worse off because the prices of commodities as a whole had not increased’.

May 1934  Drafts and final copy version (16 May 1934, 2pp) of a letter from de Valera to Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald in reply to the invitation to ‘the Government of Saorstát Éireann to participate in the celebrations which it is proposed to hold next year to mark the silver Jubilee of the accession of King George to the
Throne’. ‘We would gladly share in the Jubilee celebrations if it were possible to do so without giving rise to serious misunderstanding…Until the time comes when a British Government…[acknowledges]…that Ireland like other nations has a right to decide freely her own form of Government and to have an equal voice in determining her relations with her neighbours, there can be no cordial and lasting friendship between the two countries. Moreover, in the present circumstances we could not very well take part in these celebrations. During the last two years your Government has been engaged in an attack on the economic life of the Irish people with the object of forcing from us a payment which in our considered judgement is not due, whilst refusing our offer to submit the dispute to the arbitration of a freely chosen tribunal.’

May 1934 Reports from *The Irish Press* and *The Irish Independent* on de Valera’s visit to Clifden, Co. Galway on 27 May 1933. ‘On his way to Clifden, Mr. De Valera spoke in Irish to a great meeting of the Connemara Gaeltacht, where he outlined the Government’s Gaeltacht policy. At Clifden…the head of the Government dealt with the present situation. Britain’s tariff war would, he believed, have taken place if no annuities question had arisen. Britain would have taken that action to prevent us building our industries. “If you listen to your opponents now,” he said, ‘and surrender you will never be allowed to build up your industries. You have a fight that you must fight to a finish now or go down for ever. I believe that we are going to fight it through and win through”.’

11 & 16 June 1934 Newspaper cuttings on de Valera’s speech at a meeting in Ennis, Co. Clare on 10 June 1934. ‘To a gathering of over 15,000…Mr. de Valera spoke of the contrast between the Press of this country with regard to the Irish payments to Britain and the Press of Britain with regard to the British payments to the United States. He cited from the principal British dailies of all parties, showing that they supported their Government in the refusal to pay America, while in this country the daily Press denounced their Government as defaulters and embezzlers, and, while weakening the morale of their own people, strengthened those who were waging economic war against them. He described Mr. Thomas’s attitude at Ottawa when the news of the establishment of the Blueshirts reached him. “We need not settle with you,” Mr. Thomas had said. “You will be settled when the Blueshirts get under way.” Referring to the local elections, he said the British were looking to them to give the Government a mortal blow. “I hope every Irishman and woman will remember that they are going to a poll on the result of which will largely depend whether the Government can go on with renewed strength to maintain the national right or will be badly weakened”.’
2301  18 June 1934  Newspaper reports on de Valera’s speech at Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on 17 June 1934. ‘In the course of his speech Mr. de Valera referred to the British hope that the Blueshirt movement would bring down the Government. “It has not so far brought down the Government…and this demonstration here and similar demonstrations all over the country show that it is not going to bring down the Government. Every opportunity at these local elections will be availed of and exploited to weaken the morale of the Government and strengthen those who are trying to weaken this country by putting discriminatory and penal tariffs on our produce. The franchise at this election is restricted and it is not really an index of public opinion, but any success our opponents may have will be used undoubtedly against the national interest”.’ 3 items

2302  June 1934– November 1935  Correspondence between de Valera and James W. Wellwood, President of the Irish Students’ Association and Auditor of Trinity College Historical Society, on de Valera’s attendance and address at the Historical Society’s Opening Meeting of 7 November 1934 [he spoke to the Auditor’s paper ‘The University and the Nation’]; Wellwood’s idea to establish an Irish Economic Research Bureau in association with the Rockefeller Foundation (The Social Sciences); de Valera’s acceptance of the office of Patron of the Irish Students’ Association and his address entitled ‘Whither Ireland?’ at the opening day of the organisation’s Congress in Galway on 28 June 1935 and Wellwood’s invitation to de Valera to send a message to the inaugural meeting of the Irish Institute of International Affairs on 21 November 1935. See also P150/2678 for file on the Opening Meeting of the 1944–45 Session of the Trinity College Historical Society, on 1 November 1944, addressed by de Valera on the topic, ‘The Small Nations’ 30 items

2303  27 June–18 August 1933; 1 March–28 May 1934  Memoranda by John J. Hearne on ‘Subjects discussed with President’ at regular meetings between 27 June and 18 August 1933 and between 1 March and 28 May 1934. The subjects are largely legal matters with external affairs implications. Comprises individual memoranda, some dated and signed by Hearne, describing proceedings of meetings with de Valera, June–August 1933 (10 items, 1–3pp each) and brief details recording the ‘Subject’ and ‘Decision’ taken at 14 meetings between Hearne and de Valera, March–May 1934 (8pp). The 1933 meetings are concerned with various topics including the ‘Lough Foyle dispute’, Australia’s candidature for the Council of the League of Nations, the appointment of overseas diplomatic representatives and communications from representatives including Irish Minister in Washington Michael MacWhite, Irish Minister for the Holy See Charles Bewley, communications from Irish High Commissioner in London John W. Dulanty, attempted intervention of prominent Yorkshire Quaker Edith M. Ellis in the financial negotiations, the singing of the British National Anthem and the
2303 contd. flying of the British flag at various functions, and General Balbo’s visit to Ireland. 
Topics discussed during the 1934 meetings include the ‘Proposed survey by British Admiralty of entrance to Killary Bay consequent on wreck of Lord Moyne’s yacht Roussalka’, the arrival of ‘Mr. McDowell, new American Minister’, the ‘Reduction in Saorstát contributions to International organisations’, the ‘Appointment of Saorstát High Commissioner to Canada’, ‘Passports–Form of Request Page’ and the ‘Telegram from League re prohibition of export of arms and munitions to Bolivia or Paraguay’.

11 items

2304 July 1934–September 1947 Correspondence both personal and official between de Valera and the 8th Earl of Granard, Bernard Arthur Forbes (1874–1948) of Castle Forbes, Newtown Forbes, Co. Longford, on a variety of subjects including the acquisition of part of the Iveagh Estate at St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin for the Department of External Affairs and the enlargement of the University Church (1938–39 & 1946), enforcement of conscription in Northern Ireland (1939) and proposals to establish an oil refinery in the Irish Free State, including letters from Lord John Bearsted, Chairman, Shell Company and John Leydon, Secretary of the Department of Industry and Commerce, about an interview for Mr. Boyle (for Lord Bearsted) with Seán Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce (1939).

See also P150/3197 for correspondence between de Valera and Lord Iveagh; P150/3438 for 1967 newspaper article on the Government’s acquisition of Iveagh House and Gardens and de Valera’s comments on the matter; P150/2627 for de Valera’s address on the occasion of the handing over of Iveagh Gardens by the Irish Government to U.C.D. in October 1941

53 items

2305 2 July 1934–30 July 1935 Documents relating to Lord Granard’s role as a negotiator between the Irish and British Governments in the 1930s.

7 items

2306 January–March 1935 Approved versions of interviews between de Valera and various U.S. and European correspondents on the general political and economic situation including the Coal-Cattle Pact.
Correspondents as follows:
• Robert Calais of the Paris Soir (January & February 1935, 2 items);
• S.G. Ruegg of the Capital Times, Madison, Wisconsin, The Post Crescent of Appleton ‘and other papers of Wisconsin’ (20 February 1935, 2pp); discusses mainly de Valera’s associations with, and recollections of Wisconsin;
2306 contd. • Kenneth Stonehouse, South African Daily Newspaper Group (28 March 1935, 3pp), ‘the first South African journalist to be afforded an interview by Mr. De Valera’; covers Anglo-Irish relations, partition and trade expansion between Ireland and South Africa;
• Charles E. Smith of the International News Service (March 1935, 2 items); discusses the ‘present situation in Europe, a scheme for possible world peace, and the Anglo-Irish question’. 7 items

2307 February–April 1935 Approved versions of interviews between de Valera and representatives of various English newspapers, on the general economic and political situation including Anglo-Irish relations, defence, land annuities, partition and the Statute of Westminster. Comprises approved versions of interviews with the following correspondents:
– ‘Mr. Truelove, representative of the Daily Telegraph, February 22nd, 1935’ (4pp). Also copy of a letter to the editor, the Daily Telegraph, published on 5 April, from Frederic Baron de Lannoy, London, in response to the interview (1p);
– Seamus MacColl, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, representative of the Sunday Express; also includes letters to de Valera and Kathleen O'Connell from MacColl regarding arrangements for the interview and publication (15 March & 11 April 1935, 2 items, 1p each). 7 items

2308 14 & 15 February 1935 Reports from Irish newspapers concerning a speech made by Dominions Secretary J.H. Thomas, at the Constitutional Club, London, during which he had expressed … ‘on behalf of the overwhelming mass of the British people, a sincere and genuine anxiety for a reconciliation, and for real peace’. Mr. Thomas went on to refer to the sanctity of agreements and the membership of the British Commonwealth of Nations, and said they are, and must always be, fundamental to any settlement of the Irish difficulty. In the course of his reply President de Valera spoke of the right of the Irish people freely to determine their own destiny, and added: ‘Mr. Thomas’s statement brings the position back to where it was three years ago.’ (15 February 1933, 7 items). Also includes typescript text of de Valera’s statement in reply to Thomas (14 February 1935, 1p). 8 items

2309 29 & 30 March 1935 Newspaper report on, and extract from de Valera’s address at the quarterly meeting of the National Executive of Fianna Fáil on 29 March ‘in which he dealt with the recent actions of the I.R.A. in connection with the tram and bus strike. Ridiculing the suggestion that the Government had taken any action in that dispute favourable to the Company, he pointed out that the whole trend of the Administration’s policy has been “to improve the conditions of the workers.”
Mr. de Valera referred to the patient handling of the I.R.A. by the Government for three years. Then came the proposal of “an avowedly military organisation which has the use of arms as one of its methods”, to interfere in a trade dispute. “There was”, added Mr. de Valera, “only one thing for the Government to do”. Commenting on the I.R.A. proposal, Mr. de Valera added “Those who remember the old I.R.A. know that it always regarded itself as the army of the nation, pledged to defend the rights and liberties of the whole people. It stood for the maintenance of order. No one could conceive it as an instigator of sectional strife or as lending itself out as if it were some racketeering organisation”. Mr. de Valera added that there was to-day no possible excuse for violence as every section can go freely to the people and, if supported, can become the Government.

April & June 1935

Text of de Valera’s speech to mark the opening of a new sports pavilion at Mountjoy School, Dublin on 11 April 1935 (2pp) and cutting from the Mountjoy School Magazine (June 1935, 2pp) containing an article on the opening of the pavilion.

April 1935

File on de Valera’s unveiling of the statue of Cú Chulainn, the 1916 Memorial, in the General Post Office on Easter Sunday 1935. Comprises memoranda on arrangements for the ceremony including Army Operation Order No. 3/1935 and Ceremonial Order No. 4/1935 (4 & 10 April 1935, 3 items) and drafts of de Valera’s speech (4 items).

June 1935

File on the County Dublin by-election in June 1935 comprising mainly typescript and published newspaper accounts of de Valera’s by-election meeting speeches in Blackrock Town Hall on 6 June in which he ‘dealt with the attitude of the Saorstát to a war’ (3 items, 17pp, 9pp & 3pp) and in Rathmines on 7 June 1935 in which he ‘dealt with the case from the British legal point of view for the retention of the Annuities by the Irish Government’ (2 items, 15pp & 5pp).

May & June 1935

File on the Galway By-Election held in June 1935 [Fianna Fáil candidate: E. Corbett].
2314 July 1935 Newspaper reports on de Valera’s speech at Ennis, Co. Limerick on 29 June 1933, in which he ‘issued a warning to people who resort, or threaten to resort, to the use of armed force’. 3 items

2315 1 July 1935 Reports from newspapers on de Valera’s speech at Limerick on 30 June 1935. ‘President de Valera, in his speech at Limerick yesterday, replied to cries of “Up the Republic!”’. “I can understand certain people’s anxiety to get a Republic quickly,” he said, “but, as far as we are concerned, if anyone can show us a quicker way than that on which we are proceeding, then we shall be only too happy.” The people, he said, elected representatives to Parliament, and if the majority of their representatives wanted to declare a Republic they could do so. Discussing, freedom, he said the Free State at the present moment was very near to being completely free. Before they left office the Government would bring in a Constitution which would be an Irish one from top to bottom. If they were going for a Republic, however, they must prevent outrage. Since the recent judgement of the Privy Council their Courts were supreme. In a few months the Senate also would have gone automatically.” 2 items

2316 June 1935 Printed address of welcome to de Valera by Galway Urban District Council on the occasion of his visit to Galway in June 1935 [to unveil the statue of Pádraic Ó Conaire (1883–1928) in Eyre Square]. English and Irish versions. 2pp

2317 27 June 1935 Copy letter from de Valera to Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin concerning the British Government’s proposal ‘to introduce legislation providing, in certain events, for a Regency and for the performance of Royal Functions in the name and on behalf of the Sovereign…we should be unable to agree to the enactment by the British Parliament of a law which might be thought to provide for the performance of any royal functions in respect of the internal or external affairs of Saorstát Éireann. As you are aware, the sole and exclusive right to enact any law in respect of Saorstát Éireann is vested in the Oireachtas’. Annotated in de Valera’s hand as follows ‘Approval of absent Ministers to be secured–not includg of course V.P. who is on Continent’. 1p
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- memoranda by John J. Hearne on ‘Citizenship of Saorstát Éireann acquired otherwise than by naturalization’ and ‘Natural-born citizenship under the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act, 1935’ (December 1935, 3pp);  
- typescript copy of detailed reply by Seán Murphy to an editorial article *Aliens in Ireland* published in *The Irish World* on 17 August 1935 ‘in which reference is made to the Aliens Act 1935 and to the statutory orders made under that Act. The statement contained in the editorial that “Any person not a citizen of the Irish Free State is classed as an alien” is correct; the statement immediately following, however, namely, “but exceptions are made in cases of persons coming from Great Britain and the Six Counties, that is the so-called Northern Ireland” is based upon a complete misunderstanding of both the Aliens Act 1935 and the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1935’ (24 August 1935, 1935);  
- copies of both Acts (2 items, 53pp & 21pp). 8 items  |
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2322 11 October 1935 Copy letter from John H. Hearne, Legal Advisor to the Department of External Affairs, to Charles de Water, South African High Commissioner in London, on ‘whether any of the functions of the King could be legally or constitutionally exercised in respect of the internal or external affairs of any of the States of the Commonwealth (other than by the United Kingdom) by a Regent or Counsellors of State acting on the authority of a statute of the United Kingdom Parliament’. 6pp

2323 12 December 1934 Typescript text of de Valera’s New Year’s message to ‘our friends in the United States’, given to the Associated Press of America. 2pp

2324 December 1935 Typescript copies of the text of de Valera’s 1935 Christmas radio broadcast. 2 items, 4pp & 2pp

2325 4 January 1936 Holograph letter to de Valera from Abbot Bernard Laure of Hautecombe Abbey following de Valera’s recent visit to the Abbey. 1p

2326 25, 26 February 1936 Cuttings from The Irish Press of reprints of interviews given by de Valera to representatives of the Daily Telegraph and Reuters News Agency dealing with ‘the broad issues as between Great Britain and the Irish Free State’. 2 items

2327 27 February, 11 March 1936 Memorandum concerning an account by T.H. Healy in his book Letters and Leaders of My Day vol.2, chapter 39, of the case he made in the House of Commons in 1913 in favour of confining the Appropriation Act to grants authorised by previous legislation. On this principle, ‘the Land Annuities given to Ireland, North and South, by the Act of 1920 could not be paid over to Britain merely on the authority of an Appropriations Act’ (27 February 1936, 1p). Accompanied by a memorandum dated 11 March 1936 dealing with the same issue (11 March 1936, 1p). 2 items, 1p each
February & June 1936  Miscellaneous draft and approved versions of interviews between de Valera and the following American and European correspondents on the general political and economic situation:

- Milton Bronner, European Manager of Newspaper Enterprise Association of America (28 February 1936, 7pp),
- United Press of America following de Valera’s speech in Dáil Éireann in which he said he believed the people of Ireland were ready to ‘bury the hatchet’ (20 June 1936, 3 items);
- ‘Dr. Attorp’ of Stockholm (22 June 1936, 2pp);

11 items

27 March; 17 September & 17 October 1936  Personal correspondence between de Valera and Malcolm MacDonald during 1936. Comprises two holograph letters from MacDonald sending good wishes following de Valera’s eye operation (27 March 1936, 1p) and expressing concern ‘lest the progress of the discussions which began in London last week should be prejudiced owing to the fact that there are difficulties in the way of your sending a number of representatives to take part in them…It is clear already that at least four sets of questions will require thorough examination: defence, constitutional, financial and trade questions…I appreciate, and share completely, your desire that the discussions should proceed, at this stage at any rate, without the public knowing of them. Therefore I wonder whether the suggestion which I have asked Mr. Dulanty to convey to you (that your officials going to Geneva should be selected partly with a view to these London discussions, and should spend some time in London both going to and returning from Geneva) is possible…’ (17 September 1936, 4pp) and copy reply from de Valera stating ‘detailed conversations between groups of Civil Servants, apart from the question of publicity, would not have materially advanced the position. I am satisfied that, until an agreement in principle has been reached on the major matters at issue, no useful purpose can be served by such conversations’ (17 October 1936, 1p).

See also P150/2337 for letter of 14 September 1936 to de Valera from Sir Warren Fisher and Dulanty’s drafts of his conversation with de Valera on Fisher’s letter 3 items

1 May 1936  De Valera Still on Top by A.J. Cummings. ‘The first of two important articles on the present situation in Ireland by A.J. Cummings who has just returned from a tour. The second will appear in the News Chronicle next week’.

See also P150/2292 for interview between de Valera and A.J. Cummings as published in the News Chronicle on 28 March 1934 under the headline ‘De Valera talks to A.J. Cummings on the economic situation in the Irish Free State, the Blue Shirts and Anglo-Irish relations’. 1p
2331  May & June 1936  File on de Valera’s attendance at the All-Ireland Athletic and Cycling Championships at Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on 28 June 1936. Includes note on the history of the National Athletic and Cycling Association of Ireland (2 June 1936, 2pp), copies of the addresses of welcome by the Mayor of Clonmel, members of the 3rd Tipperary Brigade, 5th Battalion, Old I.R.A., and workers at the Clonmel boot factory, to be read at the Town Hall in Clonmel (3 items, 1p each) and typescript draft of de Valera’s speech for the occasion (‘Not delivered as here’) (3pp).  8 items

2332  July 1936  Copy of The Strand Magazine vol. XCI, no. 547 containing an illustrated article (p.260–269) entitled ‘The Truth about De Valera’ by John Gunther. See also P150/2362 for a 1937 article entitled ‘Inside de Valera’ by John Gunther, from an unknown journal.  1 item

2333  [July] 1936  Typescript drafts of de Valera’s speech at the Chonnacht Feis in Gort. In Irish.  2 items, 5pp & 4pp

2334  August 1936  Report from The Irish Times on de Valera’s concluding speech in the Galway by-election campaign, delivered on 11 August 1936 ‘devoted…to a vigorous denunciation of the I.R.A., which he described as having civil war as its objective…Referring to “the callous and cowardly” murder of Admiral Somerville, he described a recent speech of Miss MacSwiney in Galway as a condonation of, and attempt to justify, those crimes. Such condonation and justification must be an encouragement to those who planned and carried out those murders—encouragement to plan and commit more unless the police could lay their hands upon them in the meantime’ (12 August 1938, 1 item). Also notebook containing handwritten draft and text of speech by de Valera (30pp).  3 items

2335  July–August 1936  File on the Galway By-Election necessitated by the death of P.J. Hogan and held on 13 August 1936 comprising mainly newspaper reports on the campaign (27 July–17 August 1946, 10 items), holograph notes by de Valera headed ‘Galway Election Aug. 1936’ (10pp) and draft of de Valera’s campaign speech delivered at the final campaign meeting in Galway City on 11 August (8pp). Candidates: Fianna Fáil: Martin Niland; Fine Gael: Professor James Hogan and Republican: Count Plunkett.  19 items
2336 July–August 1936 File on Fianna Fáil’s August 1936 County Wexford By-Election campaign (polling day: 17 August). Includes drafts of de Valera’s speeches delivered at meetings in Enniscorthy on 2 August (2 items, 11pp & 3pp) and New Ross on 14 August (15pp); National Discipline and Majority Rule. Three Speeches by Éamon de Valera Delivered at Enniscorthy, on August 2nd, 1936, Galway, on August 11th, 1936 and New Ross, on August 14th, 1936 (Fianna Fáil Pamphlet No. 1, 1936, 31pp); and newspaper reports. Candidates: Fianna Fáil: Denis Allen; Fine Gael: J.L. Esmonde; Labour: M. Murphy and Republican: S. Hayes. 24 items

2337 September 1936 Letter to de Valera from Sir Warren Fisher, Under-Secretary at the Treasury, in confirmation of their discussion of 7 September to ‘give you an indication of the lines on which it is felt here that discussions for a comprehensive and friendly settlement of the questions outstanding between the United Kingdom and the Irish Free State (including constitutional questions, defence, financial and trade relations) might usefully proceed’ (14 September 1936, 6pp). Accompanied by drafts, including some with holograph alterations by de Valera, of High Commissioner Dulanty’s conversation with de Valera on Fisher’s letter. One draft marked ‘Instructions for H.C. 6th Oct.’ (4 items, 3 undated, 1 dated 23 September 1936). See also P150/2329 for letter to de Valera from MacDonald; P150/2179 for ‘Secret’ memoranda from Dulanty to Walshe including Dulanty’s reports on his meetings in September and October 1936 with Sir Warren Fisher, Sir Horace Wilson, Sir Edward Harding and Sir Grattan Bushe, Malcolm MacDonald and Sir Harry Batterbee. 5 items

2338 September 1936 Typescript drafts of de Valera’s speech at the opening of the new City Hall, Cork on 8 September 1936 and souvenir booklet (8pp) to commemorate the opening, comprising photographs of de Valera who laid the foundation stone on 9 July 1932, former Lord Mayors of Cork Thomas MacCurtain and Terence MacSwiney, present Lord Mayor Alderman Seán French, the new City Hall and the former City Hall destroyed by British forces in December 1920. Autographed by de Valera. 4 items
2339 13 September 1936  Article published in The New York Times Magazine by Elsie McCormick entitled De Valera Firm on Ireland’s New Deal. The President Rests All on His Policy of Making the Country Self-Sufficient. 2pp

2340 25 September 1936  Typescript drafts of text [of a broadcast made by de Valera on 26 September 1936, ‘For March of Time’] outlining the political, economic and cultural aims of the Government, reviewing the ‘considerable progress towards the realisation of all these aims’ and concluding ‘the work that is being done has the approval of the great majority of our people, and I am confident that this approval will be continued until the several objectives indicated have all been achieved.’ One draft with holograph amendments and annotations, other draft annotated ‘Saw this Film [March of Time] at Censor’s office at 4pm. Nov. 13. 1936’. 2 items, 6pp & 4pp

2341 25 October 1936  Article by Marc T. Greene published in The Baltimore Sun entitled Fifteen Years of the Free State. Republicanism and Partition Still Two Vexing Questions. 1p

2342 19 November 1936  Article from The Saturday Evening Post by Maude Radford Warren entitled Again a New Ireland discussing the achievements of the Cosgrave administration, Fianna Fáil’s election policies, the retention of the land annuities and the effects of the economic war, including an interview with de Valera on the matter. 7pp

2343 November 1936  Printed booklet of extracts from newspaper articles mainly on the Army Comrades Association, entitled The object of this collection of press cuttings is to give some idea of the mentality behind the ‘Blueshirt’ movement. The extracts on pages 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19 refer more particularly to the campaign against the payment of Land Annuities. 20pp
November–December 1936, Copies of texts of telegrams and despatches exchanged by de Valera and British Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, through the Dominions Office and the Department of External Affairs, during the abdication crisis in late November/early December 1936 (originals darted 28 November–5 December 1936, 18 items).

Also includes:
– telegrams between de Valera and Buckingham Palace (6 & 7 December 1936, 2 items, 1p each);
– ‘Edward VIII Crisis. Order of events as far as we are concerned’ (1p);
– covering note to Marie O'Kelly from Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan of the Taoiseach’s Department (S.9427) (29 September 1965, 1p) enclosing copies of the Instrument of Abdication of His Majesty King Edward VIII (original dated 10 December 1936, 1p), His Majesty’s message concerning his abdication (original dated 10 December 1936, 3pp), the covering letter transmitting the aforementioned documents, from Major the Hon. A.H.L. Hardinge, Private Secretary to his Majesty (10 December 1936, 1p), and a copy of de Valera’s acknowledgement of the above documents (14 December 1936, 1p).

See also P150/2183 for memoranda to de Valera from Joseph P. Walshe, including reports relating to the introduction of legislation in Dáil Éireann to deal with the abdication crisis in December 1936

14 items

11 December 1936– File on the Constitution (Amendment No. 27) Act and the Executive Authority (External Relations) Act. Comprises mainly draft and autographed printed Bills and notes for de Valera on the two bills.

See also P150/2350 for newspaper reports on de Valera’s two meetings in London on 15 January 1937 with Malcolm MacDonald, with special reference to the recent Irish constitutional legislation [the Constitution (Amendment No. 27) Act and the External Relations Act].

14 items

December 1936 Drafts of de Valera’s Christmas radio broadcast to the U.S.A. relayed by radio Athlone at 11.30 p.m. on 24 December 1936 (3 items, 3pp, 5pp & 4pp) and reports from The Irish Press on the address to the U.S.A., headlined ‘Mr. de Valera on Irish Problems. Peace at Home and Abroad the Aim’, and on de Valera’s address to the people of Ireland, headlined ‘“And We Shall Be the Envy of the World”. Mr. de Valera’s Message to People, Needy Must Share in Surplus (25–27 December 1936, 2 items, 1p each). 3 items
2347 1936 Black and white photograph of de Valera signing autographs. Annotated on reverse ‘Turf Cutting 1936. Seáms O Scola[í]ghe’. Russell Studios, Capel Street, Dublin. 7 x 11 cm

2348 12 January 1937 Black and white photographs of de Valera in rural France on 12 January 1937. Print of de Valera standing in a forest (12 cm x 17 cm) and print of de Valera with a small group including M. [Pepin] the Under-Sous Prefect of the [Marne Departement] and his wife and the Prefect M. H[enry] (18 cm x 13 cm). 2 items

2349 1937 Reports of ‘Conversations with President and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald in London and Geneva January 14th, September 15th and 17th, 1937’. ‘Mr. Dulanty present at the London talk. The manuscript is his Report’. Matters discussed at the meeting of 14 January include Ireland’s membership of the Commonwealth and arrangements for a secret meeting between Stanley Baldwin and Lord Craigavon in London in order to persuade Craigavon and his Cabinet to ‘avoid as much as ever possible controversial attacks on questions between G[rea]t Britain &…[the Irish Free State]…by the Six County Government & its supporters’. Discussions in Geneva on 15 September involved both sides stating their positions with regard to partition, the land annuities, the Treaty ports and ‘the advantages to Britain of a complete settlement with Ireland’ and on 17 September discussions ranged over the new Free State Constitution, partition, the Treaty ports, defence, the financial dispute and trade. See also P150/2179 for reports from John W. Dulanty to Joseph P. Walshe, on Dulanty’s contacts with British Government officials between June 1932 and June 1938 8 pp

2350 15 & 16 January 1937 Newspaper reports on de Valera’s two meetings in London on 15 January 1937, en-route from Zurich, following a consultation with eye specialist Dr. Alfred Vogt, with British Dominions’ Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, on relations between the two countries, with special reference to the recent Irish constitutional legislation [the Constitution (Amendment No. 27) Act and the External Relations Act]. 4 items
2351 May 1937  Typescript text of ‘Interview given by the President to Mr. Joseph Driscoll, London Correspondent, New York Herald Tribune—27th May, 1937’. Discusses de Valera’s reply when asked ‘as to whether Ireland was liable to go either Fascist or Communist’, his views on ‘the attitude of the Irish people on such questions as free speech and the freedom of the press’ and the suggestion ‘of some critics that the President under the new Constitution could exercise dictatorial powers’.  

2352 11 June 1937  Supplement entitled The New Ireland. Five Years of Progress, issued with The Irish Press. With foreword by de Valera—‘This Supplement gives an outline of what has been accomplished in the last five years. Politically, the barriers which stood in the way of a unified national effort have gone, so that, as far as this part of Ireland is concerned, the future can be what the will of our people choose to make it. Economically, there has been a complete transformation…The great task remaining is to lay the foundations of a just social system so that every family in the land may enjoy at least that “frugal comfort” which is essential for right living. For this task we must now gird ourselves, relying on sound principles and enlisting the active good will of all sections of the people whose common interest will be served by their determined application”.

2353 27 June 1937  Extract from The New York Times Magazine comprising article by Hugh Smith on the upcoming Irish General Election, headlined Ireland Stages a Keen Duel…De Valera Battles to Remold Ireland…Cosgrave Seeks to Oust the President.

2354 29 & 30 June 1937  Cuttings from The Irish Press concerning the financial agreement between the Irish Free State and Britain of 12 February 1923 headlined Was It A Secret Agreement? And The Secret Agreement.
July 1937

Copies of reports from The Irish Times on the opening of the 1937 Reading Room in Trinity College Dublin by Taoiseach de Valera on 2 July 1937 (3 July 1937, 2 items) and holograph notes by de Valera for his address on the occasion (7pp). 3 items

[1970s]

Article by Maxwell Sweeney from Travel Express on the role of Foynes railway station as the radio station for transatlantic air services in 1937. Illustrated with a picture of ‘Eamon de Valera, then President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State, greeting Captain Harold E. Gray, Commander of the Pan-American Airways Sikorsky Clipper III, after it landed at Foynes, County Limerick, on 6 July, 1937. The group includes from the left: Sean Leyden, then Secretary of the Department of Industry and Commerce; and Sean Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce and later Taoiseach’. 1p

6 August 1937

‘Interview given by the President to Mr. M[ichael] H. Rooney, Dublin Correspondent of the Associated Press of America.’ ‘In the first interview for publication given since his re-election as President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State Éamon de Valera discussed…the achievements of his Government in the past five years and the prospects for the future. The discussion embraced both internal affairs and the external relations of the Irish Free State’. 6pp

October 1937−April 1940

Correspondence in French between de Valera and Sr. Olive and the Reverend Mother of the Benedictine Convent in rue Tournefort, Paris including correspondence and related documents concerning de Valera’s presentation of a bell to the convent in 1939. 31 items

1 December 1937

Typescript note for de Valera by Secretary of the Department of External Affairs Joseph P. Walshe, headed ‘Small States and Ambassadors’ listing the sixteen States who exchange Ambassadors amongst themselves. Signed by Walshe. 1p
2360  11 & 12 December 1937  Short addresses in Irish delivered by de Valera in Dundalk on 11 & 12 December 1937 reflecting on the 1916 Rising and the new generation that has grown up since then–‘An obair a chuireamair romhainn an uair sin níl sí críochnaithe ar fad fós. Ach tá deagh-thoradh ar an iarracht, agus má leantar den iarracht leis an dúthracht agus leis an bhfuinneamh a cuireadh ann go dtí so ní amhras ar bith ná go mbeidh lán-tóradh ar ár saothar luath no mall, go luath le cognamh Dé má chlaomh le chéile i gceart’.

2 items, 1p each

2361  December 1937  Drafts of de Valera’s 1937 Christmas radio message to the U.S.A. transmitted on Radio Athlone at 11pm on Christmas Eve and broadcast to the people of Ireland at 7pm the following day (4 items); and report on the address as published in The Irish Press under the headline ‘Mr. de Valera’s Message to Irish Race. Striking Appeal to the Youth of Ireland’(25 & 26 December 1937, 3pp). ‘The year that is now drawing to a close has been for us a notable one. It will stand for ever in our history as the year in which our people enacted, and first gave to themselves, a free Constitution, which we hope is the earnest of a fuller harvest of the fruits of centuries of fidelity and sacrifice’.

5 items

2362  1937  Article entitled Inside de Valera by John Gunther from an unidentified journal.

See also P150/2332 for article entitled ‘The Truth about De Valera’ by John Gunther, published in The Strand Magazine (July 1936)

7pp


1p
III. 1937 Constitution

a. Early drafts, 1934 – 37

2364 1931

Bound copy of *Constitution, Article 2A, Supplement to the Constitution as issued with the Standing Orders of Seanad Éireann (1930).*

Text in English and Irish. ‘Article 2A was inserted in the Constitution on the 17th October, 1931 [Constitution (Amendment No. 17) Act, 1931 (No. 37 of 1931)].’ De Valera bookplate on inside cover. 54pp

2365 July 1934

*Constitution Committee, 1934* containing parts of the Report of the Constitution Committee 1934 appointed to examine the 1922 Constitution from the point of view of ‘ascertaining which of its Articles should be regarded as fundamental in the sense that they safeguard democratic rights and submitting a recommendation as to how these Articles might be specially protected from change’, as follows:

– ‘Report on Part I of Terms of Reference’. Signed by Stephen A. Roche, Michael McDunphy, John J. Hearne and Philip P. O'Donoghue (3 July 1934, 4pp);
– Appendix A: List of Fundamental Articles (27pp);
– Appendix B: Suggested Emergency Provisions (6pp);
– Appendix C: Articles 4, 10 and 72 (4pp);
– Appendix D: Right of Assembly–Provisions in various Constitutions (7pp);
– Appendix E: Annual Assembly of Parliament–Provisions in various Constitutions (7pp);
– Appendix F: Declaration of War–Provisions in various Constitutions (11pp);
– Appendix G: Right to Free Elementary Education–Letter from the Department of Education, 2 July 1934 (2pp);
– Appendix H: Copy of Article 36 (1p);
– ‘Key to Appendices’ (1p).


11 items

2366 1934

Printed booklet *Code Social. Esquisse d’une synthèse Sociale Catholique.* Produced by the Union internationale d’études sociales fondée a Malines en 1920 sous la Présidence du Cardinal Mercier. Autographed by de Valera. Cover marked with delta sign. 134pp
The Constitution, being the Constitution of the Irish Free State (Saorstát Éireann) Act, 1922 (No. 1 of 1922), as amended by subsequent enactments.


Extracts, mainly from Dáil Éireann Official Reports, of statements by de Valera on proposed changes in the 1922 Constitution and in particular the abolition of the post of Governor-General. Includes speech delivered by de Valera at Arbour Hill on 23 April 1933 (April 1933, 2pp) and Dáil extracts for the following dates:

- 3 May 1933–‘President’s Declaration of Policy’ (Vol. 47, Col. 389) (1p) and (Vol. 47, Cols. 542–544) (2pp);
- 14 July 1933–President on the abolition of the Office of Governor-General (Vol. 48, Cols. 2752–2754) (2pp);
- 18 October 1933–Constitution (Amendments Nos. 21-22) Bills, 1933: J. Connolly [Minister for Lands & Fisheries] on the Office of Governor-General (Vol. ?, Cols. 1546, 1549) (2pp);
- 20 June 1934–President and the Abolition of Office of Governor-General (Vol. 53, Cols. 806–807) (2pp);
- 25 May 1935–President and the Abolition of Office of Governor-General (Vol. 56, Cols. 1853–1856) (3pp);
- 28 May 1936–Constitution (Amendment No. 24) Bill, 1934 (Motion of Enactment), extract of speech by de Valera (Vol. 62, Col. 1199) (1p);
- 24 June 1936–President on providing for the Governor-General (Vol. 63, No. 1, Cols. 257–258) (2pp);
- 12 August 1936–President’s answer to questions by Frank McDermott on Commonwealth membership and conciliation of the majority in Northern Ireland (1p);
- 11 December 1936–President on the First and Second Stages of the Constitution (Amendment No. 27) Bill, 1936 (Vol. 64, Cols. 1233 and 1277) (2pp).

Also includes copy of covering note (10 June 1936, 1p) from Joseph P. Walshe to Michael McDunphy [Assistant Secretary, Department of the President] enclosing a copy of the memorandum ‘relating to the proposed new Constitution which the High Commissioner has been instructed to deliver to King Edward’ (n.d., 1p) and copy of minute S.7810 by Michael McDunphy, on the abolition of the office of Governor-General with reference to files S.9430 relating to Constitution (Amendment No. 27) Act, 1936 and S.9457 on the distribution of the functions of the Governor-General (22 December 1936, 1p).

See also P150/2220 for file on the status and functions of the office of Governor-General 17 items
Bound volume containing the following printed texts—Constitution of the Irish Free State (Saorstát Éireann) Act, 1922 embodying The Constitution as amended by subsequent enactments. Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Ceann Comhairle (P. No. 2538) (Dublin: Stationery Office) (1936, 86pp);
Dáil Éireann. Standing Orders, Vol. 1—Public Business, 1936. With Appendices containing: 1. Oireachtas Library Rules. 2. Table showing dates at which the Standing Orders of 1936 were passed and amended (Dublin: Stationery Office) (1936, 126pp),
Volume with name ‘Peter Byrne’ on cover. 86pp & 126pp

Early Drafts (English) comprising the following:
– holograph notes by de Valera for a Constitution, written on squared paper (n.d., 13pp);
– typescript ‘Plan of Fundamental Constitutional Law’ listing Articles 1-36, with holograph annotations by de Valera (n.d., 9pp) and typescript ‘Draft of Association Section in Foreign Relations Bill’ with a query in de Valera’s hand ‘Where wd. such a clause go, in the Constitution?’ (n.d., 2pp). Originally found in file cover labelled by John J. Hearne ‘Plan of Fundamental Constitutional Law’;
– minute (18 May 1935, 1p) from John J. Hearne to Seán Moynihan, Secretary to the Executive Council, submitting ‘the draft of Heads of a Constitution which I have prepared on the verbal instructions of the President. I attach a short explanatory memorandum stating the scope of the President’s instructions and giving the reasons for the preliminary method adopted in the preparation of the present draft’. Attached is typescript headed ‘Preliminary Draft of Heads of a Constitution for Saorstát Éireann’, with annotations and amendments by de Valera (21pp) and ‘Explanatory Memorandum’ (17 May 1935, 2pp).
Also accompanied by minute from Hearne to de Valera (22 October 1935, 1p). ‘The particular problem to which you referred in our recent conversations, namely, that of excluding the King from the internal constitution of the State, while at the same time continuing (with some modifications) the existing practice in the sphere of international relations is dealt with in Articles 7 and 53. There are five alternative drafts of those Articles, namely, one in the text itself and four others attached as Alternative Drafts A, B, C and Dd. We are preparing further alternative drafts. The document as a whole is being re-cast so as to be suitable for introduction in the present Dáil as an ordinary constitutional matter. The draft Constitution in its present form was prepared on the assumption that it would be passed by a Constituent Assembly’. Attached are typescript copies of the four alternative drafts of Articles 7 and 53 (n.d., 4 items, 1p each). Originally found in file cover labelled by John J. Hearne ‘Draft of Heads of A Constitution’;
2370 contd. — covering minute (10 December 1935, 1p) from John J. Hearne, to Assistant Secretary [Seán Murphy], enclosing ‘notes on the Constitutions of Czechoslovakia, Austria, Spain, Poland, the United States and France showing the machinery established to determine the validity of laws and to resolve e.g. conflicts between the administrative authorities and the Courts’ and an extract bearing on the matter ‘from the Report of the Constitution Committee which reported on 3 July 1934’ (n.d., 6pp & 1p). Minute and notes forwarded to de Valera by Seán Murphy;

— covering letter to the Secretary [Seán Moynihan, Secretary to the Executive Council] from John J. Hearne, Department of External Affairs (6 August 1936, 2pp) enclosing ‘a preliminary draft of the Foreign Relations Bill…The references in the draft Bill to “the Constitution” are references to the new Constitution, not to the Constitution of 1922’. With annotations by de Valera (7pp). Both items originally found in file cover labelled by John J. Hearne ‘Foreign Relations Bill, 1936’. Most Secret;

— typescript headed ‘Organic Law on Foreign Relations. Draft of an Organic Law entitled: A Law to make provision in accordance with the constitution for the exercise of certain of the executive powers of Poblacht na hÉireann in the domain of foreign relations’ (31 August 1936, 6pp). Originally found in file cover labelled by John J. Hearne ‘Foreign Relations Organic Law’;

— typescript headed ‘The Second House (“S.”)’ listing Articles 11 to 16 (n.d., 2 copies, 4pp each, one annotated by de Valera ‘Special before Revise’) and [revised version] of Article 11 (n.d., 5pp);

— Articles 8 to 20, comprising Article 8 (Powers and Functions of the President) and ‘Part III, The National Parliament’ (Articles 9 to 20). Typescript marked ‘Odd Special’ and dated 18/11[1936] ([18 November 1936?], 20pp);

— typescript drafts of Articles 26 and 27 (Reference to Bills to the Supreme Court or to the People) marked ‘New’ and annotated by de Valera (2 copies, 4pp & 5pp). 25 items & 6 file covers

2371 [March/April 1936] & n.d. Some old Partial Drafts comprising:

— typescript text for Articles 1–31 (n.d., 32pp), set out in the following parts:
  • Part I.: The State,
  • Part II.: The President of E.,
  • Part III.: The National Parliament,
  • Part IV.: The Government,
  • Part V.: The Council of State,
  • Part VI.: The Courts,
  • Part VII.: The Comptroller and Auditor General,
  • Part VIII.: Amendment to the Constitution: The Referendum.
With note by de Valera on last page ‘Part IX etc., given to Dr. McQuaid’.


2371 contd. • Part IV. The Government,
• Part V. The Council of State,
• Part VI. The Courts,
• Part VII. The Comptroller and Auditor General,
• Part VIII. The Referendum,
• Part IX. Constitutional Guarantees,
• Part X. Power to Suspend Certain Constitutional Guarantees,
• Part XI. Amendment of the Constitution.

The text in Parts IV and V appears to be almost identical to the Fourth Draft in P150/2387.

3 items

2372 8 June 1936 Memoranum sent to the King (June 1936) containing typescript copy memorandum ‘Sent to Ed. VIII, 8th June’, giving notice of the introduction of ‘a Bill for the purpose of setting up a new Constitution’.

1p

2373 14 October 1936 & n.d. Early drafts of the Constitution as follows:
– typescript draft heads (Articles 1–78) (14 October 1936, 14pp), divided under the following sections:
  • ‘Preliminary: Fundamental Declarations’,
  • ‘Part I.: The State: Exercise of Sovereign Powers’,
  • ‘Part II.: The President of E---’,
  • ‘Part III.: The National Parliament’,
  • ‘Part IV.: The Government of E---’,
  • ‘Part V.: The Courts’,
  • ‘Part VI.: The Comptroller and Auditor General’,
  • ‘Part VII.: The Council of State’,
  • ‘Part VIII.: Constitutional Guarantees’,
  • ‘Part IX.: Education’,
  • ‘Part X.: Prosecution and Trial of Crimes’,
  • ‘Part XI.: ‘General’.

Amended and annotated, mainly in de Valera’s hand. ‘Oct. 14. 1936’ noted in de Valera’s hand on first page.

Accompanied by holograph letter to de Valera (in Irish) from Fiachra Óilgeach, Irish Legation, Paris (Risteárd Ó Foghludha), stating ‘Do chonnac an chló-script, fé chlúdach, ag Micheál agus bhí sé go deas, dar liom’ (12 October 1936, 1p).

Both items originally found in file cover labelled ‘Draft Heads of a Constitution. 12th October 1936’ by John J. Hearne;


– typescript draft Articles 1–41 (n.d. (post 14 October 1936), 36pp), divided under the following sections:
  • ‘Part I: Fundamental Declarations’,
  • ‘Part II: The State’,

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2373 contd. • ‘Part III.’,
• ‘Part IV: The President of E—–’,
• ‘Part V: The National Parliament’,
• ‘Part VI.’,
• ‘Part VII.’,
• ‘Part VIII.’,
• ‘Part IX: Constitutional Guarantees’,
• ‘Part X: Education’,
• ‘Part XI: Prosecution and Trial of Crimes’,
• ‘Part XII: General’.
‘Article I. The Irish Nation’ annotated by de Valera;
– typescript draft Articles (n.d., 8pp) as follows:
• ‘Article X. The Family’,
• Article–Parents and Children’,
• ‘Article– Right of Private Property’,
• ‘Article– Treason’,
• ‘Trial by Jury’,
• ‘Article– Commencement’,
• ‘Article–Temporary Suspension of Certain Constitutional Rights’.

5 items & 2 file covers

2374 19–22 October 1936 Draft Constitution discussed at Ard

Chomhairle and changes brt. into New Draft

up to Part IV (labelled by Kathleen O’Connell) containing typescript English
texts all with amendments and corrections by de Valera (unless otherwise
stated), as set out below:
– Part I.: The State, Articles 1–5 (19 October 1936, 2 copies, 2pp each). One
copy corrected and amended by de Valera and labelled ‘19. Oct’ and one
uncorrected copy labelled by de Valera ‘Micheál O Gríobhtha’;
Valera’s delta sign, labelled ‘President’ and ‘Draft used at Cabinet discussions
Oct. 20, 21, 22’;
– Part II.: The President of E., Articles 6/7–7/8 (n.d., 6pp);
delta sign;
– Part I.: The State, Articles 1–7 (22 October 1936, 7pp). Dated by de Valera
and labelled ‘Put aside’. Also marked ‘Draft No. 1’.

6 items
1936 & 1937 Summaries containing the following typescript documents:

the main sections as follows:
  • The Preamble;
  • Fundamental Declarations;
  • The State;
  • The President;
  • The National Parliament;
  • Dáil Éireann;
– ‘Summary of Main Provisions of the Constitution’, ‘No 2’ ([5 November
1936, 7pp). Outlines the ‘general scheme of the Constitution’ as follows:
  • The Preamble;
  • Fundamental Declarations;
  • The State;
  • The President;
  • The National Parliament;
  • Dáil Éireann;
  • The Government;
  • The Courts;
  • The Comptroller and Auditor General;
  • Constitutional Guarantees;
  • Power to Suspend Certain Provisions of the Constitution;
  • Amendment of the Constitution;
  • Miscellaneous;
  • Transitory Provisions;
– ‘No. 3’ (no title page) (n.d.([May] or [October] 1937), 9pp) with similar
outline as ‘No. 2’ except additional heading of ‘A Council of State’ and
‘General’ in place of ‘Miscellaneous’ and no section headed ‘Transitory
Provisions;
marked with de Valera’s delta sign. ‘These heads are a short summary of the
main provisions to be contained in the draft Constitution. The phraseology and
the arrangement of the various Articles are provisional.’ Text heavily amened
and annotated by de Valera. Outlines the following sections:
  • Preamble;
  • Preliminary: Fundamental Declarations;
  • Part I: The State: Exercise of Sovereign Powers: Articles 1–4;
  • Part II: The President of E.: Articles 5–6;
  • Part III: The National Parliament: Articles 7–10;
  • Part IV: The Government of E–: Article 11;
  • Part V: The Courts: Article 12;
  • Part VI: The Comptroller & Auditor Gen.: Article 13;
  • Part VII: The Council of State: Article 14;
  • Part VIII: Constitutional Guarantees : Articles 15–19;
  • Part IX: Education: Article 20;
  • Part X: Prosecution and Trial of Crimes: Article 21;
  • Part XI: General: Articles 22–26;
  • Part XII: Transitory Provisions: Article 27.

4 items
Early Irish Drafts comprising:
- handwritten drafts [by Micheál Ó Gríobhtha] of Irish text comprising ‘Cuid a hAn: An Stáit’ (Articles 1–6), with annotations, some by de Valera (n.d., 3pp) and ‘Cuid a Dó: Uachtarán na hE[ireann]’ (Article 7) (n.d., 3pp) and same (2pp);
- envelope marked with de Valera’s delta sign and labelled ‘Irish MSS. Ist draft’ containing handwritten drafts [by Micheál Ó Gríobhtha] of Irish text, Cuid a hAn–Cuid a Dó-dhéag (Parts 1–12, excluding Part 11). Heavily edited in green ink [Dr. Risteárd Ó Foghludha] (n.d., c73pp);

Cló Gaelach–Gaelic script/Irish characters used except where otherwise stated. One marked ‘1. First Draft’ (n.d., 102pp) and one copy marked ‘3. Extra Unchecked first Draft’ (n.d., 102pp);
- envelope, marked with delta sign and labelled by de Valera ‘Irish, Original of First Correction–viz. 2nd Draft’ containing:
  - typescript text of Articles 1–12 (Part 1–Part 3) (n.d., 36pp).Labelled ‘2’, with handwritten amendments (in green ink) and handwritten text by Micheál Ó Griobhtha;
  - holograph text by Micheál Ó Griobhtha of Articles 11–20 (n.d., 14pp) with amendments (in green ink) by [Dr. Risteárd Ó Foghludha];
- ‘An Tríomhadh Dréacht (Gaedhilg). Príomh - Cóip agus trí fo - cóipeanna’ comprising
  - typescript text of Article 12 labelled ‘Odd Special Draft of Senate’ by de Valera (n.d., 1p);

Miscellaneous Quotations containing typescript headed ‘Peace of Concord’ with extracts from quotations about St. Augustine’s saying ‘Pax hominum est ordinata concordia’. Quotes extracts from Industrial Relations and the Duty of the State by Rev. Ch. Raaijmakers S.J., LLD from "The Guild Social Order" and from The Summa Theologica, Part II (Second Part), Q.29, Art. 1., page 382.

1p
2378  
n.d. & 1 December 1936  Envelope labelled ‘2nd Draft. English & Irish. President’s copy of English (Art. 1–20)
superseded by Mr Hearn’s (sic) copy-see larger envelope which contains English and Irish versions, checked to date, 1/12/1936’. Contains:
– typescript copy of same labelled ‘Same as President’s copy (2nd Draft) (n.d., 60pp). Pages marked ‘B1’–‘B60’. 4 items

2379  
n.d. & 30 November 1936  Alt a hAon ar Fhichid, Béarla agus Gaedhilg, neamh-oifigeamhail containing:
– handwritten Irish text of the same–Alt a hAon is Fiche, Cuid a Ceathair (An Riaghaltas) (n.d., 8pp) and typescript copy (n.d., 8pp). Pages marked ‘B61’–‘B68’. 4 items

2380  
[December 1936/early 1937]  Arts. 21–27,Gaedhilg (criochnuighthe) Béarla (Tosnuighthe) comprising:
– amended and corrected holograph Irish text of same (n.d., 16pp) (hand of Micheál Ó Griobhtha);
– typescript Irish text of same (n.d., 8pp). Pages marked ‘B61’–‘B81’ with minor corrections. 3 items
b. Drafting, publication and approval, January – June 1937

2381  [1937] Holograph notes by de Valera setting out the heads of the Constitution. 4pp

2382  n.d. Definition of Words Used comprising dictionary definitions of the words ‘avocation’ and ‘vindicate’ (n.d., 2pp) and brief holograph notes by de Valera on words and phrases relating to constitutions (n.d., 3pp). 3 items

2383  n.d. Typescript list of words in Irish with English equivalents, A–V. With corrections in unidentified hand. 30pp

2384  n.d. Irish-English Equivalents of Words and Terms Used comprising:
– handwritten list [by Micheál Ó Griobhtha] of Irish words and phrases and English translations, relating to the draft Constitution and to Dáil Éireann (n.d., 37pp);
– typescript list of Irish words (A–U) and English equivalents, with additions in ink by Micheál Ó Griobhtha and an unidentified individual (n.d., 14pp);
– typescript list of ‘Abairtí atá sa mBunreacht’ (Irish-English equivalents), with handwritten additions (n.d., 4pp);
– typescript list of ‘Abairtí ná fuil sa mBunreacht’ (Irish-English equivalents), with handwritten additions by Micheál Ó Griobhtha (n.d., 3pp);
– typescript list of English words and Irish equivalents (A–W), with holograph corrections and annotations by Micheál Ó Griobhtha (n.d., 13pp);
– typescript list of English words and Irish equivalents (not in alphabetical order) (n.d., 8pp). 6 items

2385  n.d. [pre 11 January 1937] Envelope labelled ‘First draft. Irish & English–compared copies and one uncompared extra Irish copy–the latter taken by P. to Zurich’ in hand of Kathleen O’Connell. Contains:
2386 n.d. **Constitution No. 2** containing typescript English texts of:

- Part II.: The President of E—’ Article 6 (Creation and Tenure of Office) (n.d., 11pp). Amended by de Valera;
- Part II.: The President of E—’ Article 7 (Powers and Functions of the President) (n.d., 13pp). Amended by de Valera;
- draft clause permitting the use of the constitutional monarchy recognised by the States of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Corrected by John J. Hearne (n.d., 1p). 3 items

2387 January-March 1937 Partial drafts as follows:

- ‘3rd Draft (11th January ’37) (English)’ (11 January 1937, 69pp) comprising typescript text of Articles 1–46, set out as follows:
  - Preamble (No text) and Fundamental Declarations (5 titles) (2pp);
  - Part I. The State (Articles 1–6);
  - Part II. The President of E. (Article 7–8);
  - Part III. The National Parliament (Articles 9–22);
  - Part IV. The Government (Article 23);
  - Part V. The Council of State (Articles 24–27);
  - Part VI. The Courts (Articles 28–30);
  - Part VII. The Comptroller and Auditor General (Articles 31–32);
  - Part VIII. The Referendum (Article 33);
  - Part IX. Constitutional Guarantees (Articles 34–38);
  - Part X. Power to suspend certain Constitutional Guarantees (Article 39);
  - Part XI. Amendment of the Constitution (Article 40);
  - Part XII. General (Articles 41–46);
  - Part XIII. Transitory Provisions (title only);
- ‘Fourth Draft, 3.2.37’ (3 February 1937, 37pp) being typescript text of draft Articles 1–8 & 23–33, set out as listed above, up to and including Part VIII. The Referendum (Article 33), except Part III (The National Parliament, Articles 9–22), which is missing. Amended in red ink by John J. Hearne. Accompanied by holograph covering note from John J. Hearne to ‘Mr. Murray’ stating ‘Herewith Part V of Fourth Draft for Mr. Griffith...The alterations are in red ink but section 5 of Article Twenty-Six is new’ (4 February 1937, 1p) and similar covering note from Hearne to Kathleen O’Connell enclosing Parts VI–VIII ‘of the Fourth Draft for Mr. Griffith. He will note that there is no change in Part VI (The Courts)’ (5 February 1937, 1p);
- ‘Old. Foundation Draft’ comprising typescript text (February 1937, 63pp) of Articles 11–59, excluding Articles 29, 35 & 37–42, with amendments mainly in de Valera’s hand. Pages numbered 5–65. Articles 46 to 50 accompanied by holograph covering note to Kathleen O’Connell from John J. Hearne—‘It only remains to send you the draft of the Transitory Provisions’. Page marked with de Valera’s delta sign (17 February 1937, 1p) and similar covering note sent with the Transitory Provisions (19 February 1937, 1p). Section on ‘The Courts’ and
2387 contd. ‘Power to Suspend Certain Constitutional Guarantees’ also labelled with de Valera’s delta sign;
– typescript text (n.d., 40pp) for Articles 24 (‘The Government’)–49 (‘Repeal of Constitution of Saorstát Éireann and Continuance of Laws’). First page marked ‘Continuation’ in green ink by de Valera. Pages numbered 44 to 81 and comprises the following sections:
• Article 24–37, amended by de Valera (22pp);
• Article 38 (Personal Rights and Social Policy). Amended (in green ink and pencil) by de Valera and marked with de Valera’s delta sign. Pages also labelled ‘‘Y’1–‘Y’ 3’’ (3pp);
• Articles [40]–42. Labelled ‘Early Draft’ and amended (in green ink and pencil) by de Valera. Pages headed “ X. Part IX. 1–X. Part IX 9” (10pp);
• Articles 43–49. Amended by de Valera and John J. Hearne (5pp);
– ‘Sunday Draft’ (28 February 1937, 25pp) comprising English text of the Preamble (2 drafts, 1p each) and Articles 1–14. Pages marked “ ‘X’.1–‘X’.22”. First page of Preamble dated ‘28.2.37’ and marked with de Valera’s delta sign;
– typescript ‘Bunreacht’ ([2 March 1937, 15pp) comprising text of Preamble and Articles 1–12. Pages numbered "X".1-"X".13, with top page labelled ‘Remainder given to Ceann Comhairle Nat. Parlt. and Seanad, 2.3.37’ by [Kathleen O’Connell];
– typescript text of Articles 1–23, amended by John J. Hearne (n.d., 37pp);

2388 n.d. (early 1937?) Articles 28-44: Gaedhilg (criochnuighthe)
comprising:
– holograph Irish text by Micheál Ó Griobhtha, of Altanna 28–44 except Alt 38 (Cuid VI–Cuid XI) (n.d., 24pp). Corrected and amended (in green ink) by [Dr. Risteárd Ó Foghludha];
2389 29/30 January 1937 Alt 36-38 (Gaedhilg agus bun-bhéarla). 

2 items

2390 13 February 1937 English and Irish Fourth Draft, Feb. 13th 1937 containing a folder labelled by John J. Hearne ‘Fourth Draft, Duplicate, 13.2.37’, with:
-- a typescript list of contents (in English) Parts I–XIII (n.d., 2pp). Annotated by de Valera. Page marked with de Valera’s delta sign;
-- typescript English text of Articles 1–46 (n.d., 63pp). Preamble, title only; Fundamental Declarations with 5 headings; Part IX (Constitutional Guarantees) title only. Marked with de Valera’s delta sign. Amended and corrected mainly by de Valera;
-- typescript Irish text (n.d., 135pp). Labelled ‘Fourth Draft’ by de Valera and marked with the delta sign. Pages marked ‘C1’–‘C115’. Text extensively corrected and amended mainly by de Valera and Micheál Ó Gríobhtha. On page ‘C15’ there is a note by de Valera—‘Read to this with Mr Gr.’ and on page ‘C96’ a note by Micheál Ó Gríobhtha – ‘Ailt 36-38–athchóiriughadh’.

4 items

2391 16 February 1937 Irish Text comprising typescript Irish text of Articles 1–59 (16 February 1937, 140pp). Marked with the delta sign and labelled ‘Final, 16.2.37’ by de Valera on first page. Amended, corrected and annotated by de Valera and Micheál Ó Gríobhtha and two unrecognised hands.

140pp

See also P150/2397 for comments on this text

137pp
2393 22 March 1932–
26 August 1940 Correspondence between de Valera and Fr.
Edward Cahill S.J., Milltown Park, Co. Dublin,
including correspondence relating to the drafting
of the 1937 Constitution. Comprises mainly holograph letters by Fr. Cahill and
copy replies from de Valera. Includes:
– typescript copy of letter from Fr. Cahill setting out ‘Suggestions regarding the
General or Fundamental Principles of the Constitution’ (original dated 4
September 1936, 12pp);
– letter (21 October 1936, 2pp) enclosing ‘Suggestions for a Catholic
Constitution’ (October 1936, 9pp);
– letter (13 November 1936, 1p) enclosing ‘Supplementary Suggestions for the
New Constitution of the Irish State’ (November 1936, 5pp);
– An Ríoghacht Bulletin (No. 26, November 1937) containing a synopsis of a
lecture delivered by Rev. Cornelius Lucey, to An Ríoghacht on 27 October
1937, on the freedom of the press and the Constitution (6pp);
– typescript text of article entitled ‘The Irish Constitution (Bunreacht na hÉireann), (1937), ‘written for the Revista Xaveriana (Bogota, Columbia) at the
express request of the Editor (December 1937)’ (8pp);
– typescript text of article entitled ‘Ireland as a Catholic Nation’, ‘written for
Stimmen der Zeit (Munich) at the request of the Editor’ (n.d., 30pp).
See also P150/2895 for file on Dr. Michael Browne, Archbishop of Galway
(1937–80) including copy of a paper by Dr. Cornelius Lucey entitled ‘Good
Government’ ([September] 1933, 34pp) and copy of Prof. Browne’s paper
entitled ‘The Source and Purpose of Political Authority’ delivered at the
Clongowes Wood College Catholic Summer;
P150/2884 for text of an address entitled ‘The Church and the use of the Land’
delivered by Rev. Dr. Lucey at the opening of Catholic Social Week in Tipperary
on 22 March 1942. 38 items

2394 1937 Pamphlet by Prof. Alfred O’Rahilly entitled
Thoughts on the Constitution (Browne and Nolan
Ltd.). ‘…these Thoughts…include the substance of three articles contributed to
the Irish Independent and of an article which appeared in the Catholic Herald’.
75pp

2395 16 February–25 May 1937 Holograph letters to de Valera from Dr. John
Charles McQuaid C.S.Sp., President of
Blackrock College, relating to the drafting of Articles 40–45 in the published
Constitution. Includes 7 undated letters and 5 drafts of or comments on, certain
sections relating to Article 41, the ‘Duties of Authority’ and the ‘Death Penalty’
and ‘Personal Rights’.
Note: most of the enclosures referred to by Dr. McQuaid, were not found in the
file.
Also accompanied by holograph letter to de Valera from Vivion de Valera–‘His
Reverence has spent the day in an elaborate research on the origins and uses of
the present and future of the verb to be. His conclusions no doubt are accurate.
I have been treated to discourses on the hebrew, latin, greek, old English etc. uses which reminded me of similar agonies in the past associated with such subjects as quadratic equations and the binomial theorem. However he has gone to great trouble and would like a word with you at absolutely any time you name. From what he told me I think he might possibly help’ (n.d., 2pp).

See P150/2904 for 1932–72 correspondence between de Valera and John Charles McQuaid C.S.Sp., Archbishop of Dublin (1940–72); P150/2406 for file entitled Basis of Authority containing quotations probably sent to de Valera by Dr. John Charles McQuaid C.S.Sp., from Papal Pronouncements.

32 items

22 February 1937 Carbon copy ‘Note of Miscellaneous Points Arising on Constitution of 1922, as amended’. Marked with de Valera’s delta sign and labelled ‘Put with this Draftsman’s Comments’. 5pp

1–4 March 1937 Material relating to the work of the Parliamentary Draftsman Arthur V. Matheson. Comprises:
– ‘Comments on Literal’ Translation, (Articles within the range 3–35) referring to the text in item P150/2392 (n.d., 6pp);
– letter to de Valera from Matheson enclosing ‘a suggested draft of Article 10 of the new Constitution’.
‘In preparing this draft I have been guided chiefly by a desire to avoid the numerous defects which experience has disclosed in the wording of Article 11 of the existing Constitution. The theory underlying the old Article 11 and the new Article 10 is that all natural resources should belong to the State and should be exploited for the benefit of the people and not for the private profit of individuals…’ (1 March 1937, 2 items, 2pp & 1p);
– ‘The Constitution. The Parliamentary Draftsman’s notes on the revised draft received by him on 2nd March, 1937’. Stamped ‘Parliamentary Draftsman’s Office. 2 March 1937 and labelled ‘Notes on Revise’ (2 March 1937, 3pp) (Articles 13 and 32 in this note correspond with Articles 15 and 34 section 4/3 in the published Constitution);
– letter to de Valera from Matheson enclosing suggestions for re-drafts of various sections of Articles 14, 15 & 23 up to Article 24, relating to the re-election of Chairman of Dáil Éireann, certification of money bills and reference of bills to Supreme Court (4 March 1937, 5 items, 1p each).
9 items
2398  3 March 1937  **Irish Draft, 3. 3. 37** (envelope also labelled ‘Private & Confidential. J.J. Hearne, 13/3/37’) containing Irish text of Articles 1–25. Pages marked ‘X’.1–‘X’.53. Annotated by de Valera. First page also labelled ‘3.3.37. Last Draft’ by de Valera. No text is given here for Article 23, section 3, sub-section (*Provision for counsel to argue*) or Article 25, sections 2 and 3 sub-section 2.

54pp

2399  7 March 1937  Printed proof copies of the 1937 Constitution, Articles 1–23 (no Preamble). One set marked ‘A’ ‘First copy from Press’ by de Valera and other copy (with minor corrections by de Valera) labelled ‘A’ ‘Confidential–Authoritative Translation’ and ‘Recd. 7.III.37’ and marked with delta sign.

2 items, 21pp each


2 items, 10pp each


52pp


[There is considerable difference in the text here and the text in the published Constitution] 2 items, 13pp & 1p

2404 20, 25 March, 1 April 1937 Complete Irish Copy from Printers, March 25, 1937 [labelled in Kathleen O’Connell’s hand] comprising three sets of page and galley proofs of Irish text of:
– Articles 1–37 and 43–60 (25 March 1937, 24pp). Marked in pencil with date ‘25-3-37’;
– Articles 1–37 (1 April 1937, 19pp). Labelled ‘1.iv.37.’ by de Valera. 3 items

2405 June 1935 Copy text of a paper entitled ‘Catholic Education. Its Functions and Its Scope’ delivered by Fr. John Charles McQuaid C.S.Sp., President of Blackrock College, Dublin, at the Catholic Truth Congress, St. Kieran’s College, Kilkenny on 28 June 1935. Inscribed by Dr. McQuaid ‘To the President with my kind respects’. 27pp

2406 [March 1937] Basis of Authority containing quotations sent to de Valera by Dr. John Charles McQuaid C.S.Sp., President of Blackrock College, later Archbishop of Dublin, from Papal Pronouncements including the Encyclical Immortale Dei and opinions relevant to the title given above as follows:
– quotations relevant to the Preamble (n.d., 1p); ‘Form of Government’ (n.d., 1p) and the ‘Origin of Authority’ (n.d., 2pp);
– opinions on Authority and Power quoting Catholic philosophers and theologians, relevant to Article 6 (n.d., 3pp);
– opinion relevant to Article 40.1–‘All citizens shall, as human persons be held equal before the law’ (n.d., 1p);
– opinion relating to the definition of ‘Moral person or body or corporation or institution’ (n.d., 1p);
– ‘Rousseau’s Theory of Civil Authority’–opinion by Dr. John C. McQuaid C.S.Sp. (n.d., 1p). Also typescript copy of same (1p);
– holograph notes by Dr. McQuaid on the donation and designation theory of power (n.d., 2pp). Also typescript copy of same (2pp) 8 items
Personal Rights containing typescript criticism of or opinions on:
– Article 38.5 (ii) (Personal Rights); Article 41 (Family); Article 42 (Education) and Article 43 (Private Property) [written by Fr. John C. McQuaid] (n.d., 3pp);
– ‘Re suggested method of dealing with directive provisions’. One page headed ‘Property Section–’ in hand of Fr. McQuaid (n.d., 7pp);
3 items

The Family containing quotations relating to the Family (Article 39) from Papal Encyclicals.
20pp

Education containing quotations relating to Education (Article 40) from Divini Illius by Pius XI. (Article 42 in the published text deals with Education)
10pp

Religion comprising quotations relating to Religion (Article 42, in published text Article 44) mainly from Papal Encyclicals, including Immortale Dei, 1 November 1885, Libertas, Rerum Novarum, Leo XIII and Divini Illius, Pius XI.
54pp

Private Property comprising documents relating to Private Property and the Directive Principles of Social Policy as follows:
– quotations from Papal Encyclicals (Immortale Dei and Rerum Novarum, Leo XIII; Quadragesimo Anno, Aasti Aonubii and Divini Illius, Pius XI) relating to Private Property (Article 41, in published text Article 43) (n.d., 37pp);
– comment on Article 43, 2–‘Delimitation of right of private ownership’ (n.d., 2pp);
– comment on ‘Directive principles of Social Policy’, a defence against the view that they are ‘but pious aspirations, devoid of effective force’ (n.d., 2pp);
– comments on ‘Rights of Women. Article 40. 1.’ (n.d., 3pp);
– typescript headed ‘Re Norton’s Amendments’. Includes holograph note (in ink) by Fr. McQuaid and annotations by de Valera (n.d., 3pp);
– typescript draft texts of Article on Private Property (No 43 or 44; 43 in published text) and comments (16–[19] April 1937, 9 items), including covering note (16 April 1937, 1p) to Philip P. O’Donoghue (Legal Advisor, Attorney General’s Office) from Arthur Matheson Parliamentary Draftsman, enclosing two copies of a re-draft of Article 44 for submission to de Valera.
contd. (16 April 1937, 2 items, 1p each); text of Article on Private Property, labelled by de Valera ‘Passed for Trans[latio]n 10.IV.37. Fundamental Rights’ (19 April 1937, 1p); comments on the re-draft by Fr. McQuaid–‘The recast of Article 43 is a very able piece of work. Evidently, the author has a good background of theory but I should say that his background is not quite ours’ (n.d., 3pp);

2412 n.d. Catholic Principles of Political Authority
comprising handwritten memorandum [in handwriting of Philip P. O'Donoghue, Legal Adviser, Office of the Attorney General]; entitled ‘Catholic Principles of Political Authority’ (3pp) and ‘The Mind of St. Thomas’ (1p). Also typescript copy of same (4pp).
2 items, 4pp each

2413 31 March–26 April 1937 Re-drafts, April 7th 1937 containing drafts of Articles relating to The Family, Education, Religion and the Preamble as follows:
– typescript headed ‘Draft Constitution’ of Article 42 on The Family (April 1937, 2pp). Labelled by Kathleen O'Connell ‘Re-draft from this made on April 7th 1937’. Amended by de Valera;
– amended texts headed ‘Draft Constitution’ of Article 42/43 on Education as follows:
  • ‘As revised on the instructions of the President on 31st March 1937’ (31 March 1937, 1p);
  • ‘Re-draft from this made on April 7th 1937’ (April 1937, 1p);
  • ‘April 7, 1937’ (7 April 1937, 2pp);
  • undated copy (n.d., 1p);
– amended and corrected texts of Article 42/45 on ‘Religion’ as follows:
  • ‘A’–‘Returned by Mr. O’Griobhtha 15/4/37’ (April 1937, 2pp);
  • ‘B’–‘Re-draft from this made on April 7th 1937’ (April 1937, 1p);
  • ‘C’–undated copy (n.d., 1p);
  • ‘D’–‘Documents taken by S.T. to Nuncio for Card.?’ (11 April 1937, 1p);
  • ‘E’–(26 April 1937, 1p).
12 items
2414  2 May 1937  **Souvenir Drafts**

containing miscellaneous material as follows:

- typescript drafts of English text of Articles 36–38 relating to The Family and Marriage; Private Property and Education as follows (all texts amended and annotated by de Valera):
  - text labelled ‘Draft for Emendation’ by de Valera (n.d., 2pp);
  - text marked with de Valera’s delta sign and dated ‘5.2.37’ (5 February 1937, 2pp);
  - text divided into sections (n.d., 2pp);
- typescript text of Part 1. The Nation and Part II. The State. Marked ‘Draft X’ (n.d., 2pp);
- typescript statement (n.d., 8pp) on what the State recognises, acknowledges or guarantees in relation to the following topics: The Family; Education; Private Property; Religion and Church and State. Amended by E. de Valéra and John Charles McQuaid C.S.Sp. (Education section);
- typescript text relating to Constitutional Guarantees (n.d., 4pp). Amended and corrected by de Valera and John Charles McQuaid C.S.Sp.;
- typescript text on the publication of matter of a blasphemous, seditious or indecent character or calculated to injure the credit of the State or the national interest (n.d., 1p). Corrected by de Valera.  

8 items

2415  1 April 1937  Printed copies of *Dréacht-Bhunreacht na hÉireann. Authoritative Translation*. Three copies with text for Articles 1–61, no Preamble and blank pages in place of Articles 40–44, as follows:

- copy with cover labelled ‘D.’, ‘1-IV-37’ and marked with delta sign by de Valera;
- copy labelled ‘D.’, ‘Presdt. 2nd copy. 1.IV.37’;
- copy labelled ‘1st April 1937’ ‘To Micheál Ó Griobhtha’. With minor corrections [by Ó Griobhtha].  

3 items, 53pp each

2416  [23 March]–4 June. 1937  **Comments by Depts.** on various drafts of the Constitution, between mid March and early June 1937, comprising:

- comments in an unknown hand on the draft Constitution (probably draft from mid-March 1937, see P150/2402) with the following headings: ‘Suggested method of dealing with certain directive provisions’ (sections of Articles 13 & 38–42), ‘To protect the State from vexatious litigation’ (relating to sections of Articles 10 & 13) and ‘Exclusion of Treaties from jurisdiction of Courts of Law’ (Article 25 2.8) (2 April 1937, 2pp). Accompanied by typescript copy labelled by de Valera ‘Return to Presdt.’ (2pp);
- memorandum signed by Nicholas Barron, on sections of Articles 31, 34, 40, 43, 44 & 50 (Courts of Justice), (n.d., 3pp);
– comment by ‘P.J.L.’ [Attorney General Patrick Lynch?] on the appointment and position of judges in Courts. Labelled ‘Proof. P.J.L. to be returned to P.’ (n.d., 3pp);
– comments on queries by Seán T. O’Kelly about Articles 39.2 and 3, about the possibility, on the coming of the Constitution into operation, ‘for a person whose marriage has been declared null by the Catholic Church to contract a lawful (second) marriage in Éire’ (corresponding Article in the published Constitution is probably 41.3.2 and 3) (n.d., 2pp);
– ‘R. C. B’s Comments’ on Articles 1–3 and sections of Articles 8, 10, 11, 16, 27, 38 & 41 in a draft Constitution (n.d., 2pp);
– letter to de Valera from Seosamh Ó Néill of the Department of Education commenting on the revised draft circulated on 1 April 1937 (8 April 1937, 3pp);
– carbon copy ‘Notes on Final draft Constitution’ by High Court Judge George Gavan Duffy (11 April 1937, 2pp). Attached is a typescript headed ‘G. D.’s Notes’ (n.d., 3pp). Marked with de Valera’s delta sign;
– holograph letters to de Valera from President of the High Court of Justice Conor A. Maguire originally returning drafts of the Constitution (23 March & 14 April 1937, 2 items, 3pp & 2pp). Encloses holograph comments (n.d., 9pp) ‘as occurred to me in perusing it. At times I have expressed views on the policy contained in...articles e.g. the Referendum, but generally speaking my comments are intended to help towards making the intention clear. It strikes me that it has not yet had the attention of the Parliamentary Draftsman...Mr. O’Donoghue should also be of great assistance on the Articles dealing with the Courts...’. Holograph notes accompanied by typed copy (6pp) headed ‘C.M.’s Comments’;
– ‘Comments by the Ceann Comhairle on the Articles of the draft Constitution, 1937, dealing with the National Parliament’ (Article 13 and other Articles) (n.d., 5pp).

17 items

10 April 1937

Printed copy of Dréacht-Bhunreacht na hÉireann. Authoritative Translation. With text for Articles 1–61, no Preamble and titles only (i.e. no text) for Articles 44 (Private Property), 45 (Religion) or 46 (Social Directives). Text annotated by de Valera. Marked on title page with delta sign and ‘First to be circulated for comments and observations’ in de Valera’s hand.

50pp
2418  14 April 1937 Typescript drafts of address by de Valera to the Dáil on the draft Constitution. With handwritten corrections.

2 items, 11pp & 10pp

2419  [11]–23 April 1937 Constitution Religious Articles Negotiations comprising:

– report headed ‘Negotiations with the Churches’, listing contacts between de Valera and the various churches between 3 and 16 April 1937 (persons seen, called on or phoned). ‘J.P.W.’ refers to Joseph P. Walshe (n.d., 3pp);
– envelope labelled ‘Documents Shown to the Nuncio on first visit, April 3rd, 1937. A1, B1, C1’ containing the following typescript documents:
  • A1: amended galley proof of Article on Religion (‘Article 42’) (3 April 1937, 1p). Annotated by de Valera ‘free exercise’ and ‘Copy shown Nuncio–Apr. 3rd. Did not leave a copy’;
  • B1: amended and corrected ‘Religion. Article –’ (3 April 1937, 2pp). Annotated by de Valera ‘This is a copy of document shown to Nuncio on Ap. 3–Copy left with him’;
  • C1: text of Preamble (3 April 1937, 1p). Page marked ‘X 1’. Annotated by de Valera ‘Copy of the Preamble shown to Nuncio Ap. 3. He was left copy’;
– envelope labelled ‘Copies of Documents shown Archbishop Byrne on first visit’, [probably 5 April 1937] containing typescript texts of Preamble and Articles on Religion, The Family and Education (n.d., 4 items, 1p each);
– envelope labelled ‘Copies of Documents taken by Sean T. to the Nuncio, who was to submit them to the Cardinal, Sunday, April 11, 1937’. Typescript documents marked A3, B3, C3’ comprising texts (11 April 1937, 3 items, 1p each) of ‘Proposed Preamble’, Article on Religion and ‘Notes’ on the foregoing, including the statement—‘There are very strong reasons for getting into the Constitution explicit mention of the Churches, with the Catholic church in the premier position—the opportunity may not recur. The combined influence of the churches will be united against atheism; the Church of Ireland and the Presbyterian Church are, like the Catholic Church, all-Ireland bodies in their organisation, and are powerful aids to prevent partition from being made complete or permanent’.
Preamble annotated by de Valera ‘Copy of Documents A, B, C taken by S.T. to the Nuncio for submission to the Cardinal. Ap. 11. 1937. The Nuncio to meet Cardinal at some p[oin]t on our territory this Sunday afternnoon’;
– envelope labelled ‘Notes. Religion and Constitn.’ Containing the same ‘Notes’ as referred to above. Page annotated by de Valera ‘Notes shown to Cardinal’ and ‘Further points given verbally to S.T.’ (11 April 1937, 1p);
– envelope labelled ‘Copies of Documents shown to Archbishop Gregg, to Rev. W.H. Massey, and taken by Dr. Irwin to be shown to the Moderator and Moderator Designate of the Presbyterian Church’ (between 12 and 14 April 1937). Marked. A4, B4, C4 and containing typescript texts of Article on Religion and the Preamble (11 April 1937 & n.d., 3 items, 1p each). ‘A4’ annotated by de Valera ‘This actual copy given to and returned by the Presbyterians’;
– letter to de Valera from Rev. William H. Massey, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland following his meeting with ‘two of our most prominent and
influential men’ and confirming his ‘own opinion expressed in our interview. We find nothing either in the substance or wording of the sections submitted to which we could fairly take exception’ (15 April 1937, 1p);

– envelope labelled ‘Copies of Documents taken by J.P.W. to Rome, April 16th, 1937’. Marked A5, B5, C5, D5 and containing the following typescript texts:

• A5 : ‘Proposed Preamble’ (11 April 1937). Annotated by de Valera ‘Copies given to J.P.W. for R., 16.IV.37’;
• B5 : Article on Religion (14 April 1937, 1p);
• C5 : ‘Instructions for Mr. Walshe’ (16 April 1937, 1p);
• D5 : ‘Pro Memoria’ (16 April 1937, 2pp). Annotated by de Valera ‘Copy given J.W. as a reminder 16.IV.37’. ‘If an attempt were made to embody in the new Constitution the full Catholic ideal there would be an immediate outcry from the Protestant section of the populations, and a bitter religious controversy might easily ensue…His Eminence, the Cardinal, and His Grace, the Archbishop of Dublin, as well as His Excellency, the Apostolic Nuncio, having regard to all the conditions, see no cause to disapprove. It is requested that the above considerations be placed before the Holy Father with a view to obtaining his approval and blessing before publication’;

– envelope labelled ‘Revised Pro Memoria’ containing a revised copy version of above, beginning ‘The proposed Articles are not the ideal as expressing the relationship that should exist between Church and State, but in the actual conditions it is not deemed possible to go farther’ (16 April 1937, 2pp);

– documents relating to Joseph P. Walshe’s visit to Rome between 16 and 22 April 1937 to seek Papal approval of the proposed Articles (16–23 April 1937, 7 items) as follows:

• typescript ‘Instructions for Mr Walshe’ (16 April 1937, 1p);
• typescript ‘Pro. Memoria’ as above (16 April 1937, 2pp). Annotated by de Valera ‘Re-draft from that given J.P.W.’;
• holograph minute from Joseph P. Walshe to de Valera (probably on or after 20 April, 1p), following his interview with the Secretary of State Cardinal Pacelli but before the Cardinal’s meeting with the Pope. ‘Cardinal’s attitude towards general question is that Vatican could only approve completely if Church recognised by State because it is Church favoured by Our Lord. Explained all reasons why this absolutely impossible. They will…give blessing privately. Pacelli gratified by title as set out by you…shall telegraph tomorrow’;
• typescript note by Joseph P. Walshe to de Valera about the Popes expression ‘taceremo We shall maintain silence sums up whole attitude towards Constitution…I am convinced that with their rigid tradition they could not go further. It is a great deal that they should take the position of friendly and sympathetic silence……Full report goes this evening’ (22 April 1937, 1p);
• holograph detailed report by Joseph P. Walshe on his visit to Rome, recounting the interviews he had between 18 and 22 April (22 April 1937, 12pp). On 18 April he was received by Monsignor Pizzardo to whom he gave the first three sections of Article 45. On 20 April he had an interview with Cardinal Pacelli, Secretary of State, who was to see the Holy Father the following day. ‘According to the strict teaching of the Church’, the Cardinal said with a smile ‘we were heretics to recognize any church but the one true church of Christ’. Had another interview with the Cardinal on 21 April who gave the exact text of the words used by the Holy Father ‘Ni approvo, ni non disapprovo,'
contd. taceremo’…’I do not approve, neither do I not disapprove. We shall maintain silence’. On the question of marriage…the Cardinal said we were also heretical. On 22 April Walshe had another interview at the Cardinal’s request when the question of the Coronation [of King George VI of England] was raised and the Irish attitude to it, in particular to the abstention of the Legate from attendance at Westminster.

- typescript copy telegram sent to Rome Legation (in cipher) seeking the official title of the Church (22 April 1937, 1p);
- typescript text of telegram received from Joseph P. Walshe in Rome. The official title approved for use is ‘The Holy Catholic Apostolic and Roman Church’ (23 April 1937, 1p);
- holograph letter to de Valera from Right Rev. F.W.S. O’Neill, Moderator of Assembly, The Presbyterian Church of Ireland, thanking him for sending a copy of the Constitution and informing him of his[(the Outgoing Moderator’s] radio broadcast in which he intends to ‘make grateful references to the Preamble of the Constitution and the section on Religion’. Accompanied by de Valera’s reply (1 & 6 May 1937, 2 items, 1p each).


Typescript drafts of Article on Religion (Article 44 in published Constitution, drafted variously as Article 45 and Article 43). Comprises:
- ‘Proposed Draft’ (11 April 1937, 1p). Labelled by de Valera ‘Copy draft shown N, AB, & C’ (‘N’—Nuncio Paschal Robinson; ‘AB’—Archbishop of Dublin Dr. Edward Byrne; ‘C’—Cardinal Joseph MacRory, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland);
- text of Section 2 of the Article on Religion (n.d., 1p);
- ‘Religion. Article 45’ (14 April 1937, 1p). Labelled by de Valera ‘Copy of that taken to R(ome) before correction’;
- ‘Religion. Article 45’ (21 April 1937, 1p);
- ‘Religion. Article 45’. Two versions, section 1 only and section 1 and 2 (22 April 1937, 2 items, 1p each);
- ‘Religion. Article 45’. Two versions, section 1 only and section 1 and 2 (23 April 1936, 2 items, 1p each);
- ‘Article 43. Religion’ (24 April 1937, 1p);
- ‘Religion. Article 45’ (26 April 1937, 1p).
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Bunreacht na hÉireann (Dréacht). Annotated published copy of the draft Constitution. Hand unidentified. Autographed by de Valera on 30 April 1937. (The draft Constitution was published and circulated on 1 May). Dublin: Stationery Office. 115pp

30 April 1937  Printed Bunreacht na hÉireann (Dréacht). Inscribed ‘Do Micheál Ó Griobhtha mar chuimhneachán ar an sár-obair a rinne sé ar an mbunracht seo. Éamon de Valéra, 30.iv.37’. Inside is a slip of paper indicating that the draft was given to the Franciscan Fathers by Ó Griobhtha’s son Phillip in January 1988. 2 items, 115pp & 1p

April & May 1937  Drafts of de Valera’s explanatory addresses on the proposed new Constitution, broadcast in Irish (at 10.45p.m.) and English (at 11pm.) on Radio Athlone on 30 April 1937 (6 items). Also texts as published in The Irish Press on 1 May 1937 (3pp).

‘The Constitution now before the country has been drawn up from a severely practical point of view. It is not an essay in the application of the political or legal theories of any particular school. It is designed to provide a firm foundation for an ordered life and peaceful political development within the community, but the ideals which ought to inspire and direct that development are rightly emphasised…In my judgement a Constitution ought to do more than define the character of the legislative, executive and judicial regime…It should inspire as well as control, elicit loyalty as well as compel it…No one, I hope, expects that with the adoption of this Constitution the national goal has been reached. There are many injustices in the existing political situation which this Constitution cannot directly remove—the partition of our country, the occupation by Great Britain of positions on our ports, the exaction by Britain of money which we hold not to be due, legitimate dissatisfaction with these injustices will remain, different parties will continue to propose different policies for dealing with them. But the aim in drafting this Constitution has been so to design it that all these controversies will be outside the Constitution itself and will not stand in the way of any remedies that may be proposed. The Constitution as drafted will fit and will not prejudice whatever policies the people decide to adopt with regard to these matters. Within its framework domestic peace can be assured, and, in the words of its Preamble, the unity of our country restored, and concord established with other nations’.

Also includes extract from Vital Speeches of the Day (p.466–468) comprising the text of de Valera’s broadcast, on the ‘draft constitution which has been published this evening…this draft will be the subject of detailed discussion in the Dáil, and upon conclusion of this examination it will be submitted for the people’s approval in an national plebiscite’. Article is entitled ‘God’s Given Rights. Principles of the New Irish Constitution’ (15 May 1937, 3pp). 10 items
1 May 1937  
*Bunreacht na hÉireann. (Dréacht).* Front cover labelled ‘President’ and ‘Draft. Presented to D.E.’ and marked with delta sign. Title page autographed by de Valera on 1 May 1937. Annotated by de Valera. 115pp

1–29 May 1937  
Press comments on Drafts comprising cuttings and compilations of reports from British, American and Australian newspapers following publication of the draft Constitution on 1 May 1937. Includes:
- cuttings from British newspapers (1–14 May 1937, 10 items, 1p each);
- ‘British Press Summary’ No. 148 and No. 149 (5 & 8 May 1937, 2 items, 4pp & 2pp);
- typescript text of cablegrams from the Irish Free State Legation in Washington summarising American press reaction to the Constitution (1 & 3 May 1937, 2 items, 2pp & 3pp);
- covering letter from Joseph P. Walshe to Kathleen O’Connell (19 May 1937, 1p) enclosing similar summary prepared by the Washington Legation, of American press comments on the draft Constitution (7 May 1937, 8pp);
- further summary (11 May 1937, 7pp, 17 May 1937, 9pp, 24 May 1937, 4pp & 1 June 1937, 4pp);
- cuttings from American newspapers (1–29 May 1937, c.70 items). c.102 items

3–15 May, 23–26 June 1937  
Press cuttings re Constitution comprising cuttings from Irish newspapers, mainly on the status of women in the Constitution. Includes articles by Diarmaid ó Cruadhlaoin BL, Judge of the Supreme Court, Dáil Éireann, James Douglas, Frank Pakenham, Prof. Alfred O’Rahilly, Prof. Mary Hayden, Dr. Kathleen Lynn and Máire de Blacam. 33 items

1 May 1937–9 September 1938  
Messages of Congratulation comprising letters of congratulation to de Valera on the Constitution, from members of the public in Ireland, the U.K. and the U.S.A. and various Fiáil Cumann and Irish-American organisations, from the date of publication, 1 May 1937, with formal acknowledgements from P.S. Ó Muireadhaigh [Private Secretary to the President of Executive Council and Taoiseach]. Includes telegrams or letters from James J. Mackin, U.S. Special Attorney; Miss Mary F. McWhorter, County President, Ancient Order of Hibernians of America and Ladies Auxiliary, Chicago; John J. Reilly, National President of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic; Frances Martell, National Secretary of the A.A.R.I.R. and Rev. Dr. Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne, Australia. Originally found in file cover ‘R.A. 275/37’ of the President’s Private Office. Filed in reverse chronological order. c.141 items
2436 May 1937 Typescript ‘Notes of M. David’s interview with the President. Interview to be submitted to the President before publication. 5th May, 1937’ [M. David of *La Journée Industrielle*]. Discusses the powers of the President under the proposed Constitution and the questions of partition and the Irish language. 2 items, 1p & 4pp

2437 May 1937 Typescript text of ‘Interview given to Mr. Lake for the “Boston American”, 6th May’ 1937 on various aspects of the proposed new Constitution, particularly the powers of the President as set out in the Constitution. ‘Quotations from American and English newspapers published here and comments of Irish politicians and newspapers have created the impression that the President…would be a person invested with dictatorial powers’. 4pp

2438 May 1937 Draft and approved texts of ‘Mr. Hugh Smith’s Interview with the President for “New York Times”—9/5/37’ (2 items, 7pp each). Also handwritten Irish version of interview (10pp). Discusses de Valera’s views on the Draft Constitution with reference to the powers of the President, the value of the Council of State, the use of the name ‘Éire’, the ‘special position given in the Constitution to the Catholic Church’, the status of women, the implications of the Constitution with regard to relations with Great Britain, the occupation of the Treaty ports, the 1936 External Relations Act and the proposed Constitution’s relationship with the Constitution of 1922. See also P150/2353 for article by Hugh Smith on the upcoming Irish General Election, headlined ‘Ireland Stages a Keen Duel…De Valera Battles to Remold Ireland…Cosgrave Seeks to Oust the President’ (27 June 1937); P150/2746 for article by Hugh Smith entitled “Éire’s ‘Dev’ at 65”. ‘The enigmatic New York-born Irish Premier remains his nation’s most dominant figure’ (12 October 1947) 3 items

2439 May 1937 Approved ‘Interview given by the President to Mr. David P. Sentner, London Correspondent of the International News Service—28th May 1937’ on relations with Britain, particularly in the context of the new Constitution and a comparison between the Proposed Irish Constitution and the Constitution of the U.S.A.. 5pp
2440 May 1937 ‘Interview given by the President to Mr. J.C. Watson, Hearst Newspapers, 29/5/1937’ on the proposed Constitution. Deals mainly with the powers of the President and women’s rights. Also refers to the ‘menace of Communism’ in Ireland. 4pp

2441 25 May & June & n.d. 1937 **Enactment by Dáil Éireann** comprising:

– typescript draft of de Valera’s speech to Dáil Éireann seeking approval for the Constitution (n.d., 14pp);
– typescript extracts from Deputy W.T. Cosgrave’s Dáil speech on the draft Constitution, with handwritten note on one page ‘Further extracts from Deputy Cosgrave’s speech with those already in front of the Minister. They complete the substance of what Dty. Cosg. said’ (n.d., 13pp);
– typescript text of proposed Amendments (n.d., 14pp);
– typescript explanatory notes on numbered amendments (initialled ‘JL/MW’) (n.d., 5pp);
– Dáil Éireann Bunreacht na hÉireann, (Dreacht). Printed amendments proposed at the Committee Stage of the Draft Constitution Bill (25 May 1937, 8pp) and report stages ([June] 1937, 12pp). Both annotated, mainly by de Valera. Accompanied by note reading ‘The State recognises that the right of men and women to work and obtain work are equal’;
– letter to de Valera from Minister for Finance Seán MacEntee (8 June 1937, 12p.) enclosing a memorandum prepared by the Revenue Commissioners in relation to ‘Deputy Costello’s proposed Amendment to Article 37’ (The Courts) (n.d., 3pp). Accompanied by minute by Philip P. O’Donoghue [Attorney General’s Department], on Article 37 (n.d., 2pp), opinion on Costello’s proposed amendment (author unknown) (n.d., 2pp) and ‘Notes for the Committee Stage’ relating to Article 37 (n.d., 1p).

18 items

2442 5 & 10 June 1937 Three copies of Bunreacht na hÉireann (Dréacht) As amended in Committee. With note on title page: ‘This reprint “as amended in Committee” incorporates amendments to the English text only’.

• Copy 1 (bound) marked with delta sign and labelled by de Valera ‘Draft as amended in Committee’ and ‘5-VI-37’. English text annotated by de Valera.
• Copy 2 (bound) also marked with delta sign and labelled by de Valera ‘Draft as Amended in Committee D.E.’.
• Copy 3 (unbound) labelled ‘Used in Dáil on Thursday 10-VI-37’. English text annotated in unknown hand.

3 items, 115pp each
2443  12 June 1937  Two copies of Dréacht-Bhunreacht (Draft Constitution), As amended on Report.

- Copy 1 (bound) marked with delta sign and labelled on front cover by de Valera ‘Draft as amended on Report’ and ‘12.VI.37’. Title page also labelled ‘Not Final’. Minor annotations to text by de Valera. Accompanied by holograph note by de Valera on separate sheet headed ‘Notes for Speeches’ and ‘FA notes’ (n.d., 1p).
- Copy 2 also marked with delta sign and dated by de Valera ‘12.VI.37’. With note by de Valera inside title page ‘Check pages & Nos.’

3 items, 117pp each (2) and 1p

2444  June 1937  Notes for and draft of de Valera’s radio broadcast following the Dáil’s approval on 14 June of the amended draft of the proposed Constitution, by a vote of 62 to 48 (2 items, 3pp & 10pp) and report on the broadcast relayed to America, printed in The Irish Press under the headline ‘Spiritual Import of Draft Constitution. In time of world conflict on essentials enshrines hallowed traditions’ (16 June 1937, 3pp).

‘Mr. de Valera briefly and simply told of the passage of the Draft Constitution through the Dáil and explained that it now remained for the people to enact it. Having summarised briefly the nature of its chief provisions and the character of government proposed to be set up under it, Mr. de Valera emphasised the importance of the Constitution as an embodiment of the spiritual and cultural traditions of the Irish people’.

The Constitution ‘is designed to be a practical instrument of Government. It is based throughout on the democratic principle–acknowledging that the people have the right not merely from time to time to designate their rulers or to set the bounds of these rulers’ authority in a Constitution but also, in the last resort, to decide by their votes every disputed question of national policy…Our people are a conservative people. For fifteen hundred years they have preserved the tradition and practised the rule of the Christian life. We stand in a world for the public worship of God in the way which He has shown to be His will, without trespassing on the freedom of the individual to profess and practice his religion according to his conscience. We stand for the institution of the family, the indissolubility of the marriage bond, the right of private ownership, and liberty of speech, assembly and association subject to the moral law the lawful authority of the State and the exigencies of the common good…’

4 items


117pp


c. Constitution Day, 29 December 1937

26 November 1937 ‘Explanatory Memorandum’ on the ‘proposals circulated this evening for the election of the forty-three members of the Seanad to be elected from the panels set out in the Constitution’. With annotation in the hand of Kathleen O’Connell ‘November 26th, 1937 Given to Press at 11.20 pm at Govt. Bldgs. P. saw reporters’. 4pp

15 December 1965 Cutting from The Irish Press headed Drafting of the Bunreacht on the Government’s answer to a question asked in the Dáil on the names of those who assisted in drawing up the 1937 Constitution. ‘Mr. Childers (for the Taoiseach) said the Constitution was drafted by Civil Servants, including legal officers, working under the instructions of the then President of the Executive Council, who acted in consultation with his Ministerial colleagues. In the preparation of the Irish text of the Constitution—which was of course the fundamental text—the President had the benefit of the services and advice of a number of eminent scholars of the Irish language. It would be contrary to the Civil Service tradition of anonymity to disclose the names of the civil servants who were engaged on the drafting work.’ Lists the names of the ‘scholars of the Irish language’ who aided in the drafting. 1p
2450  22 December 1937  **Constitution Day–Religious Services, Ceremonies etc.** comprising timetable of arrangements for religious services and official ceremonies on 29 December 1937, ‘Constitution Day’ (n.d., 1p), memorandum headed ‘Constitution Day, 1937. Procession from Government Buildings to the Pro-Cathedral and Return’ (n.d., 3pp), Department of Defence Ceremonial Order No. 10/1937 (22 December 1937, 5pp) and Department of the President minute for the President’s Private Secretary on the religious services ‘in connection with the inauguration of the Constitution of Ireland on Wednesday, 29th’ 1937 (S.1043) (22 December 1937, 1p).  
4 items

2451  December 1937  Texts of de Valera’s messages sent to various foreign newspapers and agencies for publication on 29 December 1937, the day the new Constitution came into operation and miscellaneous American and English newspaper reports from the same day. Comprises messages for Smith’s Weekly, Sydney, The Christian Science Monitor (U.S.A.), Hearst Newspapers (U.S.A.) and La Stampa, Turin. Also includes copies of correspondence between de Valera and Rev. Dr. Bernardo Bertoglio, Bishop of Bobbio and Abbot of St. Colombanus arising out of de Valera’s statement as published in La Stampa (January & February 1938 & February 1939, 4 items).  
13 items

2452  December 1937  Holograph and typescript drafts of de Valera’s ‘Constitution Day Broadcast’ transmitted on 29 December 1937. ‘Although not designed, a singular appropriateness marks the moment at which the National Constitution comes into operation. It is the season of peace and goodwill. I hope and pray that with the Constitution our country will have a new life of peaceful and ordered progress in friendship with her neighbours and the other nations of the world. I have come to speak to you tonight, to ask you to dwell with me for a little while on the importance of the event which is now taking place.’  
5 items

2453  28–30 December 1937  Cuttings from Irish newspapers on the coming into operation of the Constitution on 29 December 1937.  
14 items

2454  31 December 1937  **Coming into operation, statements and press comments** containing covering note from Seán Murphy to Kathleen O’Connell (31 December 1937, 1p) enclosing copy cablegram from the Irish Legation in Washington giving American press reaction on the coming into operation of the Constitution (31 December 1937, 1p) and ‘Copy of Statement issued by the British Government 30th December, 1937’ (31 December 1937, 1p).  
3 items
Copy Department of the President list (S.8946) headed ‘Constitution, 1937. Development prior to drafting’ listing the file reference numbers dealing with the various ‘stages in the preparation and enactment of the Draft Constitution, 1937’.

2pp


117pp

Message from Members of Congress containing reports in the New York Enquirer on the message of good will sent to de Valera and the people of Ireland by ‘a majority of the combined membership of both Houses of Congress’. ‘This document…congratulates Mr. de Valera and the Irish people upon the coming into effect of the new constitution of Ireland and points to the “strong and cordial” relations which have always subsisted between Ireland and America’. Also includes the text of the ‘Message of Good Will’ on a full page of the paper.

3 items, 1p each

Articles by ‘Lex’ comprising typescript copy of preface (1p) and ‘three articles by a lawyer on An Irish Constitution’ (post December 1937, 9pp) for publication in The Irish Press. Also accompanied by typescript draft of part of a speech by de Valera on the achievements of Fianna Fáil over the past 5 years, and future problems (n.d. (1937), 1p).

10pp
d. Associated material and amendments, 1938 – 72

2459
20 & 21 June 1938
Figures for votes cast ‘in the plebescite on the Constitution last year’, noting majorities against the Constitution in 4 constituencies. 2pp

2460
1937–June 1938
c.73pp

2461
1936–39
Bound volume labelled ‘Constitution and Relevant Acts’ containing the printed texts of the following documents:
• No. 1: Bunreacht na hÉireann (Constitution of Ireland), 1937;
• No. 2: Constitution (Amendment No. 27) Act 1936 (No. 57 of 1936);
• No. 3: Executive Authority (External Relations) Act 1936 (No. 58 of 1936);
• No. 4: Plebiscite (Draft Constitution) Act 1937 (No. 16 of 1937);
• No. 5: Executive Powers (Consequential Provisions) Act 1937 (No. 20 of 1937);
• No. 6: Interpretation Act, 1937 (No. 38 of 1937);
• No. 7: Constitution (Consequential Provisions) Act 1937 (No. 40 of 1937);
• No. 8: Defence Force Act, 1937 (No. 41 of 1937);
• No. 9: Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act, 1937 (No. 43 of 1937);
• No. 10: Treason Act, 1939 (No. 10 of 1939);
• No. 11: Offences Against the State Act, 1939 (No. 13 of 1939);
• No. 12: Emergency Powers Act, 1939 (No. 28 of 1939);
• No. 13: First Amendment of the Constitution Act, 1939.
1 item
[November] 1940  Amendment of Constitution Bill comprising handwritten Irish text of the Preamble to the Constitution (in extra-large letters) (7pp) and text (also in extra large letters) of ‘Second Draft’ of the ‘Second Amendment of the Constitution Act, 1941’. The Second Amendment of the Constitution Act, 1941 was introduced in Dáil Éireann on 27 November 1940 by de Valera and came into effect on 30 May 1941.

[The Second Stage was introduced on 2 April 1941, the Committee Stage began on 24 April, the Report Stage on 1 May, the Fifth Stage on 7 May. The Bill was introduced into the Seanad on 14 May, the Second Stage was passed and the Bill entered the Committee Stage on 21 May. The Report and Final Stages were taken on 27 May 1941 and all stages passed]

The Second Amendment Act contains changes to the Irish text for which there is no corresponding change in the English text, because the Constitution Bill was debated in English and amendments as they were accepted were subsequently translated into Irish and some such changes were not carried through.

2 items, 7pp & 267pp

1941 Bound Bunreacht na hÉireann. Text prepared in accordance with Article 25.

With note by de Valera on title page ‘Consn. as from date of enrollment 25 March 1942’. List of dates, from introduction of the Constitution Bill in the Dáil, 10 March 1937 to enrollment 25 March 1942 pasted onto title page. Opposite the title page, there is a holograph annotation by de Valera about Amendment No. 27, Act No. 57 of 1936, 11 December 1936–‘We are a Republic. On Dec. 11th 1936 we passed Amdt. of the Constn. deleting all the King Clauses remaining at that date and transferring to the then Executive Council. Also by Amendt. of Art. 51 enabling the Ex. Council to [blank]. This Bill was signed by the Gov. Genl…’. Volume marked with de Valera’s delta sign. Accompanied by typescript page citing references to King, Crown or His Majesty by number of the Article and page in the 1922 Constitution (n.d., 1p).

127pp

1942 Printed bound copy of Bunreacht na hÉireann (Constitution of Ireland). Enacted by the People 1st July, 1937. (In operation as from 29th December, 1937) (Dublin: Stationery Office, 1942), being a copy of the ‘text prepared in accordance with Article 25 and enrolled in the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court on the 25th day of March, 1942’. Marked with delta sign and annotated inside front cover by de Valera–‘Consn. As “published” ends at Art. 50’, with holograph list of relevant Constitution dates, 1937–1942 and a typed version of same inside back cover.

126pp
1940–42

Bound volume labelled ‘Constitution and Relevant Acts, 1940–42’ containing the published texts of the following documents:

- No. 1: Emergency Powers (Amendment) Act, 1940 (No. 1 of 1940);
- No. 2: Offences against the State (Amendment) Act, 1940 (No. 2 of 1940);
- No. 3: Emergency Powers (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1940 (No. 16 of 1940);
- No. 4: Emergency Powers (Continuance) Act, 1940 (No. 18 of 1940);
- No. 5: Offences against the State (Forfeiture) Act, 1940 (No. 27 of 1940);
- No. 6: Second Amendment of the Constitution Act, 1941;
- No. 7: Constitution (including Amendments made in first three years).
- No. 8: Emergency Powers (Continuance) Act, 1941 (No. 16 of 1941);
- No. 9: Offences against the State (Forfeiture) Act, 1941 (No. 21 of 1941);
- No. 10: Offences against the State (Forfeiture) Act, 1942 (No. 16 of 1942) and
- No. 11: Emergency Powers (Continuance and Amendment) Act, 1942 (No. 19 of 1942).

1 item

August 1944

Copy of Department of External Affairs file arising out of a letter of 9 August 1944 to the Taoiseach, from [Rev.] J.R. O'Rourke, Killoughey Rectory, Tullamore, enclosing a copy of part of ‘an alternative prayer issued for use in the Church of Ireland. It seems to take for granted that the chief ruler here is King George. I would be obliged if you would tell me whether it is in accord with the Constitution of Éire’. Accompanied by:

- copies of a memorandum by Philip P. O’Donoghue [Legal Advisor, Attorney General’s Office] concluding ‘no outside Government could exercise any power as such in or in respect of this State without doing violence to the integrity of our Constitution’ (August 1944, 2 items, 2pp each);
- schedule of relevant legislation (n.d., 1p);
- memorandum by Joseph P. Walshe outlining the ‘constitutional and legal position’ and concluding, with respect to the question put forward in the letter that ‘any act which purports to make the King appear to be the Sovereign or Head of the Irish State is an Act of formal disloyalty against the Constitution and laws of the State’ (16 August 1944, 3pp);
- memorandum by Philip P. O’Donoghue concluding ‘The present position is that apparently with the assent of this State the King is properly styled King of Ireland, as part of his full regal description. It may be said that the entrusting of such important executive functions of the sovereign State of Ireland in the external domain, as the conclusion of international treaties and the appointment of diplomatic representatives, to the personage who is styled the King of Ireland is at least endowing that Sovereign with functions which are appropriate to something much more than mere titulary Kingship’ (23 August 1944, 2pp);
- copy memorandum headed ‘The Present Position of the King in Irish Law’ (n.d., post 1938, 2pp). 7 items
1 March 1946  Covering note to Kathleen O'Connell from Michael Rynne (1 March 1946, 1p) enclosing a typescript copy of ‘Mr. Carroll O’Daly’s note on the Constitution (prepared for the “Lawyers’ Directory”—Chicago)’ (n.d., 15pp).

2 items, 1p & 15pp


11 May & 24 June 1946  Copy covering letter from de Valera to Fr. Robert I. Gannon S.J., President of Fordham University, New York sent with two autographed copies of the Constitution, ‘The spelling of the Irish words in the small book correspond in the main to that likely to be adopted as the official spelling’ (11 May 1946, 1p) and letter of thanks from Fr. Gannon (24 June 1946, 1p).  2 items, 1p each

1947  The Constitution of the Union of Burma, Constituent Assembly of Burma, (Rangoon, Supdt. Govt. Printing and Stationery, Burma). Inscribed to the Taoiseach with compliments from U. Chan Htoon, Constitutional Adviser to the Constituent Assembly and Government of Burma, 30/10/47. Cover autographed by de Valera.  67pp

1948  Draft Constitution of India, prepared by the Drafting Committee, Constituent Assembly of India. Printed by the Manager, Govt. of India Press, New Delhi.  214pp

1949–59  Miscellaneous press cuttings on the 1937 Constitution, including articles on Article 44 (Religion) and on the occasions of the twentieth and twenty-first anniversaries of the Constitution.  12 items
2473 June 1949–October 1955; File of correspondence and press cuttings relating to the provisions of the Constitution in regard to Religion and Article 44 in particular. Comprises:
– correspondence between de Valera and Mrs. Mary Collins, 99 Seafield Road, Clontarf, Dublin, regarding the ‘recognition of the Kingship of Christ or in other words recognition of the Catholic Church as the One True Church by the State’ (20 June–30 July 1949, 5 items);
– press cuttings and correspondence between de Valera and Donal Barrington, 26 Iona Crescent, Glasnevin, Dublin about de Valera’s letter to the Director of Broadcasting at Radio Éireann, stating that Article 44.1.2 of the Constitution was in no way based on or derived from the Concordat made between Bonaparte and Pope Pius VII in 1801, as claimed in a broadcast on the Constitution (13–19 October 1955, 7 items);
– holograph letters from Eoin P. Ó Caoimh (28 February & 14 October 1955, 3 items, 1p each);
– copy minute (7 April 1958, 2pp) to Joseph P. Walshe Secretary, Department of External Affairs, Dublin, from Leo T. McCauley, Irish Ambassador to the Holy See, about lectures on the Irish Constitution in the Angelicum University, enclosing a report to the Holy See prepared by the Secretary of the Embassy, Seán Ó hÉideáin, (5 April 1958, 8pp). 18 items

2474 28 December 1957 Department of the Taoiseach list headed ‘Constitution of Saorstát Éireann: Amendments effected after 9th March 1932’. 3pp


2477 August—September 1967 Photocopy of *Sunday Independent* article headlined *Lawyer Attacks Constitution* on the 'most fierce, revealing and detailed legal criticism made upon Mr. de Valera’s 1937 Constitution...contained in an article by U.C.D.’s Professor of Constitutional Law...barrister Roderick J. O’Hanlon’ (original dated 6 August 1946, 2pp, article incomplete). Accompanied by subsequent articles published in the same paper—*International legal expert attacks our Constitution*—‘Just three weeks following the publication of strong criticisms...by...Dr. Rory O’Hanlon, another attack has been made on the Constitution, the Judiciary and the Irish Judicial System. It is by one of the world’s leading legal authorities, Dr. Loren P. Beth, Professor of Government at the University of Massachusetts’ (27 August 1967, 1p) and *Our Humpty Dumpty Constitution* by Patrick McGilligan...ex-Professor of International and Constitutional Law, University College Dublin; formerly Attorney-General, Minister for External Affairs, Minister for Industry and Commerce and Minister for Finance’(3 September 1967, 1p). 3 items


2479 8 November 1972 Typescript letter to President de Valera from Frank Duff expressing misgivings about the proposed change to Article 44 of the Constitution (Fundamental Rights: Religion) and reply from de Valera stating that it would be inappropriate for him to comment on the matter [Fifth Amendment to the Constitution Act, 1972]. 2 items, 3pp & 1p
IV. Negotiations with Great Britain, 1938

Minutes of meetings between the representatives of the Irish and British Governments, held in No. 10 Downing Street and the Prime Minister’s Room, House of Commons, on the following dates:

2480  17 January 1938 at 2.45p.m.  50pp
2481  18 January 1938 at 12 noon  17pp
2482  18 January 1938 at 3p.m.  24pp
2483  19 January 1938 at 12 noon  25pp
2484  19 January 1938 at 3p.m.  11pp
2485  23 February 1938 at 5p.m.  27pp
2486  3 March 1938 at 5p.m.  20pp

2487  13 January 1938  Memorandum for de Valera by Maurice Moynihan headed ‘Conference with British Ministers, January 1938. Restoration of the Six Counties’. 3pp

2488  17 January 1938  Black and white captioned press photographs relating to ‘Mr. de Valera in London for talks with the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, at Downing Street’ on 17 January 1938. Comprises prints of ‘Police clearing the crowd from Downing Street’ and ‘The crowd waiting at Downing Street, to see Mr. de Valera arrive’. 2 items, 20cm x 15cm each

2489  17 & 21 January 1938  Correspondence of de Valera during and immediately after the negotiations with Chamberlain in London between 17 and 19 January 1938. Comprises letter to de Valera from Canon Joseph Reardon of St. Patrick’s, Soho Square offering the church for public or private use during de Valera’s time in London (17 January 1938, 2pp) and copy ‘Secret’ letter from de Valera to Joseph P. Walshe in the Piccadilly Hotel, London, stating ‘I have made certain that no consent can be got here to any arrangement which would smell of “defence co-operation” (no matter what the other considerations might be) unless there
is some substantial and evident progress made at the same time towards bringing partition to an end. Our past history proves that no arrangement is better than one which would divide the main body of the nationalist forces. Our reply then on our return must be ‘NO’, unless you can get some move on that side about dealing with the partition problem. It is absolutely vital, and a mere “declaration” will not be enough. It will indeed be a pity if another opportunity for bringing about a genuine peace between the two peoples has to be let pass. “Ulster” prevented peace before. It is, I fear, going to prevent it again’ (21 January 1938, 1p).

‘Secret’ covering letters to de Valera from Malcolm MacDonald, following their meeting on 18 January, originally enclosing a draft ‘showing in outline what we had in mind as regards an agreement on defence questions’ (draft not present) (19 January 1938, 1p) and following their meeting on 19 January, enclosing a memorandum drawn up by Sir Thomas Inskip ‘designed to give an estimate of the expenditure, both capital and recurrent, which in the opinion of the United Kingdom Government would be required to enable the Government of Éire to carry out the terms of the provisional draft agreement in respect of the defended ports of Queenstown [Cobh], Berehaven and Lough Swilly’ (memorandum not present) (24 January 1938, 1p).

Typescript and holograph drafts of various statements issued by de Valera and the Irish delegation on 17 & 19 January 1938 during and after the conclusion of the series of meetings held between 17 and 19 January. Includes holograph notes written by de Valera on notepaper from 10 Downing Street (2pp) and statement issued from the Piccadilly Hotel and ‘Given to Paramount News & March of Time at about 12.30 midnight’ on [20] January 1938 (1p).

Newspaper reports mainly from English papers, on de Valera’s negotiations with Chamberlain in London between 17 & 19 January 1938. The Irish delegation consisted of de Valera, Seán Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce, Seán MacEntee, Minister for Finance, Dr. James Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, and the Secretaries of the four departments. The British delegation headed by Prime Minister Chamberlain, comprised Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Malcolm MacDonald, Dominions Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, Home Secretary, and at various times Minister for Agriculture W.S. Morrison, Minister for the Co-Ordination of Defence Sir Thomas Inskipp and President of the Board of Trade Oliver Stanley. Also includes copy of a translation of an article on the negotiations printed in the Frankfurter-General-Anzeiger on 21 January 1938 (5pp).

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2493  1 & 2 February 1938  Covering note to de Valera from Maurice Moynihan (2 February 1938, 3pp) enclosing a memorandum headed ‘Financial Relations between Northern Ireland and Great Britain’ (1 February 1938, 4pp) and ‘Extract from Parliamentary Debates…House of Commons…6th May 1937’ referred to in the memorandum (2pp). 3 items

2494  9 February 1938  Covering note from C Ó Síodhcháin, Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, to Maurice Moynihan, Secretary to the Government (February 1938, 1p) enclosing a Department of Agriculture ‘Memorandum in connection with agricultural commodities’ relating to the discussions which took place between ‘representatives of the Department of Agriculture and representatives of the British Board of Trade Ministry of Agriculture, etc., on the 21st and 22nd January, 1938, and…continued on the 26th and 27th January, 1938’ (n.d., 2pp). Includes accompanying schedules referred to in the memorandum, with the following headings: ‘A. Éire requests in connection with agricultural commodities subject to United Kingdom quantitative regulation’ (1p); ‘B. Éire requests in connection with agricultural commodities subject to United Kingdom duties’ (4pp); ‘C. Agricultural commodities subject to duty or other restrictions on entry into Éire, concessions asked for by United Kingdom (5pp)’ and ‘D. Concessions recommended in regard to duties and other restrictions on United Kingdom agricultural commodities entering Éire’ (8pp). 2 items

2495  13 September 1937–14 February 1938  File of ‘summarised particulars’ relating to payments to Great Britain. Includes copy of a British Treasury memorandum (24 January 1938, 4pp) and ‘Observations of Minister for Finance on British Treasury Memorandum’ (14 February 1938, 6pp), circulated in advance of the meeting of the Executive Council on 15 February 1938. 5 items

2496  18 February 1938  Handwritten covering note to Kathleen O’Connell from an official of the Department of the Minister for Lands Gerry Boland (18 February 1938, 1p) enclosing ‘Extracts from Lord MacDonnell’s Evidence Before Primrose Committee on Home Rule Finance 1911–12’ (1p), extracts from the evidence of Under-Secretary for Ireland Sir James Dougherty before the same committee (3pp), extracts from the report of the ‘Select Committee on the Taxation of Ireland (1864–65) regarding R.I.C. expenditure as Imperial’ (1p) and quotations from the ‘Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Ritchie and the Chief Secretary, Mr. Wyndham, re Basis for distribution of Imperial Grants’ (1p). 2 items, 1p & 7pp
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4 April 1938  Copy letter from de Valera to Joseph P. Walshe in London—‘I received the draft declaration this morning. I would not be satisfied with it at all. It is far too indefinite. I have not time to write you the criticisms now, as the bag is being held over. On the whole, I think it is better for us to have a definite agreement to be signed by both parties, and I send you herewith a draft prepared on that basis’.

2505  [April 1938]  Copy of a personal letter from de Valera to his son Vivion on Calculus—‘On my way here last night in the boat I was unable to go to sleep and to keep my thoughts off the likelihood of my being sick with the rolling of the boat I began to think over the changing variable problem for definite integrals...’. Annotated ‘On way to complete negotiations for 1938 Agreement’. Incomplete, first page only.

19 April 1938  Covering note to de Valera from Seán Murphy, of the Department of External Affairs (19 April 1938, 1p) enclosing a memorandum by John J. Hearne headed ‘Points on form of text of Draft Trade Agreement’, annotated ‘This was duly considered by S.L. & Mr. Hearne’ (n.d., 3pp).  2 items

[February]–26 April 1938  Typescript and printed drafts of the Trade and Finance Agreements signed by the Irish and British Governments on 25 April 1938. Includes printed drafts dated 28 February, 12 March, 29 March and 19 April. Also includes:
– ‘Instructions for guidance in the discussions with British officials in connection with the Trade Agreement’, sent by de Valera to the High Commissioner John W. Dulanty and the Secretaries of the Departments of Industry and Commerce and Agriculture. Annotated by de Valera ‘Drafts used at Ex[ecutive] Council’ (n.d., 2pp);
– memorandum by ‘J.L.’ [John Leydon, Secretary of the Department of Industry and Commerce] on the negotiations (11 February 1938, 2pp), enclosing copies of the draft agreement and notes on each Article (26pp);
– ‘Heads of Proposals. (In amplification of the document handed to Mr. de Valera on the 11th March.)’. Annotated by de Valera and labelled ‘Copy given to J.P.W.’ and ‘Copy of Document given to J.P.W. to be regarded as not received’ (15 March 1938, 4pp);
– handwritten notes by Seán Murphy suggesting changes to the draft agreements (n.d., 2pp);
– timetable of events, between 25 April and 5 May 1938, for signature and publication of the Agreements and the presentation of legislation in Parliament. Annotated by de Valera (n.d., 1p);
– ‘Note for Press Talk on 25th April’ (n.d., 1p);
2507 contd. – typescript copy of ‘Notes for the Information of the Press’ issued by the Department of Industry and Commerce. ‘For morning papers only. Not to be published before the morning of the 26th April’ (25 April 1938, 8pp);
– typescript list of ‘Customs duties to which exports from Éire are at present subject on importation into the United Kingdom and which will now be abolished’ (n.d., 5pp);
– typescript copy of the Prime Minister’s answer in the House of Commons on 26 April 1938 to Mr. Atlee’s question as to whether he ‘has any statement to make regarding the relation between the United Kingdom and Éire’ (n.d., 1p).
Many of the documents are marked with de Valera’s delta sign.

2508 21 April 1938  Covering note to de Valera from Seán Murphy of the Department of External Affairs (21 April 1938, 1p) enclosing the text of statements to be issued at 7p.m. on 22 April, regarding the conclusion of the negotiations (2 items, 1p each).

2509  [24 April 1938], 20 May–30 June 1939  Black and white photographs of Malcolm MacDonald and de Valera (8cm x 13cm) and of [-], de Valera, [Thelma Cazalet], [-] and Malcolm MacDonald (13cm x 8cm) taken on 24 April 1938 ‘the day before the signing of the happy agreement–at Malcolm’s house’ [Upper Frognal Lodge, Hampstead, London], sent to de Valera by Thelma Cazalet, M.P. in 1939, and associated correspondence (4 items).

2510  25 April 1938  Documents relating to the ceremonial signing of Agreements in Downing Street on 25 April 1938. Comprises invitation to de Valera to attend lunch at Downing Street on 25 April at 1.30 p.m., before the signing of the Agreements (April 1938, 1 item) and holograph covering note to de Valera from Malcolm MacDonald sent with a copy of ‘Hamilton’s Quaternions’ [The Mathematical Papers of Sir William Rowan Hamilton, Vol. 1: Geometrical Optics (Cambridge University Press, 1931)] – ‘I send this as a small token of my great regard for you, and of my pleasure that our many talks together have helped to produce a settlement of some of the matters which have disturbed good relations between our two countries’ (25 April 1938, 2pp).
2511 25 & 26 April 1938  Typescript and holograph draft press statements by de Valera following the signing of the Agreements on 25 April 1938. Includes holograph draft annotated ‘April 26th, 1938. Prepared on boat from Holyhead to Dunlaoghaire & said to press on board at Dunlaoghaire’ (26 April 1938, 4pp), typescript marked ‘Said to Press at Piccadilly Hotel April 25th 1938 at 8 pm’ (2pp) and holograph of same on Piccadilly Hotel-headed paper marked ‘Written on conclusion of 1938 agreement’ (4pp).

4 items

2512 25 April–3 May 1938  Newspaper cuttings on the negotiations in London between 23 & 25 April and the signing of the Agreements on 25 April 1938. 10 items

2513 26 April 1938  Department of the Taoiseach ‘Diary of London Conferences (January–April 1938)’ summarising the course of events from the despatch of de Valera’s memorandum to Dominions Secretary Malcolm MacDonald on 24 November 1937 ‘suggesting a meeting of members of the two Governments to consider important matters that would arise in the case of war’ to the publication in the newspapers on 26 April 1938 of the text of the signed agreement. Also references to Dáil Debates of 27, 28 & 29 April 1938 (1p).

34pp


7 items

2515 28 April 1938  Draft ‘Points for U.S. Interview’ [by Frank Gallagher?] following the signing of the Anglo Irish Agreements ending the Economic War, in London on 25 April 1938.

2 items, 1p & 2pp

2516 30 April 1938  Typescript copy of text of telegram sent by de Valera following the signing of the Agreements on 25 April, recognising the ‘never-failing support of the friends of Ireland in America…I know we may count on the continued support of our friends in America and of the Irish race throughout the world in our efforts to secure the unity and independence of the whole of Ireland’. 1p
2517 17 & 30 May 1938  Personal letter to de Valera from Malcolm MacDonald informing him that ‘our legislation will be through both Houses of Parliament in time for the King’s Assent to be given to it tonight. I should like to add, in no mere formal way, an expression of my pleasure at the final accomplishment of what we have been patiently endeavouring to do over so many months…I shall always feel proud that I was privileged to play some part in the negotiations. I cherish especially the memory of our friendly and fruitful talks together. If the personal relations which we established are a symbol of the friendship which will gradually grow between the peoples of the two Islands, then indeed is the future bright’ (17 May 1938, 2pp).

Also copy reply from de Valera ‘I feel that were it not for the happy combination on your side, of yourself and the Prime Minister, the negotiations could not have been successful, or begun…if we could only now succeed in solving the problem created by partition, a happy future of mutual understanding and fruitful co-operation in matters of common concern lies ahead before our two peoples. It has been such a pleasure to have one so understanding as you to deal with in the difficult matters of the relations between the two countries that I regret your departure from the Dominions Office…’ (30 May 1938, 1p).

2 items

2518 18 & 30 May 1938  Letter to de Valera from Lord Stanley, newly appointed Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, sending good wishes and looking forward to building on the Agreements which came into force on that day, 18 May (18 May 1938, 1p) and copy reply from de Valera (30 May 1938, 1p).

2 items, 1p each


8pp
**2520**

22 January 1938– 23 March 1946

File relating to various personal gifts and souvenirs sent by members of the public to de Valera during his time as President of the Executive Council and from 1937 onwards, Taoiseach. Comprises mainly letters to de Valera sent with the various presents and copy letters of thanks. The gifts referred to include a relic of St. Paul sent by the sisters of St. Clare’s Convent, Newry during the talks between de Valera and Neville Chamberlain to bring the Economic War to an end; relics of SS. Peter and Paul sent by Fr. John Power P.P., The Rosary Church, Birmingham, in January 1941; the sundial from the old Catholic church in Bruree, Co. Limerick sent by Lieutenant James Butler Byrne, M.O. Gormanstown Camp in November 1942 and the rosary beads and watch belonging to de Valera’s brother, Fr. Thomas Wheelwright, sent to him by his cousin Kathleen in 1946.

25 items

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**2521**

January 1938

‘Interview given to Mr. Callender representative New York Times January 24.1938 by An Taoiseach’ in reply to various points made by Viscount Craigavon in an interview with the New York Times the previous week, concerning Northern Ireland.

6 items

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**2522**

January & November 1938

Draft and approved copies of interviews between de Valera and Seán MacBride, Irish representative of the French Havas News Agency and South African Africopa News Service on partition, the elections in Northern Ireland and the measures the Irish government would take to safeguard the country in event of a war. Also letter to de Valera from MacBride and note from the latter to Kathleen O’Connell.

7 items

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**2523**

January & February 1938

Approved versions of interviews on the subject of partition, especially in the context of the Northern Ireland elections, and Lloyd George’s 1921 proposal to leave to the Belfast Parliament its present area of jurisdiction and its present powers as a local parliament, giving to an All-Ireland Parliament constituted on the basis of proportional representation, the reserved powers at present retained by the British Parliament. Interviews conducted on 26, 28 & 29 January 1938 between de Valera and an unnamed representative of the International News Service, [-] Broadman of the Manchester Guardian and S.H. Mason of The Times.

5 items
2524  20 February, 3 April 1938  Extracts from The New York Times Magazine comprising an interview by Harold Callender headlined De Valera Talks of His Hopes for Ireland. His Aims are National Unity, with Relations to Britain on that Basis, and a New Economy (20 February 1938, 2pp) and article by Callender headlined Riddle of the Two Irelands and an Empire. In de Valera’s State and in Ulster, Politics Plays Strange Tricks. Illustrated with political cartoons. (3 April 1938, 2pp).

2 items, 2ppeach

2525  28 January 1938  Cutting from The Irish Press headlined Mr. de Valera’s Message to South Down. Regret that He Cannot Stand. ‘Day When I May Again Represent You’. ‘No Nationalist candidate will be nominated for South Down until Eamon de Valera–God willing–represents the constituency in an All-Ireland Parliament, declares a resolution passed at the South Down Nationalist Convention, attended by over one hundred delegates, in Newry, last night, Rev. P.F. McCumiskey, Adm., Newry, presiding’.

1p

2526  1933–39  File relating to elections in County Down between 1921 and 1938 with special reference to election debts for the County and the disbursement of surplus monies from election campaign funds. Comprises mainly correspondence between de Valera, J. Henry Collins, Peter Murney and John Quinn, receipts and statements of accounts.

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2527  March & April 1938  Draft and approved version of de Valera’s interview with Kees Van Hoek on 15 March 1938 discussing negotiations with Britain, partition, Lloyd George’s 1921 proposal to leave to the Belfast Parliament its present area of jurisdiction and its present powers as a local parliament, giving to an All Ireland Parliament constituted on the basis of proportional representation, the reserved powers at present retained by the British Parliament and economic and social progress since 1932.

2 items, 9pp & 7pp

2528  3 April–18 May 1938; 29 February 1940  Correspondence between de Valera and Annie and V.F. Ryan, parents of Frank Ryan, concerning Ryan’s capture by General Franco’s forces in Spain and the efforts made by the Irish Government on his behalf. Ryan was captured at Calaceite during the Aragon offensive on 1 April 1938 and held at Miranda del Ebro detention camp by the Francoists. At San Pedro de Cardenzas prison near Burgos he was court-martialled and sentenced to death. Following representations by de Valera and the Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland the sentence was commuted to thirty years imprisonment. Further representations led to his release to Germany in August 1940.

7 items
2529  18 May 1938  Department of External Affairs secret memorandum on ‘Censorship of War News, Espionage, etc. in a Neutral Country During War’. Covering note ‘Recd. 18.V.38’ (1p)  2 items, 1p & 8pp

2530  20 & 25 May 1938  Typescript copies of references for Mrs. Dora Tomkins, 20 Thomas Davis Street, Dublin who ‘filled the position of confidential courier for the President’s office in Dublin during the period September 1922 to August 1923’ and for Miss Mary Murphy who ‘acted as courier and assisted in the household duties where the President stayed’.  3 items, 1p each

2531  27 & 28 May 1938  Draft and published press statement issued by Taoiseach de Valera after the dissolution of Dáil Éireann, following the defeat by the Fianna Fáil government in the Dáil over the question of the settling of disputes between the government and the Civil Service by representatives of the government and of the Civil Service Arbitration Board.  3 items

2532  [1938]  Typescript ten point ‘Proofs that majority rule as a rule of order and a means of unifying the nation have never been denied by the present Republican leaders—the leaders of Fianna Fail’.  3pp

2533  18 June 1938  Extract from Weekly Illustrated (No. 51, Vol. 4) comprising front cover showing de Valera and captioned ‘Irelands’ Leader. We Visit De Valera—Exclusive’. Contains illustrated article with pictures taken ‘during Prime Minister de Valera’s election tour of Éire’.  4pp

2534  1938  Black and white photograph of Eamon de Valera with his Cabinet appointed in June 1938. ‘(Only fully autographed copy)’.  

Standing, from left to right: Gerry Boland, Oscar Traynor, Frank Aiken, Dr. James Ryan P.J. Little, Maurice Moynihan (Secretary to the Government).  


26cm x 19cm including mount  
20cm x 15cm excluding mount
2535 13 February & 7 May 1935; Explanatory memorandum written in reply to a request from the U.S.A. for information in regard to the history of the Irish Free State, on the history of Anglo-Irish relations since Norman times, concentrating on political and economic developments in Ireland and the relationship between the two countries in the twentieth century and the economic, agricultural and social policies of the Fianna Fáil government since 1932 (7 May 1935, 7pp). Accompanied by memorandum headed ‘Notes on the Collection of Irish Folklore’ describing the work of the Irish Folklore Institute, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Free State government in laying the foundations of ‘one of the most ambitious schemes for the collection of folklore that has ever been tried in the world’, the appointment of a Folklore Commission and a proposal to establish a museum of Irish Folklore and antiquities and folklore library in the Viceregal Lodge in the Phoenix Park. Also revised and updated version of the former memorandum (July 1938, 9pp) and memorandum reviewing Fianna Fáil policy and achievements between 1932 and 1938 (July 1938, 6pp). 6 items

2536 July 1938 & n.d. Documents relating to the taking over of the ‘Treaty ports’ and the hoisting of the National Flag at Spike Island, Cobh, Co. Cork on 11 July 1938. Comprises Ministry of Defence invitation to de Valera to attend the taking over of the Cobh Harbour defences and the hoisting of the tricolour at Spike Island (autographed by de Valera) (July 1938, 1 item); souvenir booklet to commemorate the occasion, autographed by de Valera (July 1938, 7pp); black and white press photograph of de Valera accompanied by Frank Aiken, Seán MacEntee, Gerald and Kevin Boland, Vivion de Valera and five unidentified individuals arriving by boat at Spike Island. ©: The Irish Press (11 July 1938, 21cm x 16cm); handwritten note on the names of the forts and the dates each was taken over by the Irish Free State (n.d., 1p) and newspaper picture of de Valera raising the tricolour over Spike Island on 11 July (n.d., 1 item). 5 items

2537 August 1938 Draft and approved versions of interviews on ‘present conditions in Ireland’ and partition, given by de Valera during August 1938 to Joseph F. O’Carroll, Jr. (22 August) and Walter H. Millgate of the Detroit News (27 August). 3 items
September 1938 & February 1939  Extract from the American Magazine comprising a biographical article on de Valera by Beverly Smith entitled ‘The Kid from 43rd Street’ (September 1938, 4pp) and copy of The Irish Digest containing a condensed version of the same article (pp.7–11).

‘This fine article on the Prime Minister–written by the well-known publicist–is typically American. We have even retained the original heading’.

Begins ‘To-day great new opportunities for leadership beckon Eamon de Valera. Ireland is one of the most fertile of European countries, and could be one of the most prosperous. Now at last she has peace, freedom, friendly relations with England, and a chance to cultivate her own garden, develop her own genius at home. De Valera, after twenty-two years of fighting, has a clear majority in the Dáil, leadership–and responsibility’ (February 1939, 1 item).

2 items

October 1938–March 1939  Documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Lisieux to the Little Flowers Sisters on 9 September 1938, with his daughters Máirín and Emer and his son [Vivion] acting as Personal Secretary. Includes copy of Les Annales de Sainte Thérèse de Lisieux (14th Year, No. 10) containing an article (pp.306–307) on the visit (October 1938, 1 item); holograph draft letters of thanks to two of the nuns including Sr. Agnes [the Prioress?],and ‘Fr. Power’ on de Valera’s return home (n.d., 2pp); and letters to de Valera (in French) from Sr. Agnes and Sr. Marie ([November] 1938 & February 1939, 2 items, 4pp & 3pp).

6 items

17 & 18 October 1938  Approved version of an interview between de Valera and Hessell Tiltman of the Daily Express conducted on 13 October 1938 (‘the first interview which the Irish leader had granted to any British newspaper since the recent settlement with England’) in which de Valera reviewed the subject of partition at ‘considerable length’.

Also explanatory memoranda on the sequence of events between the granting of the interview and its publication in the Evening Standard (including one signed by Seán Ó Cuív) (17 October 1938, 2 items, 3pp each).

3 items

2542 20 October 1938 Lists of interviews given by de Valera between March 1934 and November 1938 (3pp) and interviews not granted by the Taoiseach between May 1934 and [October] 1938 (2pp). Also statement on same, ‘Apart from special messages given from time to time in response to requests from the Dublin representatives of American and English newspapers and newsagencies, it is true that Mr. de Valera has in the past five years given more interviews to journalists from abroad who sought answers from him for publication by their newspapers or newsagencies than to journalists living in Dublin…another answer is the fewness of the applications for interviews received from the Dublin representatives of outside newspapers or newsagencies…’ (20 October 1938, 2pp). 3 items

2543 October 1936 & October 1938 File on de Valera’s attendance at a ceremony to mark the beginning of the building, and the formal opening of a new Holy Ghost Senior Scholasticate and Oratory at Kimmage, Co. Dublin in October 1936 and 30 October 1938 respectively. 11 items

2544 November 1938 Explanatory contextual note and copies of an interview given by de Valera to Sam Brewer of the Chicago Tribune on 1 November 1938 in reply to statements made by Lord Craigavon in an earlier interview with the Chicago Tribune to the effect that ‘it was well understood by the parties to the agreement on which the Act of 1920 was founded that so far as “Ulster” was concerned it was a final settlement of all the differences between the two countries’. 3 items
Documents relating to initiatives by the Irish Government to recruit a senior French military officer to advise on defence matters, including copy of a report by Irish High Commissioner in London John W. Dulanty giving details of three French officers suggested to him by Sir Thomas Inskip.

File relating to Portuguese leader Dr. António de Oliveira Salazar (1889–1970), consisting mainly of letters to de Valera from Fr. Paul H. O’Sullivan, O.P. (‘the Dominican Prior of Lisbon’) following his presentation of autographed copies of Bunreacht na hÉireann to the Portuguese Papal Nuncio [Cardinal Ciriaci], the Cardinal Patriarch and Dr. Salazar. Also includes letters of thanks to de Valera from the Papal Nuncio (18 November 1938, 2pp) and Dr. Salazar (25 February 1939, 2pp), notes between Joseph P. Walshe and Maurice Moynihan on the matter (2 items) and ‘Report received from Mr. Kerney on Mr. Aiken’s Interview with Dr. Salazar’—‘Dr. Salazar, President of the Council of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Mr. Frank Aiken, Minister for Coordination of Defensive Measures…on Saturday, 8th March, 1941…Mr. Kerney was present at the interview for the purpose of interpreting into French any English which might be spoken by the Minister’ (10 March 1941, 5pp).

Draft and final versions of a press statement issued by de Valera on 12 December 1938 in reply to comments made by Winston Churchill during a speech criticising Prime Minister Chamberlain made in Chingford, Essex, in which he claimed that de Valera had ‘recently declared that he cannot give us any help or friendship while any British troops remain to guard the Protestants of Northern Ireland’ (12 December 1938, 2 items, 2pp each). Also extracts from relevant speeches and statements of Churchill and de Valera on the matter, published in The Times on 10 December 1938 (10 December 1938, 2 items).

Personal correspondence between de Valera and Neville Chamberlain and some material relating to Sir Neville’s death. Includes:

- holograph copy letter from de Valera on the urgent need to address the issue of partition (12 April 1939, 3pp);
- letters between the two in September 1939 on negotiations concerning the status of Sir John Maffey, U.K. ‘Representative’ in Dublin (19–25 September 1939, 3 items);
2548 contd. – letters from de Valera seeking clemency for the two condemned I.R.A. men Barnes and Richard (2 & 5 February 1940, 3 items, 1p each);  
draft and copy final version of de Valera’s letter of appreciation, following Chamberlain’s replacement as Prime Minister by Winston Churchill—’I would like to testify that you did more than any former British Statesman to make a true friendship between the peoples of our two countries possible, and, if the task has not been completed, that is has not been for want of good will on your part’ (15 May 1940, 1p) and Chamberlain’s reply thanking de Valera and commenting ‘I trust you will consider very seriously the danger of enemy landings from troop-carrying planes. The Germans do not respect neutrality and the rapidity and efficiency of their methods are terrifying’ (18 May 1940, 2pp);  
letter from Chamberlain beginning ‘You may remember that when I wrote to you recently I begged you to look into the possibility of a sea and air-borne invasion of Éire by Germany...lately I have received additional information of such a character as to cause me the most serious anxiety, and I have come to the conclusion that the time has arrived when a personal consultation is the only satisfactory way of dealing with the situation’ (12 June 1940, 2pp);  
proposals by the British Government presented to de Valera by Malcolm MacDonald [Minister for Health] on 26 June 1940, when MacDonald came to Dublin to make clear the conviction of the British Government that a German invasion of Ireland was imminent and proposing the six-point plan which offered to accept the principle of a united Ireland and set up a joint body with representatives of the Government of Éire and Northern Ireland to work out the details of the union of Ireland in return for Éire entering the war on the side of the U.K. and her allies forthwith. Attached is an ‘Annex’ captioned ‘Equipment to be supplied by United Kingdom Government in accordance with paragraph (vi) of the plan’ i.e. ‘Army material’, ‘Air Force material’ and ‘Civil Defence equipment’ (June 1940, 3pp);  
letter to de Valera offering to amend the paragraphs about a declaration accepting the principle of a United Ireland and about the joint body to be set up; and offering to establish at as early a date as possible the whole machinery of government of the Union. Agrees to amend paragraph (iv) on entering the war but not that the Union ‘be established on the basis of the whole country becoming neutral’.  
Two copies, one on headed paper from the Privy Council Office, Whitehall, signed by Chamberlain and marked ‘Recd July 1st 1940’ and one typescript copy annotated by Kathleen O’Connell ‘This document was handed to Mr. de Valera by Mr. A[n]trobass at 10.40 am on the morning of 29th June 1940, who informed him that it had been received on the wire that morning’ (29 June 1940, 2 items, 2pp each);  
copy letter from de Valera expressing regret at Chamberlain’s illness and retirement from government (4 July 1940, 2pp);  
ote note recording the death of Sir Neville Chamberlain on 9 November 1940 and the sending of a message of condolence to Mrs. Chamberlain by de Valera (n.d., 1p);  
copies of the telegram of condolence sent to Mrs. Chamberlain and her reply (originals dated 10 & 12 November 1940, 2 items, 1p each);
contd. – covering letter sent by de Valera to Mrs. Chamberlain with a copy of de Valera’s radio broadcast in reply to Winston Churchill, in which de Valera paid tribute to Sir Neville (3 October 1947, 1p) and Mrs. Chamberlain’s letter of thanks in which she states ‘I am very glad to read these words which are so true and to know that you made this reference to the work of those days and the efforts for mutual comprehension which my husband had greatly at heart’ (17 October 1947, 1p).

2549 December 1938 File on de Valera’s broadcast on the first anniversary of the coming into operation of the 1937 Constitution, on 29 December 1938. Comprises notes for, and drafts of de Valera’s address reviewing the national significance of the new Constitution, restating the hopes he entertained for progress–political, social, economic and cultural–within the framework which it provided and exhorting the Irish people to be zealous in devotion to the language and not to prove false to the declaration in Article 8 that Irish is the national language (5 items). Also report printed in The Irish Press on the address and its full text (30 December 1938, 3pp).

2550 [December] 1938–File on a proposed change in the existing form of the Irish passport–the omission of the name of the King from the request page and the description ‘British Commonwealth of Nations’ from the first page–necessitated by the new Constitution and External Relations Act. Comprises mainly draft memoranda from Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, to John W. Dulanty, Irish High Commissioner in London, instructing him to seek a meeting with Dominions Secretary Malcolm MacDonald to apprise him of the proposed amendments; and memoranda from Walshe to Taoiseach and Minister for External Affairs de Valera on the proposal and his instructions to Dulanty. Also includes a draft memorandum by Walshe for de Valera to be handed to MacDonald concerning the visit of the Duke of Kent to Belfast and Derry (5 January 1939, 1p).

2551 [1938?] Printed ‘Commission of Appointment issued to Saorstát consular officers’ (n.d., 1p), printed ‘Exequatur issued to foreign consular officers in Saorstát Éireann’ (n.d., 1p) and holograph draft by de Valera of same (n.d., 1p).
2552 1938 Typescript draft of de Valera’s speech at the opening of the 1938 Feis Átha Cliath. 6pp

2553 January 1939– September 1965 Personal correspondence between de Valera and Malcolm MacDonald mainly sending greetings and good wishes, with comments on MacDonald’s various postings throughout the world and recollections of the 1930s negotiations.

‘Those are amongst the recollections which give me the most satisfaction amongst my memories of the last few decades. If I may say so, I learned then to regard you with affection, admiration and veneration, and I have followed your fortunes ever since with the same sentiments. I have lived in various lands during the last twenty years, more or less deeply immersed in politics and diplomacy. Some of the early lessons in these arts, which have stood me in good stead, I learned from you during those bygone years’ (MacDonald to de Valera, 15 October 1959, 1p).

Also refers to MacDonald’s visit to Dublin in 1940 when he was ‘sent by Winston Churchill to discuss a certain wartime proposal to you. I well remember your friendly talk on the matter then, and have always believed that your decision was absolutely the right one—although Churchill did not agree with that when I reported it to him!’ (7 July 1965).

Also includes references to John J. Hearne, Irish High Commissioner to Canada. 20 items

See also P150/2517

2554 January 1939 File on Ireland’s participation in the 1939–40 New York World’s Fair. Comprises:

– drafts of de Valera’s radio broadcast to the U.S.A. on 8 January 1939 in connection with Ireland’s participation in the New York World’s Fair (6 items). President Douglas Hyde was scheduled to have delivered the address but cancelled following the death of his wife on 30 December 1938;
– running list for the Radio Éireann ‘Salute of Nations Programme’ to be broadcast to the U.S.A. between 6.30 and 7pm (Irish time) on 8 January, of which de Valera’s address forms part (1p);
– report from The Irish Press on the special programme and de Valera’s address (9 January 1939, 2pp);
Correspondence between Kathleen O'Connell and Seán O'Faoláin, Killiney, Co. Dublin, on O'Faoláin's requests for biographical information on de Valera for inclusion in a biography for the Penguin publishing company and for O'Connell’s statement confirming that O'Faoláin served as Sinn Féin Acting Director of Publicity in 1923 in connection with his application for a military service pension. 5 items

Newspaper reports on de Valera’s attendances at annual dinners of the Institute of Journalists (Dublin and Irish Association District) in the Dolphin Hotel, Dublin in January 1937, 1938 & 1939. In his addresses he discussed journalism as ‘The Greatest of Professions’ and explored the subject of the freedom of the press. 12 items

Seanad Éireann. The Unity of Ireland. Partition Debated in Seanad Éireann (The Irish Senate). Mr. De Valera’s Speech (From Seanad Éireann Official Reports) 9th February, 1939. Dublin: The Stationery Office. 16pp

First and second parts of a series of biographical articles on de Valera in The Sunday Chronicle entitled ‘De Valera in Power’ by Seán O'Faoláin. 2 items, 1p each

Letter to de Valera from Sir Thomas Inskip of the Dominions Office sending good wishes and commenting ‘although the question of Partition still remains, I hope the final goal is not so far off as it sometimes seems and that by our joint efforts we may reach it’. 1p

Typescript copy statement issued by de Valera for inclusion in the journal Times Trade and Engineering on the occasion of a special number of the publication being devoted to Ireland. ‘The extensive and authoritative information which it contains provides material for a better understanding and appreciation of recent advances, and of Ireland’s present position in industry and agriculture. It will, I feel sure, contribute to a further development of commercial exchanges between the two countries.’ Signed and dated on his behalf by Kathleen O'Connell. 1p
2561 17 February 1939 Draft and final version of de Valera’s statement to the Associated Press of America on Ireland’s policy of neutrality in the event of war.  
2 items, 1p each

12pp

2563 n.d. Typescript copy of a ‘Suggestion for comment on Mr. Chamberlain’s Record of his private discussion with the President’ on [25 March 1939] regarding the impending war and a united Ireland.
2pp

2564 April 1939 File on de Valera’s speech at a convention of Limerick Fianna Fáil Cumann delegates in Ennis on 16 April 1939 on the Government’s policy in the event of a war, comprising drafts of de Valera’s speech and newspaper reports—Discipline is the Price of Victory. Taoiseach’s Appeal. More Volunteers To Maintain Neutrality.
4 items

2565 31 March–27 April 1939 File on de Valera’s lecture entitled ‘What has been done; what remains to be done’ delivered on 23 April 1939, in the Aberdeen Hall of the Gresham Hotel, Dublin under the auspices of the Dublin North-West Comhairle Ceantair Fianna Fáil. Comprises letters to de Valera from Richard P. Gogan of the Comhairle (31 March & 27 April 1939, 2 items, 1p each), notes and draft of the speech (2 items, 1p & 3pp) and newspaper report on the lecture, under the headline World Recognises Our Sovereignty Taoiseach on National Status (24 April 1939, 3pp).
5 items

2566 January–September 1939 File on de Valera’s proposed trip to the U.S.A. in May and June 1939, cancelled due to the European political situation. Includes letters to President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Kathleen O’Connell, mainly from Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, regarding arrangements for the tour, including itineraries (6–17 January; 2 February & 11 March 1933, 16 items); correspondence between Kathleen O’Connell and Mrs. Mary McWhorter regarding arrangements for de Valera’s visit to Chicago (1 February–31
2566 contd. March 1939, 3 items); holograph and typescript notes by de Valera for speeches and draft speeches to be delivered during his tour (n.d., 6 items); American press cuttings (3 items); profile of de Valera published in the *St. Anthony Messenger* (June 1939, 4pp); copy of a cablegram received from Washington on 4 May 1939 ‘All parties here urge immediate decision postponement Chief’s visit. We feel journey now would either curtail itinerary with bad effects on organisation recently established or would bring us into summer when conditions unbearable, colleges closed and many people away’ (4 May 1939, 1p) and proposed itineraries for de Valera’s visit to the U.S.A. in September and October 1939 (21 July & 7 August 1939, 2 items, 1p & 2pp). 66 items

2567 25 May 1939, 29 January 1954  Letter to Kathleen O’Connell from M. Mooney of the Department of External Affairs enclosing a letter he found ‘when going through some old papers’, written by Seán T. O’Kelly to de Valera following his [O’Kelly’s] arrival in the U.S.A. in May 1939 describing his ‘activities and impressions’ including the Mayor of New York’s speech at the opening of the Irish Pavilion at the New York World’s Fair, O’Kelly’s meeting with President Roosevelt, his attendance at the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic National Convention in Chicago, and his meeting with Rev. Dr. Francis Spellman following his inauguration as Archbishop of New York. 2 items, 1p & 5pp

2568 4 August 1939  Return ticket made out in de Valera’s name for a ‘Special Flight’ from Rhinanna to Dublin. Unused. 1 item

2569 August & September 1939  File on the Emergency Powers Bill, comprising notes on, draft and copy of the bill. 5 items
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a. Contemporary material, 1939 – 45

2570 3 September 1939–
8 August 1940 Typescript list of de Valera’s daily appointments with Irish officials and foreign representatives from 3 September 1939 when England and France declared war on Germany until 8 August 1940.
2 items, 2pp each

2571 April, August 1939–
6 November 1945 Memoranda and reports to de Valera from Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs. Topics of reports as follows:
• President Roosevelt’s message of 15 April 1939 to Chancellor Hitler (22 April 1939, 3 items, 2pp, 1p & 5pp);
• ‘Note for a Conversation with the Representative of Germany Concerning Ireland’s Neutrality’ (25 August 1939, 3pp);
• ‘Hitler’s Reply to British, Wednesday, 30th August’ (31 August 1939, 5pp);
• ‘British Reply of 30th August to Hitler’s Note of 29th August’ (31 August 1939, 3pp);
• ‘Text of British Reply to Hitler’ (n.d., 5pp);
• ‘Visit of the Secretary of the Dept. of External Affairs to London, 6th to 10th September, 1939’ (n.d., 13pp);
• reports on meetings on an Anglo-Irish trade agreement held in London on 30 April between Irish and British Ministers including Seán Lemass, Minister for Supplies, Dr. James Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, Sir Anthony Eden, Dominions Secretary, and Lord Woolton, Minister of Food (1 May 1940, 2 items, 3pp & 8pp) and on 3 May (6 May 1940, 6pp);
• ‘Interview with Sir John Maffey, 4.30 p.m., Monday, July 15th, 1940’ (16 July 1940, 4pp);
• ‘Our Neutrality: Statements from Press and Radio’ (25 & 31 July 1940, 5pp);
• report on meeting of the Secretaries of Supplies, Agriculture and Industry and Commerce to discuss ‘the contents of the attached German Note concerning the total blockade of England’ (19 August 1940, 2pp) and memorandum on the German Note (n.d., 8pp);
• the British Government’s reply to de Valera’s offer to receive women and children from areas exposed to air-raids (2 October 1940, 1p);
• Walshe’s meeting with Sir John Maffey on 13 November in relation to Churchill’s speech in the House of Commons on 5 November referring to the loss of the Irish Treaty ports, and Maffey’s recent visit to London (13 November 1940, 3pp);
• Dr. Hempel’s meeting with Walshe on 6 January 1941, ‘in connection with the request made by him before Christmas for sanction for the landing in Ireland of a plane carrying new personnel’ (6 January 1941, 1p);
• ‘Mr. Gray’s Memorandum: Notes Thereon’ (17 January 1941, 4pp);
• the German bombing of Dublin on 31 May 1941 (31 May 1941, 2pp);
• ‘Resumption of Clipper Flights between Foynes and the United States’ (9 June 1941, 2pp);
• ‘German internees’ (12 June 1941, 2pp);
• meetings at the Department relating to the concessions and privileges applicable to German and British internees (12 & 19 June 1941, 2 items, 2pp each);
• ‘draft note to foreign countries in the event of an attack’ (15 July 1941, 2pp);
• a meeting between Walshe and Dr. Hempel on 12 November (12 November 1941, 3pp);
• the arrest in November 1941 of German spy Dr. Hermann Goertz (‘Mr. X’) (28 November & 4 December 1941, 4 items, 16pp);
• Walshe’s meeting with Dr. Hempel on 17 February 1942 on radio transmissions from the German Legation (17 February 1942, 3pp);
• ‘The American Air Lines Situation’ (23 May 1942, 2pp);
• ‘The diplomatic bag incident’ (26 May 1942, 2pp);
• ‘Mr. Cosgrave’s statement about the Ports and...the reply I should give if I were asked about it on a platform’ (17 February 1943, 3pp);
• German ‘enquiries about reports they had received of British and American ‘planes landing here and being released’ (29 November 1943, 4pp);
• the arrest of German parachutists in December 1943 and the hand-over of the German Legation transmitter for deposit in a bank safe (20 December 1943, 3pp);
• meetings between Walshe and Sir John Maffey following the American Note presented to de Valera by David Gray on 21 February 1944 asking for the closure of the Axis Legations in Dublin and charging Ireland with providing ‘the opportunity for highly organized espionage’ and meetings between Walshe and Irvine Marlin, ‘the American Intelligence Officer, who until recently was stationed in Ireland’ (14 & 18 March 1944, 2 items, 5pp each);
• a meeting in London on 31 March 1944 in the Dominions Office between Walshe, Sean Leydon, John W. Dulanty and officials of the Dominions Office and the Coal and Shipping Departments (3 April 1944, 8pp);
• ‘the American request for assurances in relation to war criminals’ (23 October & 14 November 1944, 2 items, 2pp & 3pp);
• the British request to establish a temporary mobile radar post at Malin Head (16 February 1945, 2pp);
• arrangements for the handing over of the German Legation in Dublin to the Irish authorities (1 May 1945, 2pp);
• the repatriation of German internees (14 & 22 June 1945, 2 items, 4pp & 3pp);
• ‘Note of the Taoiseach’s interview with Sir John Maffey on the intended expulsion of Irish nationals from the Six Counties’ (15 October 1945, 2pp).

See also P150/2621 for memoranda to de Valera from Walshe regarding the threatened introduction of conscription into Northern Ireland in May 1941; P150/2635 for memoranda to de Valera from Walshe on the drafting of an Irish Note to the U.S. Government concerning the establishment of an American base in the Six Counties; P150/2836 for 1938/39 (pre-war) correspondence between de Valera and President Roosevelt 53 items

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to the nation on 3 September 1939, on the outbreak of War (21pp, incomplete) and text of address as printed in The Irish Press (4 September 1939, 1p).

'We have decided to keep out of this war, but this will not save us from many of the consequences of the conflict. If it lasts for a long period, it is going to affect every one of us in our daily lives...The members of the Dáil and Senate realised how many and serious would be the problems of which the Government would be called upon to undertake the solution, and yesterday they conferred on the Government powers which they would not dream of conferring except in a grave and a very grave emergency...Mr. Lemass will assume the responsibility for supplies and the co-ordination of economic effort. Mr. Aiken will take over the co-ordination of defensive measures, civil and military. Mr. Derrig will go into the Department of Industry and Commerce and take charge of it. Mr. Traynor will take over the charge of the Army and the Ministry of Defence. The Tanaiste will carry on the functions both of Minister of Local Government and Minister for Education. Mr. Boland will have the portfolio of Lands and of Posts and Telegraphs...United and disciplined, we have nothing to fear'.

2573 September 1939, June 1940 & May 1961

Copies of the texts of radio broadcasts made by Colonel Charles Lindbergh on 15 September 1939 arguing against involvement of the United States in the war (6pp) and on 15 June 1941 in which he asserted that the defence of the U.S. ‘should be constructed with the co-operation of all American countries’, but that ‘we must insist upon military bases being placed wherever they are needed for our own safety, regardless of who owns the territory involved’ (1p). Also accompanied by copy of Éire-Ireland the Weekly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 529, 29 May 1961) devoted to ‘25 Years of Aer Lingus’ with picture of de Valera (in flying kit) with Col. Lindbergh at Baldonnel Airfield in 1936.

3 items

2574 29 October, 6 November 1939

Holograph letter to de Valera from Sir Hubert Gough, Elm Park Gardens, London, stating ‘I am wishful to discuss the situation which this war has created, as I think I might be useful to Éire...I would come to you solely and only as a son of Ireland, and in no way whatever representing British sources, official or otherwise. I would like to talk to you from this standpoint, and offer to you personally any help I may be capable of giving to you and to Ireland, in the extremely difficult and critical situation which arises out of this war’.

Also de Valera’s reply that ‘there is no way in which you can better serve the cause of our country at the present time than by working quietly in your own way for the reunion of North and South. The other courses possible would, I am convinced, lead to misunderstandings and all that these can give rise to in circumstances like ours’.

2 items, 5pp & 1p

2575 November, December 1939

Note on (11 December 1939, 2pp), and copy of
a memorandum by Colonel Charles Russell
suggesting the opening of agricultural trade negotiations with Britain, sent to
W.T. Cosgrave with the request that it be forwarded to the Irish government
(original dated November 1939, 2pp). Includes letter from Cosgrave to
General Richard Mulcahy asking him to pass on the memorandum, ‘I cannot
offer any advice on the matter of the Memorandum, knowing from experience
that the Government’s practice is not merely to turn a deaf ear to such advice
but even to resent it. I should, therefore, simply ask you to see that the
enclosed Memorandum is brought to their notice for any action that they think
fit to take’ (27 November 1939, 1p) 3 items

2576 December 1939 Holograph and typescript drafts of de Valera’s
1939 Christmas radio broadcast to the U.S.A. (5 items) and report on the address as printed in The Irish Independent (26–27
December 1939, 1p). ‘An appeal for continued support from the Irish in
America for the efforts to have Partition removed was made by Mr. de Valera
in a Christmas radio message to the United States last night. Mr. de Valera, at
the outset, recalled how circumstances forced him to cancel his engagements
to visit America this year’.
Also text of the address, as printed in Scéala Éireann under the headline
‘Taoiseach Asks U.S. Exiles’ Aid in Unity Cause’ (25–26 December 1939, 3pp). ‘Mr. de Valera said that the conference which came at the end of a war
took place in an atmosphere which precluded justice. Commonsense
suggested that a conference be tried now before the war had wrought its full
havoc.’
Also typescript copy of de Valera’s ‘Draft Message to International News
Service’ (11 December 1939, 3pp). 8 items

2577 30 December 1939 Cover of The Irish School Weekly (Vol. XLI,
No. 52) illustrated with a photograph of de
Valera with the Taoiseach’s New Year’s Message printed overleaf (in Irish).
2pp

2578 December 1939–April 1945 File on peace plans put forward by various
clerical and political leaders, during the course
of the war. Includes:
– texts of ‘The Pope’s Five Points for Peace’. (Christmas, 1939, 2pp);
– ‘English Churches’ Peace Points’. (21st December, 1940, 2pp);
– ‘From the Osservatore Romano, June 9–10th 1941. Words of Truth’ (3pp);
– ‘Roosevelt–Churchill Eight Points (August, 1941)’ (2pp);
‘The Pope’s Five New Order Essentials (Christmas Radio Address, 1941)’
(4pp);
contd. – copies of articles from The Catholic Herald headed The Bishops of Great Britain Issue a Statement on the Political Errors of the Day–‘Under the title of “The Principles to be Observed in Securing a Just and Lasting Peace” the Hierarchies of Great Britain have denounced a number of political errors spreading in the world and endangering the liberties of this country’ (article published 23 February 1945, 8pp);
– American Hierarchy Issued Statement–‘The Board of the American Hierarchy, who constitute the Board of the N.C.W.C. and who speak in the name of all the Bishops, have issued a statement in which they ask that a “Bill of inter-Nation Rights” should be adopted by the Nations and made the condition of active participation in the world peace organisation’ (article published 20 April 1945, 7pp).

[1939?] Undated black and white photograph of de Valera and Frank Aiken with members of the [De La Salle?] community [in the De La Salle Mother House in Rome?].
20cm x 15cm

1939 & 1949 File on Captain Henry Harrison (1867–1954), writer and member of the Irish Parliamentary Party (1890–92) including letters and statements by him as President of the Paddington Branch of the Anti-Partition of Ireland League and correspondence between him and Dr. Nicholas Mansergh.
See also P150/2200 for pamphlet on the Land Purchase Annuities and Partition by Henry Harrison, O.B.E., M.C.
6 items

1939–63 File on Pope Pius XII, formerly Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli (1876–1958) comprising mainly formal diplomatic communications between the Holy See and the Irish Government concerning the threat to the city of Rome during the war and documents relating to the death of the Pope on 9 October 1958 including messages of sympathy, texts of tributes broadcast on Radio Éireann and the Taoiseach’s tribute to the late Pope.
Also includes the Pope’s message of appreciation ‘of the noble gesture on the part of the Government of the people of Éire in placing at Our disposal such a truly bounteous contribution towards alleviating the distress in Italy consequent on the war’ (20 February 1945, 2pp with Papal seal) and his acknowledgement of receipt of de Valera’s message ‘which you sent to Us on your own behalf and on behalf of the newly appointed Irish Government. The fact that on the occasion of your first Cabinet meeting you should hasten to reassure Us of your filial loyalty and devotion has been for Us a source of joy and consolation, because We see therein a further reaffirmation of that unfailing attachment to the See of Peter which has always characterized the faithful people of Ireland’ (28 June 1951, 2pp with Papal seal).
40 items
Communications between de Valera and German Minister to Éire Dr. Eduard Hempel. Includes:

– aide-mémoire by Dr. Hempel on the treatment of German airmen interned in the Curragh (15 May 1941, 3pp) including a list of complaints regarding the airmen’s lodging, food, surveillance, the treatment of officers, the retention of their personal property and visits to sick internees (15 May 1941, 4pp) and a list of personal property belonging to the German internees and seized by Irish military and police authorities (22 April 1941, 3pp);

– copy memorandum from Dr. Hempel to L.J. Duffy of the Labour Party following his receipt of a resolution adopted by the Administrative Council of the Irish Labour Party on the ‘question of the safeguarding of Rome from destruction’ referring to the Führer’s orders regarding the protection of Rome and the statement issued by the Supreme Council of the German troops in Italy ‘confirming Rome’s character as an open city had been maintained by a series of strictly enforced measures…’ and listing those measures (original dated 15 April 1944, 2pp);

– the announcement of the handover of the German Legation in Northumberland Road to the Irish Government by Dr. Hempel on 8 May 1945 (8 & 9 May 1945, 1p);

– Dr. Hempel’s protest to de Valera at the outcome of the ‘Nürnberg’ trials (5 October 1946, 2pp);

– memorandum on Dr. Hempel’s recall to Germany (8 October 1946, 4pp);

– holograph letter to de Valera drawing his attention to the imminent deportation of Hermann Goertz (14 April 1947, 4pp);

– correspondence about Dr. Hempel’s call to de Valera informing him of Germany’s willingness to respect Ireland’s neutrality in 1939 following a report in The Irish Times on the publication of Volume III, Series D of Documents on German Foreign Policy, 1918–45 (May 1957, 4 items).

Communications between 1966 and 1970 comprise Christmas greetings sent by Dr. Hempel to de Valera (December 1966–December 1970, 5 items).

Also includes telegram sent from the Irish Legation in Berlin reporting on the progress of the war and the political situation in Germany (October 1943, 2pp).

30 items

Personal correspondence between de Valera and Anthony Eden (Dominions Secretary, 1939–40, Foreign Secretary 1951–55, Prime Minister 1955–57). Topics referred to include de Valera’s appeal for clemency for the condemned I.R.A. prisoners Barnes and Richards (January & February 1940, 2 items, 2pp & 1p); Eden’s concern about the ‘appointment of a new Éire Minister to Berlin’ in April 1940 (6 April 1943pp); de Valera’s congratulations on Eden’s appointment as Foreign Secretary in 1951 (31 October & 8 November 1951, 2 items, 1p each) and as Prime Minister in 1955 (7 April 1955, 1p) and Eden’s thanks to Lord Longford for sending him a copy of the de Valera biography—‘this book which recalls so many agreeable memories of working with him at Geneva and later. Even when times were
difficult, as they sometimes were, I cannot forget that our personal relations were always friendly and confident’ (9 November 1970, 1p).

9 items

February 1940  File on the Fianna Fáil Cavan County Convention held on 18 February 1940 and attended by Taoiseach de Valera who spoke on ‘Political Party organisation, on Food and Fuel Production, and on the increasing gravity of the National Danger whilst the war lasts, particularly at the time when the war approaches its climax’. Includes ‘Rough Draft’ of a memorandum prepared by the Department of Agriculture on ‘The Necessity for Increased Food Production’ for de Valera’s use during the Convention (February 1940, 5pp); handwritten notes and statistics (in large print) for de Valera’s use at the Convention (10pp); notes on the activities of the Land Commission in Cavan; typescript draft address for de Valera (6pp), holograph draft by de Valera (2pp) and newspaper accounts of the Convention. 12 items

17 March 1940  St. Patrick’s Day Souvenir–Éire’s ‘Taoiseach’ Eamon De Valera. Cover of the Boston Sunday Post Pictorial Color-Feature Section illustrated with a coloured portrait of ‘Éire’s Premier, who is again prominent in the news as a result of the recent bomb explosions in England, for which two members of the Irish Republican Army were executed’. 40cm x 57cm

March 1940  Texts of de Valera’s address to the 1940 Annual Congress of National Teachers of Ireland in Killarney, Co. Kerry. Comprises text in English (9pp), text in Irish (8pp) and Irish text in large type labelled ‘Killarney Easter 1940’ (42pp). 3 items

March 1940  Holograph and typescript drafts of de Valera’s Easter Sunday radio broadcast to the nation, transmitted on 24 March 1940 on the duty of the nation and calling for civil obedience and unity of purpose (4 items) and text of speech as printed in Scéala Éireann (25 March 1940, 2pp).

‘…I should speak to the people on certain fundamental questions, matters so vital to a right national life that we can make no progress until we understand them correctly…the very notion of State is futile if it be not conceded that there exists within the State one single and sovereign directing power having the supreme right effectively to co-ordinate all wills in the pursuit of the common end…States have come to destruction because their peoples ignored the principles outlined…It would, indeed, help much to intelligent obedience
if we reflected on the helpfulness of the sovereign public authority. We should see it as a blessing, truly a gift of God...Obedience in this sense would not prove a grudging submission, but a willing acceptance of the Creator’s sovereignty, as it is exercised by men. There would be less reason for the State to use force which it has undoubtedly the right and duty to use for the maintenance of the essential peace and order of the community. In the realm of our own national aspirations it cannot be denied that the ambition to realise the unity of Ireland is lawful. But it depends on the single sovereign authority of the State to regulate by what mode of action such unity may be sought. It is not the moral right of any individual or group of individuals to choose a means that is contrary to the public good or general justice...It must have become more and more apparent to our people in these months of war when small or weaker nations are threatened or destroyed, that it behoves us as a national and Christian duty to co-operate with all good will towards the preservation of peace and good order within our land’.

5 items

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25 March 1940

Cutting from *Time Magazine* (Vol. 35, No. 13) with photograph of de Valera on the front cover and illustrated article (pp.30–38) following the celebration of St. Patrick’s Day in Ireland and the U.S.A., summarising the Irish situation from the 1916 Easter Rising to the present day. 1 item

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April 1940–October 1941

Communications between de Valera and U.S. Minister to Éire David Gray, between April 1940 and October 1941, before the bombing of Pearl Harbour and the entrance of the U.S. into the war, mainly comprising an exchange of views between the two Government’s on their respective positions with regard to the war. Includes copies of memoranda prepared by Gray for the U.S. Secretary of State and forwarded to de Valera, of proceedings of Gray’s meetings with de Valera on 6 & 22 January, 26 February, 28 April, 19 July and 2 October 1941.

Matters referred to in the overall correspondence include:

• the I.R.A. prisoners on hunger-strike, including Jack Plunkett;
• the presentation of Grey’s credentials on 15 April 1940;
• ‘certain views relative to the United States’ attitude toward the question of the Irish ports’ following criticism of the Irish position in the American Press;
• their meeting on 6 January 1941 with regard to the Irish need for ships and wheat supplies; partition; an outline of American and Irish policies including their respective views of the Treaty ports and the ‘apparently diverging sympathies of our two countries regarding the war’ (6 January 1941, 10pp);
• excerpts ‘from editorial opinion recently expressed in the United States on the question of the Lend-Lease Bill now before the American Congress’;
• their meeting on 22 January 1941 commenting on Gray’s memorandum of the conversation of 6 January, and discussing ‘the question of Irish needs in the present emergency—wheat and arms being, in his view, the prime
contd. necessities’, as well as censorship and an American loan for Ireland (23 January 1941, 7pp);
   • their meeting on 26 February 1941 discussing Frank Aiken’s mission to the U.S.A. to explore the possibility of obtaining arms, reports that he is ‘pro-German’ and ‘the misunderstanding which had evidently occurred as to the substance of Mr. Welles’ conversation in regard to American opinion and the Irish ports held at the State Department on November 9, 1940’ (26 February 1941, 2pp);
   • their meeting on 28 April discussing the Lend-Lease Act, the U.S.’s protest at de Valera’s statement broadcast on St. Patrick’s Day to America that the belligerents ‘in blockading each other are blockading us’, de Valera’s reply and the U.S.’s offer of two cargo ships for transporting food supplies to Ireland;
   • the question of the introduction of conscription to Northern Ireland;
   • the German bombing of Dublin on the night of 30/31 May 1941 including the bomb which landed in the Phoenix Park and damaged Áras an Uachtarán
   • a report on Rome Radio on 20 June 1941 about an Irish-U.S. axis forming the basis of a ‘plan by which the U.S.A. hopes to obtain from the Irish Free State its ports and air bases for the defence of Britain, and for an attack on the forces of Hitler’;
   • their meeting on 19 July 1941 discussing the remark by the U.S. President that ‘no undertaking had been given him that arms supplied to…[Ireland]…would be used against Germany’, the British use of American technicians at a naval base in Derry and Aiken’s mission to the U.S.A. (22 July 1941, 6pp);
   • their meeting on 2 October 1941 at which de Valera met the American Mission representing the National Conference of Christians and Jews in America (2 October 1941, 8pp);
   • Seán Russell.
   Also includes correspondence between Gray and Secretary of the Department of External Affairs Joseph P. Walshe concerning Gray’s answers to questions from American journalists regarding Ireland’s neutrality and ‘Axis activities in Ireland’ (3–11 September 1941, 3 items) and on the U.S. Secretary’s statement before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee regarding armaments carried by American merchant ships (22–27 October 1941, 2 items).
63 items

May 1940
Typescript copy of de Valera’s special radio broadcast to the nation on 8 May 1940 ‘to remind you of a duty which each of you owes to himself, to the community as a whole, and to Ireland’, following the armed attack on two detective officers conveying mail to the Department of External Affairs early on 7 May (3pp). Also text of address as published in Scéala Éireann (9 May 1940, 1p).
2 items
2591 13 & 27 May 1940  File on the West Galway By-Election held in May 1940 comprising newspaper accounts of de Valera’s campaign speeches in support of Fianna Fáil candidate John J. Keane in An Taidhbhearc, Galway City on [12] May and in Eyre Square on 26 May. 2 items, 2pp each

2592 June 1940  Holograph and typescript drafts of de Valera’s radio broadcast to the nation on 2 June 1940 on the needs of the nation in the present emergency (3 items) and text of address as published in Scéalta Éireann under the headline ‘Taoiseach’s Call to Men of Nation. Recruits, Discipline, Unity–Danger Immediate’ (3 June 1940, 2pp). ‘It is imperative that we be realists in this matter and recognise that when great powers are locked in mortal combat the rights of small nations are as naught to them: the only thing that counts is how one may secure an advantage over the other, and, if the violation of our territory promises such an advantage, then our territory will be violated, our country will be made a cockpit, our homes will be levelled and our people slaughtered…Our nation is in danger. We can save it only by organising to defend it’. 4 items

2593 6 June 1940  Typescript copy of de Valera’s statement issued to ‘Mr. Moore, representative of the United Press–6/6/40’. ‘Should any attempt now be made by either side to invade us we shall resist with every means at our command…The Government is calling on Ireland’s manhood to enrol in the national forces and the response includes men from every class and section of the State…A local Security Force is being established to keep constant watch day and night so that the first attempt at invasion may be reported to the authorities at once and the necessary action taken…Should there be any of our old friends who are foolish enough to lend themselves now to any action to weaken the elected Government here, I would ask them to halt and to remember that what they are contemplating is nothing less than a betrayal of the dead generations…’. 1p

2594 28 June 1940  ‘Resumé of Talks between the Taoiseach and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald’ on 17, 21 & 26 June 1940, when MacDonald [then Minister for Health] came to Dublin ‘to make clear the conviction of the British Government that a German invasion of…[Ireland]…was imminent’ and proposing a six-point plan which offered to accept the principle of a united Ireland and set up a joint body with representatives of the governments of Ëire and Northern Ireland to work out the details of the union of Ireland in return for Ëire entering the war on the side of the U.K. and her allies forthwith. ‘…the Taoiseach made it clear to
Mr. MacDonald that Ireland belonged to the Irish people, and Great Britain had no right of any kind to attempt to barter the unity of the Irish nation for the blood of her people…Mr. MacDonald appeared to be very depressed by the Taoiseach’s reply…but he assured Mr. de Valera that he would secure an amendment of the proposals which would be an advance towards the establishment in fact and immediately of an independent Ireland’.

5pp

1 July 1940
Front page from The Irish Review—‘The Only Irish Newspaper in Australia’—with leading article on de Valera’s Radio broadcast to the Irish nation.
‘…following a machine-gun outrage in Dublin, the Premier…expressed his determination to stamp out any challenge to rightful authority. The leader of the Opposition, Mr. W.T. Cosgrave, announced that his party would not contest a by-election as an indication of his support for the Government’.
Also contains article on the presentation to the Taoiseach of the credentials of David Gray, new American Minister to Ireland and copy of a letter written on 20 April 1940 by de Valera, to ‘a prominent public representative who wrote to him in connection with the recent hungerstrike’. 2pp

Typescript approved and printed published November 1940 versions of interviews given by de Valera to various American newspapers and agencies restating and explaining the Irish Government’s policy of neutrality. Comprises interview with:
• Harold Denny of the New York Times (5 July 1940);
• the Christian Science Monitor, Boston, Massachusetts (August 1940);
• Wallace Carroll of United Press of America (November 1940).
4 items

9, 13 & 16 July 1940
Copies of correspondence between de Valera and W.T. Cosgrave during July 1940 on neutrality. Comprises letter from Cosgrave indicating his party’s view if the Government felt obliged to abandon the policy of neutrality (‘my colleagues and I would be prepared to give them our fullest support in such a change of policy’) (original dated 9 July 1940, 4pp), de Valera’s reply that the Government had not changed its policy and offering to arrange further discussions, ‘in addition to those at the [Defence] Conference, as to the imminence and extent of the danger and the steps necessary to defend the country…The ultimate decision as to any steps to be taken in the national interest must, of course, rest with the Government in office’ (original dated 13 July 1940, 1p) and Cosgrave’s reply accepting the position and the offer of further discussions and emphasising ‘On the question of the abandonment of
neutrality, our suggestion was and is that changing circumstances may conceivably make it in the best interests of the country to take that step before actual invasion. If the Government thinks it necessary to take such a decision, we have indicated our view’ (original dated 16 July 1940, 1p).

2598 27 July 1940 Copy of Picture Post (Vol. 8, No. 4) captioned ‘The Story of Ireland’ containing the following illustrated articles: ‘Ireland’ by Tania Long (pp.9–18), ‘An Irish Village’ by Douglas Macdonald Hastings (pp.19–21) and ‘From the Past History of Ireland’ by Dorothy Macardle (pp.24–31). Also contains a ‘Pictorial feature’ entitled ‘Leading Figures in Ireland’s Turbulent History’ (pp.22–23).

2599 6 July & 2 August 1940 Handwritten summary of proceedings of a meeting on 2 August 1940, between Taoiseach de Valera, Frank Aiken, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defensive Measures, Oscar Traynor, Minister for Defence, and Sir John Maffey U.K. Representative to Éire, and ‘General Harrison’, relating to General Harrison’s role as a Liaison Officer ‘in the event of our calling for British assistance’ and his wish to be ‘make personal contact with the people he might have to work with here. He stressed the importance of getting to know members of the G.H.Q. staff…The T. indicated the neutral attitude of our people and pointed out that it would be impossible to have anything like staff talks…The T. pointed out the necessity for supplies of arms…’ (6 July 1940, 2pp). Also accompanied by typescript summary of meeting of 2 August between de Valera, Sir John Maffey and General Harrison, ‘late Governor of the Channel Islands’, at which General Harrison outlined his role as Chief Liaison Officer if a situation arose where British help was required’ (2 August 1940, 1p).

2600 12 August 1940 Holograph covering note to Taoiseach de Valera’s Personal Secretary Kathleen O’Connell from Seán MacBride enclosing a personal letter for de Valera about his memorandum [originally accompanying the letter but no longer enclosed] outlining ‘a scheme for the setting up of a wireless communication system. Being familiar with the workings of newsagencies, present world conditions have made me realise forcibly the isolation, from a communication point of view, in which we stand…One reason which I refrained from mentioning in the enclosed memorandum, and which renders the establishment of independent means of communications of vital importance at the present moment, is that in the event of strained relations with Britain we could be completely cut off from America. The world could be kept in complete ignorance of an invasion of Ireland for several days, if it so suited Great
2600 contd. Britain. Conversely, if Great Britain was conquered by Germany we would become entirely dependent upon Germany for our communications with the outside world’. 2 items, 1p & 2pp

2601 8 October 1940–19 April 1942 & 17 September 1952 Personal correspondence between de Valera and Viscount Cranborne [Dominions Secretary, 1940–42, later 5th Marquis of Salisbury] on Cranborne’s appointment as Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, an injury sustained by his son in manoeuvres, and on de Valera’s eye operation in 1952. 5 items

2602 October 1940 Carbon copy of a column by ‘Spectator’ published in The Irish Independent on 15 October 1940 on the occasion of de Valera’s 58th birthday, on his Spanish ancestors. 1p

2603 30 October, 4 November 1940 Holograph letter to Mrs. de Valera from Maud Gonne MacBride drawing attention to the case of Tomas McCurtain being naked in his cell in Port Laoise because he ‘refuses to wear convict clothes’ (30 October 1940, 2pp) and Department of Justice report read to the Taoiseach on 6 November on McCurtain’s refusal to wear prison uniform, his donning of a blanket in its stead with the result that he has not left his cell since 29 July except when he was removed ‘to the Curragh Military Hospital suffering from appendicitis. He was taken back to the Prison on 10th September, and has since either been in bed or wearing the blanket as described above’ (4 November 1940, 1p). 2 items, 2pp & 1p

2604 1940–44 Copies of the text of ‘Correspondence and Conversations between the Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington [Robert Brennan]) and the State Department re Ireland’s neutrality’ between 11 November 1940 and 10 June 1942. Typescript labelled ‘Files P. 23 & P. 53’ (18pp) and copies of the text of official correspondence between de Valera and President Roosevelt and public references to Ireland made by the American authorities, between 19 November 1940 and 7 March 1944 (53pp). Also copies of cables sent to and from the Irish Legation in Washington between 22 January and 30 July 1941, (4 items). 6 items
2605
17 November 1940–26 January 1941
Interviews and press statements issued by George Bernard Shaw and de Valera following Shaw’s public appeal to de Valera to allow Britain to use the Irish ports. Also article by Shaw entitled *My Advice to Winston Churchill* published in *This Week*—‘Here is what this Irish Englishman says the British Prime Minister and Éamon de Valera should do to strengthen the mutual defense of Britain and Éire against Axis attack’ (26 January 1941, 1p).
12 items

2606
9 September 1921; May 1945–March 1962
File on George Bernard Shaw (1856–1950) comprising mainly personal correspondence between him and de Valera (May 1945–September 1949, 8 items). Also includes:
– holograph note to de Valera from Mrs. Charlotte Shaw (9 September 1921, 1p) enclosing a letter by her husband, written while he ‘was lying on the sofa…tired out after a rehearsal of John Bull’s Other Island, and I asked him what answer he would send to Lloyd George if he was in your place. He immediately took a notebook & scribbled the enclosed’ (2pp);
– reviews of Shaw’s *The Matter with Ireland* (1962) published in the *Sunday Telegraph* and the *Sunday Observer* (25 March 1962, 2 items);
– black and white photograph of a clay model of a statue of Shaw (n.d., 16cm x 22cm).
13 items

2607
4, 23 December 1940
Covering letters and memoranda sent to de Valera by Minister for Agriculture Dr. James Ryan and Minister of Supplies Seán Lemass on foot of a request for information from the Taoiseach [in preparation for a radio broadcast] regarding agricultural exports to Britain, problems in chartering the tonnage necessary to maintain food imports and the depletion of Irish wheat and maize stocks.
6 items

2608
December 1940
Holograph copy of de Valera’s Christmas radio broadcast to the U.S.A. on Christmas Day 1940, autographed and dated by de Valera (30pp) and text of address as published in *The Irish Press* under the headline ‘We Shall Defend Ourselves Taoiseach Tells America. Appeal To Help Us Get Arms And Supplies’ (27 December 1940, 1p).
‘The overshadowing anxiety at the moment is the day-to-day expectation of the possibility of a crisis which would force our people once more to battle desperately for their liberties…I appeal…to our American friends who have so often stood by us in our hour of trial…to help to secure the arms we need, and…should the blockade grow tighter…the supply of foodstuffs…which are essential if the most acute hardships of our people are to be avoided…At
no time since this war began has there been any friction between us and any of the belligerent Governments; there has been no attempt at any time either to threaten or to bully. Our position as a neutral has been frankly recognised, and in the main respected. We desire that this position should continue’.

2608 contd.

2609 [1938]–November 1965

File on the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, comprising the School of Celtic Studies, School of Theoretical Physics and School of Cosmic Physics. Comprises mainly correspondence between de Valera, Prof. Hermann A. Brück, Prof. W. Heitler, Dr. B.W. Pollack, D.I.A.S., School of Cosmic Physics, Dr. M.A. Ellison, Royal Observatory, Edinburgh, Prof. W.V.D. Hodge, Secretary of the Royal Society, and Sir Edward Appleton, University of Edinburgh Principal and Vice-Chancellor, about the post of Senior Professor of Astronomy at Dunsink Observatory, and copy of a Department of the Taoiseach file (3 July 1957) comprising ‘Summary of action leading to establishment of Institute, School of Cosmic Physics and School of Theoretical Physics—with special reference to Professors Whittaker and Schroedinger’, with copies of relevant reports and correspondence, between April 1938 and July 1947 (34 items). Also includes ‘Copy of Mrs. Schroedinger’s Notes on Events leading up to Professor Schroedinger’s coming to Dublin in 1939’ (n.d., 5pp); newspaper cuttings on the death of Prof. Leo W. Pollack, First Director of the School of Cosmic Physics in November 1965 (November 1964, 2 items); documents relating to the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the Institute in November 1964, including text of speech on the ‘School of Theoretical Physics, 1940–65’ (10pp), the address of the Chairman of the Council of the Institute on the occasion (7pp) and [de Valera’s] address (4pp); lists of academic staff and members of the Governing Boards in the three schools (2 items), and printed reports—Fifteen Year Report School of Theoretical Physics, 29 October 1940 to 31 March 1955 (D.I.A.S., 1961, 34pp) and Twenty Year Report School of Celtic Studies, October 1940 to March 1960 (D.I.A.S., 1962, 31pp).

c. 67 items

2610 1940

Text of de Valera’s article ‘Bun-Chuspóir is Brigh an Mheán-Oideachais’, for publication in The School and College Year Book, 1940–41. Large print.

41pp

2611 16 January–1 April 1941

Covering notes to Kathleen O’Connell from Joseph P. Walshe enclosing copies of memoranda sent to Irish High Commissioner in London John W. Dulanty by Dominions Secretary Lord Cranborne, on shipping arrangements between Éire and the U.K. and oil supplies.

5 items, 1p each
January 1941

Notes for, and drafts, including draft by Joseph P. Walshe, of de Valera’s radio broadcast to the nation on 29 January 1941 (3 items) and text of address as published in The Irish Press under the headline ‘Total Blockade Can Be Met. Taoiseach’s Advice To The People’ (30 January 1941, 2pp).

‘An Taoiseach warned last night that we shall be foolish in the extreme if we do not prepare at once for the worst regarding all imported supplies. A total blockade would in time, he said, cause much suffering, but need never compel the nation to give way to pressure…Our first step must be to make sure of the nation’s food…We can have abundance of the best food if we set out now to produce it ourselves…That calls for a big effort on the part of our farmers…’

4 items

February 1941

Typescript copy of de Valera’s radio broadcast to the nation on 11 February 1941 appealing to Dublin parents to co-operate in registering their children for the Government’s voluntary evacuation scheme. ‘In our case, should war unfortunately come to us, there is scarcely a doubt that contemporaneous with the first act of aggression against us in any other part of our territory would be an air attack upon our capital city’.

Also text of address as published in The Irish Press under the headline ‘Evacuation Plan Is Urgent. Taoiseach’s Appeal to Parents–And Warning’ (12 February 1941, 2pp).

2 items

21 February 1941

Note to de Valera from President Roosevelt on receipt of the Taoiseach’s Christmas card, sending greetings for 1941.

1p

4 March–14 May 1941

File on Frank Aiken’s mission to the U.S.A. between March [and May] 1941, as Minister for the Co-ordination of Defensive Measures, to examine the possibility of securing arms. Includes copy letters of introduction for Aiken from de Valera addressed to Cardinal O’Connell, Archbishop of Boston, Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and acknowledgements from Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull (4 March–22 April 1941, 5 items); American newspaper reports on Aiken’s arrival on 18 March and the reception held in his honour by the Irish Representative in Washington Robert Brennan on 28 March (19–29 March 1941, 6 items); ‘Cablegrams received from Washington Legation regarding Mr. Aiken’s activities in U.S.A., between 22 March and 2 May 1941’ (7pp) and reports by Robert Brennan on Aiken’s activities (26 March & 9 April 1941, 2 items, 7pp each).

21 items
March 1941

‘Notes of a discussion which took place on 10.3.[19]41 between Brig. Gen. Gregson Ellis, Lieutenant. Col. Pryce, the Chief of Staff, and Colonel Archer’ [Colonel Liam Archer of the Irish Army’s G2 intelligence service], relating to British reaction to a possible German invasion of Ireland, during which the Brigadier-General outlined ‘the points which worried’ Lieutenant General Sir Henry Pownall, British Troops Northern Ireland [B.T.N.I] Commander:

– ‘the security of the aerodromes at Baldonnel and Collinstown’, 
– ‘that the Germans would land troops from the air attired in British battledress and simultaneously circulate the story that the British had seized the ports’,
– that the Germans might make landings in the West of Ireland and so threaten the British advance South,
– the use of Naas as a base area for British troops.

General Gregson Ellis ‘indicated that General Pownall would lose no time in coming South to establish contact with General McKenna when the balloon went up. He held out no hope of further supplies of material but said General Pownall was proceeding to London shortly and would make representations on our behalf’.

2pp

March 1941–February 1945

Miscellaneous documents relating to Sir John Maffey. Includes holograph letter to de Valera from Sir John quoting an extract from a letter written to him on 20 October 1940 by Neville Chamberlain, concerning de Valera–‘It is quite true that I did not succeed in getting all I wanted from my efforts to improve relations with Éire, but like most of my failures it left something solid behind it, and I believe with you that Mr. de Valera’s personal confidence in me has been a help’ (27 January 1942, 2pp).

6 items

April 1941

Typescript copy of de Valera’s Easter radio broadcast, on the 25th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, calling for unity and self-discipline, for the perfecting of organisation in the defence services and for fidelity to the teaching and example of the 1916 leaders in devotion to the Irish language (6pp). Also text of address as published in Séalta Éireann under the headline ‘A Trust to Defend. Taoiseach’s Message’ (14 April 1941, 2pp).

2 items

22, 28 April, 23 May 1941

Covering note from Joseph P. Walshe to Kathleen O’Connell enclosing a copy of John J. Hearne’s report on his recent conversation with Malcolm MacDonald, who told him that at a dinner with the Churchills, the Prime Minister had ‘bewailed’ the loss of the Treaty ports ‘and bowing to Mr. MacDonald, said “Sorry, Malcolm, that was your doing” ’ (April 1941, 2 items, 1p each).

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2619 contd. Also encloses a copy of an extract from a report by Hearne [Irish High Commissioner to Canada] on a conversation with C. Gavan Power, Minister of National Defence for Air [and grand-nephew of Sir Charles Gavan Duffy], during a dinner at Hearne’s house on 19 April, during which Power said that ‘Churchill’s view of the war situation is that the Allies cannot win unless Germany cracks up inside…’ (1p) 3 items, 1p each

2620 26 April 1941 Newspaper report on de Valera’s speech on a scheme for evacuation of citizens from Dublin in event of an attack, delivered in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin on 25 April 1941. Headlined Completion Of Evacuation Plans An Urgent Task, Warning By Taoiseach. 2pp

2621 21–28 May 1941 File on the British proposal to introduce conscription into Northern Ireland. Comprises:
– newspaper cuttings on the conscription crisis (22–28 May 1941, 17 items);
– memoranda by Joseph P. Walshe of the Department of External Affairs on his contacts with Irish High Commissioner John W. Dulanty and Dulanty’s meetings with Lord Cranborne, Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Minister for Air, Lord Beaverbrook and Churchill on the matter (21–24 May 1941, 4 items, 2pp each);
– handwritten draft by Maurice Moynihan, of de Valera’s message to Churchill to be conveyed through Dulanty (25 May 1941, 3pp);
– typescript message given to Churchill, annotated ‘Handed to Mr. Walshe at 9.30 p.m. 5-25-41 for Mr. Dulanty—to be transmitted to Mr. Churchill on the 26th’ (25 May 1941, 2pp);
– memorandum by Walshe on Dulanty’s meeting with Churchill on 26 May (26 May 1941, 2pp);
– drafts of de Valera’s speech at a special sitting of the Dáil on 26 May: ‘From the moment that the British Prime Minister indicated that the British Government had again under consideration the question of applying Conscription to the Northern six counties I am sure there is not an Irishman in any part of Ireland who did not see at once the magnitude of the issues involved and the dangers that lay in this proposal….Should the British Government now go ahead with a proposal to enforce conscription upon the people of the Six Counties, the work which has been done with the utmost patience, perseverance and good will over a long period of years would be undone and the people of the two islands will be thrown back again into the old unhappy relations. The people of this country do not want that, and I do not think the people of Britain want it….I have asked you, the representatives of the people, to meet today in order that this appeal should not appear to come from one man or from the Government or from any party in the State, but from all parties and from our whole people…’ (26 May 1941, 2 items, 5pp & 6pp);
2621 contd. – memorandum by Walshe on Dulanty’s meeting with Ernest Bevin on 26 May and Churchill’s announcement in the House of Commons the following day that the introduction of conscription for Ulster was ‘not worth the trouble’ (17 May 1941, 2pp);
– memoranda by Walshe on English and American press reaction to the conscription question and Churchill’s announcement (27 May 1941, 2 items, 4pp & 1p). 32 items

2622 28 June 1941 Holograph draft of an address/broadcast by de Valera on the nation’s need to make preparations for war. ‘I feel that I must again warn the people that every day that passes whilst this war lasts will see our country more and more in a position of danger, and every hour that is given to us should be used to prepare to meet the worst should it come…Every householder should now make up his mind what he and his family will do should he be called upon to abandon his home…The peril of people in the towns and cities is of course far greater than that of people living in detached houses in the country…Evacuation on a large scale may be the only safeguard for the people in our cities…Householders in the larger cities should provide themselves with some kind of air raid shelter…learn the best way to put out fires and have the necessary materials always at hand and carefully study and follow the instructions given by the ARP department. The cities are the weakest points in our defences as they are in the defences of every country…The minister of defence is willing to take further recruits into the army and young men…should if they are free to go regard it as a duty to join up…’. Annotated by de Valera ‘Ennis, June 28th, 1941’. 6pp

2623 9 July 1941 Extracts from de Valera’s statements on neutrality, compiled in July 1941. 2pp

2624 1 September 1941 Printed circular appeal by de Valera for subscriptions to the annual Fianna Fáil Headquarters’ Fund. ‘There are trying times immediately ahead, and it is vital if the national interests are to be safeguarded that the Government should, as in the past, be able at any time to demonstrate and support its authority by direct reference to the people. To maintain an organisation for this purpose and to provide for the expenses of a possible general election, requires a considerable sum of money.’ Irish and English versions. 2pp
2625 5 & 8 September 1941  Letter to de Valera from John D. Kearney, High
Commissioner for Canada in Ireland on a
possible visit to Éire of Canadian Prime Minister W.L. Mackenzie King and
de Valera’s reply regretting that the Prime Minister was unable to pay the
visit. 2 items, 1p each

2626 October–December 1941  Drafts of speeches and newspaper reports on de
Valera’s speeches between 5 October and 14
December 1941, to parades of military and Local Defence Forces at the
following locations around the country:
• Mullingar, Co. Westmeath on 5 October (October 1941, 4 items);
• Wexford town on 19 October (October 1941, 6 items);
• Tralee, Co. Kerry on 2 November (November 1941, 6 items);
• Galway city on 16 November (November 1941, 2 items);
• Limerick city on 30 November (November & December 1941, 4 items);
• Cork city on 14 December (December 1941, 2 items).
24 items

2627 6 October 1941  Typescript text of de Valera’s speech in Irish
on the occasion of the handing over of the
Iveagh Gardens, by the Government, to University College Dublin on 6
October 1941. De Valera’s personal copy marked with a delta sign.
1p

2628 October 1941  Covering notes and typescript copy of the Irish
Bishops’ ‘Memorandum on Grievances and
Disabilities of Irish Catholics in the Six Counties’. Memorandum (22pp) is
divided into the following sections: Introduction, Diocesan Results of
Partition, Penal Government and Judicature, Gerrymandering and
Discrimination in Employment, Penal Education, the Fruit of Intolerance and
Conclusion. 3 items, 1p, 1p & 22pp

2629 November 1941  Typescript draft of de Valera’s radio broadcast
to the nation on 18 November 1941 on the
national plan of defence and the vital role of the Local Defence Force [L.D.F.]
(7pp) and text of address as published in Séala Éireann under the headline
‘L.D.F.’s Vital Role In Defence Plan. Cannot Have Too Many For Training,
Taoiseach Says’ (19 November 1941, 2pp). 2 items

2631  December 1941  Drafts of de Valera’s radio broadcast to the nation on 3 December 1941 on ‘The Nation’s Food Requirements’ (4 items) and text of address as published in Scéalta Éireann under the headline ‘Taoiseach’s Call To Farmers. Plough 600,000 More Acres’ (14 December 1941, 2pp). 5 items

2632  December 1941  File relating to Churchill’s ‘A Nation Once Again’ telegram of 8 December 1941 to de Valera, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour. Includes typescript note by de Valera recounting his meeting with Sir John Maffey to deliver Churchill’s message (8 December 1941, 2pp); typescript note by de Valera recounting his meeting with Sir John Maffey to give him his reply to Churchill’s telegram (10 December 1941, 1p); text of de Valera’s reply (10 December 1941, 1p) and typescript note on de Valera’s ‘General impression of conversation with Lord Cranborne’ on 17 December 1941, following the Dominions Secretary’s arrival in Dublin on 16 December, at de Valera’s suggestion. ‘I said that I was glad that he came…I wasn’t clear what Mr. Churchill’s message meant. He said it was indeed vague…C. thought that it might be possible for us to come in….He referred to the difficulties with regard to supplies and also the threat of armed attack as being factors which should lead in that direction…’ (n.d., 2pp). 6 items

2633  December 1941  Typescript drafts of de Valera’s Christmas radio broadcast to the U.S.A. on 25 December 1941 describing the problems created for Ireland by the war, expressing sympathy with the American people in the difficulties and problems now facing them, and making it clear that Ireland will remain neutral unless attacked and, if attacked, will resist ‘to the utmost of our power’ (2 items). Also text of address as published in Scéalta Éireann under the headline ‘Taoiseach Greets United States. Sets Out Ireland’s Position’ (25–26 December 1941, 1p). 3 items

2634  [1941]  Holograph notes by de Valera for an address to troops on an unspecified occasion, on the need to be prepared for war should it come. ‘Young men now in better pos[ition] to defend…Every moment given for preparation precious. No false notion of security: never regard ourselves as out of danger…You know in advance what will happen if we are attacked. We shall defend ourselves. You know the
contd. order to do so already given. You know if we are attacked whoever will do so will in the usual manner profess to come here for our benefit. You will not believe that or be misled by such professions...’. 6pp

2635 July 1941–April 1942; File on the Free State’s response to the arrival of American troops in Northern Ireland in January 1942. Includes:
– memoranda by Joseph P. Walshe on the establishment of an American base in Northern Ireland (16 September & 3 November 1941, 26 February & 16 April 1942, 3 items, 2pp, 1p, & 2pp);
– communications between de Valera and President Roosevelt (23 December 1941, 3 items, 2pp, 1p & );
– drafts of statement issued by de Valera for publication in the newspapers and on radio reasserting Ireland’s claim to reintegration of the national territory, following the arrival in Northern Ireland on 26 January 1942 of American troops, without prior consultation or notice to the Irish government by the Allies. ‘...it is our duty to make it clearly understood that no matter what troops occupy the Six Counties the Irish people’s claim for the union of the whole of the National Territory and for supreme jurisdiction over it will remain unabated’;
– typescript headed ‘Correspondence and Conversations between the Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington and State Department re U.S. Troops in Six Counties’ comprising texts of cablegrams sent between Dublin and the Washington Legation between October 1941 and April 1942. Typescript labelled ‘File P. 43’ (n.d., 12pp);

27 items

2636 13 January 1942 Newspaper reports on de Valera’s speech on food and defence, delivered in Navan, Co. Meath on 12 January 1942, when he addressed a large gathering of Meath farmers and representatives of public bodies in the County Council buildings, organised under the auspices of the County Committee of Agriculture.

Time Is Running Short. Taoiseach’s Winter Wheat Call and Taoiseach Calls For Bigger Defence Arm. References to ‘Violent Articles’ In Foreign Papers.

2 items, 1p & 2pp

2638 12 February–10 July 1942 Communications between de Valera and U.S. Minister to Éire David Gray, between February and July 1942, following the U.S.’s entry into the war. Comprises mainly memoranda of conversations between de Valera and Gray, prepared by Gray for the State Department and forwarded to de Valera, on 29 January and 6 July 1942, on ‘the general situation as affected by the arrival of American troops in Northern Ireland’; the landing of American airmen in Irish territory (29 January 1942, 5pp); newspaper reports on the completion of the ‘American naval base’ in Derry; discussions on military liaison between the British and American forces in the North and the Irish General Staff; the question of arms for Ireland and the purchasing of supplies for American forces in Northern Ireland; and the ‘possibility of increasing Irish food supplies for export and especially the possibility of increasing pig production for export’ (6 July 12942, 6pp). 9 items
See also P150/2589

2639 February 1942 Booklet to accompany the ‘Permanent Exhibition of Irish Manufactures, 3 St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin. Opened by An Taoiseach, Mr. E. De Valera, 16th December, 1921, and officially visited by Mr. De Valera twenty years after 17th February, 1942’ (February 1942, 15pp). Exhibition organised by the Federation of Irish Manufacturers Ltd. Also ‘Alphabetical List of Names and Seating Arrangements for Federation N.A.I.D.A. Luncheon on Tuesday 17th February, 1942 In celebration of 20th Anniversary of the Permanent Exhibition of Irish Manufactures’ (February 1942, 8pp).
2 items, 15pp & 8pp

2640 28 February 1942 Copy of The War Illustrated (Vol. 5, No. 122) containing article (p.511) by E. Royston Pike entitled ‘The Strange Case of Mr. De Valera’s Ireland’. ‘Speaking on Feb. 3, Mr. De Valera warned the Irish people that, in a war situation that might last for four years more, Ireland might become a cockpit. Attacked by one or both belligerents, she would defend her liberty: hence, “we should not be satisfied until we have 250,000 men trained as soldiers”’. But (it may be asked) would they suffice against panzers and dive-bombers?’. 1 item
2641 April 1942 File on the ‘Conscription Test Case’ of April 1942 in which Lord Caldicott, Lord Chief Justice, dismissed the Appeal of Michael Murray and four other Irish citizens residing in Britain, against Conscription Orders under the British Armed Forces Act. Includes drafts of de Valera’s views on Lord Caldicott’s judgement and copy of Saorstát Éireann *Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act, 1935* (Dublin: The Stationery Office) (53pp). 9 items

2642 15, 21 April 1942 Draft Dáil speeches by de Valera following the deaths of Deputies T.P. Dowdall ‘the senior representative for Cork City’ and Alderman Tom Kelly [Dublin], expressing the sympathies of the House. 2 items, 2pp each

2643 [May 1942] Holograph letter to Taoiseach de Valera from O.[liver] J. Flanagan of the Irish National Monetary Reform Association, urging de Valera to ‘take stock of the national position before you & the hidden forces now controlling you drives what remains of our people on their native soil before them like the swine in the bible—to national & irretrievable destruction…The substance & not the essence of freedom is our goal…No artifice or camouflage will satisfy us with less…In your more bellicose days you often declared that “you had only to look into your own heart, to find out what the Irish people were wanting”. Your actions for the past 8 or 9 years compels us to think that you did not take a peep into that organ of yours for that length of time. We would advise–nay, urge–you to take a peep at once & look at the economic & social forces that are sweeping the people off their feet. As a wise statesman endeavour to get the people to see and understand these far reaching forces that are silently surrounding them, & also to prepare your State department & public institutions to cope with these changes too’. 8pp

2644 1942 ‘Defence–Points made by the Taoiseach’ being a typescript list of references to the defence of Ireland made by de Valera in various speeches including public meetings around the country and radio broadcasts between May 1940 and November 1942. 9pp

2645 31 August, 1 September 1942 File on de Valera’s efforts to intervene in the British Government’s decision to execute one of six men arrested in Belfast for the shooting of a police constable on Easter Sunday 1942 and sentenced to death in July 1942. Comprises holograph draft of note sent to Churchill asking him to stay the execution (n.d., 1p) and secret communications to the Taoiseach from Joseph...
2645 contd.  P. Walshe on his meeting on the matter with Sir John Maffey on 31 August (3pp) and on the British Government’s reply to de Valera’s request—‘Having given the fullest consideration to all the relevant circumstances, they regret that the case is not one in which they can intervene’ (1 September 1942, 1p).  3 items

2646  October 1942  Drafts of de Valera’s speech on post-war planning, to the Dublin Chamber of Commerce on 28 October 1942. Also newspaper report on event headlined *Taoiseach On Tasks Facing Nation When War Is Over.*  3 items

2647  December 1942  Typescript drafts of de Valera’s Christmas radio broadcast to the Irish nation transmitted on 25 December 1942 (3 items) and text of the address as published in *The Irish Press* under the headline ‘Face Future Boldly: Taoiseach’s Call To All Citizens’ (28 December 1942, 2pp).  4 items

2648  1943–April 1945  File on post-war economic planning comprising:
  – agenda for a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Planning on 27 January 1943 (January 1943, 1p);
  – agenda for a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Planning on 10 April 1945 (7 April 1945, 1p) and the following attached memoranda:
    • Department of the Taoiseach memorandum headed ‘Post-War Planning. Summary of principal matters considered by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Planning’. Areas covered includes agriculture, land division, fisheries, construction works, education, transport and communications, industry and commerce and local government and public health (7 April 1945, 15pp);
    • ‘Observations of Department of Finance on British White Paper on Employment Policy, (Cmd. 6527)’ (31 October 1944, 19pp);
    • ‘Observations by the Minister for Industry and Commerce on Memorandum circulated to Cabinet Committee by Department of Finance on the British White Paper on Employment Policy’. Two copies, one incomplete and one copy marked ‘Taoiseach’ (21 November 1944, 2 items, 4pp & 7pp);
    • memorandum by Seán Lemass Minister for Industry and Commerce on ‘Full Employment’ ([16 January] 1945, 45pp);
    • Comments of the Minister for Education Thomas Derrig on the memorandum on Full Employment prepared by the Minister for Industry and forwarded to de Valera for his information (7 February 1945, 2 items, 1p & 8pp);
    • ‘Comments of the Minister for Agriculture on the memorandum on Full Employment prepared by the Minister for Industry and Commerce’ (n.d., 13pp);
folder labelled ‘Cabinet Committee on Economic Planning’ containing lists of main matters dealt with including agriculture, land division, fisheries, construction works, education, transport, communications, industry and commerce, local government and public works and the provision of employment ([May 1944?], 45pp);
- Department of the Taoiseach memorandum headed ‘Cabinet Committee on Economic Planning. Classified List of main matters dealt with’ (31 December 1943, 10pp);
- brief for Taoiseach for the ‘Parliamentary Question addressed to the Taoiseach by Deputy Martin O’Sullivan for answer on Wednesday, 27th October, 1943’ on what steps the government has taken towards the ‘formulation of plans and proposals for economic development and reconstruction after the war’. ‘A committee of the Cabinet consisting of the Taoiseach and the Ministers for Finance and Industry & Commerce and Supplies which was set up in November last [1942] keeps under observation the progress made by the Departments in formulating proposals for post-war activities and makes suggestions as to steps which might be taken to expedite planning and the carrying out of preparatory work in existing conditions…In the case of agriculture a Committee with wide terms of reference under the Chairmanship of Professor T.A. Smiddy is engaged in the consideration of post-war policy’ ([October 1943], 2pp);
- Department of Agriculture ‘Memorandum. Commission on Agriculture’ (26 October 1943, 2pp);
- S. 12882 Department of the Taoiseach ‘Post-War Planning. Summary of Proposals’ (n.d., 3pp);
- typescript draft address on Irish industry by de Valera to an unidentified gathering of Irish industrialists (n.d., 10pp);
- typescript copy of a letter to the Department of the Taoiseach from W.F. Nally of the Irish Land Commission on the ‘Post-War Resumption of Land Commission’s Activities’ (original dated 16 May 1944, 2pp);
- suggested heads and text of de Valera’s address to the National Planning Conference in 1943 (3 items);
- Committee of Inquiry on Post Emergency Agricultural Policy. ‘Summary of Interim Report on the Cattle and Dairying Industries’ (n.d., 2pp) and ‘Summary of Interim Report on Poultry Production’ (n.d., 2pp);
- ‘Notes on proposed measures affecting Agriculture’ (n.d., 3pp);
- typescript copy of synopsis of the report of post-war plans of the Turf Development Board, Ltd. (16 May 1944, 2pp);
- ‘Memorandum on Advance Plans for Post Emergency Forestry Work’ (3 December 1942, 13pp);
42 items
2649  15 May 1943  Handwritten address of welcome to de Valera by [members of the Fianna Fáil Kerry Constituency] on the occasion of his visit to Kerry on 15 May 1943. In Irish.  1p

2650  15, 16 July 1943  Newspaper report of a speech made by Herbert Morrison, British Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security at a lunch in London in the ‘Thirty’ Club in honour of Sir Basil Brooke, Premier of Northern Ireland, in which he criticised the Free State’s policy of neutrality (15 July 1943, 1p). Also drafts of de Valera’s response to the attack (8 items).  10 items

2651  [post February 1944]  Typescript headed ‘Moments of Special Crisis during the War’, listing crises between 1 November 1939, ‘Request for ports. Maffey acting on instructions. Taoiseach’s reply “persistence means war” ’ and 21 February 1944, ‘American Note, supported by the British requesting the removal of the Axis Representatives from Dublin’.  2pp

2652  17 December 1943– 4 March 1944  Copy correspondence between Seán Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce and Most. Rev. John Charles McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin and between Archbishop McQuaid and de Valera on the Archbishop’s opposition to the procedure suggested by de Valera for dealing with the spiritual and religious clauses of the terms of reference of the Youth Unemployment Commission. The disagreement arises from the Archbishop’s statement that ‘It will be appreciated that my office of Archbishop of Dublin calls for an understanding by which non-Catholic Teaching and Welfare Associations would not be invited to send in recommendations concerning the religious and spiritual welfare of their members to a Commission of which I am Chairman. I would then suggest that the respect owed to the consciences of non-Catholics could be safeguarded by having all such recommendations forwarded to you, who, as Minister, in the measures later to be adopted by the Government, can duly provide for the freedom of conscience of non-Catholics’ (17 December 1943, 1p). De Valera suggests an alternative procedure which the Archbishop, following consultation with the Administrative Council of the Diocese (‘as the Canon Law prescribes in questions of major moment’), does not accept. De Valera concludes ‘We have, therefore, reached the impasse which I had sought to avoid. The Government on its side is unable to accept the proposal outlined in your Grace’s letters…The Commission was set up to consider a certain problem
which is an integral one and affects the community as a whole. If the Commission decides to deal with the problem partially, or to exclude from its consideration any section of the people, that is a course which was not anticipated by the Government when the Commission was being set up and it will be, I think, if adopted, a course without precedent’ (25 February 1944, 1p).

1943    Commemorative booklet entitled *Seamus Barrett 1857–1943* published by the Manchester Martyrs’ Committee and including a tribute to Barrett by de Valera.    16pp

[1943]    Extract from *The Atlantic Monthly* (pp.90–94) of an article by Hugh O’Neill Hencken entitled ‘How Peaceful are the Irish?’ on Irish attitudes towards Britain and Irish neutrality.    5pp

[1943?]    Typescript draft letter from de Valera to the British Secretary of State [for Home Affairs Sir Herbert Morrison?] on the question of ‘navicert applications for the shipment of goods to Ireland’ following the refusal of a number of applications--‘Since the 1st October, all outstanding applications by Irish firms in respect of certain commodities, principally sisal and various animal and vegetable fats and oils, have been refused’. With holograph note by de Valera ‘Spoke to Walsh & he will get Dulanty to give verbally the substance of the last paragraph--not insert it with the protest’.    3pp

February 1944    Typescript text of extract on the teaching of Irish in schools, from the address of Fr. Burbage S.P. during the awarding of prizes at the Chéard Scoil, Port Laois on 8 February 1944. In Irish.    5pp

February 1944    Typescript draft of de Valera’s speech at the annual dinner of the Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland on 16 February 1944. In Irish.    3pp
2658 22 February–4 April 1944; File relating to the American Note presented to de Valera by David Gray on 21 February 1944 requesting the closure of the Axis Legations in Dublin and accusing Ireland of providing ‘the opportunity for highly organized espionage’. Comprises:

– Note (No.410) ‘Handed in by the American Minister David Gray at 3.30 p.m. Feb. 21. 1944’, annotated in margins by de Valera and signed by Gray (21 February 1944, 4pp);

– covering note to de Valera from Sir John Maffey enclosing the British Government’s statement in relation to the American Note of 21 February 1944. ‘The United Kingdom Government desire to make it clear that, for their part, they warmly welcome the initiative which has been taken by the United States Government and that they fully support the request for the removal from Éire of German and Japanese diplomatic and consular representatives’ (22 February 1944, 2 items, 1p each);

– memoranda initialled by Maurice Moynihan recounting de Valera’s meetings between 25 and 29 February, with Fine Gael leaders Richard Mulcahy, Dr. T.F. O’Higgins and Patrick McGilligan, Labour Party leaders William Davin and William Norton and leader of Clann na Talmhan Michael Donnellan, to apprise them of the situation (29 February & 4 April 1944, 2 items, 3pp & 6pp) and holograph letters to de Valera from Patrick Cogan, who was unable to attend the meetings (28 February & 1 March 1944, 2 items, 1p & 3pp);

– drafts of reply to the U.S. Note, prepared by Joseph P. Walshe (4pp), Director of the Government Information Bureau Frank Gallagher (3pp), Secretary of the Government Maurice Moynihan (4pp) and de Valera (5 items);

– letter to de Valera from David Gray confirming the oral assurance that ‘no military force was contemplated’ against Ireland in the event of a refusal to close the German and Japanese Legations in Dublin’, which Gray had been instructed to give de Valera during their interview on 29 February, (2 March 1944, 7pp);

– extract from National News-Letter (No. 401), (Hartfield House, Headley, Bordon, Hants. England) with leading article Éire and the War on ‘the despatch of the Note by President Roosevelt to Mr. de Valera, asking him to close the German and Japanese Legations in Dublin on the grounds (details unspecified) that they are centres of espionage’ (16 March 1944, 2pp).

Also printed materials relating to the same matter comprising extract from Weekly Review of the German News Agency (No. 10) with article headed The American and British Demands (17 March 1944, 2pp); photocopy of extract on Ireland from Foreign Relations of the United States, 1944–Vol. III (pp.216–257) reproducing telegrams relating to ‘Representations by the United States, supported by the United Kingdom, asking the Irish Government to take steps for the recall of German and Japanese Representatives in Ireland’ (n.d. (1964?), 42pp).

See P150/2571 for memoranda to de Valera from Joseph P. Walshe on meetings between Walshe and Sir John Maffey following the presentation of the American Note 19 items
2659 [1943]; March–June 1944 Letter to Kathleen O'Connell from R.E. Whelan of Electric & Musical Industries (Ireland) Ltd. enclosing copy letters to him from C. Benning of the [H.M.V.] Gramophone Company Ltd. on arrangements for the distribution of royalties relating to a series of recordings by de Valera. Also includes typescript copies of texts of the recordings, one labelled ‘The Ireland we desire. Extracts from address by President Eamon de Valera St. Patrick’s Day, 1943’ (2pp); text in Irish headed ‘An Ghaeilge–teanga na hÉireann. Did recording of this for the H.M.V. Gramophone Co. on March 9th, 1944, at 12 Noon, at 86 St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin.’ Text entitled ‘The Irish Language a characteristic mark of our Nationhood. Extract from St. Patrick’s Day B[road]cast 1943’ ‘Recorded for the H.M.V. Gramophone Company at their request at 86 St. Stephen’s Green, March 9th, 1944 at 12 Noon until 1.30p.m.’ (4pp). 6 items

2660 11–13 March 1944 Note (13 March 1933, 1p) to de Valera from Minister for Defence Oscar Traynor enclosing three ‘documents which I have received from the Army Authorities’ relating to rumours of an American invasion of the Ireland.

4 items

2661 March 1944 Typescript copy of de Valera’s broadcast on Radio Éireann on 22 March 1944 on ‘the urgent need of greatly increased…fuel production…Next to food our greatest need from a security point of view is fuel…The most likely way to come near to meeting our requirements is to get all former producers of turf to double their output…Workers therefore in addition to those customarily employed in the production of turf must be found…the County Surveyors in the turf producing areas have set up an organisation to produce not merely what is needed for their own institutional needs, but also to produce a surplus to go to the National pool in the non-turf area. The large dumps of turf in the Phoenix Park and elsewhere in the East come largely from this source…As a result of the prolonged drought the output of the Shannon…(electricity generating)…Station has been reduced to a minimum and normal output from the steam station at Pigeon House cannot be attained because of the very inferior quality of coal available. In consequence the two power stations cannot meet the demand and it is essential, therefore, in the national interests for all consumers to assist by cutting down consumption drastically’. 11pp
2662  26 March 1944  Cutting from The New York Times Magazine containing an illustrated article by Harold Denny entitled ‘De Valera’s Inflexible Creed. His Single aim, independence for Éire, has now been identified with his policy of neutrality’.  
1 item

2663  28 March 1944  Copy of secret British memorandum listing all ‘the measures at present in contemplation which directly affect Éire’—the suspension of the public telephone service, civil air services and certain shipping services, shipping diversions and precautions concerning diplomatic communications—following the completion of a survey in London of ‘all possible means of strengthening the existing arrangements with other countries to ensure that information as to military activities does not reach the enemy. With this object in view a number of measures have been approved some of which e.g. the restrictions on travel between Ireland and Great Britain have already been put into effect. Certain other measures which have been announced, such as the suspension of certain air mail services, the ban on travel to coastal districts in England, stricter general censorship control over mails, telegrams (including press telegrams) and the export of newspapers, do not specially concern Éire.’  
With handwritten note on top of first page—‘Recd. From Maffey 28.3.44’.  
3pp

2664  28 March 1944 & n.d.  Statement issued by the Board of Trinity College Dublin outlining the ‘measures and regulations they observe to safeguard the faith and morals of their students’ ‘In view of the reference of the Most. Rev. Dr. McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin, in his recent Pastoral’ (28 March 1944, 2pp) and report entitled ‘Catholic Students in Trinity College’ (n.d., 4pp).  
2 items

2665  Easter 1944  Resolution ‘passed at the Annual Meeting of the General Vestry of the Parish of Drumcondra & North Strand, Easter, 1944. That this Annual Meeting…wishes to place on record its appreciation of the interest taken by the Department of Education in the reconstruction of St. Columba’s Schools, North Strand, and desires to express its sincere gratitude for the generous financial help given by the Government, without which aid the scheme of reconstruction could not have been undertaken’.  
1p
2666  April 1937–May 1942, 23 May 1945  Correspondence relating to the resignation of the Provost of Trinity College Dublin in [April] 1937, the death of the Vice-Provost Prof. William E. Thrift in May 1942 and the subsequent appointment of Prof. E. H. Alton as Provost. 6 items


2668  May 1944  Bound volume presented to de Valera ‘from Italians notable in the Arts containing their expression of thanks for his part in the protection of Rome from bombardment. The volume contains the names of nearly 200 Italian artists, scholars, scientists, musicians etc.’ (May 1944, 17pp). Also explanatory note (1p) and typescript copy of text of the dedication prefacing the signatures (1p). See also P150/2581 for file on Pope Pius XII (1939–58) 3 items


2670  16 August 1944  Report from The Irish Press of de Valera’s speech at a public meeting in Ennis ‘on the 27th anniversary of his first election to Clare’. Report headed Taoiseach Reviews past 30 Years. Aims, Progress of National Struggle. 2pp
2671 11 September 1944  Report from The Irish Press of de Valera’s speech on the importance of the Irish language, at a meeting on 11 September 1944 in the Athenaeum, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. Cutting headed Need to Realise the Urgency of Irish Revival. 1p

2672 21 September– 9 October 1944  Aide-mémoire handed to de Valera by David Gray requesting ‘assurances from the Irish Government that Axis war criminals and their henchmen would be refused Irish protection’ (21 September 1944, 3pp) and drafts and final version of reply given by de Valera that the Irish Government could ‘give no assurance which might seem to preclude it from exercising its sovereign right to afford asylum should justice, charity or the honour or interest of the nation so require’ (9 October 1944, 1p). Drafts of the reply includes holograph and typescript drafts by de Valera, ‘Draft given to Gov. for discussion on Morning Oct. 6’, ‘Exter. Affairs draft based on T’s’, ‘Final Draft. Given Mr. W. Oct. 7’ and ‘Exact Copy [Not Carbon] Given Am. Minister’ (5–9 October 1944, 11 items). 14 items

2673 23 September– 11 October 1944  Correspondence between de Valera and Keith Feiling, Christ Church College, Oxford, concerning Feiling’s request for permission to publish extracts from two letters of de Valera’s to Chamberlain in his biography of Sir Neville Chamberlain. 6 items

2674 25 September 1944  Department of External Affairs memorandum headed ‘War Criminals and the Right to Asylum’. 18pp

2675 2 October 1944  Copy of letter [from Sir John Maffey] transmitting the resolution adopted by the delegates at the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire outlining measures to be taken to prevent the transfer of enemy assets to neutral areas within the U.N. jurisdiction and to uncover and hold in those jurisdictions ‘at the disposition of the post-liberation authorities in the appropriate country any such assets’, to prevent the concealment of enemy assets ‘and to facilitate their ultimate delivery to the post-armistice authorities’. 3pp
14 October 1944– 25 May 1945

Communications between de Valera and Robert Brennan, Irish Representative in Washington on the International Aviation Conference, Shannon Airport and de Valera’s formal call to the German Legation in Dublin to express his condolences to Dr. Eduard Hempel on the death of Hitler. ‘So long as we retained our diplomatic relations with Germany to have failed to call upon the German representative would have been an act of unpardonable discourtesy to the German nation and to Dr. Hempel himself. I was certainly not going to add to his humiliation in the hour of defeat. I had another reason. It would establish a bad precedent. I have carefully refrained from attempting to give any explanation in public. An explanation would have been interpreted as an excuse, and an excuse as a consciousness of having acted wrongly. I acted correctly and I feel certain wisely’ (Whit Monday 1945, 2pp) and Brennan’s reply ‘Personally I am glad you did the right thing concerning Hempel but the atmosphere created here because of that is still bad’ (25 May 1945, 1p).

See also P150/2689 for messages of disapproval from American citizens and from Irish in Britain following de Valera’s condolences to the German Minister Dr. Eduard Hempel on the death of Hitler. Also reports from American and British newspapers sent to de Valera by members of the public of de Valera’s condolences to Hempel (includes political cartoons); P150/2708 for series of newspaper articles by Brennan on his experiences in Washington during World War II.

4 items

January 1947– November 1964


See P150/2285 for pre-war (1934–37) communications between de Valera and Robert Brennan in Washington; P150/2676 for communications between de Valera and Robert Brennan between 1944 and 1945.

12 items

October & November 1944

Documents relating to the Opening Meeting of the Trinity College Dublin’s Historical Society’s 175th (1944–45) Session. Comprises text of Auditor M.B. Yeats’ address entitled ‘The Small Nations’ (14pp); ‘Dr. Rynne’s notes on M.B. Yeats’ paper’ (11pp); ‘Small versus Large Countries’ by Prof. T.A. Smiddy (31 October 1944, 4pp); ‘The Small Nations after the War’ by Joseph P. Walshe (28 October 1944, 3pp); draft of de Valera’s speech for the occasion (30 October 1944, 4pp); text of speech ‘The Position of the Small Nations after the War’ by Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovakian Deputy Premier and Minister for Foreign Affairs (6pp) and reports from The Irish Press on the Auditor’s address (2 November 1944, 1 items).
2678 contd. Also includes documents relating to the reasons for the cancellation by the Government, of an address by Mr. Masaryk to a meeting of the Irish Institution for International Affairs on 3 November, during his visit to Ireland (2 items) and black and white press photograph captioned ‘T.C.D. Historical Society Meeting’ depicting de Valera and Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovakian Deputy Premier and Minister for Foreign Affairs in evening dress with members of the Trinity College Historical Society. Labelled on reverse Centre back row Michael Yeates. Extreme right Senator Douglas (21cm x 16cm).

See also P150/2302 for newspaper reports and correspondence on de Valera’s attendance and address at the Historical Society’s Opening Meeting of 7 November 1934 (he spoke to the Auditor’s paper ‘The University and the Nation’)

16 items

2679 November 1944; June 1953; December 1957, September 1959 ‘Report of Inter-Departmental Committee on the question of making available on Farms a Second Dwellinghouse, with a view to removing certain difficulties in the way of Early Marriage’ (17 November 1944, 88pp). Also covering note to Taoiseach de Valera from Senator Ted O’Sullivan (3 December 1957, 1p) enclosing a copy of a report ‘made in June, 1953, by a Committee of the Party on the question of making a second dwelling-house available on farms with a view to encouraging the early marriage of farmers’ sons and daughters’ (11 June 1953, 6pp) and copy acknowledgement from the Taoiseach’s Personal Secretary (3 December 1957, 1p).

Also accompanied by note to Marie O'Kelly from Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan of the Taoiseach’s Department (4 September 1959, 1p) enclosing an extract from the Report of the 1944 Inter-Departmental Committee on the ‘Dower-House proposal’ (1p).

6 items

2680 December 1944 Typescript drafts of de Valera’s Christmas radio broadcast (3 items) and reports on the address as published in The Irish Independent under the headline ‘Peace Will Bring New Problems’ and The Irish Press under ‘The Nation’s Sympathy With War-Stricken’ (2 items, 1p each).

5 items
2681 1944  Éire. 1942 No. 31p High Court of Justice. Buckley and Others v. The Attorney General of Éire and Charles Stewart Wyse Power. Documents Discovered by Plaintiffs and Briefed to Counsel on behalf of Defendant Charles Stewart Wyse Power. Corrigan & Corrigan, Solicitors for Defendant, Charles Stewart Wyse Power, 3 St. Andrew Street, Dublin. Volume presented to de Valera by Power on 22 December 1944 and autographed by de Valera on 5 October 1962. See also P150/595 36cm x 44cm

2681a 1942 Copy correspondence and reports comprising documents relating to Sinn Féin, 1922, prepared for High Court of Justice case 1942 No. 31p
 Plaintiff: Margaret Buckley, Seamus Mitchell, Seamus O’Neill, Padraig Power, Mairead McElroy, Seamus Russell, Diarmuid O’Laoghaire, Sean Poole, Joseph H. Fowler and Sean Ua Ceallaigh on behalf of themselves and all other Members of the Sinn Féin Organisation established in the year 1905 and re-constituted in the year 1917.
 Defendant: The Attorney General of Éire and Charles Stewart Power. 15pp

2682 8 February, 6 March 1945 Holograph letter to de Valera from Sir Warren Fisher [Permanent Under-Secretary, Treasury Department]—‘You have had a very difficult problem—all from deepest feelings against all that Prussianism stands for and yet with no alternative to “official” neutrality, in view of the long historical background to these two islands. And those of us here—all to few, alas—who understand have every sympathy & appreciation vis à vis yourself. Let us all pray that Christendom may come into her kingdom…’ (8 February 1945, 2pp). Also de Valera’s copy reply—‘I hope that the day may soon come when international problems will be solved by holier and so better methods than hitherto in use’ (6 March 1945, 1p). 2 items, 2pp & 1p

2683 28 March 1945 Report in The Irish Press and Tionnscéal na h-Éireann. Irish Industry (Vol. 13, No. 3, March 1945) on the Bishop of Galway, Rev. Dr. Michael Browne’s criticism of Minister for Industry and Commerce Seán Lemass’ recent ‘attack’ on the Report of the Vocational Organisation Commission (Bishop Browne was Chairman of the Commission). See also P150/2895 for correspondence between de Valera and Rev. Dr. Michael Browne, Bishop of Galway. 2 items
2684 13 April 1945  File on the death of U.S. President Roosevelt on 12 April 1945, comprising copy of de Valera’s message of sympathy to President Truman (13 April 1945, 1p) and his speech moving the adjournment of the Dáil ‘as a mark of respect and of sympathy with the American people on the death of their President’ (13 April 1945, 1p). 2 items, 1p each

2685 20 April 1945  Extracts from Letter from America (Vol. III, No. 26) containing article entitled Prelude to Invasion concerning evidence for a planned German invasion of Ireland. ‘After the liberation of Belgium the Free Press of the World reported the discovery in Brussels, last Autumn, of a collection of maps and documents pertaining to the German plan for world conquest, left behind by the hastily departing Nazis. A number of these were stamped “Geheim!” (Secret). Among these strategic papers were the maps and text to be used for the invasion of Ireland. The photographs of the original material reproduced on this page represent only a small portion of the German data compiled in preparation for the attack. The documents are in two volumes. The title of the first is “Strategic Information About Ireland”. This first volume consists of a folder in ten sections—a text and nine large folding maps. The text describes in detail Irish climate, geography, population, industry, commerce and systems of communication. The scope of observation in this second book is limited to the West and North coasts, from Mizen Head to Malin Head. The text which runs to 48 pages is a detailed report on the geography of the coastline and hinterland from the point of view of military strategy, with particulars concerning harbours and means of communication. This is followed by a geological military map which is explained by six pages of notes on the suitability of the terrain for traffic, landing-fields, artillery, tactical operations and water-supply. There are excellent photographs and plans of the coastal profile. Finally, the whole area of Ireland is mapped in three sections’. 3pp

2686 April–June 1945  File on the 1945 Presidential Election. Comprises mainly newspaper reports on the campaign and inauguration (23 April–26 June 1945, 34 items) and notes and drafts of speeches by de Valera during the campaign and at the inauguration of Fianna Fáil nominee Seán T. O’Kelly (10 items). Also includes printed circular appeal by de Valera for funds for the Fianna Fáil campaign in the Election—‘As you are aware Fianna Fáil proposes to nominate Seán T. O Ceallaigh (Seán T. O’Kelly) as candidate for the Presidency. I feel certain you will agree that he is in every way a most suitable and worthy choice. The Presidency is the most obvious symbol of our status as a sovereign State. Our nation and our people as a whole will be judged by the quality of the man who is chosen for that high office’ (14 May 1945, 2pp). 40 items
30 April, 2 & 10 May 1945   File on the request of the U.S. Government acting for the United Nations, to the Irish Government, relating to ‘the passing of title to the United Nations of property in Ireland formerly owned by the now, non-existent German government’, seeking the ‘assistance of the Irish Government in establishing physical possession and protection of the property acquired by conquest from the German government wherever situated in Ireland and, in particular, the premises located at 58 Northumberland Road, Dublin, known as the German Legation, and the contents thereof’.

Comprises aide-mémoire by de Valera on his meeting with David Gray on the matter (30 April 1945, 1p), aide-mémoire handed to de Valera by Gray during the meeting making the request and concluding ‘There is reason to believe that acquisition of the secret codes and other data held in the German Legation will prove of immediate value to the United Nations in countering the submarine operations now being actively conducted and planned from bases in Norway and Denmark’ (30 April 1945, 3pp), de Valera’s reply – ‘As soon as the surrender of Germany has been officially announced, the Irish Government will establish the necessary contacts between your Legation and the German Legation so that you may make the arrangements which on such occasion normally accompany the taking over of the Government of one State by another’ (2 May 1945, 1p) and note that keys of the German Legation were handed over to the Irish Government on 10 May (10 May 1945, 1p).

4 items

3–9 May 1945   Cuttings from Irish newspapers on the fall of Berlin on 2 May 1945, the surrender of German forces in Italy, western Austria, Holland, north-west Germany and Denmark, Germany’s unconditional surrender to the Allies on 7 May 1945; and radio broadcasts on 8 May by Churchill and President Truman on the end of the war in Europe.

21 items

3–27 May 1945   Messages of disapproval from American citizens including Americans of Irish descent and Irish-Americans serving in the armed forces (3–27 May 1945, 47 items) and from Irish in Britain (3–6 May & n.d., 10 items), following de Valera’s formal call to the German Legation in Dublin to express his condolences to Dr. Eduard Hempel on the death of Hitler. Also reports from American and British newspapers, sent to de Valera by members of the public, of de Valera’s condolences to Hempel, including political cartoons, and reports on conditions in concentration camps (2–14 May 1945 & n.d., 27 items).

84 items
2690  May 1945  File on de Valera’s broadcast to the nation on the conclusion of the War in Europe on 16 May 1945, in which he replied to comments made by Churchill in his radio broadcast of 13 May, referring to the policy of neutrality which had been observed by Ireland.
Comprises letter to de Valera from Seán MacEntee commenting on Churchill’s address (14 May 1945, 2pp); typescript and holograph drafts of de Valera’s reply ([13–16 May 1945, 12 items); reprints by The Irish Press of Taoiseach’s Broadcast to the Nation, including one reprint autographed at a later date by de Valera and one Irish version—Tráchtas a Chraobhscaoil an Taoiseach Éamon de Valéra chun an Náisiúin ar an 16ú de Bhealtaine, 1945 iar Chriochnú don Chogadh Mór san Eóraip—(May 1945, 3 items, 7pp each).  
15 items

2691  May 1945  Telegrams of congratulation to de Valera from members of the public in Ireland, the U.K., the U.S.A., Canada and Australia following his radio broadcast on 16 May 1945.  
c.68 items

2692  May–June 1945  Letters of approval and congratulation to de Valera on his reply to Churchill, from members of the public in Ireland (16 May–6 June 1945, c.105 items), Britain (16 May–24 June 1945, 26 items), the U.S.A. ([15] May–28 May 1945, 14 items) and Australia, New Zealand and France (18, 26 & 31 May & 21 June 1945, 4 items).  
c.149 items

2693  17 May–23 June 1945  Letters and resolutions of congratulation to de Valera on his reply to Churchill, from various branches of Conradh na Gaeilge, Old I.R.A., the Nationalist Members of the Parliament and the Senate of Northern Ireland, Fianna Fáil Cumainn and local authorities.  
28 items

2694  May 1945  Department of Defence pamphlet entitled Demobilization and Resettlement of Members of the Defence Forces (Dublin: Stationery Office).  
27pp
2695  20 May 1945  Holograph draft of a speech by de Valera to a section of the Local Defence Force [in Bundoran, Co. Donegal] congratulating them on their role in the defence of the country, discussing the difficulties facing small nations in preserving their neutrality, the necessity of a ‘sound policy for defence’ and the role of a league of nations. Written on the back of paper headed ‘The Central Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal’.  11pp

2696  [July 1945]  File relating to the constitutional status of the Irish Free State, arising out of the 17 July 1945 Dáil question by Deputy James Dillon as to whether the State was or was not a Republic. Comprises brief for the Taoiseach’s answer composed of a list (2pp) of relevant documents (151pp) including those concerning the Executive Authority (External Relations) Act, 1936 introduced in the Dáil by de Valera on 11 December 1936 at the time of the Abdication crisis, delimiting the functions of the crown in the field of external relations of the Irish Free State.

See also P150/2345 for file on the Constitution (Amendment No. 27) Act and the Executive Authority (External Relations) Act, 1936  c.153pp

2697  28 & 29 September,  5 December 1945  File concerning the receipt and acknowledgement of the text of the Allied Control Council’s resolution of 10 September 1945, relating to the recall to Germany of German officials and agents resident in Éire and other neutral countries. Includes note from David Gray expressing the hope of the U.S. Government that ‘the Irish Government will, in conformity with this Resolution, assist the Allied Control Council to effect the repatriation of the specified categories of German nationals now resident in Éire’ (5 December 1945, 4pp).  4 items

2698  1954–71  Newspaper articles on Lloyd George (1863–1945) comprising:
– review by David Hogan of Frank Owen’s book *Tempestuous Journey: Lloyd George, his Life and Times*, published in three parts in *The Irish Press* (November 1954, 3 items);
– excerpt from Frank Owen’s *Tempestuous Journey: Lloyd George, his Life and Times*, published in the *Sunday Independent* (part of a series) (6 March 1955, 1 item);
– review by Desmond Williams of *The Decline and Fall of Lloyd George* by Lord Beaverbrook, published in *The Irish Press* (4 March 1963, 1 item);
– extracts from *The Decline and Fall of Lloyd George* by Lord Beaverbrook published in *The Sunday Express* (17 March 1963, 2pp);
2698 contd.  – review in *The Sunday Press* by John McCann of *The Years That Are Past* by Frances Lloyd George (7 January 1968, 1 item);
  – ‘How Lloyd George split the Irish delegation’ ‘Robert Barton talks for the first time. This is what he has to say about the Welsh Wizard’, part of a series entitled *Behind the Treaty* published in *The Sunday Press* (19 September 1971, 1 item).  8 items

2699  4 December 1945  Copy letter to de Valera from Sir John Maffey asking for the Irish government’s co-operation in facilitating the return to Germany of ‘German officials and obnoxious Germans’ in the Irish Free State, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Allied Control Council in Berlin.  1p

2700  [1945]  Draft Electors Address, press appeal for funds and speech on the importance of the upcoming series of [five] by-elections.  4 items

2701  1945  Typescript ‘Notes for talks to Heads of Missions’ (14pp & 3pp). ‘As several of you were already in Ireland or due to arrive on a holiday, I thought the opportunity should be used for a general consultation—a kind of council of war—with all our heads of missions for the purpose of exchanging ideas and giving you a general directive for the future’.  2 items
b. Published material concerning the Emergency and Irish neutrality, 1939 – 73

2702 [1939–45] Miscellaneous satirical cartoons published in mainly unidentified newspapers lampooning Ireland’s policy of neutrality. See also P150/2689 & 3803 for political cartoons 7 items

2703 11 July 1945 Front cover of the News Review (Vol. X, No. 2) (‘The First British Newsmagazine’) illustrated with photographs of de Valera and Viscount Craigavon with the by-line ‘United they can save Ireland…’ and article contrasting the two men and their respective stances on neutrality, in the ‘War at Home’ ‘Imperial Affairs’ section. 3pp

2704 1945 Booklet entitled Eamon De Valera. Was He Right in Maintaining Ireland’s Neutrality? by Major Edward L. Donnelly (‘Author of Ireland’s Struggle for Freedom’). ‘The purpose of this booklet is for the American people to judge Hon. Eamon de Valera by his words and actions in regards to Ireland’s neutrality and not by the propaganda given out by the British so-called “statesmen or leaders”.’ 13pp

2705 1950 Typescript copy of a report entitled ‘Missione nell’ Éire (21 Novembre 1938–23 Ottobre 1944)’ by the Italian Minister in Dublin Vincenzo Berardis (Rome, 1950), with handwritten amendments and corrections. 335pp

2706 31 January–25 April 1953 Seven-part series of articles entitled A Study in Neutrality, published in The Leader. 7 items
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<td>Copy letter to Secretary of the Department of External Affairs Seán Nunan from Leopold Kerney, former Irish Minister in Madrid, regarding a series of articles by Prof. Desmond Williams on Ireland’s neutrality during the Second World War, published in The Irish Press between 27 June and 18 July 1953. Kerney complains that ‘an attempt is made to besmirch the reputation of an Irish diplomat who represented Ireland on the Continent and who had been out of Ireland for a very long time. It is evident that the person so attacked is myself. I shall be guided by legal opinion in deciding whether to take an action for libel against Mr. Williams and the Irish Press’. Refers to his report of a meeting between himself and Dr. Edmund Veesenmayer, the German Foreign Ministry’s special adviser to Ireland, in August 1942, and requests the publication of the report in order to ‘clarify the position by setting matters in their true light and might dispense me from the necessity of taking legal proceedings’ (original dated 13 July 1953, 1p). Accompanied by the series of articles by Prof. Williams (27 June–18 July 1953, 19 items) and copies of reports for Nunan from F.H. Boland (10 July 1953, 5pp) and Joseph P. Walshe (21 May &amp; 9 July 1953, 2 items, 2pp &amp; 3pp), giving their views on the articles. 25 items</td>
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<td>2709</td>
<td>1957</td>
<td>Typescript draft and published copies of Éire-Ireland the Department of External Affairs weekly bulletin (No. 379, 9 September 1957), devoted to ‘Mr. Gray and Ireland’s Neutrality’ (3 items), following the contribution of an introduction by David Gray (U.S. Representative in Ireland, 1940–47) to William A. Carson’s book <em>Ulster and the Irish Republic: A brief survey of Irish Republican propaganda and an exposure of its fallacies</em>. Also includes holograph notes by de Valera on U.S. Representatives in Ireland (n.d., 7pp), comments by de Valera on Carson’s book and Gray’s introduction (1957, 1p) and press cuttings. 7 items</td>
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December 1958; Communications relating to efforts made by the January–October 1962 Department of External Affairs to correct erroneous assertions made by Prof. Nicholas Mansergh in his book Survey of British Commonwealth Affairs—Problems of War-Time Co-Operation and Postwar Change, 1939–52, concerning de Valera’s alleged apology to the German Representative Dr. Eduard Hempel, for a speech he made in Galway on 11 May 1940, condemning the German invasion of Belgium and Holland. Comprises communications between Dr. Eduard Hempel; William Warnock [Irish Representative in Germany during the Emergency]; Con Cremin, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs [Warnock’s successor in Berlin]; Prof. Mansergh, St. John’s College Cambridge and F.H. Boland, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the U.N.. Four communications in Irish. Also includes copies of May 1940 communications between the German Foreign Office and the German Legation in Dublin (5 items).

17 items


3 items, 1p each

13 & 23 March 1964 Letter to de Valera from Rory O’Connor, Irish Correspondent for the United Press International, seeking information on what de Valera did on the day war broke out in the context of the preparation of features on the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I and the 25th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II. Accompanied by copy letter from de Valera’s Personal Secretary outlining de Valera’s recollections of the two occasions (23 March 1964, 1p).

2 items, 1p each

February–March 1965 Correspondence between Marie O'Kelly and Brian Corbalis, Dalkey, Co. Dublin on Corbalis’s inquiries relating to his research on Ireland’s policy of neutrality during the Second World War. Encloses extracts from correspondence in the U.S. National Archives in Washington and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, New York, between de Valera, John Cudahy U.S. Minister in Dublin, David Gray, Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

9 items
2714 26–30 November 1973  *De Valera’s Struggle for Irish Neutrality*, a five-part series of articles by Prof. T. Ryle Dwyer published in *The Irish Press* between 26 and 30 November 1973. ‘David Gray, the U.S. Minister to Ireland, heretofore a shadowy figure is now revealed as a man whose machinations involved a power game to safeguard U.S. and British interests, attempting to use Ireland as a pawn in this game. We publish five articles about Gray’s political manoeuvres’.

5 items

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2715 3 January 1946  Biographical article on de Valera from the *News Review*.  2pp

2716 January 1946–July 1948; May 1950–February 1954  Correspondence with de Valera and reports to F.H. Boland Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, from Joseph P. Walshe, Irish Ambassador to the Holy See. Topics include Walshe’s negotiations with Monsignor Giovanni Battista Montini [Pope Paul VI (1963–1978)] regarding the Vatican’s official reply to Walshe’s letters of credence, his meetings with Pope Pius XII, cardinals and Vatican officials, and the post-war political situation in Italy, with particular reference to the strength of the Communist movement. Includes communications in Irish and Italian.

*See also P150/2571 for August 1939–October 1945 memoranda and reports to de Valera from Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs; P150/2183 July 1932 to April 1939 memoranda to de Valera from Secretary of the Department of External Affairs Joseph P. Walshe.*

c. 71 items

2717 [1940s?]  Black and white photograph of Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs and subsequently Irish Ambassador to the Holy See.

*See P150/1962, 2996–2998 for photographs of Joseph P. Walshe*

16cm x 21cm
2718  29 January,  
1 February 1946  Newspaper accounts of the conferring of the freedom of the city on de Valera by Waterford Corporation on 29 January 1946. 7 items

2719  31 January & 6 June 1946;  
August 1955–  
September 1957  Documents relating to Seán Russell [I.R.A. Chief of Staff, 1938–39]. Comprises six-part series of articles published in the Sunday Despatch entitled ‘Sean Russell. The Dramatic Story Never Before Told’ (21 August–25 September 1955, 6 items) and article from the Sunday Despatch entitled Escape in mass formation. ‘Wearing the captured uniform of a police sergeant, George Gilmore was the leader of a party of six who bluff their way into Mountjoy Prison in 1925 and rescued Sean Russell and 18 other I.R.A. men’ (2 October 1955, 1p) and documents on the death of Russell on board a German submarine en-route for Ireland in August 1940, comprising communication from Secretary of the Department of External Affairs Joseph P. Walshe to Kathleen O’Connell following his meeting with Mrs. Helmut Clissmann [née Elisabeth ‘Budge’ Mulcahy] to ascertain ‘the real facts about Sean Russell’s death’ (31 January 1946, 1p); memorandum by Walshe reporting on his meeting of 3 June with Mrs. Clissmann [wife of Herbert Clissmann the representative of the German Academic Exchange Board in Dublin who worked for the Abwehr] at which she gave an account of the death of Seán Russell, which she heard from her husband (6 June 1946, 4pp) and summary produced by the Taoiseach’s Department of the contents of a reprint of an article originally published in The United Irishman entitled How Sean Russell Died (29 September 1957, 1p). 10 items

2720  February 1946  Black and white photograph of Taoiseach de Valera at a meal with two unidentified priests. Location and event unknown. ‘Feb. 1946’ noted on reverse. 21 x 16cm

2721  February 1946  Notes for, and copy of the text of, de Valera’s radio broadcast appeal for increased tillage transmitted on 9 February 1946, as a result of the world-wide food shortage following the war and a series of natural calamities experienced throughout the globe. 4 items

February 1946 Menu to accompany a dinner in the Savoy Hotel, Limerick, following the consecration of the Most Rev. Patrick O’Neill, as Bishop of Limerick on 24 February 1946, attended by de Valera.  

See also P150/10 for 1957 note by Rev. Dr. Patrick O’Neill, Bishop of Limerick, certifying that Eamon de Valera was confirmed Rev. Dr. E.T. O’Dwyer in Rockhill Church on 23 May 1894.  

March 1946 Menu to accompany the ‘Dinéar in onóir dá Árd-Oirmhinneacht An Cairdionál MacLeannáin’ held in Áras an Uachtaráin on 4 March 1946.  

Copy correspondence between de Valera and David Gray regarding the possibility of the cessation of the free supply of wheat to Ireland from the US.A..  

18 May 1946 Copy of letter sent to the Rory O’Connor Fianna Fáil Branch, from Owen Sheehy-Skeffington returning the branch’s letter of condolence on the death of his mother Mrs. Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington.  

‘I can accept no official sympathy from F.F., nor would my mother have wanted me to. While she still had many individual friends in the party, she had nothing but contempt for the party which so assiduously carried on the British tradition in its treatment of prisoners, and so consistently betrayed the ideals for which it was founded’. Letter forwarded to de Valera for his information.  

May 1946 Oration by de Valera at the graveside of Senator J.T. Keane on 24 May 1946.
2728  May & June 1946  File of draft and final versions as published in Scéala Éireann, of speeches by de Valera, Seán Moylan, Minister for Lands, Seán Lemass, Tánaiste and Minister for Industry and Commerce, and Seán MacEntee, Minister for Local Government and Public Health in support of Fianna Fáil’s candidate Patrick McGrath in the Cork by-election held on 14 June 1946.  14 items

2729  [1946]  Black and white press photograph of seated group at an unidentified formal occasion. Includes [Lord Louis Mountbatten], President Seán T. O’Kelly, de Valera and [Jack McCann] seated on a sofa in foreground. [Possibly taken during Lord Mountbatten’s visit to Ireland in the summer of 1946] © The Irish Press. See also P150/2955 for photographs of de Valera, Prime Minister Nehru and Lady Mountbatten at a function in New Delhi (2 items) in file relating to de Valera’s visit to New Delhi, Calcutta and Bombay, India between 14 and 16 June 1948 as part of his Anti-Partition world tour and letter to de Valera from Louis, Lord Mountbatten of Burma (1900−79), last Viceroy of India and Governor-General (1947−48) following de Valera’s stay with the Mountbatten’s in Government House, New Delhi, during his visit to India; P150/2963 for 1948–65 personal correspondence between de Valera and Lord and Lady Mountbatten of Burma, mainly the exchange of greetings and good wishes. 20 x 15cm

2730  24 & 26 June 1946  Covering note to de Valera from David Gray (26 June 1946, 1p) enclosing a memorandum of a conversation between de Valera and Gray, in response to a conversation between de Valera and the French Minister in Dublin on 4 June. ‘In this conversation Mr. de Valera, in response to the inquiries of the French Minister, had stated that he expected to despatch a note to the Governments of France, Great Britain and the United States in reply to their respective requests for the listing and freezing German assets in Éire. Mr. de Valera further stated that he was disinclined to cooperate with the Allied Governments in the matter of facilitating the return of German officials, agents, and other categories of obnoxious Germans now resident in Éire. I told him that the American Government was hoping for such measure of cooperation in regard to German property and personnel as would indicate the acceptance of the principle that Germany and Italy criminally conspired against the peace of the world and world civilization’. Gray remarks in the covering note ‘You once observed with justice that my memoranda of our conversations always seemed to make my contentions appear more reasonable than yours. I recall replying to this observations that it was undoubtedly so but that your memorandum of the same conversation would undoubtedly put your contention in a more favourable light. I suppose we have to accept this error of individual partisanship and make such allowances for it as may be possible.’ 2 items, 1p & 2pp
2731 September 1946 Typescript drafts of de Valera’s ‘Save the
Harvest’ radio broadcasts of 8 and 20
September 1946 (2 items) and report from The Irish Press on the appeal (9
September 1946, 1 items). 3 items

2732 5 October 1946 Article from The Connacht Tribune on the
conferring of the freedom of the city of Galway
on de Valera by Galway Corporation at a ceremony in the Aula Maxima of
University College on 5 October 1946. 1 item

2733 19 December 1946 Article on the First Dáil Éireann and de
Valera’s American mission 1919–20, from
The Leader (Vol. XCII, No. 46). 3pp

2734 [post 1945] Holograph notes by de Valera for a speech at a
by-election rally in Wexford. 10pp

2735 Spring 1947 Mounted black and white photograph of six
young men and women planting trees. Folder
inscribed to de Valera and labelled ‘Lá na gCrann Cuireadh ar bun é i
nEarrach 1947 ag Cumann [Liam] Torc Comhdáil N. na Gaedhilge. Si an áit
seo, Cluan Eabha ar bruac Loc Dearg Breac an Thalmhan. Seamais Ó
Mithidhín’. Also autographed by the individuals in the picture. Photo: William McGinty, Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath.
22 x 16cm excluding mount
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2736 February–November 1947 Typescript texts of speeches by Seán Lemass at:
– the ‘Annual Dinner of the Federation of Irish Manufacturers Ltd., held in
Clery’s Ballroom, O’Connell Street, Dublin, on Tuesday, 11th February,
1947’ (7pp);
– the ‘Meeting of Dublin Chamber of Commerce, on Wednesday, 28th May,
1947’ (10pp);
– at ‘Dublin Port & Docks Board Luncheon, Tuesday, 2nd September, 1947’
(7pp);
– at ‘Letterkenny, Sunday, 14th September, 1947’ (11pp);
– ‘on the occasion of the official opening of Scafield Fabrics Ltd., Youghal,
on 17th November 1947’ (6pp). 5 items
March 1947  Black and white photograph mounted in a presentation folder of Taoiseach de Valera working at his desk in Government Buildings. Labelled on reverse in Marie O'Kelly's hand ‘Before leaving office on election of Coalition’. Autographed by de Valera and dated ‘Márta 1947’. ©: G.P. Beegan, 10 Lr. Abbey Street, Dublin. 15cm x 20cm excluding mount 25cm x 35cm including mount

[April–September] 1947  Memoranda and newspaper reports on Dr. Hermann Goertz, former German spy in Ireland during the Emergency, his appeal against repatriation to Germany, threatened deportation and death by suicide in the Aliens’ Office, Dublin Castle in May 1947. Includes series of articles by Dr. Goertz entitled Mission to Ireland, published in The Irish Times between 25 August and 10 September 1947 (25 August–10 September 1947, 8 items). See also P150/2571 for references to the arrest in November 1941 of German spy Dr. Hermann Goertz (‘Mr. X’) in memoranda and reports to de Valera from Joseph P. Walshe. 12 items

June 1947  Typescript text of speech in Irish by de Valera at a presentation to Senator Matt Stafford on 14 June 1947. 2pp

June 1947  Typescript address of welcome presented to Taoiseach de Valera by members of Longford County Council and public representatives of the people of Longford, on the occasion of his visit to Longford on 29 June 1947 (3pp). Also letter outlining the programme for the Taoiseach meeting in Longford on 30 June, by Michael Maguire, Director of Elections (n.d., 1p). 2 items

3 & 7 July 1947  Confidential letter to de Valera from Sir Alan Lascelles, Private Secretary to King George VI, announcing the betrothal of Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, R.N., only son of the late Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Alice of Battenberg, sister of Viscount Mountbatten and holograph draft reply from de Valera. 2 items
2742 July 1947 Menus for three receptions for de Valera during his visit to Shannon Airport, Rineanna, Co. Clare on 10 July 1947 to mark thirty years representing Clare in the Dáil. 3 items


2744 November 1947, July 1948 File on the trade and financial negotiations between Irish and British government officials between September and November 1947. Comprises: – list of dates of meetings and related despatches and ‘summary of the results of the discussions between the Irish and British Governments’ by the Department of the Taoiseach (12 November 1947, 12pp); – typescript headed ‘History of the London Talks’ (n.d., 5pp); – Department of Agriculture ‘Notes on the effects of the concession secured as a result of the recent discussions with the British Authorities’ with regard to fertilisers, agricultural machinery, seeds, cattle, eggs, turkeys, bacon, sheep and lambs, potatoes and feeding stuffs (12 November 1947, 6pp); – typescript texts of statements following the meetings, issued from the Office of the High Commissioner for Ireland in London on 20 September and 3 & 4 November 1947 (3 items, 1p each); – minutes of the meetings which took place in No. 10 Downing Street on 19 September (7pp), in the Commonwealth Relations Office on 28 October (14pp), in No. 10 Downing Street on 3 November (9pp) and in the Office of the Minister for Economic Affairs on 4 November (7pp); – ‘Taoiseach’s Papers for Meeting with British Prime Minister and other British Ministers, London, 3rd November, 1947’ (3 November 1947, 19pp); – notes for the meetings (7 items);


2748 1947 Typescript ‘Brief for the Taoiseach on Estimate for Department of the Taoiseach, 1947–48’. c.93pp

2749 October 1947 Typescript ‘Brief for Taoiseach’s Statement in Dáil, 15th October, 1947’. 49pp
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<td>(Waterford meeting on 12 October, Fianna Fáil candidate: J. Ormonde), Tipperary (Tipperary meeting on 19 October), Dublin (Crumlin Cross meeting on 26 October and Dun Laoghaire meeting on 27 October, Fianna Fáil candidate T.L. Mullins)</td>
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<td>16–30 Nov 1947</td>
<td>Annotated cutting from the Sunday Times (16 November 1947, 1p) of an article entitled ‘Ireland Today’ by Edmond Warnock, M.P. Minister for Home Affairs in Northern Ireland and typescript corrected text of de Valera’s statement in reference to the article following a Dáil question by Seán MacBride</td>
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<td>2754</td>
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<td>Typescript draft points on various domestic and external affairs matters, in connection with the preparation of a broadcast/speech by de Valera. ‘We must now concentrate on construction. First we have to strengthen our international relationships’. Discusses ways in which the latter aim may be realised. Memoranda referred to are not attached.</td>
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February 1972

Covering note to de Valera from Liam Mac Reachtain, of Inniú. An Nuachtán Gaeilge (15 February 1972, 1p) enclosing a copy of a black and white photograph of Ned Maddrell [in 1972 ‘an cainteoir dúchas deireanach atá fáthach ansin anois’], de Valera and A.D.C. Cmdt. Seán Brennan outside a cottage during de Valera’s visit to the Isle of Man in 1947 (original taken 1947), 21cm x 16cm) [possibly taken on 22 July during de Valera’s tour of the islands.

3 items

1947 & January 1948

File of memoranda originally entitled ‘Economic Planning, 1947’ comprising the following:

− typescript list of ‘Bills and other measures to be passed by Dáil before dissolution’ (1947, 4pp);
− copy of memorandum headed ‘Agricultural Production and Output’. Dated 31 May 1947, revised 9 January 1948 (8pp);
− typescript summary of ‘Fianna Fáil’s Achievements’ listed under the following headings: ‘National and Political’; ‘Economic’; ‘Social’; ‘Educational and Cultural’ and ‘General’ (3pp);
− typescript headed ‘Fianna Fáil and the Future’ listing ten ‘National Tasks’ (n.d., 1p);

See also P150/2648 for file on post-war economic planning (1944 & 1945)

8 items

[post November 1947]

Typescript list of ‘Official Visits by Ministers to Great Britain since 1938’, recording nine visits between 24 March 1939 and November 1947 under the headings: Date; Purpose; Names of Ministers Concerned and Discussions with Members of British Government; Dates; Members of British Government concerned and General Subject.

3pp
2758 June 1949 Letter to de Valera from Rev. J. Wesley McKinney of Gurteen Agricultural College, Shinrone, Co. Tipperary thanking him for the ‘help and encouragement you gave us when we were planning the opening of this College’ and his gift of a clock. Also includes copy acknowledgement from de Valera.

2 items

2759 January 1948 Typescript lists of ‘Possible topics of conversation’ for de Valera for each of the ‘New Year Calls by Heads of Diplomatic Missions on Taoiseach, Minister for External Affairs’, made on 7 & 8 January 1948. Each list of conversation topics is accompanied by a brief assessment of the character and a note on the marital status of each Minister/High Commissioner/Chargé d’Affaires.

2 items, 13pp each

2760 11 January 1948 Handwritten address of welcome to de Valera by the Balbriggan Fianna Fáil Cumann on the occasion of his electioneering visit to Balbriggan, Co. Dublin on 11 January 1948 (2pp). Also handwritten address of welcome by the young people of Balbriggan (1p).

2 items

2761 12 January 1948 Typescript address of welcome to Taoiseach de Valera from the people of Carrick-on-Shannon and district, on the occasion of his electioneering visit to Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Limerick on 12 January 1948.

2pp

2762 18 January 1948 Typescript address of welcome to Taoiseach de Valera by members of the Fianna Fáil West Cork Constituency on the occasion of his campaign visit to Bantry, Co. Cork on 18 January 1948.

2pp

2763 3 February 1948 Typescript list of ‘Members of the Government’, their date of birth and ‘Age last birthday’, produced by the Taoiseach’s Department.

1p
2764 [post 1944] Pamphlet *Explanations Please! They say they are Not Communists*. Published by Michael T. Neary, Solicitor, Dublin ‘on behalf of the Candidates’. ‘The leaders of Clann na Poblachta say they are not Communists. Then let them explain…’
15pp

34. LAND ANNUITIES
1928 – 30s

14 items

2766 1929 & June 1935 ‘Folder No. 1’ with contents listed partially in de Valera’s hand as follows: ‘Own–Partial.
Copies President’s Statements, including letters to the Irish Times, Speeches at Rathmines & Dunlaoghaire. Speeches at Letterkenny. Reference to his statements in the Dáil. Notes for Speeches in Dáil etc.’ Comprises newspaper reports on election campaign speeches by de Valera and W.T. Cosgrave around the country.
*See also P150/2312 & 2313 for files on the June 1935 Co. Dublin & Galway by-elections.*
11 items

2767 1930s ‘Folder No. 2’ with contents listed as follows:
‘Annuities–Case. Other Partial Statements on Irish Side’ containing extracts from speeches or statements in the Dáil, Seanad, House of Commons and House of Lords concerning the land annuities and related issues. Included are quotations from W.T. Cosgrave, Winston Churchill, Ernest Blythe, Stanley Baldwin and Lord Birkenhead. Also includes are copies of Dáil and Seanad motions, February and December 1926.
20 items


March 1929– September 1934  Legal opinions on the land annuities. Comprises counsel’s opinions and correspondence between de Valera and the following:
• Arthur C. Meredith, K.C. (17 March–15 April 1929; 23 June & 4 September 1934, 7 items);
• Michael Comyn, K.C. (16 April–22 July 1929, 10 items);
• Hubert C. Hamilton, K.C. (2, 31 May 1929, 3 items);
• William Jellet, K.C. (2 May 1929, 2 items);
• Martin C. Maguire, K.C. (2 May 1929, 2 items);
• Arthur E. Clery, K.C. (July 1931, 3 items);
• George Gavan Duffy (18 December 1931, 3 items);
• Henry Harrison (25 October 1932, 1 item) and
• Diarmuid Crowley (D. O’Cruadhlaich) (n.d., 3 items). 43 items

[1929/1930s]  Miscellaneous handwritten notes [some by Seán Moynihan?] relating to the land annuities. 5 items

[1929/30s?]  Handwritten and typescript notes and articles on the land purchase annuities. Comprises:
– ‘Has the Free State a Right to the Land Annuities? Cumann na nGaedheal Fictions and the Facts’ (n.d., 7pp)
– typescript ‘Land Annuities–Summary’ (16 May 1935, 2pp);
– typescript text of an explanatory [Fianna Fáil booklet] on the ‘Land Purchase Annuities’, divided into the following sections–The Issue;
2772 contd. Misrepresentation; The Origin of Land Settlement; What the Land Annuities Are; Machinery of Land Purchase; The British Contention; A British National Debt Obligation; The Government of Ireland Act; The Annuities Gifted to Ireland; The Treaty and the United Kingdom Public debt; The Public Debt Settlement; Britain’s Claim and The Irish Case (n.d., 24pp);
– typescript article on the land annuities and whether the Free State Government ‘is under a legal obligation to transmit to the National Debt Commissioners in Great Britain a sum equivalent to the annuities payable in respect of lands within the border’. With handwritten note stating ‘Copy of article prepared some months ago with a view to publication in the Financial Times, but not sent for publication. Sent here by External Affairs at President’s request today, 19/8/32’ (August 1932, 11pp);
– carbon copy typescript article examining ‘in some detail the transactions of the Parliament of Westminster in relation to Irish land’ (n.d., 14pp);

2773 April–October 1932 Mainly correspondence between Maurice Moore and de Valera’s office regarding the land annuities, including memorandum by Moore headed ‘Memorandum re Disposition of Annuities’ (3pp); ‘Short Notes on the Land Purchase Annuities. How they Originated and the present Position’ (12pp) and holograph and typescript copies of ‘Notes for reply to British Government Observations’ (26pp & 14pp).
18 items

3 items
2775 1930s Dissociated undated memoranda and statements on Irish payments to Great Britain. Includes:
– ‘Memo on Insurance supplied at request of Fianna Fail representative on Economic Committee’ (4pp);
– ‘Memorandum on the ownership of estates in Ireland prior to the Land Purchase Acts’ (7pp);
– carbon copy ‘First Memorandum on Irish Claims in regard to Finance’ (8pp);
– note by de Valera on the so-called ‘Secret Agreements’ of 12 February 1923 and 19 March 1926, upon which the British base their claim on the payment of the land annuities (1p);
– draft document outlining the course of events with regard to the Financial Agreement of 12 February 1923 and the Ultimate Financial Settlement of 19 March 1926 (3pp);
– draft argument for the retention of the land annuities by the Irish Government (5pp);
– ‘Proposed Reduction of Land Purchase Annuities’ (7pp);
– ‘Funding & Reduction of Land Purchase Annuities. Decisions of the Cabinet’ (1p). 27 items


c.32 items

2777 [1930s] Holograph list by de Valera of topics relating to the land annuities, possibly relating to the preparation of an explanatory pamphlet on the subject. 1p

2778 [1930s] List of primary and secondary documents relating to the land annuities (n.d, 2pp) and extracts from miscellaneous documents and statements (9 items). 10 items

35. INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

I. League of Nations

a. Assembly reports, 1924 – 31

2780 1924  
League of Nations Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes adopted by the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations on October 2nd, 1924. 10pp

2781 13 June 1927  
League of Nations Reports and Resolutions on the Subject of Article 16 of the Covenant. Memorandum and Collection of Reports, Resolutions and References prepared in execution of the Council’s Resolution of December 8th, 1926. 95pp

2782 1930  
The Eleventh Assembly opened at Geneva on 10 September 1930, held 24 plenary sittings and closed on 4 October 1930. The Irish delegation consisted of Ernest Blythe, Minister for Finance and Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, John Marcus O’Sulliuvan, Minister for Education, John A. Costello, Attorney-General, D.A. Binchy, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Berlin, Count G. O’Kelly de Gallagh, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Paris, and Seán Lester, Irish Free State League of Nations Representative.  133pp

The Twelfth Assembly opened at Geneva on 7 September 1931, held 16 plenary sessions and closed on 29 September 1931. The Irish delegation consisted of Patrick McGilligan, Minister for External Affairs and Minister for Industry and Commerce, D.A. Binchy, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Berlin, Seán Lester, Irish Free State League of Nations Representative, Seán Murphy, Assistant Secretary, Department of External Affairs, John J. Hearne Legal Advisor Department of External Affairs and Seán Leydon of the Department of Finance.  110pp
b. Communications with Seán Lester, Commissioner in Danzig, 1933 – 38

2785 2 November 1933– 7 April 1938  
Personal correspondence between de Valera and Seán Lester, League of Nations High Commissioner for Danzig, mainly consisting of congratulations to de Valera on account of his participation in the Assemblies of the League.

Includes holograph letter from Lester [former permanent delegate to the League of Nations] on his appointment as Commissioner in [November] 1933 – ‘I am strongly convinced that–whatever be the ultimate fate of the League–better work for Irish prestige can not be done at any other post. For different reasons Washington & the Vatican have great importance but for a small country Geneva offers opportunities which it would be regrettable to ignore’ (2 November 1933, 4pp). Also letter of 5 December 1935 stating ‘Difficulties in Danzig have approached a very serious point, as I had foreseen. The Government basing their policy, as is announced by the head of the Government, on the fact that Germany is now a strong Power, have decided to refuse to carry out some recommendations of the Council, intended for the protection of the Danzig citizens, Catholics, Social Democrats and German Nationals. I cannot foresee the results of this decision but I am determined not to be deterred from carrying out the duty entrusted to me by personal threats or fears of difficulties…’ (5 December 1935, 1p).

See also photos of Seán Lester in P150/2818, 3664 & 1428; photograph of Mrs. Seán Lester with de Valera in 1932 in P150/2789; P150/2791 for Lester’s draft of comments for de Valera on the resignation of Sir Eric Drummond as Secretary-General of the League of Nations in 1932

13 items

c. Proceedings, 1932 – 40

2786 1932  
File on the reduction and limitation of armaments, mainly on the League of Nations Conference for the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments, which opened in February 1932. Includes:
– General Commission. Declaration by Mr. Gibson (United States of America) at the Meeting of June 22nd, 1932’ (22 June 1932, 3pp);
– memorandum on the conference (9 September 1932, 7pp);
– Memorandum by the French Delegation (14 November 1932, 5pp);
– ‘General Statement by the Delegate of the United Kingdom’ at the 29th meeting of the Bureau, held on 17 November 1932 (November 1932, 29pp);
– ‘Summary of Recent British Memorandum on Disarmament’ (n.d., 7pp).

11 items

2787 1932  
File on the proposed reference to the League of
the matter of the financial dispute between the Irish Free State and the U.K.. Comprises ‘Secret & Confidential’ memoranda headed:
– ‘Reference to the Council of the League of Nations of the Outstanding Financial Issues between the Government of the Irish Free State and the British Government’ examining ‘the question of the desirability of seeking at this stage the assistance of the Council of the League of Nations in the matter of the financial issues outstanding between Great Britain and the Irish Free State’ (28 July 1932, 8pp);
– ‘Reference to Council of the question of the Constitution of the Arbitral Tribunal’ (n.d., 4pp);
– ‘Reference to the Council of the land annuities dispute and the other financial questions mentioned in Despatch No.95 dated the 5th July 1932’ (n.d., 8pp).

2788 May, August, September 1932 File of preparatory documents for de Valera’s attendance at the 68th Session of the Council and the 13th Assembly of the League in Geneva in September 1932. Comprises:
– explanatory memorandum on the structure and remit of the League, dates for the various meetings during the Irish Free State’s Presidency for the two Council meetings and the Assembly in 1932, the role of the President, matters of importance to come before the Council in September and the composition of the Irish delegation (n.d. (1932), 4pp);
– League of Nations. Agenda of the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly. To be held at Geneva on Monday, September 5th, 1932 (5 May 1932, 5pp);
– Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the League of Nations. List of Delegates and Members of Delegations (Provisional) (1932, 14pp);
– typescript text with Joseph P. Walshe’s name on cover, headed ‘Commentary on the Agenda of the Thirteenth Assembly of the League of Nations’ (September 1932, 61pp).

2789 19–26 September 1932 Black and white press photographs relating to the 13th Assembly and the 68th Session of the Council of the League of Nations in September 1932 [Opening Session of the Assembly on 26 September]. De Valera was President at the first meeting of the Assembly as President of the Council. Comprises prints of:
– cheering crowds of supporters surrounding de Valera on his way to Geneva, at London’s Waterloo train station (19 September 1932, 1 item, 25cm x 20cm);
– Irish High Commissioner John W. Dulanty and de Valera at Waterloo station (19 September 1932, 2 items, 20cm, x 25cm each);
2789 contd.

– de Valera pictured on his arrival in La Gare du Nord in Paris with M. Alphang (19 September 1932, 2 items, 18cm x 24cm each);
– ‘The Disarmament Conference at Geneva. General View of the Conference in session’ (22 September 1932, 30cm x 25cm);
– ‘The Disarmament Conference at Geneva. Mr. Murphy, Minister for Interior, Mr. de Valera, President of the League of Nations Assembly, and Mr. Lester, Permanent Delegate, leaving for the Palace of Nations’ (23 September 1932, 25cm x 20cm);
– de Valera leaving with the Irish delegates (23 September 1932, 25cm x 20cm);
– various views of de Valera presiding at the 68th Session of the Council of the League (at table, from left to right): Baron von Neurath [Germany], Sig. Aloisi [Italy], M. Paul Boncour [France], de Valera, Sir Eric Drummond and Sir John Simon [Great Britain] (23 September 1932, 5 items, various sizes between 21cm x 16cm & 30cm x 25cm);
– ‘The Opening of the 68th Session of the League, Presided over by Mr. de Valera…at the Palace of Nations, Geneva. Before the Session. Mr. de Valera in conference (right), M. Paul Boncour in conversation (left centre) and Baron von Neurath “en solitaire” (left)’ (26 September 1932, 20cm x 15cm);
– de Valera pictured leaving the Conference Hall in the Palace of Nations, with Mrs. Séan Lester (‘wife of the permanent Irish Delegate’) following the Opening of the 68th Session of the League (26 September 1932, 15cm x 20cm);
– view of delegates in the Palace of Nations during the 13th Assembly of the League (September 1932, 23cm x 17cm). 16 items

2790

23 September 1932

‘Draft Reply by the President to possible Chinese objections’ drafted by the Secretary-General Sir Eric Drummond. ‘It has been objected by our Chinese colleague that in view of the decision of the Council by which the Sino-Japanese dispute was referred to the Assembly, the Council has no course open to it other than to transmit the report of the Commission of Enquiry immediately to the Assembly.’ 3 items

2791

September 1932

Notes, drafts and printed copies of a speech including a French translation, made by de Valera as President of the Council and Acting President of the Assembly at the opening session of the 13th Assembly of the League in Geneva on 26 September 1932. Briefly surveys the activities of the League during the past year and refers to the Disarmament Conference, the World Economic and Monetary Conference to be held in London in 1933, to the conflict in the Far East and then continues: ‘It is often said that, in a final analysis, the League has no sanctions but the force of world opinion. At the moment, that is profoundly true, and it seems to me, therefore, that in the best interests of the League a wider review of its position and work should be undertaken…Let us be frank with ourselves. There is on all sides complaint, criticism and
contd. suspicion. People are complaining that the League is devoting its activity to matters of secondary or very minor importance, while the vital international problems of the day...are being shelved or postponed or ignored...the one effective way of silencing criticism of the League...is to show unmistakably that the Covenant of the League is a solemn pact, the obligations of which no State, great or small, will find it impossible to ignore...the time has come for action...'.

Also includes drafts of the speech as prepared by Secretary-General Sir Eric Drummond, forwarded to de Valera by Seán Lester and Lester’s own draft of additional comments to be inserted in the proposed speech, regarding Sir Eric’s resignation (20 September 1932, 6 items). 13 items

26–27 September, 6 October 1932

Telegram of congratulation to de Valera and articles and cablegrams in reaction to his opening address as President of the Council and Assembly of the League of Nations, on 26 September 1932. Includes newspaper cuttings from The Daily Express, Daily Herald and Manchester Guardian. 19 items

28 September 1932

Typescript text of an interview given by de Valera as President of the Council of the League of Nations, to Wyte Williams of Hearst Newspapers on 28 September 1932 in Geneva. ‘...now is the time in which the League must prove itself...I believe a way will be found to bringing about disarmament from its seeming impasse. If European states can now pull together and make the League a reality I feel certain the entire world will follow. Armaments are heavy burdens, therefore I believe the doctrine of Versailles treaty good in that all nations should by degrees scale down to the lowest possible level. I believe the League in order to become effective must be supplied with certain sanctions so that if any state violates League obligations other State members, whether they like it or not, whether it even involves sacrifices on their part must back up League authority...’ 1p

1 October 1932

Letter of thanks to de Valera, Acting President of the Council of the League of Nations, from Secretary-General Sir Eric Drummond, on reading the letter de Valera intends to address to the members of the League with regard to Sir Eric’s resignation as Secretary General. ‘I do not feel that I have deserved such praise...It is with the greatest regret and reluctance that I am giving up the post which I now hold; but circumstances alas, have made it inevitable, and I believe that a change in the leadership of the Secretariat after a period of fourteen years may result in very real advantage to the League itself’. 1p
2795 2 October 1932 Typescript texts of de Valera’s League of Nations radio broadcast, transmitted on 2 October 1932. Reviews the purpose and function of the Assembly of the League of Nations, the objectives of the League of Nations as a whole and his address to the opening session of the Assembly in his capacity as President of the Council.

‘I spoke not as an enemy of the League but as one who wishes the League strengthened and developed as the only viable means of securing peace among the nations, or of solving the major political and economic problems which face the world today…I merely brought to Geneva criticisms of the League which I knew were current in my country and in every country and I brought them because I believed the League could not continue to ignore them and live…the chief of these criticisms is that the League has so far failed to accomplish one of the principal tasks which it was set up to perform—namely, to secure a substantial measure of reduction in national armaments. The League must stand or fall by disarmament. It cannot stand still. It must go forward or disappear. Today the disarmament issue affords an opportunity to win for the League a support which so far it has been unable to secure. Every friend of the League will endeavour to see that this opportunity is availed of.’

Two copies, one labelled ‘President’s Broadcast Address—2/10/32 from “Radio Nations”, Geneva’ and in de Valera’s hand ‘The League’s work—its chief problems’ and ‘Probably copy used?’ (6pp).

2 items, 6pp & 7pp


1 item

2797 17 November 1932 Black and white press photographs by various agencies of de Valera and John W. Dulanty, Irish High Commissioner in London en-route to a meeting of the Council of the League of Nations in Geneva on 17 November 1932. Comprises prints of de Valera and Dulanty on their arrival at Euston train station (1 item, 15cm x 20cm); crowds of supporters cheering for de Valera on the platform beside his railway carriage in Victoria station (1 item, 20cm x 15cm), de Valera and Dulanty shaking hands with one of his supporters on the platform (1 item, 25cm x 20cm) and various views of de Valera and Dulanty seated in their railway carriage at Victoria station (3 items, 20 cm x 15cm, 21cm x 16cm & 25cm x 20cm).

6 items

2799 7 May 1973 Covering letter to President de Valera’s Secretary from Connor [-] Ambassador, Irish Mission to the United Nations in New York, regarding his recent conversation with de Valera concerning de Valera’s speech as Acting President of the League of Nations at the opening session of the 13th Assembly of the League in September 1932.

‘I remarked that I was familiar with that statement and indeed felt that much of what he then said is relevant to the United Nations today. In this context I mentioned that the parliamentary papers prepared for the general debate by the Minister at the last session of the General Assembly had included an extract from it. In fact it was not used as it would have upset the balance of the text. The President may, however, be interested in having the section which I enclose’. 2 items, 1p & 4pp

2800 December 1933 Typescript drafts of statements issued by de Valera as President of the Council of the League of Nations, on 19 & 27 December 1933 on the defects of the current League and the need for reform, in light of the notice of withdrawal of Japan and Germany and Italy’s ‘openly expressed contempt for the alleged ineptitude of the League’ and threatened retirement ‘unless the League is drastically and immediately revised in its constitution, its procedures and its objectives’ (19 & 27 December 1933, 4 items). Also statement as published in The Manchester Guardian on 30 December 1933 under the headline A Really Effective League. Mr. De Valera’s Suggestions for Reform (1p). 5 items
2801  September 1934  File on de Valera’s 1934 League of Nations activities. Comprises:
– notes, drafts and printed version, including a French translation, of the speech delivered by de Valera at the Plenary Session of the 15th Assembly on 12 September 1934 on the question of the entry of Russia into the League and letters to de Valera in reaction to the speech (September 1934, 10 items);
– drafts and final versions of de Valera’s speech delivered at the Plenary Session of the Assembly on 18 September 1934 on the question of Russia’s entry into the League (September 1934, 7 items). Includes Verbatim Report of the Ninth Meeting held at the Salle du Conseil Général, Geneva on Tuesday, September 18th, at 6 p.m. containing the speech (90pp). Also letters to de Valera in reaction to the speech;
– corrected copy and printed copy of de Valera’s speech delivered at the tenth meeting of the Sixth Committee, on 1 September on the question of the international protection of minorities. Comprises ‘Copy as corrected at Geneva’ (4pp) and Sixth Committee Provisional Minutes of the Tenth Meeting held on Friday, September 1st, 1934 at 10 a.m. containing de Valera’s speech (pp. 18–21) (44pp);
– cuttings from English and French-language newspapers on Russia’s acceptance into the League (11–19 September 1934, 33 items);
– holograph notes for speeches by de Valera labelled ‘League of Nations 1934’ (1934, 16pp);
– de Valera’s entrance card for the 15th Assembly of the League of Nations in Geneva (September 1934, 1 item). 58 items

2802  September 1934  Black and white print of de Valera talking to journalist M. Julian Grande, in Geneva in September 1934. 18cm x 13cm

2803  1935  Documents relating to de Valera’s League of Nations activities during 1935, mainly press cuttings on speeches by him and other delegates at the 16th Assembly of the League in Geneva in September on the Abyssinian crisis. Includes:
– The Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly. Verbatim Report of the Third Meeting Held at the Salle du Conseil Général, Geneva, on Wednesday, September 11th, 1935 at 10.30 a.m. (75pp). ‘1935 Sir S Hoare Page 22’ noted on cover [speech of Sir Samuel Hoare, United Kingdom delegate];
– holograph, typescript and printed drafts of the speech delivered by de Valera on 16 September at a plenary meeting of the 16th Assembly (September 1935, 4 items);
– file labelled ‘Press and other comments on President’s speech at Geneva, September, 1935. Complete Dossier with Summary’ (c.63pp);
– notebook owned by Dorothy Macardle, with notes and printed articles by Macardle, ‘Irish Press Special Correspondent’ in Geneva (includes Macardle’s press pass for the Assembly) (1935, c.20pp);
2803 contd. – letter to de Valera from the General Secretary of the Irish Labour Party L.J. Duffy, noting that de Valera is to head the Irish delegation at the forthcoming meeting of the Assembly of the League ‘which will be confronted with the task of preserving intact the machinery of the League as a guarantee of World peace’.

‘I am desired to submit for your information and the information of the Government, the view-point of the Labour party in regard to the dispute which will arise for consideration by the League, concerning the relations between Italy and Abyssinia’ (2 September 1935, 2pp);

– cuttings on de Valera’s speech on 6 October to a mass meeting of Clare constituents in O’Connell Square, Ennis, where he ‘replied to critics of the attitude he recently adopted at Geneva’ (7 October 1935, 6 items).

c.93 items

2804 September 1935 Holograph and typescript drafts of de Valera’s League of Nations address to the U.S.A., broadcast on Radio Génèvre at 12.15a.m. on 12 September 1935 over the Columbia Broadcast System.

‘…there is absent from the League’s Assembly that which makes much of our respective national parliaments an effective reality. The essential thing that is absent is the power to make binding decisions and to enforce them. And this power is absent because the will to have it otherwise is absent. The peoples and the nations undoubtedly desire to be freed from the horrors of war. They desire security, but they are not willing to make the sacrifices necessary to achieve it. The present League of Nations is but a loose association of States co-operating at will under a Covenant, the obligations of which can be ignored when a State is strong enough and considers it to be to its advantage to do so. The theory of absolute sovereignty of States, interpreted to mean that a State is above all law, must be abandoned…Next, there must be set up, recognised and accepted some organ for what I may call the making of the law and the changing of it. The rule of unanimity for decision and legislation must go. There must, moreover, be some Tribunal by which the law shall be interpreted and applied, and, finally, there must be some means by which its judgements can be enforced against a State which might think it to its advantage to ignore them. The League of Nations as it exists is very far from coming up to the ideal which I have sketched, and, in so far as it falls short, it is a precarious and imperfect instrument. It is a beginning, however, a real effort on the part of many to order international affairs by reason and justice instead of by force. To destroy it now would be a crime against humanity. To maintain it we must live up to its obligations. The fact that we may suspect the motives of some of its founders should not influence us too far. The alternative, so far as Europe if concerned, is a return to the law of the Jungle…’

6 items
October 1935

Holograph and typescript drafts of de Valera’s broadcast address from Radio Athlone on 4 October 1935, on ‘the position of the Council of the League of Nations in relation to the war crisis [in Ethiopia] and the obligations of the Free State as a member of the League’ Also report from The Irish Press headedline ‘League & Sanctions. Mr. de Valera on the Situation. Free State Position: Mr. Cosgrave’s Comments’ (5 October 1935, 2pp) and newspaper editorial on the subject (n.d., 1p).

With regard to ‘…the hostilities which now appear to have begun in Ethiopia…The task of the League of Nations is to endeavour to bring these hostilities to an end with all possible speed. Japan’s successful violation of the Covenant a few years ago shook the League to its foundations. It is obvious that if a second similar successful violation takes place, the League of Nations must disappear as an effective safeguard for individual members. It is at times like these that people who are impatient with the League can best be brought to realise why States have been so hesitant to commit themselves irrevocably to the League or to agree in advance to a detailed system of sanctions for the enforcement of the Covenant. That has been the chief obstacle in the way of securing effective action by the League. The difficulty with the League is not that the obligations it imposes are too strict, but rather they are not strict enough to be effective. The League must be founded more clearly on principles of Justice, however, before the people of any State will be willing to commit themselves further to it. The weakness of the League in this respect, and the measures which appear to be immediately necessary to remedy it, I have already dealt with in my Broadcast to the United States and need not deal with them now. To effect the necessary changes will be an extremely difficult task, even if the League survives the present crisis…’

4 items

July 1936

File on de Valera’s 1936 League of Nations activities comprising mainly notes for and drafts of, his speech at the Assembly of the League in Geneva on 2 July 1936.

‘Over fifty nations pledged themselves to one another in the most solemn manner each to respect the independence and to preserve the integrity of the territories of the others. One of these nations turned its back on its pledges freely given, and was adjudged almost unanimously by the remained to have been an aggressor, and now, one by one, we have come here to confess that we can do nothing effective about it. Over fifty nations we have now to confess publicly that we must abandon the victim to his fate. It is a sad confession, as well as a bitter one. It is the fulfilment of the worst predictions of all who decried the League and said it could not succeed...is there any small nation represented here which does not feel the truth of the warning that what is Ethiopia’s fate to-day may well be its own fate to-morrow, should the greed or the ambition of some powerful neighbour prompt its destruction......Unless the League can inspire confidence it clearly cannot stand. Let us face the fact that economic and financial sanctions can be made effective only if we are prepared to back them up by military measures. Let us face the fact that not one of the fifty nations represented here is prepared to
face war to preserve the principles of the League in the present dispute. The problems that distract Europe should not be abandoned to the soldiers to decide. They should be tackled now by the statesmen. If these problems cannot be settled by conciliation, let then be submitted to arbitration. If Europe can be persuaded to settle its present problems peacefully, the policy of a rapid reduction of armaments will for the first time get a chance, and the wealth that is being wasted in preparing instruments of destruction can be made available for improving the conditions of life of many millions of people...peace is dependent upon the will of the great States. All the small States can do, if the statesmen of the greater States fail in their duty, is resolutely to determine that they will not become the tools of any great Power and that they will resist with whatever strength they may possess every attempt to force them into a war against their will'.


10 items

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**2807**

September–October 1937 Documents relating to de Valera’s 1937 activities in the League of Nations, both general business of the 18th Session and associated social functions. Includes:

– newspaper cuttings on de Valera’s contributions to the debates at the meeting of the Sixth Commission of the League in September, on the British plan to partition Palestine, and the meeting of the Sixth (Political) Committee on the question of intervention in Spain (24 September–4 October 1937, 3 items);

– provisional minutes of the tenth (public) meeting of the Sixth Committee held in Geneva on 30 September, headed ‘Situation in Spain and Questions connected therewith: Draft Resolution proposed by the Drafting Committee’. Includes de Valera’s contributions to the debate during which he emphasised that ‘the policy of the Irish Free State Government would always remain one of non-intervention. His Government must refuse to be a party to any commitment, much less any threat, that its attitude would be changed if the efforts at present being made to secure the withdrawal of the troops referred to broke down’ (13pp);

– two original texts of de Valera’s statement to the Assembly on 2 October with regard to the Spanish situation, beginning ‘The delegates who were present at the meeting of the Sixth Committee, at which the resolution now before the Assembly was adopted, are already aware that the Irish Delegation was unable to support the resolution and found it necessary to abstain from voting upon it. The Irish Delegation’s objection was to the second paragraph (7) of the resolution, namely: that part which would record the Assembly as noting that the members of the League who are parties to the Non-Intervention Agreement will consider ending the policy of non-intervention if the efforts and the appeal now being made to end outside participation in the Spanish conflict should not in the near future prove successful...’ (October 1937, 2 items, 7pp each).

13 items
2808 September 1937 Black and white photograph of the ‘First meeting Assembly in the new Building Palais des Nations’ in Geneva (identified on reverse). 29cm x 23cm

2809 July; September– October 1938 File on de Valera’s attendance at the Nineteenth Assembly of the League of Nations in September 1938 [de Valera was elected President of the Assembly], during the Sudetenland crisis, concluding with the signing of the Munich Agreement. Includes:
– draft notes for de Valera’s opening speech [by John J. Hearne] (4pp), draft holograph notes by de Valera for the speech (4pp) and typescript draft of the speech (2pp);
– Verbatim Record of the Nineteenth Session of the Assembly of the League of Nations Second Plenary Meeting, Monday September 12th, 1938, at 4.30 p.m. including de Valera’s opening speech (3pp);
– draft notes for de Valera’s closing speech [by John J. Hearne] (17pp), notes and drafts by de Valera (c. 10 items);
– Verbatim Record of the Nineteenth Session of the Assembly of the League of Nations Twelfth Plenary Meeting, Friday, September 20th, 1938, at 11 a.m. including de Valera’s closing speech (6pp);
– documents relating to the delegations representing the International Federation of League of Nations Societies and the International Council of Women, received by the President of the Assembly (July–September 1938, 9 items);
– letters of congratulations to de Valera on being elected President (14 items), including holograph letter from His Grace Rev. Dr. Edward J. Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin, and drafts of de Valera’s reply in which he reflects ‘The League has lost whatever authority it had. It is little more now than the symbol of an ideal. The ideal however is one that cannot die—and it is because of its promise for the future that I am convinced we should not abandon the existing league however uneffective it may be’ (23 September 1938, 1p);
– letter in Irish to de Valera in Geneva from Seán T. O’Kelly (21 September 1938, 3pp);
– covering letter to de Valera from Edith M. Ellis of the International Service of the Society of Friends, enclosing a letter on the Palestinian situation by Daniel Oliver, who has ‘lived in Syria for about 40 years & has had very close touch with Palestine’ (6 August & 18 September 1938);
– draft resolutions from the Assembly ‘that negotiations, in whatever form be most appropriate, may be continued until agreement is reached and that no Government will take the terrible responsibility of attempting to impose a settlement by force’ (3 items, 1p each);
– holograph draft of de Valera’s personal message to British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, en route to see Hitler at Berchtesgaden about the Sudeten-Germans in Czechoslovakia—‘You will have succeeded or failed when you receive this. I merely want to tell you that one person at least is completely satisfied that you are doing the right thing no matter what the
result. I believe you will be successful. Should you not be so, you will be blamed for having gone at all. To stop half way—to stop short at any action which held out the slightest hope of success in view of what is involved would be very wrong. Should you fail have no qualms. What a business man w[oul]d do, you who have at this moment the fate of millions who cannot help themselves depending on you are certainly entitled to do and should do. May God bless your efforts’ (15 September 1938, 1p) and two notes of thanks from Chamberlain, one noting ‘Whatever happens I shall not regret what I have done. I am convinced that I was only just in time to prevent a disaster. If we can commit Hitler to an orderly settlement that disaster will have been averted’ (17 September & 3 October 1938, 2 items, 2pp & 1p);
– holograph draft of de Valera’s telegram to Chamberlain urging him to let nothing deflect him from his attempts to secure peace (27 September 1938, 1p);
– holograph draft of a message from de Valera to Hitler following the signing of the Munich Agreement—‘With admiration I have seen you build up the new Germany. You have made your nation once more a great [& respected] power whose will could not be ignored in European affairs. To risk losing for y[ou]r country all that you have gained appeared to me a hazard which sh[oul]d not be taken. How glad I am for the sake of Eng[land] & for the sake of Germany that you have decided so. If Germany suffered another defeat—the method you have used so successfully c[oul]d not be resorted to again…apart from the fact that y[ou]r method could scarcely be used by one other than yourself’ (drafted on League of Nations notepaper);
– typescript ‘Summary of the Munich Agreement’ (2pp);
– draft press statement issued by de Valera following the signing of the Agreement—‘A comprehensive examination should be made of the remaining problems that might again threaten European peace. An attempt should be made to solve as many of these problems as possible quickly after which steps should be taken for the reduction and limitation of armaments and following that economic collaboration….’ (n.d., 1p). 

2810 September 1938 Black and white photographs relating to the 19th Assembly of the League of Nations in September 1938. Comprises prints of de Valera ‘President of the Assembly’ listening to speeches (2 items, 18cm x 13cm) each).

2 items

2811 September 1938 File on de Valera’s radio address broadcast to the U.S.A. on 25 September 1938 in his capacity as President of the Assembly of the League of Nations, on the Sudetenland crisis, four days before the signing of the Munich Agreement. Comprises mainly holograph and typescript drafts of the address (4 items). ‘The time for something like a general European Peace conference, or at least a conference between the greater Powers, is overdue…To adopt the ostrich
policy towards the questions at issue will not remove them out of the way nor will the advice to let sleeping dogs lie keep the dogs indefinitely asleep…’

12 items

Envelope labelled ‘Miss Kathleen O’Connell, Some snaps of Annecy (Geneva 1938) with best wishes for a speedy recovery and a return to the good old times! M.R., 7.4.55’. Contains black and white photographs of de Valera and four unidentified men outdoors at leisure (1938, 4 items, 9 cm x 6cm each).

4 items

File on League of Nations estimates, 1939-40 comprising memoranda headed:

- ‘Estimates 1939–40’ (2pp);
- ‘Draft Statement for Minister on League of Nations Estimate, 1939–40’ (3pp);
- ‘Note on reform of the League Covenant’ (2pp);
- ‘Note on Declaration at the Nineteenth Assembly of Ireland’s Unique Position with regard to Article 16 of the Covenant’ (2pp);
- ‘Note on main activities of the League during last financial year’ (2pp);
- list of members of the League (2pp).

7 items


2 items
### d. Dissociated notes and photographs

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II. United Nations Organisation, 1945 – 68


2823  July & August 1947  File on Russia’s veto of Ireland’s application for membership of the United Nations Organisation comprising mainly newspaper accounts and drafts of statements by de Valera on the subject. 10 items

2824  1945–55  File on the United Nations, with special reference to Ireland’s admittance to the U.N. in December 1955. Comprises notes and newspaper reports on the structure of the U.N. and its Charter (6 items). Also the following printed matter:
–  Index to the Charter of the United Nations and the Statute of the International Court of Justice (New York: U.N. Department of Public Information) (1947, 37pp);

2825  September 1949  Extract from European Affairs (September 1949, pp.5, 6 & 14) comprising an interview between de Valera and Monty Radulovic (Foreign Editor) entitled Eamon De Valera discusses Ireland and Europe. 3pp

2826  10 April 1958  Report from The Irish Press by Norman J. Montellier headlined Taoiseach is link between League and U.N.. Nations regard Ireland as ‘Third Force’. ‘Ireland, Norway, Canada and Italy stand out to-day in the U.N. for influence beyond their size or power. To many diplomats schooled in unhappy experiments in international struggles for peace, Ireland has a special place as a “third force”
in the U.N. For their memories are still vivid of Ireland’s historic League of Nations fight for the rights of small nations, and if any individual is regarded to-day as a bridge between the League and the U.N., it is Eamon de Valera.’

1p

July 1968, File relating to U. Thant (1909–74) (United Nations Secretary General, 1961–72). Includes copy of the Secretary General’s itinerary relating to his stopover in Dublin en route for New York on 11 & 12 July 1967 (1p) and colour photograph (20cm x 25cm) of U. Thant with accompanying card inscribed ‘To His Excellency President Eamon de Valera with my best wishes and profound respect’ (12 July 1968, 2 items).

See also P150/3335 for Christmas card to de Valera from U. Thant; P150/3345 for references to U. Thant in the context of President de Valera’s visit to the U.S.A. and Canada between May and June 1964; P150/3669 for reference to the conferral of an honorary degree on U. Thant by Trinity College Dublin in 1968.

7 items

III. Council of Europe, 1949 – 51

9 August– File on the opening and the work of the 1st
14 September 1949 Session of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg in August 1949, comprising mainly cuttings from Irish newspapers (9 August–11 September 1949, 45 items).

49 items

24 December 1949 Extract from America comprising an article by Charles Keenan entitled ‘De Valera: Éire’s elder statesman’. Begins ‘When Ireland became a member of the Council of Europe, it was almost inevitable that Eamon De Valera should be one of its delegation to that assembly. He had rendered distinguished service in the League of Nations, never shirking the task of recalling that vacillating body to the principles of its Covenant. Like Cassandra’s, his prophecies, though true, went largely unheeded.’

2pp
2830  [August 1948], File on the work of the 2nd Session of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasburg in August and the resumed session in November 1950, comprising mainly holograph notes made by de Valera during the course of the Assembly, corrected texts of de Valera’s contributions to the debates, draft and approved texts of interviews given by de Valera in August and November (16 August–24 November, 18 items) and newspaper reports on the Assembly, including reports on de Valera’s speeches (3–31 August & 17–27 November 1950, 45 items). Also includes: – eight-part series of articles from the Irish Press on International Affairs by Georges Bidault, former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of France (9 August–27 September 1950, 8 items); – The Council of Europe. Explanatory Note (1950, 11pp); – de Valera’s personal copy of the Statute of the Council of Europe and Rules of Procedure of the Consultative Assembly. Autographed and annotated by de Valera (August 1950, 33pp); – Council of Europe Consultative Assembly. Second Session 1950. Report of the Committee on Cultural and Scientific Questions (1950, 12pp); – correspondence between de Valera and Dr. J.H. Retinger, Honorary Secretary General, European Movement, London, mainly relating to Dr. Retinger’s request for a statement or article by de Valera commenting on European unity (22 & 23 August 1948, 24 January–12 April 1950, 11 items). 116 items

2831  7 May 1974  Letter to de Valera from Secretary General of the Council of Europe Lujo Toncic-Sorinj presenting a commemorative medal to de Valera to mark the 25th anniversary of the Council of Europe and the role he played in its history. 1p

2832  4 June 1951  Covering note (4 June 1951, 1p) to Kathleen O’Connell from Brian Durmin of the Department of External Affairs enclosing a copy of an explanatory memorandum (n.d., 1p) on the organisation of an inquiry into the ‘present conditions in the field of culture, politics and economics in Western Europe’ by Italian Radio (R.A.I.), to be produced in the form of a series of half-hour radio programmes under the name ‘Enquiry in the West’. Requests that de Valera ‘would record a short talk, of about three or four minutes duration, with particular regard to point (c) in the enclosure’–‘What do you think of a possible political or at least economic union between the different European countries? What do you think of a possible European Federation?’ Accompanied by holograph (7 June 1951, 6pp) and typescript (2pp) answers to the question by de Valera. ‘In my opinion the federation of Europe into a single sovereign state is at present impracticable. Besides the economic and social problems it would present are too complex and difficult to solve. The best way towards union is through willing co-operation in a series of projects of common interest and concern. The Statute of the Council of Europe provides a reasonable basis…’. 4 items
36. UNITED STATES PRESIDENTS

I. Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933 – 45)

2833 [1930s/1940s] Black and white photograph of John Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., President Franklin D. Roosevelt, James Roosevelt and [?] Randall on board a Roosevelt yacht. Inscribed on front ‘To Hon. Eamonn de Valera With regards from your friend and admirer A [ ] Randall’. 24cm x 17cm

2834 8 February–2 March 1934 Typescript drafts of de Valera’s message for The Associated Press of America commenting on F.D. Roosevelt’s first year as President, and associated correspondence. 5 items

2835 March & April 1937; January–February 1939 Correspondence between de Valera and Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Doubleday, Doran & Co. Publishers, concerning the possibility of publishing an American edition of Dorothy Macardle’s The Irish Republic and Col. Roosevelt’s invitation to de Valera to stay with the Roosevelts at Oyster Bay, Long Island, during his visit to the U.S.A. in 1939. See also P150/3662–3667 6 items

2836 January 1938–January 1939 Pre-war correspondence between de Valera and President Franklin D. Roosevelt, on the partition of Ireland in the context of the Anglo-Irish Agreement of 1938 and on de Valera’s proposed visit to the U.S. in 1939. Also accompanied by photographic print of a cheque, dated 18 January 1856, signed by Abraham Lincoln. See also P150/2571 for 1939–45 memoranda and reports to de Valera from Joseph P. Walshe, including communications to de Valera from President Roosevelt transmitted through Walshe; P150/2614 for note to de Valera from President Roosevelt on receipt of the Taoiseach’s Christmas card, sending greetings for 1941; P150/2635 for file on the Free State’s response to the arrival of American troops in Northern Ireland in January 1942 8 items
Copies of extracts from newspapers and radio broadcasts, of quotations by President Roosevelt between January 1941 and December 1943, on neutrality, the rights of nations and the ‘doctrine that the strong shall dominate the weak...the doctrine of our enemies—and we reject it’. 7 items, 1p each

II. Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953 – 60)

Correspondence, sending good wishes and birthday greetings between de Valera and Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th President of the United States (1953–1960).

5 items

III. John F. Kennedy (1960 – 63)

a. The President, 1961 – 64

File relating to President John F. Kennedy’s four-day official visit to Ireland in June 1963. Comprises:

– copy of invitation to visit Ireland from de Valera to President Kennedy (27 March 1963, 1p) and President Kennedy’s reply (11 April 1963, 1p);
– typescript drafts of de Valera’s address of welcome to President Kennedy on his arrival in Dublin Airport on 26 June 1963 (June 1963, 3 items);
– invitation to a luncheon hosted by President Kennedy at the American Ambassador’s Residence in the Phoenix Park on 28 June 1963 (1 item);
– typescript texts of farewell messages exchanged between Presidents de Valera and Kennedy (3 items, 1p each);
– copy of Éire Ireland Weekly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 526) dedicated to President Kennedy’s visit (1 July 1963, 26pp);
– special supplement issued by The Irish Times President Kennedy in Ireland. A Pictorial Record (June 1963, 32pp).

Also includes typescript copy of birthday greeting sent to President de Valera by Kennedy in October 1961 and de Valera’s copy reply (14 & 17 October 1961, 2 items, 1p each). 16 items
2840 4 July–7 November 1963  Personal correspondence between de Valera and President John F. Kennedy, following Kennedy’s visit to Ireland in June 1963. Includes material relating to the presentation of a replica of the sword worn by General George Washington throughout the American Civil War, to de Valera by Taoiseach Seán Lemass following his visit to the U.S.A., a gift from Kennedy. 12 items

2841 November 1963–January 1964; March 1967  Documents relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on 22 November 1963 comprising copy texts of telegrams of sympathy sent to Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson and Joseph P. and Rose Kennedy (22 & 23 November 1963, 3 items, 1p each); reply of Lyndon B. Johnson (10 December 1963, 2pp); extracts from the official reports of Dáil and the Seanad on the death of President Kennedy (autographed by de Valera) (26 November 1963, 2 items); copy of Éire Ireland Weekly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 640) dedicated to the late President (2 December 1963, 10pp); holograph personal letter of thanks to de Valera from Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, following his attendance at the funeral of the late President (22 January 1964, 4pp), enclosing two memorial cards of her husband; copy Department of External Affairs memorandum on arrangements for de Valera’s attendance at the funeral (28 January 1964, 3pp) and newspaper reports on the assassination and de Valera’s attendance at the funeral (22–29 November 1963 & 19 & 29 March 1967, 18 items). 23 items

b. The President’s family and commemorative material, 1938 – 70

2842 July 1938  Black and white photographs of de Valera in his role as Chancellor of the N.U.I. with Joseph P. Kennedy, American Ambassador to Britain, during the conferral of the Degree of LL.D. *honoris causa* upon the Ambassador by the National University of Ireland on 7 July 1938 (7 July 1938, 4 items, 21cm x 16cm each). Also accompanying minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Senate of the College on 6 July 1938 regarding the conferral (2pp). 5 items
2843  26 March—  10 December 1958  Copy letters from de Valera to Joseph P. Kennedy, former U.S. Ambassador to Britain, Park Avenue, New York and Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, on the organisation of the foundation of ‘a number of valuable fellowships in Universities in the United States of America’ to graduates of Irish Universities, financed by the Joseph Kennedy Foundation of New York. Includes copy draft press release issued by the Government Information Bureau on the announcement of the establishment of the Fellowships in August 1958 (2pp). (Department of the Taoiseach file No. S.16449) 9 items

2844  1961–68  Personal correspondence between de Valera, Joseph P. Kennedy, former American Ambassador to Britain and father of President John F. Kennedy, and Mrs. Rose Kennedy, mainly concerning efforts to obtain embroidered Irish linen bed-spreads for Mrs. Rose Kennedy for the refurbishment of the house where John F. Kennedy and three other children were born. Also includes references to the death of Senator Robert Kennedy in June 1968. 23 items

2845  1961/2–68  Commemorative material relating to President John F. Kennedy. Comprises:
– souvenir booklet entitled *John F. Kennedy. Profile of Courage* (n.d., 42pp);
– black and white press photograph of de Valera and Mrs. Sinéad de Valera and an unidentified couple beside a bust of President Kennedy. Lensmen Press & P.R. Agency. Autographed by de Valera [possibly Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver and husband on the occasion of their visit to Ireland in 1968?] (20cm x 15cm);
– certificate comprising first day issue stamps ‘In Memory of John Fitzgerald Kennedy May 29, 1964 Presented to Eamon de Valera by John A. Gronouski, Postmaster General of the United States’ (29 May 1964, 1 item);
– material relating to the formal opening of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Park, at Slieve Coillte, Co. Wexford on 29 May 1968, the date of the late President’s birthday, attended by Mrs. Eunice Shriver, her daughter Maria and Mrs. Edward Kennedy including press releases for a press conference, held at the Department of Lands on 25 January 1967, texts of addresses for the occasion including messages from Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy and Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy. 15 items
2846 December 1964–July 1967  Documents relating to de Valera’s association with Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, following the assassination of her husband in November 1963, comprising letters thanking President de Valera for his message on the anniversary of Kennedy’s death (2 December 1964, 1p), for the assistance given to the John F. Kennedy Exhibit in Dublin (15 December 1964, 1p) and for their kindness during her visit to Ireland with her children in 1967 (holograph letter) (1967, 3pp). See also P150/3346 for photographs of de Valera and Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy on the occasion of the President’s visit to Mrs. Kennedy’s home in Georgetown, Washington in May 1964 3 items

2847 1963–65  Copy of chart showing the ancestry of John F. Kennedy, traced by the New York Public Library (earliest date noted is the birth of Ellen Noonan in 1793) (n.d., 2pp) 1 item

2848 1964–8 July 1968  Personal correspondence between de Valera and Senator Robert and Ethel Kennedy, mainly about the Kennedy Memorial Library and communications following the death of Senator Kennedy on 6 June 1968. Includes two memorial cards. 12 items

2849 March 1964–March 1970  Personal correspondence between de Valera and Senator Edward (Ted) Kennedy, letters from Joan Kennedy and correspondence concerning a proposed book on Joseph P. Kennedy. 11 items

2850 4 June, 22 November 1968  Personal letters to President de Valera from Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver [sister of the late President John F. Kennedy] and her daughter Maria thanking him for his kindness on her visit to Ireland in May 1968 for the formal opening of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Park, at Slieve Coillte, Co. Wexford. 3 items
IV. Lyndon B. Johnson (1963 – 69)

2851 January 1964–April 1968  Correspondence between President de Valera and Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th President of the U.S.A. (1963–69), many via Robert P. Chalker, American Chargé d’Affaires ad interim or Raymond R. Guest, American Ambassador to Ireland. Comprises mainly messages sending good wishes and greetings, but also including letters of thanks from President and Mrs. Johnson for gifts given to them by de Valera during his state visit to the U.S.A. in May 1964 (8 & 15 June 1964, 2 items); covering letters sent by President Johnson to de Valera with photographs of the surface of the moon taken by the Ranger VII spacecraft shortly before its impact on the moon’s surface on 31 July 1964, of some of the first television photographs of Mars taken from the Mariner IV spacecraft on 14 July 1965 and an album of photographs of the moon taken by the Surveyor I in 1966 (6 August 1964, 13 August 1965 & 10 June 1966, 3 items—prints not enclosed); cable sent by President Johnson on the ‘Jubilee Anniversary of Ireland’s Declaration of Independence’ (11 April 1966, 1p); President Johnson’s expression of condolence on the death of former President Seán T. O’Kelly in 1966 and his thanks for de Valera’s condolences on the death of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in 1968 (3 December 1966 & 25 April 1968, 2 items). 27 items

V. Richard M. Nixon (1969 – 74)

2852 1969–June 1971  Correspondence between President de Valera and Richard Milhouse Nixon, 37th President of the United States of America (1969–74), mainly sending St. Patrick’s Day greetings and good wishes but also including President Nixon’s message of condolence following the death of William P. Fay, Irish Ambassador to the U.S.A., in 1969 (11 September 1969, 1p); and copy of President Nixon’s appreciation of de Valera’s ‘kind message concerning the recovery of the Apollo 13 Astronauts’ in 1970 (22 April 1970, 2pp). 8 items

2853 September–December 1970  Material concerning the visit to Ireland of President Richard M. Nixon and Mrs. Nixon, 3–5 October 1970. Comprises itineraries, newspaper cuttings and letters of thanks from Nixon following his visit. 9 items
37. RELATIONS WITH THE CHURCHES

I. Correspondence:

a. Church of Ireland hierarchy and deans, 1948 –73

2854  23, 28 February 1948  Personal holograph letter of appreciation to de Valera on leaving office, from His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Arthur Barton, Archbishop of Dublin. Draft replies by de Valera. See also P150/3074 for documents relating to Clonmacnoise, Co. Offaly with special reference to arrangements for the transfer of the burial ground at Clonmacnoise from the Representative Body of the Church of Ireland to the Commissioners of Public Works in August 1955, including exchanges of letters between de Valera and Most Rev. Dr. Arthur Barton, Archbishop of Dublin. 3 items

2855  [1938], 1958–63  File relating to Rev. Dr. John A.F. Gregg, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, consisting of mainly correspondence between Mrs. Wilson [daughter of Archbishop Gregg], Dr. George Seaver [biographer of Archbishop Gregg] and President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly, relating to Archbishop Gregg’s interview with de Valera when the article on Religion in the Constitution was being drafted, and to their co-operation in regard to Clonmacnoise (May 1961–December 1963, 17 items). Also includes copy letter from de Valera to Archbishop Gregg in which de Valera comments that the League of Nations ‘has lost whatever authority it had. The ideal, however, is itself one that cannot die...’ (23 September 1938, 1p). 23 items

2856  25 March 1958– 27 September 1969  Correspondence between de Valera and Archbishop of Dublin and later Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, Most Rev. Dr. George Otto Simms. Comprises mainly holograph letters from the Archbishop concerning arrangements for religious and formal events, including de Valera’s attendance at the Citizenship Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on 3 November 1968 and his visit to the Church of Ireland Training College in March 1969. See also P150/3330 for letters of congratulation and goodwill on the occasion of de Valera’s retirement from public life, from Bishops and Archbishops including letter from Dr. Simms; P150/3106 for newspaper photograph of de Valera & Dr. Simms at the opening of SS. Philip and James, Booterstown School, 22 March 1957. 13 items


2859 1966–68 Correspondence between de Valera and the Deans of Christ Church Cathedral and St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin and the Dean of Ardfert, the Very Rev. T.N.D.C. Salmon, Rev. Dr. John W. Armstrong and the Very Rev. C. Gray-Stack respectively. Includes the forms of service at the service of remembrance for Alfred Chester Beatty (1875–1968) on 29 January 1968 (3pp) and at the service to mark the 1916–66 Commemorations on 11 April 1966 (5pp) in St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

2860 27 May–27 June 1970 Personal correspondence between de Valera and the Right Rev. Robert Wyse Jackson, Bishop of Limerick, Ardfert and Aghadoe on the President’s contribution to the fund for the removal of the memorial windows to Dean Hackett in Bruree Church of Ireland Church to Kilmallock, Co. Limerick in 1970.

2861 26 March 1973 Typescript list of ‘Archbishops, Bishops and Clergy of the Church of Ireland as at 26.3.[19]73’. 2pp
b. Catholic clergy, 1957 – 73

2862  28 June 1957– 27 October 1974  Correspondence between de Valera and various letters to President de Valera relating to the establishment and success of the Seamas J. O’Brien Memorial Scholarship scheme in Waterford, the publication of Irish books for young people and meetings with various communities of Christian Brothers (22 October 1968–27 October 1974, c.19 items). Also includes letter to de Valera from Patrick J. Ryan, Vice Principal C.B.S. Secondary School, Charleville, Co. Cork, enclosing a list of de Valera’s former classmates which they compiled to celebrate the centenary of his alma mater C.B.S. Charleville in 1966 following de Valera’s visit for the occasion (25 May 1973, 2 items, 1p each). 60 items

2863  15 February 1958– 10 June 1964  Personal correspondence between de Valera and Canon Thomas Maguire P.P. St. Mary’s, Newtownbutler, Co. Fermanagh, including de Valera’s reply to the Canon’s letter in which he seems ‘to suggest that in 1925 we could have entered Dáil Éireann and “saved our country that frightful betrayal”. No one who knew the situation intimately, or examined it closely, could believe that had Sinn Féin adopted the policy suggested and entered Dáil Éireann the situation would have been saved’ (9 February 1960, 1p). 15 items

2864  19 February 1957– 31 December 1958  Dissociated copy letters from de Valera to various Catholic, Presbyterian and Church of Ireland clergy on mainly routine matters. Includes letter to Monsignor Edward Kissane, President of St. Patrick’s College Maynooth, concerning the procurement of a portrait of the O’Sullivan Beare, formerly in the Irish College in Salamanca for the National Gallery (24 April 1947, 1p). The relevant file reference numbers from the original Department of the Taoiseach files are noted on many of the letters. Includes some communications in Irish. 17 items

2865  1957–60  Personal correspondence between de Valera and the following Abbots:
• Celsus O’Connell, Mount Melleray, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford (1957–58, 2 items);
• Br. M. Aengus, O.C.S.O., Out Lady of Bethlehem Abbey, Porglenone, Co. Antrim (November 1959, 3 items);
• Camillus Claffey, Mount St. Joseph Monastery, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary (June 1960, 3 items). 8 items
II. Correspondence, biographical material & photographs:

a. Irish Catholic hierarchy, 1916 – 74

Series of 32 files of correspondence, both personal and official, between de Valera and various Irish Bishops and Archbishops, arranged by Province and Diocese as follows:

2866 4 January–27 August 1960  Dissociated correspondence between de Valera and members of the clergy and religious on routine matters.  7 items

2867 1928–58  Cardinal Dr. Joseph MacRory (1861–1945), Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland (1928–45). Elevated to Cardinal in 1929. Includes letter on the position of the Church of Ireland in the new Constitution (28 May 1937, 2pp) and correspondence relating to Hamilton Neil Stuart Gould Verschoyle, alias Niall Gould, a member of the Communist Party in Ireland who was a prisoner in the Curragh (September–October 1942) and about Irish nuns interned in Tokyo in 1944 (January–March 1944)  12 items


2869 June & July 1967  Rev. Dr. Cahal B. Daly, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise (1967–82).  3 items

2870 1959 & 1961  Rev. Dr. Eugene O’Callaghan, Bishop of Clogher.  5 items

2872  1943 & 1946  Rev. Dr. Patrick Lyons, Bishop of Kilmore.  
**Includes** information on Catholic activities in Australia (1946).  
6 items

2873  1957–58  Rev. Dr. William MacNeely, Bishop of Raphoe.  
3 items

**Includes** documents relating to the appointment and installation of Dr. Ryan including confidential letter to President de Valera from Papal Nuncio Most Rev. Gaetano Alibrandi informing him of the appointment of ‘Reverend Dermot Ryan, Professor of Eastern Languages in U.C.D., to be Archbishop of Dublin, in succession to His Grace Reverend John Charles McQuaid’ (3 January 1972, 1p).  
8 items

2875  1964–66  Donal J. Herlihy, Bishop of Ferns.  
3 items

2876  5 & 12 March 1934  Rev. Dr. Matthew Cullen, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin (1927–36).  
2 items

2877  1938–45  Rev. Dr. Thomas Keogh, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.  
**Includes** correspondence on Army Chaplains and recommendation of certain individuals for positions.  
25 items

2878  1933, 1935 & 1939  Rev. Dr. Patrick Collier, Bishop of Ossory (1928–64).  
**Includes** Garda reports on remarks made by Fr. Thomas Bowe P.P., Freshford, Co. Kilkenny (1934) and Archdeacon Phelan, Piltown, (1933) (‘There is not a shadow of doubt that they [the Government] incline towards Communism...let every voter...say to himself...I have voted against Communism’).  
*See also P150/3668 for memorial card for Dr. Collier (with photograph), who died on 10 January 1964.*  
9 items
February 1935

Rev. Dr. John M. Harty, Bishop of Cashel, on the Bishop’s invitation to de Valera and Mrs. de Valera to join the Holy Land pilgrimage as guests of the organisers.

See also P150/1647 for copy of March 1923 dispatch from Tom Barry to members of the Army Executive enclosing a proposal from the Peace Committee headed by Rev. Dr. J. Harty Archbishop of Cashel)

2 items

1942

Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Kinane, Archbishop of Cashel.

Includes correspondence on the possible military occupation of St. Michael’s Residential School of Domestic Training, Dundrum, Co. Tipperary and on the possibility of holding elections on a Sunday or Church holiday.

See P150/3668 for memorial card of Dr. Kinane, who died on 18 February 1959

10 items

1956–62

Rev. Dr. Thomas Morris/Tomás Ó Muiris, Archbishop of Cashel.


Note: many of the letters are in Irish.

19 items

1958–[64]

Rev. Dr. Joseph Rodgers, Bishop of Killaloe.

Note: all in Irish.

5 items

February 1943

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cohalan (1859–1952), Bishop of Cork (1916–52) and Bishop Elect of Waterford and Lismore (1943).

Comprises letter of congratulation from de Valera on Dr. Cohalan’s appointment to the See of Waterford and Lismore and Dr. Cohalan’s reply.

See also P150/659 for references to a threatened legal action arising out of an article in the Cork Examiner of 28 November 1923 by the Bishop of Cork, Most. Rev. Daniel Cohalan, D.D. headed ‘The Burial of Denis Barry’ in which the Bishop refers to Mary MacSwiney, claims she ‘was not a Republican at all in 1916’ and condemns her for ‘gambling’ on her brother’s life—‘...she encouraged Terry to continue the strike. She never believed it
2883 contd. would go to a fatal end. She thought he would be released, and that she would share in a sunburst of cheap glory;
See P150/1653 for references to Dr. Cohalan in file on the Church’s attitude toward the Republican forces

Includes copy letters from de Valera concerning Dr. Lucey’s letter ‘on the possibility of derating occupied holdings on the islands off the coast of County Cork’ and typescript text (12pp) of an address entitled ‘The Church and the use of the Land’ delivered by Rev. Dr. Lucey at the opening of Catholic Social Week in Tipperary on 22 March 1942.

2885 1958 & 1963 Rev. Dr. Annraoi Ó Murchadha, Bishop Elect of Limerick

Comprises letters from de Valera to Bishop Browne complaining about a speech by Canon Browne P.P., Rathcormac, reported on 5 July 1934 in the Cork Examiner, in which the Canon is ‘represented as having characterised the present Government as “depraved and tyrannical.”’

2887 1969 Rev. Dr. Eamon Casey, Bishop of Kerry.

2888 1965 Rev. Dr. Michael Russell, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore.

2889 1935–37 Rev. Dr. Thomas P. Gilmartin, Archbishop of Tuam (1918–[38?]).
See also P150/1654 for references to Dr. Gilmartin in file relating to the organisation of an official Republican Appeal to the Pope following the issuing of the Irish Hierarchy’s Joint Pastoral Letter on 10 October 1922.

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2890 1938–69  Rev. Dr. Joseph Walsh/Seosamh Breathnach, Archbishop of Tuam (19[38]–69).
Includes copies of the Archbishop’s Lenten Pastorals for 1958, 1964 & 1966 and letter from Dr. Walsh thanking de Valera for his good wishes on the Archbishop’s retirement in 1969 (28 February 1969, 1p). Comprises mainly correspondence concerning invitations to various functions.
30 items

2891 1933–41  Rev. Dr. Patrick Morrisroe, Bishop of Achonry.
Includes the Bishop’s 1941 Lenten Pastoral on inter alia Christian marriages, the ‘world crisis’ and ‘war and religion’.
9 items

2892 1926–47  Rev. Dr. John Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert.
8 items

2893 1958–66  Rev. Dr. James Fergus, Bishop of Achonry.
Note: some letters in Irish.
8 items

Includes copy of the Bishop’s 1934 Lenten Pastoral.
See P150/1537 for letter of congratulation to de Valera from Rev. Dr. Thomas O’Doherty, Bishop of Clonfert, following the signing of the Treaty on 6 December 1921.
7 items

Includes correspondence with Dr Browne, St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth, in his role as editor of Studies (1933, 5 items); copy of Prof. Browne’s paper entitled ‘The Source and Purpose of Political Authority’ delivered at the Clongowes Wood College Catholic Summer School (n.d., 8pp) and copy of the Bishop’s 1958 Lenten Pastoral.
See also P150/3324 for file on the fundraising, construction and dedication of Galway’s new cathedral on 15 August 1965, mainly correspondence between de Valera and Rev. Dr. Michael Browne Bishop of Galway, and newspaper reports.
19 items
2896 1959  Rev. Dr. Patrick O’Boyle, Bishop of Killala.
       1 item

2897 1964–65  Rev. Dr. Vincent Hanly, Bishop of Elphin.
       4 items

2898 October 1940  Fr. Francis Wall, Bishop of Thasos, Vicar Capitular, Dublin Archdiocese.
       3 items

2899 1943–63  File on Cardinal John D’Alton (1882–63),
               Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland (1946–63) and former Bishop of Meath (1942–46). Elevated to Cardinal in 1953. Includes:
               – communications concerning Garda reports on a sermon by Fr. M. Kilmartin P.P. Ballynacargy, Co. Westmeath on 11 July 1943 in which he referred to the police as having committed murder and encouraged his ‘parishioners to become members of an unlawful organisation’ (July & August 1943, 4 items);
               – correspondence relating to the case of Sean McCaughey/Seán Mac Eachaidh of Belfast, in Port Laoise prison (1943 & May 1946, 4 items);
               – black and white studio portrait of Cardinal D’Alton inscribed ‘Wishing the Taoiseach every blessing + John Cardinal D’Alton February 16th 1953’ (February 1953, 22cm x 31cm including mount, 17cm x 23cm excluding mount);
               – correspondence between Cardinal(-Elect) D’Alton and de Valera (1952–61, c.20 items);
               – newspaper reports following Dr. D’Alton’s elevation to Cardinal in Rome in January 1953 (13 & 29 January 1953, 2 items);
               – newspaper reports on the Cardinal’s plan ‘for ending the present troubles in Northern Ireland and for bringing a reunited Ireland into the British Commonwealth’ put forward in March 1957 (3–21 March 1957, 4 items);
               – John D’Alton Cardinal An Illustrated Brochure Describing the Career of Ireland’s Cardinal (n.d., 24pp);
               – black and white photograph of Cardinal D’Alton and de Valera on the boarding steps of an Aer Lingus plane ([1960s?], 18cm x 24cm);
               – colour poster produced by The Irish Press of ‘His Eminence John Cardinal D’Alton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. Born 1882, Ordained Priest 1908, Consecrated Bishop 1941, Archbishop and Primate 1946, Cardinal 1953’ ([1953], 38cm x 51cm);
               – newspaper reports on the death and funeral of Cardinal ‘D’Alton in February 1963 (1–2 February 1963, 6 items).
       c.44 items
2900  [early 1950s]  Black and white press photograph of de Valera seated at a table with two unidentified clerics, including one unknown Cardinal, and Cardinal John D’Alton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. 21x16cm

2901  February–March 1965  Newspaper reports on the elevation of Most Rev. Dr. William Conway, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland to Cardinal in February 1965 and his meetings with President de Valera before and after the occasion. 3 items

2902  19[17]–60  Documents relating to Monsignor Pádraig de Brún (1889–1960). Includes:
  – poems in Irish and English;
  – text of lecture by de Brún on William Walsh. Archbishop of Dublin 1885–1921 (post 1928, 12pp);
  – newspaper reports and texts of de Valera’s speech on the occasion of the presentation of a bust of Monsignor de Brún, former Chancellor of University College Galway, to him by President de Valera Chancellor of the N.U.I. on behalf of the teaching staff of the University on 19 May 1960 (May 1960, 4 items);
  – typescript note listing the years in which de Valera taught Monsignor de Brún in Rockwell College and Clonliffe College (n.d., 1p);
  – list of the Monsignor’s scholarly publications (n.d., 5pp) and academic record in the National University of Ireland (n.d., 1p);
  – reports on the death of Monsignor de Brún, including copy of Éire Ireland, Weekly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 486) (13 June 1960);
  – typescript texts of de Valera’s tribute to the late Monsignor de Brún following his death on 5 June 1960 (5 June 1960, 2 items, 3pp each) (in Irish and in English)

See also P150/3668 for memorial card of Monsignor Pádraig de Brún, who died on 5 June 1960; P150/97 for 1959 photograph of Monsignor de Brún with de Valera in his robes as Chancellor of the N.U.I.

22 items

2903  January 1922–March 1923  File on Rev. Dr. Edward J. Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin consisting of:
  – letter to [de Valera] from Archbishop Byrne stating that the ‘Bishops at their meeting, mainly owing to your request, refrained from making any public pronouncement on the Treaty’ and suggesting that de Valera ‘avoid pushing matters to a division’ in the Dáil. ‘Could you not, having made your dignified protest let things go through without any division – without you or those acting with you taking any part in the ratification. It is division that will
create the split. A magnificent gesture such as I suggest will enshrine you in the hearts of the people’. Carbon copy typescript with handwritten final paragraph and corrections (3 January 1922, 3pp);
– carbon copy letter from Laurence Ginnell ‘delivered by hand at Archbishop’s House to the representative of Archbishop Byrne and also the Editors of all Dublin Daily Newspapers’ concerning the activities of the ‘salaried Murder Gang having Headquarters at Oriel House, paid and maintained with Irish money by William Cosgrave, and operating under the supreme command of Richard Mulcahy’ (14 September 1922, 1p);
– copy correspondence between Archbishop Byrne and William T. Cosgrave concerning executions (18 & 19 March 1923, 5 items).

7 items

March 1932–January 1954; Correspondence both formal and personal

Note: Correspondence relating to the drafting of the 1937 Constitution is in P150/2395. Topics discussed include:
• the building and opening of the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, Dublin and the question of co-operation with St. Vincent’s and the Mater Hospitals in order to form a Training School (1934, 9 items);
• plans for expansion of the National Children’s Hospital, Harcourt Street, Dublin or its amalgamation with other Protestant hospitals (1934–36, 9 items);
• material concerning Catholic broadcasts on radio (1934, 8 items) including memorandum headed ‘Memo No. 1. Some Notes of Catholic Broadcasts by F. O’Reilly, K.C.S.G. Executive Secretary C.T.S.I.’ and annotated ‘personal E de V from McQ’ (n.d., 5pp) and memorandum headed ‘Memo No. 2. Radio Programmes’ and annotated ‘personal E de V from McQ’ ([1933/34?], 10pp);
• the ending of Dr. McQuaid’s term as President of Blackrock College (July 1939, 4 items);
• the case of Sr. Olive of the Monastere des Benedictines du St. Sacrement, Paris (1941–42);
• secondary education, with particular reference to the question of Capitation Grants for secondary schools (1933–34, 1953–54, 13 items);
• the Commission on Youth Unemployment, of which Dr. McQuaid was Chairman (1943–44, 24 items);
• health services including the Health Bills of 1945, 1947 and 1952 and the Mother and Child Scheme (1946–54, 43 items). Includes ‘Memorandum of observations of the Minister for Health on various matters relating to the Mother and Child Scheme referred to in a letter, dated 10th October, 1950, addressed to the Taoiseach by the Most Rev. J. Staunton, D.D., Bishop of Ferns, Secretary to the Hierarchy’ (8pp); Department of Health records of discussions between the Minister for Health and Dr. McQuaid on 16 September, 6 October & 10 December 1952 (3 items, 3pp, 4pp & 4pp); Department of Health ‘Memorandum for the information of the members of the Government concerning certain objections raised to proposals
for improvement of the Health Services’ (10 November 1952, 14pp) and copy of the statement issued by the Irish Hierarchy concerning the 1952 Health Bill, in April 1953 (4pp);
• de Valera’s letter informing Dr. McQuaid of the Parliamentary Question to be addressed to him in July 1957 ‘about the affair at Fethard-on-Sea’…In replying to it, I feel bound to express openly the views I have formed on the facts as I know them. In view of my recent conversation with Your Grace, I feel that I should send Your Grace a copy of the Question and of the reply which I have decided to give’ (4 July 1957, 1p);
• the problem of the veterinary education of students of University College Dublin (1959);
• an amendment to the licensing laws (May & June 1959, 2 items);
• invitation from Dr. McQuaid to President and Mrs. de Valera to attend a lecture by Monsignor Boylan on ‘What is Ecumenism?’ in the National Stadium (January 1967, 2 items);
• letter from Dr. McQuaid informing President de Valera of the private transfer of the remains of Matthew Talbot from Glasnevin to a new tomb in Our Lady of Lourdes, Seán MacDermott Street, Dublin (February 1972, 1p).

See also P150/3668 for Dr. McQuaid’s memorial card with photograph; P150/2652 for 1943–44 correspondence between Dr. McQuaid and Seán Lemass (Minister for Industry and Commerce) and between de Valera and Dr. McQuaid relating to the Commission on Youth Unemployment.

C.262 items

2905 27 May 1974 Newspaper reports on de Valera’s attendance at the unveiling of a bust of the late Most Rev. Dr. John Charles McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin, in the foyer of Blackrock College Chapel on 26 May 1974, by Most Rev. Dr. James Kavanagh Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin. 2 items

2906 [1904]–59 File on Rev. Dr. Edward Thomas O’Dwyer (1842–1917), Bishop of Limerick (1886–1917) consisting of pamphlet entitled The Present Condition of University Education in Ireland. A Wrong to the Country and an Insult to Catholics (Dublin: Catholic Truth Society of Ireland) being the text of the inaugural address delivered by Bishop O’Dwyer at the Catholic Truth Conference in October 1904 (20pp); typescript copies of exchange of letters between Bishop O’Dwyer and General Sir John Maxwell, Commander in Chief of the British Forces in Ireland between 6 and 17 May 1916 (3pp); newspaper article by Fr. T.J. Lavin captioned Dr. O’Dwyer—patriot Bishop of Limerick (n.d., 1 item) and cutting from the Dundalk Democrat captioned Famous Bishop Lived
2906 contd. Under a Cloud of Suspicion. A Patriot who was regarded as a ‘Castle Hack’ (3 January 1959, 1 item).
See also P150/489 which includes copy of letter from Dr. O’Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, to General Sir John Maxwell defending the rebels and condemning Maxwell’s administration and the decision to execute the rebels; P150/3591 for Bishop O’Dwyer’s comments on John Redmond.

4 items

2907 May 1957–December 1968 Dissociated correspondence between de Valera and various Catholic Bishops mainly on routine matters. Includes letters to Rev. Dr. Patrick O’Neill, Bishop of Limerick about the refugee camp at Knockalisheen (8 May 1957, 1p). The relevant file reference numbers from the original Department of the Taoiseach files are noted on some of the letters. 8 items

2908 1958, 1962 Mainly press cuttings of addresses by Rev. Dr. William Philbin Bishop of Clonfert (1954–62), delivered at the Catholic University Students’ Congress on 3 July 1958 and printed in The Irish Press under the title ‘Government by the People’ and his address delivered at the inaugural meeting of Management Students of the Catholic Workers’ College, Sandyford Road, Dublin on 30 January 1962 on the moral implications of E.E.C. membership. Also includes two letters (both in Irish) from Bishop Philbin to de Valera. 8 items
b. Overseas Catholic hierarchy, 1920 – 73

2909 1921–72 File on Rev. Dr. Daniel Mannix (1864–1963), Archbishop of Melbourne (1917–63), consisting of mainly:

– correspondence between de Valera and the Archbishop, including exchanges of greetings on birthdays, anniversaries and special events (April 1921–March 1963, c.87 items);

– papers of the Archbishop Mannix Golden Jubilee Commemoration Fund Committee, a ‘fund designed to honour the great Irish churchman and to present to him gifts of a distinctive Irish character’, including correspondence between de Valera, Patron of the Fund, and Monsignor L. Moran, Vicar-General, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Melbourne. President de Valera, as well as co-operating with the Committee, presented the Archbishop with a chalice in the de Burgo pattern. In his capacity as Chancellor of the N.U.I., he presented a scroll of congratulations. The surplus of the money was to be used to establish a Dr. Mannix Memorial Bursary or Scholarship for a student from the diocese of Cloyne, to Maynooth College (August 1962–January 1963, 60 items);

– correspondence about materials for a biography of the late Archbishop between de Valera and various individuals including B.A. Santamaria, Victoria, Australia; Niall Brennan, Victoria, Australia; Fr. Michael Flanagan C.S.S.R., Victoria, Australia; Fr. P. Kelly C.S.S.R., Dundalk, Co. Louth and Frank Murphy of The Advocate Press, Melbourne (1963–65 & 1972, c.27 items);

– published material on Dr. Mannix including newspapers, press cuttings, magazines and booklets (1948–64 & n.d., c.29 items).

– various black and white photographs of Archbishop Mannix (1921, 1948, 1959, 8 items) as follows:
  • studio portrait, autographed by Dr. Mannix and dated 13 December 1921. ©: Spencer R. S[h]ier, Melbourne 1920 (16cm x 22cm including mount; 14cm x 19cm excluding mount);
  • printed photograph of Monsignor [Michael] Flanagan, de Valera and Dr. Mannix at Boys’ Town, Omaha, June 1920, on cardboard with newspaper backing (original print [June 1920?], 14cm x 9cm);
  • studio portrait, autographed by Dr. Mannix. Studio: Dickinson-Monteath, Melbourne ([c.1921?], 14cm x 20cm including mount; 14cm x 19cm excluding mount);
  • studio portrait labelled on reverse ‘Very Rev. Dr. D. Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne. Photographed at “Raheen” [the Archbishop’s residence], Melbourne during Centenary celebrations, 1948’ (1948, 19cm x 24cm);
  • print of a painting of the Archbishop in middle age, annotated on reverse ‘To an Taoiseach with Kathleen Fox’s compliments’. Stamped on reverse: ‘©: Irish Press’ (n.d., 15cm x 15cm);
  • studio portrait of de Valera and Dr. Mannix. Hollywood Studios, Melbourne ([1948?], 31cm x 23cm including mount; 24cm x 19cm excluding mount);
contd. • Dr. Mannix in a group at a presentation of flowers to Ambassador T.J. Kiernan’s wife [during the Centenary celebrations in 1948?] (20cm x 15cm);
• ‘Fr. Jennings’, Dr. Mannix and unidentified priest, annotated on reverse ‘Fr. Jennings with Dr. Mannix—called to see E. de V. 3/9/59’ (15cm x 10cm);

Also includes:
– of an extract from The Glasgow Herald headlined Dr. Mannix Upholds the Demands of Ireland. Open-air Meeting in Edinburgh (original dated 21 February 1921, 1p);
– carbon copy memorandum to de Valera from [Liam Pedlar?] and press release concerning a false report in the Paris edition of the Chicago Herald that Cardinal Dogherty claimed Archbishop Mannix has advocated a ‘settlement between Ireland and England on terms lower than those asked for by the Irish Republicans’ (18 & 21 April 1921, 2 items);
– copy letter of farewell from de Valera to the Archbishop prior to the latter’s departure from the U.K., regretting that he cannot visit Mannix as ‘any visit of mine to England at the present time would be certain to be misrepresented, and might be misunderstood’ (12 May 1921, 1p);
– copy letter from de Valera to the Archbishop. ‘…there had been nothing more cheering through all these months than the unerring instinct which enabled Your Grace to appreciate the situation truly, and to read correctly between the lines…The late Pronouncement of the Hierarchy here is most unfortunate. Never was charity of judgement so necessary, and apparently so disastrously absent. The Pope’s recent pronouncement on Italian matters is in very marked contrast indeed. Mr. Barton sent you some time ago, I am told, documents relating to the Peace Delegation…you are in possession of the circumstances prior to, and attending the signing of the Articles of Agreement and the presenting to us of the fait accompli. The tactics subsequently resorted to were still more unworthy and made inevitable the existing situation which, once the document was signed, could have been averted only by the most delicate tact and rigorous straight dealing. I am convinced that the Free State Agreement must go. It has brought nothing but disaster so far, and promises nothing but disorder and chaos. It gives no hope whatever of ordered stable government…Party feeling is running rather too high now for calm dispassionate thinking, or for real statesmanship to have any opportunity…’ (6 November 1922, 2pp);
– pamphlet The Most Rev. Dr. Mannix on the Position, January 1922–March 1923 consisting of quotations on the Irish situation from various speeches made by Dr. Mannix (1923, 7pp);
– copy letter to the Archbishop from de Valera requesting the Archbishop’s sanction for the attached schedule of arrangements for his visit to Ireland. Refers to the fact that ‘the Republican position has never been properly presented to His Holiness’ (9 May 1925, 3 items, 1p each) (see also P150/1927 for de Valera’s letter to Pope Pius XI, dated 9 May 1925);
– pamphlet entitled Speeches of His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Mannix Archbishop of Melbourne in the Rotunda, Dublin. October 22nd and 29th, 1925 (Dublin, 1925, 24pp);
2909 contd. – documents concerning donations by the Irish Government and friends of £550 towards the erection of an iron Celtic Cross on the spire of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Melbourne, including black and white photograph (24cm x 37cm) of the ‘Cross before it was raised to position on St. Patrick’s Cathedral Spire, Melbourne. The Spire is the highest in the Southern Hemisphere, and Second only in height to Salisbury, in the British Empire. The total height is 250 feet’ (May–September 1938, c.49 items);
– correspondence concerning attempts by de Valera and others to have Archbishop Mannix elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals, including typescript letter (14 September 1962, 1p) from de Valera to Monsignor Giuseppe Sensi, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, appealing for a formal approach to be made through the Pope concerning the matter [not sent, as a formal request through Diplomatic channels was considered inappropriate] (July 1961–September 1962, 11 items);

2910 24 July 1920 Photocopy of two pages from The Gaelic American containing reports on the arrival and reception of Dr. Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne, in New York and the seizure by the British government of letters written by Seán Nunan and James O’Mara ‘on behalf of President De Valera for the purpose of making Arthur Griffith and his colleagues of the Dail Éireann understand events in Chicago during the Republican Convention and the situation resulting from it’. 34cm x 43cm

2911 August 1920 Handbill advertising a ‘Mass Meeting to protest against the 88th Coercion Act passed by the English Parliament…and also protest against the illegal arrest of Archbishop Mannix’ in Trinity Auditorium on 23 August 1920 [organised by the Friends of Irish Freedom]. 15cm x 22cm

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Programme Section: Eng.  
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Reel ends: ‘…forever in His keeping’  
Speed of tape: 3¾" (inches per second)  
BASF 13cm/5 inch spool. |
| 2914 | n.d. | Holograph draft of de Valera’s address welcoming the Archbishops of Chicago, Detroit, New York and St. Louis to Ireland. |
| 2915 | September–[October] 1921 | Holograph copy letter from de Valera to Rev. Dr. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore stating ‘It is a source of pride to us all that a son of Eire should be chosen for the primatial See of Baltimore’ and copy of the Archbishop’s reply sending greetings to ‘the brave citizens of the Irish Republic who have won the admiration of the world by their splendid fight for freedom’.  
*See also P150/2921 for photograph of Rev. Dr. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore.* |
| 2917 | 31 December 1921 | Holograph letter to de Valera from Rev. Dr. P. Muldoon, thanking him for his Christmas greetings and referring to the forthcoming Dáil debates on the Treaty. ‘With intense interest are we awaiting the result of next week’s meeting’. |
1936–73 Correspondence, mostly of a courtesy or personal nature, between de Valera and foreign Bishops and Archbishops or Irish-born Bishops serving in foreign dioceses. Arranged by country, U.K., U.S.A, Australia, Tasmania, Africa and Cyprus, as follows:

- Rev. Dr. Richard Downey, Archbishop of Liverpool (1936 & 1943, 3 items);
- Rev. Dr. Michael McGrath, Archbishop of Cardiff (1944, 2 items)

Note: correspondence in Irish;

- Most Rev. Gerald Patrick O’Hara, Apostolic Delegate to Great Britain (1956–63, 8 items);
- Rev. Dr. Cyril Cowderoy, Bishop of Southwark (1958 & 1963, 3 items);
- Rev. Dr. Donald A. Campbell, Archbishop of Glasgow (1959, 2 items);
- Rev. Dr. Michael [Ebor], Archbishop of York (1961, 2 items);
- Rev. Dr. Francis Grimshaw, Archbishop of Birmingham (1961, 1 item);
- Rev. Dr. Hugh McEwan, Archbishop of Glasgow (1966, 1 item);
- Rev. Dr. Bernard J. Sheil, Senior Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago (1953, 1 item);

- Cardinal Francis Spellman, Archbishop of New York. Includes Christmas cards with photographs of Cardinal Spellman (1953–67, 20 items);
- Rev. Dr. Patrick O’Boyle, Archbishop of Washington (1967, 1 item);
- Rev. Dr. John T. McCarty, Bishop of Rapid City, South Dakota (1957–68, 9 items);

- Cardinal Richard Cushing, Archbishop of Boston (elevated to Cardinal in 1958). (1958–70, 39 items);
- Rev. Dr. Lawrence B. Casey, Bishop of Paterson, New Jersey (1969, 3 items);

- Cardinal James Francis McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles. Includes a biographical article on the Cardinal written in February 1961 (4pp) (1960–69, 24 items);
- Cardinal Timothy Manning, Coadjutor Archbishop of Los Angeles (1969 & 1973, 1 item);

- Rev. Dr. James Duhig, Archbishop of Brisbane and Rev. Dr. Patrick M. O’Donnell, Coadjutor Archbishop of Brisbane. Includes correspondence concerning the difficulties in appointing an Australian Ambassador to Ireland, congratulations to de Valera on his election as President of Ireland in 1959, the celebration of the Archbishop’s Episcopal Golden Jubilee (50th anniversary) in November 1955 and the conferral of an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws on him by the National University of Ireland; and items on Archbishop Duhig’s death in 1965 (1954–65, 35 items);

- Rev. Dr. John Norton, Bishop of Bathurst, New South Wales (1956–63, 26 items);

- Rev. Dr. Eris M. O’Brien, Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn (1957–61, 6 items);
- Rev. Dr. Redmond Prendiville, Archbishop of Perth. Includes items relating to the death of the Archbishop in July 1968 (1959–68, 7 items);
- Rev. Dr. Guilford Clyde Young, Archbishop of Hobart, Tasmania (1971, 2 items);

- Cardinal N.T. Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney (1957–74, 14 items);
- Rev. Dr. Makarios, Archbishop of Cyprus (1957–58, 6 items);
2918 contd. • Rev. Dr. Seosaimh Ó hUallacháin, Bishop of Eldoret (Kenya) (1960, 2 items); • Rev. Dr. John Evangelist McBride, O.F.M., Bishop of Kokstad, South Africa (1959–60, 3 items). c. 240 items

2919 25 September 1933 Black and white copy studio portrait of Rev. Dr. Joseph Byrne, C.S.Sp., Archbishop of Vasada, Kilimandjaro. Inscribed ‘To President de Valera with a fervent prayer that God may ever bless Mrs. de Valera, your children, and your own good self from your ever devoted friend’. Studio: René Boivin, Paris. 13cm x 19cm excluding mount 20cm x 30cm including mount

2920 [post 1946] Black and white studio three-quarter length portrait of Cardinal Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster. Inscribed ‘To the Taoiseach, Mr. Eamon de Valera, with sincere and affectionate good wishes’ [The Cardinal was created and proclaimed in 1946]. Studio: Vandyk, Buckingham Palace Road, London. 18cm x 24cm excluding mount 22cm x 33cm including mount

2921 n.d. Mounted copy portrait of Rev. Dr. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore (19[21–47]), at his desk. Inscribed ‘To my dear friend Eamon, with affectionate wishes’. In presentation folder. 17cm x 23cm excluding mount 25cm x 34cm including mount
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<td>Exchange of letters sending Christmas wishes between President de Valera and Most Reverend Dr. Giuseppi M. Sensi, former Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland and Titular Archbishop of Sardis, now Papal Nuncio in Portugal. 1p</td>
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<td>Letter to President de Valera from Most Reverend Joseph McGeough, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, informing de Valera of his departure from Ireland on health grounds and thanking him for his courtesy and friendship. 1p</td>
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<td>File on Most Reverend Gaetano Alibrandi, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, consisting mainly of confidential letters to President de Valera informing him of the appointments of: • Fr. Thomas Canon McDonnell P.P. of Dromore West as Bishop of Killala, in succession to Most Rev. Dr. Patrick O’Boyle in October 1972; • Monsignor Dominic Conway, D.Ecc. Hist., Secretary General, Pontifical Work for the Propagation of the Faith, Rome, as Auxiliary Bishop of Elphin and Titular Bishop of Roscrea in October 1970; • Very Rev. Francis McKiernan, President of St. Felim’s College, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim, as Bishop of Kilmore, in succession to His Excellency Most Rev. Austin Quinn in October 1972; • Rev. James Kavanagh, Professor of Social Science at U.C.D., as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin, in March 1973. 7 items</td>
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<td>1946; 1958–70</td>
<td>Correspondence, mostly of a courtesy or personal nature, between de Valera and various foreign and Irish-born Cardinals as follows: • Cardinal Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster (March–July 1946, 4 items); • Cardinal William Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster (November 1958–January 1963, 22 items); • Cardinal John Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster (September 1963–January 1967, 5 items); • Cardinal Aloysius Stepinac, Archbishop of Zagreb (May 1958, 5 items); • Cardinal Eugène Tisserand, Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals (June 1959–March 1970, 6 items); • Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, Archbishop of Warsaw and Primate of Poland (June 1961–January 1969, 7 items); • Cardinal Julius Döpfner (June 1961 &amp; December 1963, 2 items); • Cardinal Laurean Rugambwa, Bishop of Bukoba, Tanganyika (July 1961–May 1966, 5 items);</td>
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contd. • Cardinal Paul Marella, Rome (December 1961–November 1968, 6 items);
• Cardinal Paolo Giobbe, Rome (January 1962, 2 items);
• Cardinal Thomas Tien, Archbishop of Peking (March 1962, 2 items);

Also includes newspaper reports on Pope Pius XII’s creation of 23 new Cardinals in 1958 in an effort to ‘mould the Sacred College of Cardinals to meet the demands of the 20th century’ (3 May & 18 November 1958, 6 items).

See also P150/1972 for file concerning arrangements for de Valera’s St. Patrick’s day visit to London on the 16 and 17 March 1954 including print of de Valera listening to an after-dinner speech by His Eminence Cardinal Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster; P150/2920 for portrait of Cardinal Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster; P150/3140 for file on de Valera’s trip to Lourdes in September 1958 to attend the Marian Congress, including photographs of Cardinal Tisserand; P150/2933 for photograph of Cardinal Eugene Tisserand; P150/2934 for 1961 picture of Cardinal Laurian Rugambwa ‘First African Cardinal’.

c. 112 items

July 1958–March 1970 Correspondence between de Valera and Cardinal Gregory Peter XV Agagianian, Patriarch of Cilicia of the Armenians, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith and Papal Legate to the 1961 Dublin Congress of the Patrician Year. Comprises mainly letters of thanks to de Valera for St. Patrick’s Day and Christmas greetings. Also includes some communications between the two on the 1961 Patrician Congress in Dublin.

See also P150/3236 for file on the Dublin Congress of the Patrician Year held between 17 and 25 June 1961.

23 items

25 June 1961 Mounted black and white photograph of de Valera kissing the ring of Cardinal Gregory Peter XV Agagianian, Papal Legate to the Patrician Congress. Inscribed ‘To the President and Mrs. E. de Valera, in token of unforgettable grateful memories and prayerful best wishes of Christian prosperity for themselves, their family and their beloved Irish People. Dublin, June 25, 1961’.

Irish Press Photo. 19cm x 23cm excluding mount
32cm x 28cm including mount

1958–73 Communications from Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Amleto Giovanni Cicognani to de Valera, mainly undated Christmas cards.

10 items
[post 1959] Mounted colour photograph of Cardinal Eugene Tisserant, Bishop of Ostia, Porto e Santa Rufina [former Librarian and Archivist of the Holy Roman Church]. Inscribed ‘To His Excellency Mr. Eamon De Valera, with sentiments of highest esteem and heartfelt wishes’. 16cm x 23cm excluding mount 45cm x 31cm including mount

June 1961 Printed colour picture of Cardinal Laurian Rugambwa ‘First African Cardinal’. Autographed by the Cardinal on 26 June 1961. 17cm x 23cm

n.d. Mounted coloured portraits of unidentified Cardinals as follows:
– hand coloured photograph (n.d., 18cm x 24cm excluding mount, 26cm x 35cm including mount);
– Canadian or American Cardinal (n.d., 38cm x 48cm excluding mount, 51cm x 65cm including mount). 2 items

d. Popes, 1923 – 70

n.d. Black and white passport-size photograph of Pope Pius X. 1 item, 5cm x 6cm

November 1937, February 1939 File on Pope Pius XI (1923–39) consisting of texts in Latin, Irish and English of a dedication for the presentation to the Pope of a copy of ‘an ancient Irish codex’ from the Monastery of St. Columbanus in Bobbio (November 1937, 8 items), photographic reproduction of pen and ink portrait of the Pope, with words ‘Pacem his qui prope, pacem his qui procul. Pius P.P. XI’ written on reverse (n.d., 5cm x 6cm) and typescript extract from Dáil Debates (Vol. 74, Cols. 373 & 374) on Dáil reaction to the death of Pope Pius XI on 10 February 1939 (10 February 1939, 2pp). 
See also P150/1927 for drafts of de Valera’s May 1925 letter to Pope Pius XI on the Irish Hierarchy’s attitude towards politics; P150/1653 for file on the Church’s attitude toward Republicans, 1922–23 9 items
– newspaper reports on the life of Cardinal Roncalli and his coronation as Pope John XXIII on November 1958, including copies of L’Osservatore Romano (29 October–8 November 1958, 11 items);
– draft programmes for the Pope’s official visit to Ireland between 15 and 24 March 1962 (11pp & 13pp);
– copies of L’Osservatore Romano on the death of Pope John XXIII on 3 June 1963 (7 & 14 June 1963, 2 items) and copy text of de Valera’s message of condolence to Cardinal Masella (n.d., 1p).
Also includes copy of report of Con Cremin, Irish Ambassador to France on a luncheon on 5 February 1953 for the heads of mission and French political personalities, given by Cardinal Roncalli in his capacity as Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, prior to his departure from Paris and his appointment as Patriarch of Venice (9 February 1953, 6pp);
See also P150/2996 for file which includes 1950 photographs of Monsignor Roncalli, French Papal Nuncio; P150/3143 for file on de Valera’s visit to Rome between 1 and 9 November 1958 to attend the coronation of Pope John XXIII; P150/1981 for file on de Valera’s visit to Rome in March 1962 at the closing of the Patrician Year and his audience with Pope John XXIII.
40 items

See P150/3279 for file on de Valera’s visit to Rome in June/July 1963 for the coronation of Pope Paul VI; P150/114 for Pope Paul VI coronation commemorative medal in presentation case embossed with the Pontiff’s coat of arms.
29 items
38. IN OPPOSITION,
1948 – 51

I. February – March 1948

18 February 1948– 21 December 1959

Personal correspondence between de Valera and Lord Rugby (formerly Sir John Maffey), from the period immediately following Fianna Fáil’s defeat in the general election of February 1948 to de Valera’s inauguration as President of Ireland in 1959, mainly of a conventional social nature. Other subjects referred to include Lord Rugby’s departure from Dublin and the appointment of Sir Gilbert Laithwaite as his successor in April 1949. Includes:

– holograph letter to de Valera on his last day in office, in which Lord Rugby notes ‘You have always been accessible, patient, frank & sincere and at the end of more than eight years of association I keenly realise how deep & warm a regard I have for you as a man and as a fellow traveller through anxious times’ (18 February 1948, 2pp);

– copy letter from Taoiseach de Valera stating ‘As the years pass my hope that complete reconciliation between Ireland and Britain would come in our time is beginning to fade. That this reconciliation will come ultimately I have no doubt….I am writing you all this in the hope that you might be able to get some move on towards the solution of this exasperating problem. The first step, in my opinion, is as I think I suggested to you already, to get your Government to admit publicly that it is a British no less than an Irish interest to see partition ended. Chamberlain agreed that this was so, but events moved so rapidly that he was denied a favourable opportunity for making this declaration. Can we get your Government to make it now?’ (17 April 1957, 2pp);

– Lord Rugby’s reply stating ‘The leader of Fine Gael brought about a position in which all the bridges went down between Eire & the Commonwealth. His wild words have stimulated the gelignite group and you now succeed to the difficulties which he created…you will know from old that I have a deep sympathy with the Northern Unionists and would never wish to see them forced into a deal which went against their sentiments. Equally I hope and believe that the bitterness of Partition will end and that it will end by adjustments made in an atmosphere of good will. What I would suggest is that, without making any bargaining points, you should seek to re-enter the Commonwealth. My idea is that you should once again get your knees under a table in London where you could feel your way. I fully recognise that the terms of admission would be in conformity with a republican status…It would pave the way to a relationship between our two islands which would be in keeping with the close economic, cultural, family and geographical links which must be there to the end of time’ (18 May 1957, 7pp);
– de Valera’s copy reply stating “Your suggestion as to what I should do is now quite impracticable. The first step forward must be to endeavour to create conditions in which the negotiation of a comprehensive settlement will be possible…I must, I suppose, submit to your ‘inevitability of gradualness’ ” (8 June 1957, 1p).

2941 February 1948 Typescript ‘Summary of speech by Deputy Seán Lemass (Dáil Debates, Vol. 110, columns 49–66)’ on 18 February 1948, relating to the ‘Nomination of Members of Government’. 3pp

2942 21 February 1948 Extract from Picture Post (Vol. 38, No. 8) consisting of an illustrated article on the 1948 general election headed ‘Eire takes Hobson’s Choice…The politicians talked of Republicanism and the Gaelic tongue. But the people talked of high prices and low wages and the difficulty of making ends meet. Some thought de Valera has held power too long. But few had any ideas for a real alternative.’ 4pp

2943 February–March 1948 Holograph letters of appreciation written to de Valera, following his departure from office in 1948 from Seán Murphy, [Assistant Secretary Department of External Affairs?], written from Paris, thanking him for ‘the kindness and consideration you have always shown me during the sixteen years which I had the honour and the pleasure to serve under your direction’ (26 February 1948, 2pp), from Seán Nunan (20 February 1948, 2pp), from William Warnock, Irish Legation, Stockholm (4 March 1948, 1p) and from Matthew Murphy, Irish Delegation, Buenos Aires, Argentina, expressing similar sentiments. ‘It was a great honour to have served under you and I shall always have the most pleasant memories of the courtesy and consideration shown to me by you and every member of your administration’ (22 March 1948, 1p). 4 items

2944 26 February 1948 Draft statements issued by de Valera following the general election, on his election as chairman of the Fianna Fáil party and its leader in Dáil Éireann. ‘…we must now be content to serve the nation as an Opposition. By its unity, and its great relative strength (we are greater in number than all the other organised parties put together), the Fianna Fail party even in opposition is a bulwark of safety for the nation….In Opposition the Fianna Fail Party will pursue its objectives as consistently and as steadily as it has pursued them since its foundation, whether in office or out of it. To unite the Irish people to the greatest extent
possible in the pursuit of these objectives was the purpose for which Fianna Fail was founded…Coalition government has begun here, as it was foretold it would begin—in characteristic fashion. It will, so long as it lasts, run its predictable—inevitable course. Fianna Fail must prepare to be strong and ready as the great national reserve when the country needs it.'

2944 contd.

March 1948 Cutting from Foreign Review (Vol. 7, No. 3) containing an article (pp.3–7) by Iqbal Singh entitled ‘De Valera and Irish Politics’.

1 item

16 April 1948 Holograph letter to Kathleen O’Connell, de Valera’s Personal Secretary, from Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh, Attorney General, stating ‘Mr. Henry Moloney S.C. has asked me to enquire if the Chief would allow himself to be photographed by a Mr. Adolph M.—…the leading portrait photographer. He is in Ireland compiling material for a book on Irish types, and he wishes to include photographs of some of the leading men. Mr. Moloney tells me that Mr. M is recommended to him by the Jesuit Archbishop of Bombay. Mr. M has spoken on Radio Eireann & has lectured to the Irish Photographic Society.’

1p

April 1948 Draft typescript statements by de Valera in response to a statement by Sir Basil Brooke. Begins ‘Sir Basil talks of the “travesty of present conditions in Northern Ireland given to the American people”. He is very careful not to indicate in what the “travesty” consists’ and concludes ‘Sir Basil…may be assured that the campaign against the partition of this ancient nation and the exposure of the evil consequences of the partition is making democracy a mockery in the six counties and in preventing cordial relations between the peoples of Ireland and Britain, will be continued “in full blast” in every country where people of our race dwell until partition is ended and the injustices which springs from it are removed.’

2 items, 2pp each
II. Anti-partition world tour, April – June 1948

See also P104/4708–4884 for documents relating to the world tour in the Frank Aiken Papers

2948

January 1948–January 1949

File on de Valera and Frank Aiken’s Anti-Partition tour of the U.S.A. in March and April 1948. Comprises mainly:

– invitations to cities and various functions from American city officials, organisations and individuals (19 January–23 March 1948, c.45 items);
– correspondence between de Valera’s Personal Secretary Kathleen O’Connell and T.W.A., Cunard White Star Limited and United States Lines concerning travel arrangements;
– ‘Official Itinerary of Eamon de Valera’ (on San Francisco visit, between 12 and 16 March) (n.d., 3pp);
– ‘Schedule of Mr. Eamon de Valera’s American tour’ between 16 March and 5 April (n.d., 1p);
– letter circulated by de Valera’s Secretary to Americans officials thanking them for their hospitality during the visit and letters to de Valera on his return home from various individuals he met during the tour;
– ‘Address by Eamon de Valera. Academy of Music Philadelphia, Pennsylvania’ (n.d., 50pp);
– ‘Address at Luncheon of American Irish Reception Committee for Honorable Eamon de Valera. Hotel Astor, New York City, Saturday, April 3rd, 1948’ and accompanying illustrated commemorative lunch menu (2 items, 21pp & 4pp);
– retrospective Fianna Fáil newspaper publication entitled With de Valera in America and Australia. World Appeal against Partition (1948, 24pp);
– newspaper cuttings on de Valera’s tour (10 March–4 April 1948, 29 items);
– copy books of newspaper cuttings on de Valera’s tour (2 items);
– scrapbook of American newspaper cuttings compiled to commemorate the ‘Visit of Mr. Eamon de Valera to Los Angeles, California March 16–19, 1948’ (March 1948, 17pp).

Includes letters to/from:

• Frank Aiken;
• Seán Nunan, Irish Legation, Washington;
• F.H. Boland, Department of External Affairs;
• Fr. Seán S. Reid, O.Carm., Carmelite Priory, 339 East 28th Street, New York;
• Art O’Brien, Dublin;
• Joseph Scott, Los Angeles, California [President, American League for an Undivided Ireland];
• Fr. Francis Xavier Talbot, S.J., Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland [former Editor in Chief of America];
• Fr. Valerian, O.F.M. Cap., Saint Francis High School, Pasadena, California;
• Cardinal Francis Spellman, Archbishop of New York;
• Fr. Timothy J. Shanley, New York;
• Rev. Dr. Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne, Australia;
2948 contd.

• Gene Sheehan, Boston, Massachusetts;
• Michael J. McGuire, Oakland, California;
• Andrew J. Gallagher, San Francisco, California.

De Valera and Aiken visited San Francisco and Los Angeles, California; Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Providence, Rhode Island; New York; Boston, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C.

See also P150/2965 for article by Herbert A. Kenny entitled ‘De Valera Visits America’.

166 items

2949

March/April 1948

Black and white photographs relating to de Valera and Frank Aiken’s Anti-Partition tour of the U.S.A. in March and April 1948. Comprises prints of:

– ‘Eamon De Valera, former Prime Minister of Eire, leaves the White House after a Strictly courtesy call on President Truman. After a luncheon as the guest of the State Department and a dinner tonight, De Valera will leave tomorrow for the Pacific Coast by airplane’. Acme Telephoto ([3] March 1948, 18cm x 23cm);

– de Valera with crowds of priests, nuns and children, on the steps of a church and beside an unidentified building [possibly a school]. Two items, both labelled on reverse ‘To Mr. Eamon De Valera, In remembrance of visit to St. Peters San Francisco Calif. March 15th 1948. R. Hunt’ (March 1948, 2 items, 25cm x 20cm each);

– birds-eye view, taken across the street from St. Patrick’s Cathedral, 5th Avenue, New York, of crowds gathered outside on Easter Sunday 1948. With attached caption reading ‘A huge throng of spectators jam together on Fifth Avenue, New York City, to watch people coming out of St. Patrick’s Cathedral following a noonday Easter service, while others hug close to the church in order to gain admittance for an Easter visit. This birdseye view was taken from the 39th floor of the International Building. Martin J. Brown, Police Inspector, said a million people were taking part in the Easter parade, from 34th to 59th streets along Fifth, Madison and Park Avenues’. Associated Press Photo (March 1948, 18cm x 23cm);

– ‘Cheered by thousands who lined the streets to see him, former Eire Prime Minister Eamon De Valera waves his hat in answer as his car follows a parade through Boston. With him (wearing mustache) is General Frank Aiken, one-time Eire Minister of Finance’. Associated Press Photo (March 1948, 23cm x 18cm);

– ‘Former Eire Prime Minister Eamon De Valera kneels before Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, head of the Boston Roman Catholic Archdiocese at the residence of the Archbishop in Boston, Mass., today (Mar. 27). De Valera called on the Archbishop following a parade which opened his unofficial three day visit to Boston’. Associated Press Photo (27 March 1948, 18cm x 23cm);

– ‘Mr. De Valera and General Aiken with key officials of the Boston Police Department (1948, 25cm x 20cm);

– de Valera with unidentified clergy and others during a visit to an unidentified ecclesiastical institution in Philadelphia Includes print of de Valera smiling, with his hands up to his face (4 items, 8cm x 12cm each);
— de Valera and Aiken being greeted at an unidentified airport. Daily Mirror photos (n.d., 2 copies, 25cm x 20cm each);
— de Valera and Aiken through a car window (n.d., 21cm x 16cm);
— de Valera, Frank Aiken, Fr. Timothy J. Shanley and Grover W. [helan, Protocol Officer, New York, dentified by Seán Nunan] being driven through the streets of New York in an open-topped car (1948, 25cm x 20cm);
— Frank Aiken, James Comerford, Seán Keating, Owen Bohan, de Valera, Fr Timothy J. Shanley and Michael McGlynn [identified by Seán Nunan], in St. Matthew’s Rectory dining room [Fr. Shanley’s parish in New York] and de Valera on the doorstep of the Rectory with Fr. Shanley (1948, 2 items, 25cm x 20cm each);
— de Valera addressing a meeting of Presidents of Irish Societies in St. Matthew’s Hall, New York. ‘On the stairs: Father Timothy J. Shanley, Frank Aiken, T.D.. In front: Eamon de Valera, Seán Keating, James Comerford’ [identified by Seán Nunan] (1948, 25cm x 25cm);
— Fr. Timothy J. Shanley, Cardinal Francis Spellman, de Valera and an unidentified man at a function. Photo inscribed ‘With kindest regards to Miss Kathleen O’Connell from Father Shanley, July 13/48’ (1948, 25cm x 20cm);
— de Valera and party being received on the forecourt of [the Mayor’s Office] in Cambridge, Massachusetts on 29 March 1948 (29 March 1948, 3 items, 25cm x 20cm & 2 mounted each 32cm x 29cm including mount, 25cm x 20cm excluding mount);
— James Farley, U.S. Postmaster General, de Valera and three unidentified men at a banquet. Photo inscribed ‘Sincerely James [A.] Farley, Postmaster General U.S.A.’ ([1948], 25cm x 20cm). Also accompanied by two further prints of de Valera and James A. Farley [taken in Ireland?] (n.d., 21cm x 12cm & 22cm x 17cm);
— de Valera and Frank Aiken at the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary 70th Annual St. Patrick’s Day banquet in the Elk’s Club, Los Angeles, pictured with the following church dignitaries and American-Irish film stars:
  • Bishop Joseph T. McGucken, Maureen O’Sullivan, de Valera, Pat O’Brien, Maureen O’Hara, Bishop Timothy Manning and Frank Aiken (17 March 1948, 25cm x 20cm);
  • Maureen O’Hara, Frank Aiken and de Valera (17 March 1948, 25cm x 21cm);
  • two unidentified men, Maureen O’Sullivan and a statue of St. Patrick (25cm x 20cm);
  • de Valera shaking hands with a young girl [probably child actress Margaret O’Brien] (17 March 1948, 2 views of same, 20cm x 25cm each).

31 items
2950

March & April 1948

Black and white panoramic photographs relating to de Valera and Frank Aiken’s Anti-Partition tour of the U.S.A. in March and April 1948. Comprises panoramic view of diners at the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary 70th Annual St. Patrick’s Day banquet, attended by de Valera in the Elk’s Club, Los Angeles on 17 March 1948 (50cm x 25cm) and panoramic views of diners at the American-Irish reception for de Valera held in the Hotel Astor, New York, on 3 April 1948. Two views, one annotated on reverse, identifying some individuals. Empire Photographers, New York (2 items, 50cm x 30cm each).

3 items

2951

25 April & 10 June 1948

Black and white prints relating to de Valera’s stopovers in Honolulu on 25 April and 10 June 1948, on the way to and from Australia. Comprises prints of:

– Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Collins greeting de Valera on his arrival at John Roger’s Airport, Honolulu on Sunday 25 April 1948 (25 April 1948, 9cm x 6cm);
– Frank Aiken, de Valera and Martin Higgins on the tarmac beside their plane at the John Roger’s Airport (25 April 1948, 2 copies, 25cm x 20cm each) and different view of same (25 April 1948, 9cm x 6cm);
– Mrs. J. Edward Collins, de Valera and Frank Aiken outside the airport terminal (25 April 1948, 6cm x 9cm);
– de Valera, Frank Aiken and Martin Higgins being photographed by photographers at the foot of the airline gangplank (25 April 1948, 9cm x 6cm);
– J. Edward Collins, Rev. Dr. James J. Sweeney, Bishop of Honolulu, Cardinal Francis Spellman, Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen and Mrs. J. Edward Collins at John Roger’s Airport, Honolulu on de Valera’s return from Australia (individuals named on reverse) (10 June 1948, 11cm x 8cm).

7 items

2952

December 1947– 24 April 1951

File relating to de Valera’s Anti-Partition tour of Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania between April and June 1948 and personal correspondence with various Australian and New Zealand members of the public, the hierarchy and officials on foot of the visit, including Ben [Chifley] Prime Minister of Canberra; Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand; Rev. Dr. James Duhig, Archbishop of Brisbane and Cardinal [N.T.] Gibbons of Sydney). Includes:

– ‘Itinerary Outward Trip–Shannon–Melbourne’ departing Shannon on 22 April and arriving in Melbourne on 27 April 1948 via New York; Omaha, Nebraska; San Francisco, California; Honolulu, Canton, Suva (Fiji) and Sydney (n.d., 1p);
contd. – typescript ‘diary’ [transcribed by Kathleen O'Connell] of the tour (14pp) detailing the itinerary as follows:

23 April: New York;
24 April: San Francisco;
25 April: Honolulu and Canton;
27 April: Suva, Fiji and Sydney;
29 April: Canberra and Melbourne;
29 April–14 May: Melbourne [Catholic Diocesan Centenary celebrations];
14–18 May: Perth;
18–20 May: Adelaide;
20–23 May: Hobart, Tasmania;
25–26 May: Auckland, New Zealand;
27 May: Rotorua, New Zealand;
28–30 May: Auckland;
30 May–3 June: Sydney, Australia;
3–7 June: Brisbane;
7–9 June: Cairns;
9 June: Townsville and Bowen, Australia;
10 June: Darwin;
11–13 June: Singapore;
13–14 June: Rangoon;
14 June: Calcutta, India;
14–15 June: New Delhi;
16 June: Bombay;
17 June: Cairo, depart for Athens 11.30a.m.

– invitations, menus and souvenir programmes to accompany events attended by, and held in honour of de Valera in Australia (April–June 1948, 15 items);
– typescript report on de Valera’s visit to Tasmania between 20 and 23 May 1948 (n.d., 2pp);
– newspaper reports on de Valera’s four day visit to New Zealand in May (13–27 May 1948, 11 items);
– holograph and typescript drafts of radio broadcasts made by de Valera on 29 May in New Zealand and on A.B.C. radio [Australian Broadcasting Corporation] in Australia (n.d., 7 items);
– black and white photographs ([April]–June 1948, 35 items) as follows:
• de Valera, Frank Aiken, [Monsignor W.J. Hurley] and nuns in the ‘Brigidine Convent, Randwick’ (5 items, 9cm x 6cm each & 1 item, 11cm x 7cm);
• prints mounted on cardboard relating to the Melbourne Catholic Diocesan Centenary celebrations attended by de Valera and Aiken during their time in Melbourne between 29 April–14 May (5 items, 19cm x 24cm each). Prints labelled on reverse as follows: ‘Scene in grounds of Xavier college, Kew, Melbourne, on opening day of Catholic Centenary celebrations, Melbourne, 1948’; ‘Cardinals Spellman & Gilroy proceeding to St. Patrick’s Cathedral to officiate at Mass for the Religious, Melbourne Catholic Centenary, 1948’; ‘Scene inside St. Patrick’s Cathedral during Mass for the Religious’; ‘Visiting church dignitaries and portion of crowd at Melbourne Town Hall, on evening of ball commemorating Catholic Centenary celebrations, 1948. Fr. Sydney McEwan at microphone’ and ‘Scene outside St. Francis’ Church (Victoria’s Mother Church) during oration by Mgr. J. Fulton Sheen’;
contd. • album of 26 captioned prints sent to de Valera as a souvenir of the Melbourne Catholic Diocesan Centenary celebrations containing prints of events and participants including de Valera, Monsignor Fox, Cardinal Newman, Cardinal Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne, Monsignor Fulton Sheen, Bishop F.X. Gsell of Darwin, Cardinal Gilroy, Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop Marivanios of Travancore, India, Dr. Herbert Evatt and Premier T.T. Hollway (between 29 April & 14 May 1948, 1 item, 17pp);

• mounted and foldered prints depicting: a group including de Valera standing in front of the 1798 Monument in Waverley, Sydney and close-up view of the dedication on the monument’s base (30 May 1948, 3 items, 2 items, 24cm x 14cm excluding mount, 29cm x 21cm including mount and 1 item 15cm x 20cm excluding mount, 20cm x 25cm including mount);

• de Valera, Frank Aiken, Rev. Dr. John Norton, Bishop of Bathurst, Dr. Albert Thomas Dryer, S. Kennedy, E.S. Miller, K.C. and J. Hennessy on a platform at Sydney Stadium (1 June 1948, 3 items, each 20cm x 15cm excluding mount, 25cm x 20cm including mount); group including de Valera, Frank Aiken and Dr. Albert Thomas Dryer at Mascot Airport, Sydney prior to the Irish party’s departure for Brisbane (3 June 1948, 4 items, 20cm x 15cm excluding mount, 24cm x 19cm including mount) Note: all individuals are named in captions attached to the folders

• group photographs of de Valera, Frank Aiken, an unidentified bishop and students of Lourdes Hill Covent, Brisbane (3 items, 21cm x 15cm);

• mounted studio photograph of members of the Irish National Association in Sydney founded by Dr. Albert Thomas Dryer in 1915 ([1915], 19cm x 13cm excluding mount, 35cm x 25cm including mount);

• mounted prints of de Valera, S. Kennedy (in front of fan), [Monsignor W.J. Hurley] and others at an unidentified reception (2 items, each 15cm x 20cm excluding mount, 25cm x 25cm excluding mount);

• Cardinal Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne and unidentified man ascending steps at an unidentified ceremonial function and two rows of clerical and lay dignitaries at the same function (2 items, 24cm x 12cm & 20cm x 15cm);

• de Valera inspecting a monument commemorating those who died at the Eureka Stockade in Ballarat, Victoria on 3 December 1854. Print autographed by de Valera (16cm x 1cm);

• de Valera, Frank Aiken, unidentified man and priest surrounded by a group of small boys in Ballarat, Victoria (May 1948, 21cm 16cm);

• de Valera and Frank Aiken amongst rows of dignitaries at an unknown evening reception (36cm x 15cm);

• de Valera and Frank Aiken among a group of unidentified [Dominicans/Capuchins] (17cm x 12cm);

• de Valera and Frank Aiken being escorted from their car by an unknown priest with umbrella (8cm x 12cm);

• ‘Executive meetings, League for an Undivided Ireland, Melbourne Australia August 1848’ (August 1948, 24cm x 20cm);

– drafts of de Valera’s letter to Dr. Herbert Evatt, newly elected President of the Assembly of the United Nations congratulating him on the appointment (September 1948, 2 items, 1p each);
2952 contd. – correspondence between de Valera and Dr. Albert Thomas Dryer, Honorary Secretary of the Australian League for an Undivided Ireland on the activities of the League (9 December 1948–12 March 1950, 16 items).

c.300 items

2953 December 1948– March 1949 Texts of lectures on Irish-Australian history entitled:
– ‘Ireland and Irish-Australia in the Forties’ [the nineteenth century]. ‘Father McNally’ written on first page and labelled ‘The ’48 men in Australia’ in de Valera’s hand on cover (n.d., 16pp);
– ‘The Men of ’98. The Tracks of Irish Exiles in Australia’ (n.d., 22pp);
– ‘Irish Exiles of 1848 in Australia’ Address given by Dr. T.J. Kiernan, Irish Minister in Australia, to the Australian Catholic Historical Society at History House, Sydney, N.S.W. on 2nd March, 1948’ (17pp) [Dr. Kiernan initiated the Lectureship in Irish Studies at Sydney University], accompanied by correspondence between Dr. Kiernan and de Valera (13 December 1948–16 March 1949, 3 items);
– ‘The Irish Background of Peter Lalor’. ‘Paper read to the Illawarra Historical Society, New South Wales, on Thursday, 2nd December, 1948’ (13pp).

7 items


c.142pp

2955 1947–50 File relating to de Valera’s visit to New Delhi, Calcutta and Bombay, India between 14 and 16 June 1948 and subsequent personal and political correspondence with Indian individuals and officials between 1948 and 1950. Includes holograph draft of de Valera’s address to the people of India (June 1948, 3pp); holograph letter to President Seán T. O’Kelly from de Valera [never sent] written from ‘Government House, New Delhi’ on his thoughts on staying in the residence (14 June 1948, 2pp); letter from Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru (1889–1964) on de Valera’s return home, expressing his pleasure at meeting de Valera; de Valera’s letter of thanks for the Prime Minister’s hospitality and Nehru’s reply (18 June, 7 & 15 July 1948, 3 items, 1p each), accompanied by black and white photographs taken during de Valera’s visit (all stamped ‘Press Information Bureau, Government of India’, with names of individuals written on reverse) (June 1948, 5 items, 21cm x 16cm each) as follows:
2955 contd.

- de Valera and Prime Minister Nehru;
- de Valera, Prime Minister Nehru and Lady Mountbatten at a function in New Delhi (2 items);
- de Valera with the Indian Minister for Defence Sandar Balder Singh, the former Ambassador of India at Washington, Prime Minister Nehru and [?] Minister without Portfolio;
- de Valera being introduced to Mrs. Indira Gandhi by her father Prime Minister Nehru with Frank Aiken in the background;
- print of de Valera signing autographs at the airport. Stamped on reverse: With Best Compliments. Copy Right, Photo: R.G. Shah, Universal News (Press Photographers) Bombay (10cm x 15cm);
- letter to de Valera from Louis, Lord Mountbatten of Burma (1900–79), last Viceroy of India and Governor-General (1947–48) following de Valera’s stay with the Mountbatten’s in Government House, New Delhi, during his visit to India;
- printed list of telephone and room numbers of all guests staying in Government House (including de Valera and Frank Aiken), with dates of arrival and departure, in June 1948 (June & 24 August 1948, 2 items, 1p each);
- typescript notes on Gandhi and the political history of India between 1919 and 1950 (n.d., 5 items).

File comprises mainly letters to de Valera on foot of his Indian visit, following his return home, from individuals he met during the visit and others, including members of the Indian community in the U.K. and various Indian organisations, seeking personal and political requests such as autographs and meetings with de Valera in Ireland, articles for inclusion in Indian newspapers and publications, such as a tribute to Prime Minister Nehru in a ‘Diamond Jubilee Commemoration Volume on his 61st birthday’ in 1949, messages on Indian independence anniversaries and marking the inauguration of the Indian Republic in January 1950.

Also includes:
- correspondence with Prime Minister Pandit Jawahlal Nehru following the ‘happy termination of the Hyderabad dispute’ with Pakistan (18 & 26 September 1948, 2 items, 1p each) and telegrams between the two sending good wishes and condolences;
- letters to de Valera from Sarat Chandra Bose [founder of an English language daily Indian newspaper The Nation ] and his daughter, photographs of de Valera and the Bose family taken during their visit to Ireland in December 1948 (2 items, 10cm x 8cm each) and correspondence between de Valera and Mrs. Bivabati Bose following the death of her husband on 20 February 1950;
- correspondence concerning de Valera’s attendance at a celebration to mark the declaration of India as a Republic held in Birmingham (‘we have the largest Indian Community, second only to London’) on 25 January 1950 (10 October 1949–16 February 1950, 12 items); holograph drafts of de Valera’s address for the occasion (n.d., 3 items, 2pp, 1p & 5pp) and related newspaper reports (22–27 January 1950, 7 items), accompanied by black and white photograph of the Irish tricolour and sword presented to de Valera in the U.S.A. on 21 July 1919 by the Hindustan Gadar Party in San Francisco.
2955 contd. (16cm x 16cm). De Valera hoisted the same flag beside the Indian tricolour in Birmingham in January 1950;
– letters to de Valera from V.V. Giri, ‘High Commissioner for India in Ceylon, Colombo’ [and a future Indian President] seeking a meeting between de Valera and his son V. Shankar Rao who is studying automobile engineering in Birmingham and reflecting ‘I always remember the years I spent in Ireland and that was alone responsible for my own humble contribution and sacrifices in the cause of freedom of my country’ [he was a student in Ireland between 1913 and 1916] (22 November 1949 & 31 January 1950, 2 items, 1p & 2pp).
See also P150/1053-1056, P150/3333, 3515 & 3531 for 1970s Christmas cards and congratulations on de Valera’s retirement from public life in 1973, from various Indian Heads of State and members of the Hierarchy; P150/3105 & 3067 for newspaper reports/pictures on the reception of Indian Heads of State, Ambassadors and members of the Hierarchy by Taoiseach de Valera at Government Buildings between 1957 and March 1959 including the visits of Indian Ambassador Mrs. Pandit [in 1955 and 1957]

152 items

III. July 1948 – April 1951 [ – 1959]

7 files of speeches by de Valera, consisting of typescript copies, generally taken from newspaper reports, printed extracts from Dáil and Seanad Debates, from Éire Ireland Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs, and from various Irish newspapers. Includes speeches at social functions, bye-elections and general elections, anti-partition meetings, Fianna Fáil county conventions, Fianna Fáil Ard Fheisíneanna, graveside orations, messages of sympathy on the deaths of individuals and on foreign natural disasters and human tragedies, St. Patrick’s Day greetings to organisations around the world, as well as radio broadcasts, foreign newspaper interviews and contributions to Dáil debates.

2956 [12 July] 1948–
7 May 1951 Comprises mainly newspaper reports on speeches. Very incomplete for years 1948, 1949 and 1950. c.74 items

2957 13 June 1951–
18 December 1953 Prefaced by a typescript list (19pp) of place, date and subject of each individual speech. c.178 items

2958 16 January–
21 June 1954 Prefaced by a typescript list (5pp) of place, date and subject of each individual speech. Mainly relating to the May general election Campaign. c.64 items
2959  [1 August] 1956–  [9 March] 1957  Comprises mainly newspaper reports on speeches. Includes separate section of newspaper reports on de Valera’s campaign speeches delivered during the North Kerry by-election, between 17 and 28 February 1956 (14 items).  

2960  March–14 December 1957  Prefaced by a typescript list (4pp) of place, date and subject of each individual speech.  

2961  1958–1959  Prefaced by a typescript list of place, date and subject of each individual speech.  

2962  July 1948  Notes on arrangements for and drafts of de Valera’s speech for the unveiling of a plaque at Cork jail and the handing over and unveiling of the Memorial to the University College Cork authorities in the college grounds on 11 July 1948.  

2963  1948–51; 1959; 1964, 1965  Personal correspondence between de Valera and Lord and Lady Mountbatten of Burma, mainly sending greetings and good wishes. Includes telegram of congratulation from Lord Mountbatten, on de Valera’s election as President of Ireland in 1959 and de Valera’s reply.  

2964  1 September 1948  ‘Confidential Memorandum by Mr. de Valera’ outlining some ‘facts concerning my attitude’ to partition. ‘The cry that I had not espoused the cause of anti-Partition until we were out of power was started down here by political opponents for party purposes. Besides being untrue it is in every way harmful. It gives an argument to those who want to make light of anything I may now say against Partition, suggesting insincerity on my part. As for them, here are some facts concerning my attitude—every one capable of being verified. During the whole of my public life of over thirty years there is probably no single topic on which I have spoken so frequently as on Partition.’  

2965  August 1948  Cutting from The Catholic Digest containing an article (pp.78–80) by Herbert A. Kenny entitled ‘De Valera Visits America’, condensed from the Ave Maria (Notre Dame, Indiana, 29 May 1948). Profile of de Valera during his trip to the U.S.A. with Frank Aiken in 1948.
2966  26 August–3 October 1948     Irish newspaper cuttings on Taoiseach John A. Costello’s tour of the U.S.A. and Canada between 26 August and 3 October 1948, during which he announced his government’s intention to repeal the External Relations Act, 1936.  

32 items

2967  3 October 1948     Mounted black and white photographs of dignitaries, including de Valera and President Seán T. O’Kelly, seated on a podium listening to a speaker at Tara at the ceremonial unveiling of a monument to the 1798 rebellion and of same group (close-up) standing to attention during the National Anthem.

2 items, each 20 x 15cm excluding mount  
30 x 25cm including mount

2968  [July] 1948–October 1949     File on de Valera’s Anti-Partition tours of Great Britain, October–November 1948 and January–May 1949 [London only]. Comprises:

– proposed itineraries for the tour (n.d., 7 items, 1p each);
– reports from Irish newspapers on de Valera’s speeches made at meetings between October 1948 and May 1949 in Liverpool, Glasgow, Cardiff, Newport, Cambridge, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sheffield and London, accompanied by list of dates, venues and topic of speech (2 October 1948–4 May 1949, 32 items);
– album of black and white photographs ‘Presented to Mr. Eamon de Valera by the Irish National Club to Commemorate his Visit to Earlestown Newton-le-Willows, Lancs. October 9th, 1948’, containing photographs of the visitors with local dignitaries and of the social events associated with the visit (9 October 1948, 17pp, all prints 15cm x 20cm each);
– black and white photograph of de Valera, Frank Aiken and members of the Glasgow Fianna Fáil Padraic Pearse Cumann including Francis Jordan, President, Seamus O’Donnell, Vice-President, and Séamus Mac Kendrick Secretary (20cm x 16cm);
– correspondence relating to the tours, mainly invitations to address meetings and attend functions, arrangements for meetings, reaction to de Valera’s speeches and copy letters of thanks from de Valera to the organisers of his various engagements (28 July 1948–3 October 1949, c.132 items).

Also includes telegrams and letters between de Valera, Bishop Brown [of Southwark], Fr. Bogan, Administrator, St. George’s Cathedral, Southwark, and Monsignor Cyril C. Cowderoy, Chancellor, Bishop’s House, Southwark, on the death of the former Bishop of Southwark, Rev. Dr. Peter E. Amigo on 1 October 1949.  

c.193 items
2969  [1948?]  Black and white captioned photographs relating to de Valera’s visit to Liverpool most probably during his Anti-Partition tours of Great Britain in 1948 and 1949. Comprises prints ‘Anti Partition Parade in Liverpool’, ‘Crowd at Liverpool Partition Meeting listening to Mr. de Valera’ and ‘Mr. de Valera addressing Liverpool Mayor’. 3 items, each 21cm x 16cm

2970  1948–53; June 1959  File on the Republic of Ireland Act, 1948 which repealed the Executive Authority (External Relations) Act, 1936 and declared that ‘the description of the State shall be the Republic of Ireland’. The Republic of Ireland formally came into existence on Easter Monday [18 April] 1949. Comprises mainly briefing notes and memoranda for de Valera; Irish and English newspaper cuttings on the repeal of the Executive Authority (External Relations) Act, 1936 and the introduction of the Republic of Ireland Bill (5 September–5 December 1948 & 21 April 1949, 52 items), also two copies of The Gaelic American (27 November & 4 December 1948) and copies of Bills and Acts and extracts from relevant Debates on the Presidential (International Powers and Functions) Act, 1948, the Constitution (Amendment No. 27) Act, 1936 and the Executive Authority (External Relations) Act, 1936 (15 items). Includes:
– Department of the Taoiseach memorandum S. 14387 D, headed ‘The Republic of Ireland Act, 1948. Note on the developments leading to its enactment’ (13 April 1953, 6pp);
– memorandum produced by the Attorney General’s Office ‘on the history of the Republic of Ireland Act as appearing from the files in this Office’ (2 June 1959, 3pp);
– copy of The Republic of Ireland Act, 1948. No. 22 of 1948 (Dublin: Stationery Office) (1948, 5pp);
– text of an address entitled The Implications of Eire’s Relationship with the British Commonwealth of Nations by Nicholas Mansergh, given at Chatham House, November 25, 1947, and published in International Affairs, January, 1948 (27pp);
– reprint from International Affairs (Vol. 28, No. 3, July 1952) of text of an address delivered by Nicholas Mansergh at Chatham House (the Royal Institute of International Affairs Headquarters) on 11 March 1952 entitled Ireland: The Republic Outside the Commonwealth (15pp).

See also P150/2990 for file on Taoiseach John A. Costello; P150/2966 for newspaper reports on Taoiseach John A. Costello’s 1948 Canadian tour during which he announced the Government’s intention to repeal the External Relations Act, 1936. c.75 items

2971  18 December 1948  Extract from The Tablet consisting of article (pp.401–402) by Christopher Hollis entitled ‘Ireland and the Church of England. The Paradoxes of Queen Elizabeth and Mr. de Valera’. 2pp
Correspondence between de Valera and Prof. T.A. Smiddy, Lansdowne House, Lansdowne Road, Dublin, as to whether Britain was or was not subsidising the Six Counties (17 August–27 September 1948, 7 items). Also attached extracts from British financial statements for 1948–49 and 1949–50 (2 items) labelled ‘Eamon de Valera T.D. From H.H.’ All items originally found in envelope addressed to de Valera in the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge and annotated ‘Smiddy & Harrison’. 6 items

Correspondence between de Valera, Dr. H.J. Hofstee, Alkmaar, Holland, and officials of the National Gallery of Ireland and the Friends of the National Collections of Ireland, concerning a painting by a young Dutch artist Kees Jansen. Dr. Hofstee seeks de Valera’s assistance in getting the National Gallery to purchase it. 8 items

Newspaper reports on the All-Party Conference in the Mansion House, Dublin, called to consider how best assistance can be given to anti-Partition candidates contesting the Northern Ireland general election and the subsequent establishment of the Anti-Partition Fund. 10 items

Correspondence in English and French between de Valera and Count Stanislas Ostrorog, ‘Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of France’ on the following subjects:
• the case of Mr. Heger, a Croatian industrialist, against whom, he alleged, communist agents in the French-occupied zone of Germany brought false charges. The Mindszenty-Stepinac Committee, Munch, had written to de Valera asking him to involve himself in the case (March–June 1949);
• an article on Ireland by André Siegfried published in Le Figaro, forwarded to de Valera;
• gift of books on Celtic archaeology from the Embassy’s Cultural Relations Section (June 1949);
• invitation to de Valera and Mrs. de Valera to attend a ceremony to award the Cross of the Legion of Honour to Jack Yeats (February 1950);
• arrangements concerning de Valera’s attendance at the ceremonies in honour of St. Columbanus at Luxeuil (July 1950);
• a request for information about Professor Lukasiewicz of Polish nationality, who, in 1946 was engaged by the Royal Irish Academy to lecture on mathematical logic and who had been invited to Paris to deliver lectures at the Sorbonne (November 1950).

See also P150/2996 for file on de Valera’s attendance at the celebrations to mark the fourteenth centenary of the birth of St. Columbanus (Colobnan), in Luxeuil, France in July 1950 and his subsequent pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land in July and August of the Holy Year. 26 items
2976 1949, 1952 Typescript drafts of article by de Valera entitled ‘The Partition of Ireland. The Facts’ (2 items, 7pp each) written for inclusion in Humphreys vol. 2, no. 7 (May 1949, pp.122–124). Also request to de Valera from H.J. Stubbs, publisher of the periodical, to write another article on partition (8 April 1952, 2pp).

5 items

2977 7 & 11 May 1949 Holograph letter to de Valera in French on the death of Etienne Beuque, from her uncle General Georges, Paris and copy reply from de Valera expressing regret at her passing—‘She was a good and loyal friend of Ireland’s cause. Her writing were most helpful (sic.), and she will long be remembered by us. I wish we had many such as she was amongst the daughters of France’.

See also P150/3632 for 1938 article published in The Irish Press entitled ‘This French Writer Loves Ireland. Etienne Beuque At Home’; P150/1893 for October 1924 letter from de Valera to Etienne Beuque thanking her for her support of the Republican movement through her writing; P150/1881 for 1924 article on the Irish Civil War by Etienne Beuque

2 items, 1p each

2978 13 May 1949 Black and white press photograph of ‘Dublin Protest Meeting: Mr. Eamon de Valera, (right) chatting with the Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Sean MacBride on the platform’. (Captioned on reverse) 21 x 16cm

2979 May 1949 Illustrated souvenir booklet to accompany the organisation by the Knocklong Commemoration Committees of a Dinnéar adhnóidh an 30ú Bliain-Chuimhne 1919-49 and a ‘Presentation to Survivors of the Knocklong Rescue’ by de Eamon Valera T.D.. Booklet is signed by Seamus Robinson, Eamon O’Brien, Dan Breen and Seán Hogan, who all took part in the rescue of Seán Hogan at Knocklong Railway Station on 13 May 1919 following his arrest after the ambush at Soloheadbeg, by members of the 3rd Tipperary Brigade. Hogan was in the custody of the R.I.C. and on his way from Thurles to Cork for trial.

32pp

2980 31 May 1949 Holograph letter to de Valera from Seán MacEntee tendering his resignation ‘from the Committee of the Party. I do so because I have come to the conclusion that it is futile to devote the precious time and energy which the responsibilities of membership of the Committee involve, so long as the efforts of the Party in the Dáil & the country are not adequately supported by the Irish Press. Many
contd. incidents could be cited to sustain the view that some elements on the, in general, notoriously hostile staff of the paper are engaged in a campaign of deliberate sabotage…what I do object to is the failure of the paper which the Fianna Fáil organisation did so much to establish to publish facts & arguments which supporters of Fianna Fáil should have before them & which they want & require; but which the Irish Press gives more often than not very inadequately & ineffectively, when it gives then at all. I do not know how the Irish Press is doing commercially, but it is certainly losing the confidence of the rank & file of Fianna Fáil, who note its pro-Larkiné bias & who are wondering whether its policy is being so directed as to make possible a tacit coalition between that element & what will remain of Fianna Fáil…I have made my decision after long & careful thought & a great deal of distressing emotion. I have been so very proud to be so closely associated with you & with all the national advance which has been secured through the great movement which you have built up…I shall, of course, continue to do my utmost to discharge my duties as a back-bencher in the Party & as a member of the Organisation, but for the future that must be the limit of my efforts’.

3pp


2 items, 15pp & 8pp

12–24 June 1949 Correspondence between de Valera’s Secretary and Giorgio Sansa, London correspondent of Il Nuovo Corriere della Sera (Milan, Italy), enclosing corrected and final approved versions of an interview between de Valera and Sansa relating to the question of partition.

6 items

18 July–24 September 1949 Correspondence between de Valera and George Irvine, Ranelagh, Dublin, relating to Irvine’s protest at a recent remark made by Seán MacEntee who, when referring ‘to the Gaelic training college of the Church of Ireland spoke of the members of that Church as “non-Catholic”, thus offering the greatest insult to the Church of Ireland and at the same time infringing paragraph four of the Declaration of Independence which pledges the Republic to “cherish all the children of the nation equally”. This insult was allowed to pass without comment from the Chair’.

8 items
2984 April 1948, File on matters relating to Eastern Europe and the Catholic Church, consisting of correspondence and related papers concerning the Catholic Church under the Communist regime in Poland and the mass murder of Polish prisoners of war at Katyn in 1943 (August 1949–April 1950, 9 items) and communication on the persecution of Catholics in Croatia, Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina by the Yugoslavian Communist authorities (April 1948, 2 items). 11 items

2985 1949 Black and white photograph of de Valera making a speech on a platform in Clonakilty, Co. Cork during a by-election campaign meeting. ‘by-election meeting in Clonakilty 1949’ written on reverse. 9 x 14cm

2986 4 November 1949 Typescript note dictated by de Valera ‘before leaving for Donegal’ on the gold and silver fàinne and de Valera’s suggestion to introduce a third class of fàinne, known as the ‘Nasg, a copper ornamented ring’ to indicate that ‘the wearer understood the language and was anxious to speak it’. De Valera originally suggested that the ring be embroidered on the lapel of the coat and although this suggestion was not taken up he kept to the original idea and commonly wore a red embroidered fàinne on the lapel of his coat. 1p

2987 October, November 1949 Newspaper reports on speeches by de Valera (6–16 November 1949, 14 items), Fianna Fáil and Inter-Party Government candidates (24 October–21 November 1949, 54 items) during the November 1949 West Donegal by-election campaign. 67 items

2988 [post 1949] De Valera’s personal copy of a school history book Éire, Sean is Nua by the Christian Brothers (4th Edition). Traces the history of Ireland from pagan times to the present day, illustrated with line drawings. Autographed by de Valera. 48pp
2989  [1940s, post 1948]  Holograph notes and drafts of speech by de
Valera on his proposals for a social security
scheme. Discusses the function and aims of a good social security scheme, its
financing, and makes comparisons with the White Paper proposals.
4 items

2990  November 1948–  File of material concerning John A. Costello
consisting mainly of correspondence between
Costello and de Valera, primarily on the Republic of Ireland Act (1949) and
the Ireland Act (1949) (29 November 1948–14 October 1961, 14 items), but
also including an aide mémoire by de Valera on his meeting of 28 January
1954 with Taoiseach Costello concerning a Supreme Court vacancy and the
Anti-Partition Committee (28 January 1954, 2pp) and correspondence
between the two about the need for a discussion, to which de Valera did not
agree, on the proposal for a Garden of Remembrance in the Rotunda Gardens,
Dublin, to be dedicated to those who gave their lives in the cause of Irish
freedom (8 November 1950–13 January 1951, 7 items).
20 items

2991  January 1950  Programme and menu to accompany The Irish
Press First Annual Dance, held in Clery’s
Ballroom on 21 January 1950.
1 item

2992  5 September 1949–  File on de Valera’s Anti-Partition visit to Wales
7 February 1951  undertaken in January and February 1950.
Comprises Irish, English and Welsh newspaper
reports on de Valera’s speeches (27 January–4 February 1950, 12 items) and
correspondence relating to the tour, mainly between de Valera or his
Secretary and:
• Glyn Jones Honorary Secretary of the Welsh National Union of Teachers,
including a series of black and white photographs recording de Valera’s visit
to Bangor and Caernarvon in January 1950 to address the Caernarvonshire
County Association of the National Union of Teachers. Comprises prints of
de Valera and Frank Aiken being greeted by the Welsh delegation, the party
arriving at the venue in Caernarvon and de Valera addressing the meeting on
the subject of ‘Our Bilingual Problem’ (January 1950, 7 items, 21cm x 18cm
each);
• Victor Hampson Jones of University College of South Wales and
Monmouthshire (5 September 1949–7 February 1951, c.50 items).
c.75 items
2993 1 July 1950  Cuttings from the Limerick Leader on de Valera’s visit to Bruree, Co. Limerick on 26 June 1950. ‘He came to give the County Limerick Feis oration. Instead, he gave a few useful hints to Irish revivalists, and devoted the greater part of his hour’s speech to an intimate talk with the huge crowd on reminiscences of his youth in Bruree’. Also accompanied by souvenir booklet to accompany the County Limerick Feis held in Bruree on 25 June 1950 (1950, 33pp).

3 items

2994 July 1950  Typescript copy of text of ‘Interview given to Miss Tierney, Boston Traveller, July 18th, 1950’ on the question of Partition.

1p

2995 July 1950  Black and white press photograph of de Valera and an unidentified man, annotated on reverse as follows—‘Indian brought by Miss Eva Jennings Dublin who was visiting International [Adv.] Conference July 1950’. Print by Ashe Studios Ltd., Baggot Street, Dublin.

25cm x 20cm

2996 March–September 1950; File on de Valera’s attendance at the 1964 celebrations to mark the fourteenth centenary of the birth of St. Columbanus [Coloban], in Luxeuil, France in July 1950 and his subsequent pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land in July and August of the Holy Year, accompanied by his sons Vivion and Eamonn. [The celebrations, jointly organised by France and Ireland, were originally scheduled for 1940 but were delayed by the War]. De Valera visited Luxeuil on 22 and 23 July; Zurich on 23 July; Rome between 24 and 26 July during which time he had an audience with the Pope at Castel Gandolfo on 25 July; Athens between 26 and 27 July; the Holy Land between 27 July and 2 August; and then travelled to Strasbourg via Athens (2 & 3 August) and Zurich, for a Council of Europe Consultative Assembly meeting, accompanied by Frank Aiken.

Includes correspondence with Monsignor Maurice Dubourg, Archbishop of Besançon; Count Stanislas Ostrorog, French Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Ireland; Liam Boyd of T.W.A., Dublin [Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc.] concerning invitations and travel arrangements; typescript and holograph diary notes by de Valera; extracts from Eamonn’s letters and press reports on the tour; geographical and historical notes on the Holy Land (20pp), draft lectures by de Valera on his visit to the Holy Land (7pp); Irish newspaper reports on the tour (20 July–5 August 1950, 17 items) and reports from Israeli newspapers sent to de Valera by Liam Boyd of T.W.A. (27 & 28 July & 14 August 1950, 17 items).
Also includes black and white photographs as follows:

- series of black and white captioned press photographs (2[1] July–2 August 1950, 26 items) of:
  - group including Archbishop of Dublin Rev. Dr. John Charles McQuaid, de Valera and his sons Vivion and Eamonn at Luxeuil on 21 July (20cm x 15cm);
  - ‘The Statue of St. Columbanus by Granges at Luxeuil’ (15cm x 20cm);
  - Monsignor J. Kissane, Canon Henri Thiebaut, Fr. James Wilson, Fr. Patrick O’Connor, Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Dennehy [four Irish priests from Maynooth College] beneath the statue of St. Columbanus (15cm x 20cm);
  - a 17th century wooden statue of St. Columbanus at Luxeuil (15cm x 20cm);
  - ‘Pictured amid the cloisters is Canon Henri Thiebaut, Parish priest of Luxeuil for the past 27 years’ (15cm x 20cm);
  - ‘A 15th century cloister in the monastery where the ceremony will be held’ (15cm x 20cm);
  - Archbishop Dubourg of Besancon, Msgr. O’Neill, Bishop of Limerick and Monsignor J. Kissane at Luxeuil (15cm x 20cm);
  - de Valera standing in front of the statue of St. Columbanus at Luxeuil (15cm x 20cm);
  - Dr. Eamonn de Valera, de Valera, Robert Schumann, French Foreign Minister, Seán MacBride, Irish Foreign Minister, Monsignor J. Kissane and the French Minister to Dublin at the ‘Meeting held July 22 at Luxeuil, France, Seminary, in Connection with the 14th Centenary of St. Columban’ (15cm x 2cm);
  - Rev. Elessandro Kerrigan, de Valera, Dr. Eamonn de Valera and Monsignor J. Kissane at the meeting (15cm x 20cm);
  - ‘At a Reception given at the Le Chatigny Hotel, Luxeuil…de Valera kisses the Ring of the Papal Nuncio Monsignor Roncalli. Behind are, left to right: Monsignor Lommel, Coadjutor Archbishop of Luxembourg, Sean MacBride, Irish Foreign Minister, Monsignor McQuaid, and Irish Premier Sean Costello’ (2 copies, 15cm x 20cm each and 1 enlargement, 24cm x 18cm);
  - ‘The Papal Nuncio, Monsignor Roncalli (centre) walks in procession through the streets of Luxeuil, France, July 23, during the ceremonies marking the 14th centenary of St. Columban’ (15cm x 20cm);
  - Taoiseach John A. Costello, Irish Foreign Minister Seán MacBride, de Valera and Dr. Eamonn de Valera walking through the streets during the procession 20cm x 15cm);
  - ‘The final ceremony of the celebration took place at Luxeuil July 23, with the dedication of the station of the Saint before the Basilique St. Pierre. Monsignor Roncalli, Papal Nuncio, is here seen speaking at the ceremony’ (15cm x 20cm);
  - de Valera and J.P. Walsh Irish Ambassador to the Holy See, visiting the chapel of the Irish Embassy in Rome on 24 July 1950 (15cm x 20cm);
  - de Valera ‘outside the Basilica of St. Peter with his sons Vivion, Eamon (sic.) and Irish Ambassador Joseph Patrick Walshe during their Jubilar visit July 25. In background is St. Peter’s Square’ (15cm x 20cm);
2996 contd. • de Valera and his sons Vivion and Eamonn being greeted by T.W.A. and government officials in Israel’s Lydda Airport on 27 July (4 items, 24cm x 18cm (2); 23cm x 18cm and 19cm x 13cm);
  • de Valera with members of the Israeli media on 27 July (19cm x 17cm);
  • de Valera returning from his visit to Mount Zion ‘to the west of the walled Arab held Old City part of Jerusalem, July 28’ (15cm x 20cm);
  • de Valera discussing ‘the Jerusalem problem with Azmi Nashashibi, Jordan Foreign Office Representative’ during his visit to Jerusalem (20cm x 15cm) and
  • de Valera’s arrival at Athens Airport on 2 August (20cm x 15cm);
– series of press photographs of de Valera, Dr. Eamonn and Major Vivion de Valera in Athens:
  • at Athens airport (27 July or 2 or 4 August 1950, 1 item, 24cm x 18cm) and
  • at the Acropolis (3 August 1950, 3 items, 24cm x 18cm each);
– series of black and white snapshots of various locations in the Holy Land (27 July–1 August 1950, 29 items, 9cm x 7cm each) taken by de Valera or a member of his party, each print labelled on reverse as follows:
  • ‘Nazareth’ and ‘Church of Nativity (Nazareth)’;
  • ‘Tiberius’; ‘Lake Tiberius’ and ‘Caphernaun’ (probably taken on 29 July 1950);
  • Jerusalem ‘Old City Walls’; ‘Walls of Old City’; ‘Old City’ (2 views); ‘Inside Old City’; Damascus Gate of Old City’; Outside Old City of Jerusalem’; (probably taken on 30 July 1950);
  • ‘Via Dolorosa’ (2 views); ‘Roof of Mosque of Omar’; ‘Small Mosque Beside the Mosque of Omar’; ‘Mosque of Omar’; ‘Garden of Gethsemane’; ‘Garden of Gethsemane & Church of All Nations’ (2 views); ‘The Wailing Wall’; ‘Mt. Olivet’; ‘On Way to Dead Sea’ (probably taken on 31 July 1950);
  • ‘Road to Bethlehem’ & ‘Jordan River (nr. Allanby Bridge)’ (probably taken on 1 August 1950);
  • ‘Tomb of the Virgin’; ‘Skull Rock’; ‘Outside Golden Gate’ and ‘Y.M.C.A. Tower’;
– black and white photograph labelled on reverse ‘Bethlehem–July 31 1950–Taken in the newly-reconstructed Crusader cloister. Fr. Denis Mooney, O.F.M., Mr. de Valera, Fr. Kevin Mooney, O.F.M.’ (31 July 1950, 18cm x 13cm);
– series of unidentified black and white photographs taken during the Holy Land pilgrimage of de Valera, Eamonn, Vivion and a number of accompanying priests (probably Franciscans) at various locations (n.d., 7 items, 12cm x 10cm each).

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2997 [July 1950] Black and white photographs of de Valera arriving at, and being greeted by members of the Franciscan community from St. Isidore’s College, Rome at Rome Airport. Pictured with de Valera are Fr. Hubert Quinn, O.F.M., Fr. McQuaid and Monsignor O’Flaherty (individuals named on reverse), also Joseph P. Walshe, Irish Ambassador to the Holy See, and Frank Aiken.

4 items
17cm x 12cm (2)
24cm x 18cm (2)

2998 [1950] Undated black and white photographs of de Valera in Rome. Comprises print of de Valera, Joseph P. Walshe, Frank Aiken and an unidentified official in military uniform walking along a corridor [in the Vatican/Castel Gandolfo] and Walshe introducing de Valera to an unidentified Vatican official [prior to de Valera’s audience with the Pope?]. 2 items, 23cm x 18cm each


1p

3000 19 November 1950 Reports from The Irish Press and The Irish Independent on de Valera’s speech at the Fianna Fáil silver jubilee celebrations in Cork in the Imperial Hotel, Cork on 18 November 1950 under the headlines Fianna Fail Jubilee in Cork. Taoiseach Outlines Policy On Finance and Taoiseach Says Fianna Fáil Party Not Split.

2 items


5 items
3002 [18]–23 January 1951 File of copy correspondence and press statements relating to Irish protests to the Netherlands Government ‘concerning the proposed visit of Dutch naval aircraft to the Six Counties’ for training purposes, on the invitation of the British Admiralty. Comprises communications to de Valera from Minister for External Affairs Seán MacBride, copy telegram sent to the Dutch representatives and substitutes on the Council of Europe from de Valera, Seán MacEntee and Frank Aiken [Irish Representatives on the Council] and draft and published press statements by MacBride, de Valera and the Dutch Foreign Minister Dr. Stikker. 16 items

3003 13 February–4 April 1951 Correspondence on de Valera’s visit to London between 16 and 19 March 1951 to attend the National University of Ireland Club St. Patrick’s Night dinner, address an Anti-Partition League meeting in Slough and attend an Irish celebrity concert in Hammersmith on 18 March. Comprises mainly correspondence between de Valera and Canon B.J. Bogan, Administrator of St. George’s Cathedral, Southwark; Frank Pakenham, Minister of Civil Aviation, London; John Cremin, Chairman of the Gaelic League of London and Dr. Robert Birley, Headmaster of Eton College, Buckinghamshire. 19 items

3004 April 1951 Souvenir menu to accompany the Irish Hotels Convention Dinner held in the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on 21 April 1951, attended by de Valera. 1 item

3005 May 1951 Typescript notes by military historian Gerard A. Hayes-McCoy on the history of the Irish tricolour. Signed by Hayes-McCoy. 1p
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3006 2 & 13 June 1951 Notice from the Clerk of the Dáil to de Valera as T.D. for County Clare, to attend his office on 11 or 12 June 1951 to sign the Roll of Members of Dáil Éireann (2 June 1951, 1p) and warrant of appointment of de Valera to the office of Taoiseach signed by President Seán T. O’Kelly (13 June 1951, 1p).

2 items

3007 3 February 1953; 30 January 1954 File relating to various personal gifts and souvenirs sent by members of the public to de Valera during his time as Taoiseach between June 1951 and June 1954. Comprises copy letters of thanks for pheasants and woodcock sent by Lady Granard of Castle Forbes, Longford.

2 items, 1p each

3008 1943; 1952 File on Linda Kearns McWhinney (d.1951) consisting of:
– cutting from The Irish Press of a photograph of Frank Aiken, Minister for Co-ordination of Defensive Measures, Mrs. Linda Kearns-McWhinney, Taoiseach de Valera, Senator Margaret Pearse and Oscar Traynor, Minister for Defence, at the Fianna Fáil Ard-Fheis ceili in the Mansion House, Dublin on 2[7] September 1943 (28 September 1943, 1 item);
– ‘Statement of Mrs. McWhinney [Linda Kearns]’ Reference Number W.S. 404, being an account of her life from 1911, her work during the 1916 Rising, her part in carrying messages and help to Volunteers until captured in November 1920, her treatment in custody, her escape from Mountjoy jail and her presence at the death of Cathal Brugha (n.d., 21pp);
– article by Dorothy Macardle in The Irish Press entitled Portrait of a Happy Warrior, written one year after the death of Linda Kearns (11 June 1952, 1 item).

3 items

3009 20 June & 2 July 1951 Department of the Taoiseach age profiles of the First Inter-Party Government and de Valera’s new Government appointed in May 1951. Comprises comparative lists of date of birth and ages of each member of the ‘Fifth Government, 1948–51’ [First Inter-Party Government] and the ‘Sixth Government, 1951–54’. Concludes ‘Average age, on entry upon office, June 1951, 57 years’ for de Valera’s government and ‘Average age, on entry upon office, February 1948, 51 years. Average age, on termination of office, June 1951, 56 years’ for the Costello government.

2 items, 1p each
3010  30 June 1951  Copy of *The Continental Daily Mail Special Survey of Ireland* consisting of an ‘Economic, Industrial and Cultural Survey’. Photographs of Taoiseach de Valera and President Seán T. O’Kelly on front page.  11pp

3011  July 1951  Typescript draft with handwritten amendments of ‘Iubhaile Chomhaltas Uladh. Oráid an Taoisigh i nDoire Cholmcille. 1 Iúil 1951’, his speech opening Gaelic Week.  9pp

3012  1951  Menu to accompany a ‘Dinner In Honour of the Secretary of Labour of the United States of America and Mrs. Tobin’ held in Iveagh House, Dublin on 5 July 1951. Inscribed by Maurice Tobin ‘Truly Best Wishes To Kathleen a Real Patriot’ and by Senator James E. Murray ‘With sincere good wishes, Kathleen who served Ireland so magnificently’.  1 item

3013  5 & 25 July 1951  Letter of introduction to de Valera for John Patrick McElroy, reporter for *The Detroit Times*, from John C. Manning, Editor. Letter annotated ‘Saw Mr. McElroy on July–for over hour. [Provision] to write a statement of 100 to 200 words for him’ and ‘He handed him the attached statement on July 25th’. Accompanied by typescript statement (2pp) by de Valera for McElroy, referring to Partition, for inclusion in McElroy’s series of article on ‘conditions in Ireland’ for *The Detroit Times*.  2 items, 1p & 2pp

3014  July 1951  Autographed menu to accompany *1917 Clare 1951. Clare Comhairle Dáil Ceanntair, Fianna Fáil. Reception and Presentation to Eamon de Valera, T.D. An Taoiseach. Leader of the Irish People and Chief Guest of Honour at New Hall, Ennis, on Tuesday Night, 10th July, 1951, the 35th Anniversary of East Clare Election and Silver Jubilee of Fianna Fail.*  1 item

3015  15 & 16 July 1951  Black and white photographs taken at ‘Maidstone, Kent: Mr. de Valera, Eire’s Prime Minister, was present for the second day of the three-day celebrations taking place at the ancient Carmelite Priory at Aylesford, near here. The thousands of Roman Catholic pilgrims attending the event are celebrating the homecoming of the relics of St. Simon Stock, the first Prior of Aylesford. The
relics, removed when Henry VIII sacked the monasteries, were returned today from Bordeaux, to be received by the Bishop of Southwark, Doctor C. Cowderoy’. Comprises prints as follows:

– series of press photographs (©: Planet News Ltd., London) (15 July 1951, 3 items, 25cm x 20cm each) captioned on reverse as given above and each with the following individual caption:

  • ‘A general view taken during the Pontifical High Mass at Aylesford Priory to-day. The ceremony was under the presidency of His Eminence, Cardinal Adeodatus Piazza’;
  • ‘Mr. de Valera walking in procession after the High Mass held at Aylesford Priory to celebrate the return of the St. Simon Stock relics’ and
  • ‘In this group, next to Father Michael, Assistant General of O.D.C. (on right), is Mr. de Valera, Eire’s Prime Minister’;

– International News photograph captioned on reverse as follows: ‘Saints Relics Return to England. Across the ancient bridge spanning the river Medway, at Aylesford, Kent, the relics of the British Saint Simon Stock, were carried in procession by Carmelite Monks in their brown and white habits. In the rear of the procession nearly 12,000 pilgrims followed crossing the Medway at the rate of 200 a minute. The relics were brought from Bordeaux by it’s Archbishop–they have rested there since St. Simon Stock died 700 years ago. Eventually the relics will rest in the church that the friars erected in Aylesford. I.N.P. photo shows Fr. M. Lynch, Prior of Aylesford, introduces Mr. De Valera, Prime Minister of Eire, to some Irish nuns who attended the ceremony today’ (16 July 1951, 20cm x 15cm);

– de Valera with Carmelite fathers and a group of pilgrims, annotated on reverse ‘Carmelite Monastery at Aylesford, Eng[land]. July 16th 1951, Fr. Lynch Prior’ (16 July 1951, 2cm x 15cm);

– series of snapshots printed on postcards, of various views of de Valera taken at Aylesford in July 1951 (15 or 16 July 1951, 6 items, 13cm x 8cm each).

11 items

August 1951

Typescript text of de Valera’s address headed ‘Cuairt an Taoisigh ar Choláiste na Rinne, 15ú Lúnasa’. 6pp

September 1951

Holograph and typescript draft statements by de Valera commenting on Herbert Morrison the British Foreign Secretary’s references to Partition at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.. Also includes statement as published in The Irish Independent. 5 items
3018 September 1951  Cutting from *Current Biography. Who’s News and Why* (Vol. 12, No. 8) containing biographical entry for de Valera.  
1 item

3019 September 1951  Draft, notes and published account of Taoiseach de Valera’s speech on 22 September 1951, at a dinner given by Limerick City Fianna Fáil Comhairle Ceanntair to mark their Silver Jubilee, in which he called for a ‘Food and Fuel Drive’—‘During the last war the farmers responded magnificently to the national need and appeal and he was confident that they would do the same now. With another war the possible outcome of the present international situation it would be criminal to neglect taking any necessary steps to provide for their national safety he added calling for increased tillage and greater turf production’. Also souvenir menu to accompany the occasion (1 item).  
8 items

3020 September–October 1951  File on de Valera’s attendance at the celebrations to mark the thirteenth centenary of the death of ‘the great Irish man’ St. Gall in St. Gallen in Switzerland in October 1951. Comprises mainly letters concerning arrangements for the visit (22 September–9 October 1951, 3 items); itineraries (3 items, 1p each); typescript notes on St. Gall and the Monastery of St. Gall by William Warnock, Irish Ambassador to Berne (3pp); typescript notes compiled from publications on St. Gall and Ireland’s contribution to European monasticism (19pp); draft speeches by de Valera for use in St. Gall (7pp), typescript article by de Valera written for publication in *Ostschweiz* ‘the Catholic paper of St. Gall’ headed ‘Ireland’s relations with Switzerland and St. Gall’ (2pp) and page from an unidentified Swiss publication with pictures of the occasion under the heading *St. Gallen feiert seinen Gründer* (St. Gall celebrates its founder) (n.d., 1p). Also includes black and white press photographs of the celebrations, each individually captioned) (16 & 17 October 1951, 8 items) as follows:  
• Federal Councillor Philipp Etter shaking hands with de Valera at the banquet held in de Valera’s honour in St. Gall on 16 October (15cm x 20cm);  
• Rev. Dr. Meile Bishop of St. Gall chatting with de Valera at the banquet (13cm x 18cm);  
• de Valera talking with Federal Councillor Philipp Etter, the Apostolic Nuncio Monsignor Bernardini and Rev. Dr. Meile, Bishop of St. Gall at the banquet (18cm x 13cm);  
• solemn procession of guests and officials headed by de Valera, Irish Foreign Minister Frank Aiken and Federal Councillor Philipp Etter (2 items, 18cm x 13cm each);
• de Valera and Frank Aiken in the monastery’s library examining the stones from the oldest tower of the Gallus Monastery (20cm x 23cm) and de Valera, Aiken and William Warnock, Irish Ambassador to Berne, examining manuscripts in the library (18cm x 13cm) and
• de Valera, Aiken and Etter examining the piece of stained glass depicting St. Gall, presented to the Irish party (13cm x 18cm).
See also P150/101 – de Valera had a consultation with eye specialist Prof. Wagner in Zurich during his visit to St. Gall. 28 items

3021  3 & 10 November 1951, 16 March 1958
Personal correspondence sending greetings and good wishes, between de Valera and Major General Sir Hastings Ismay, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations. Also cutting from an unknown newspaper of a photograph of ‘General Lord Ismay’ (n.d., 1 item). 4 items

3022  [1951]  Typescript report of de Valera’s speech made at the Jubilee dinner of the Fianna Fáil organisation in Galway on preserving the Irish language, the ‘alarming’ rate of emigration, the housing shortage in Britain and poor conditions experienced there by Irish emigrants. 4pp

3023  February 1952– 1 December 1964
Copies of telegrams and notes between de Valera and Sir Winston Churchill, sending birthday greetings and good wishes. Also includes copies of documents relating to Churchill’s ‘A Nation Once Again’ message of 8 December 1941. 20 items

3024  February 1952
Tributes to the late King George VI and holograph draft and typescript copies of the speech delivered by de Valera in Dáil Éireann on his death in 1952, also press cuttings and a copy of the telegram from Winston Churchill to de Valera thanking him for his message of condolence. 7 items

3025  May 1952
‘Ráiteas an Taoisigh ar bhás an Teachta Bean an Réamonnaigh, Dáil Éireann, 6 Bealtaine, 1952.’ Annotated ‘Níor tugadh mar seo’. 2pp
3026  1936; 1941; 1952; 1973  File on P.J. Ruttledge (1892–1952) mainly
documents relating to his death on 8 May 1952
such as de Valera’s statement on Deputy Rutledge’s death (2pp); holograph
and typescript drafts of de Valera’s address at Rutledge’s graveside (May
1952, 13pp); newspaper cuttings on the death and funeral (May 1952, 7 items)
and memorial card with photograph (1952, 1 item). Also includes copy of a
cutting from The Irish Press on Rutledge’s resignation as Minister for Local
Government and his appointment as General Solicitor for Wards of Court
(original dated 15 August 1941, 1 item) and letter to President de Valera from
Michael McInerney, political correspondent with The Irish Times, seeking a
meeting with de Valera to talk about the ‘character, personality, and ability
rather than the careers’ of P.J. Rutledge and Frank Aiken, as part of a series
of short profiles of ‘national figures of the Republican Movement who
supported Mr. De Valera in the period 1925–38…trying to prove that by 1938
the entire Movement had joined Fianna Fáil and that the IRA after that was
something new and different without any of the moral stature that attached to
those who had left the IRA and had joined Fianna Fáil’ (17 January 1973, 1p).
Encloses typescript drafts of articles on Rutledge (n.d., 4pp), Tom Derrig
(n.d., 2pp) and Seán MacEntee (n.d., 2pp).  15 items

3027  1952  File on the 1952 North Mayo by-election
including typescript ‘Summary of Taoiseach’s
Speech at Foxford, 14th June, 1952’ (4pp) and memoranda on
‘Unemployment in the Woollen Industry (2pp) and ‘Providence Woollen
Mills, Foxford, Co. Mayo’ (2pp).  54 items

3028  1952  Typescript breakdown of by-election results for
Waterford, East Limerick and North Mayo,
between 1948 and 1951.
3pp

3029  21 June 1952  Newspaper cuttings on de Valera’s turning of
the first sod of the archaeological excavations
on the Hill of Tara, Co. Meath on 20 June 1952.  3 items

3030  June 1952  Booklet entitled Franciscan Abbey Ros Nuala
1952 commemorating the Solemn Blessing of
the new Franciscan Church at Ros Nuala, Co. Donegal in June 1952.
Annotated by de Valera (1952, 32pp). Also typescript text of “Caint an
Taoisigh ag moladh ‘Sláinte na gCeithre Máistri dó tráth coisreachta na
hEaglaise Proinsiasánai ag Ros Nuala, Tir Chonaill–29ú Meitheamh, 1952”
(3pp).  3 items
### 3031
13–18 October 1952
Newspaper reports on de Valera’s 70th birthday, celebrated in hospital in Utrecht where he was undergoing a number of eye operations. Includes typescript copy of an article by Colm Brogan *The Clue to Mr. de Valera. Modern Nationalism Knows No Consequences*, originally published in *The Daily Telegraph.*

9 items

### 3032
1952
Article published in *The Leader* entitled *Mr. de Valera, Tact and Foreign Policy.*

2pp

### 3033
1932–52
Lists of subjects and page numbers containing ‘References to Ireland’ in the Annual Register, between 1932 and 1952.

19pp

### 3034
8 January–7 December 1953
Dissociated newspaper cuttings on de Valera. Topics include:
- the visit to Dublin of the Israeli Ambassador to Britain Eliahu Elath, in January;
- the awarding of the Freedom of the City of Dublin to President Seán T. O’Kelly and Cardinal John D’Alton in June;
- the Wolfe Tone commemoration ceremonies at Bodenstown in June;
- the visit of Tasmanian Premier Robert Cosgrove to Dublin in June;
- the awarding of the honorary degree of LL.D. on Cardinal Spellman, by the National University of Ireland on [28] October.

13 items

### 3035
February 1953
Biographical article entitled ‘Eamon de Valera, Prime Minister of Ireland’ by Marie J. McGee Hynes, published in *The Franciscan Review.*

5pp

### 3036
April 1953
Cutting from *Guardia Civil* (Madrid) containing an article (in Spanish) by Manuel Sanchez Sarachaga entitled ‘Lo eterno español en Eamon de Valera’. Also includes typescript English translation of the article ‘The Eternal Spaniard in Eamon de Valera’ (n.d., 7pp).

1 item
3037  28 & 29 April 1953  Newspaper cuttings on the death of Maud Gonne MacBride who died on 27 April 1953.  4 items

3038  June 1953  File on the by-elections held on 18 June 1953 in East Cork and Wicklow consisting mainly of drafts and copies of de Valera’s campaign speeches in Fermoy on 4 June (2pp); Castletownroche on 5 June (2pp); Cobh on 6 June (4pp); Cloyne on 7 June (3pp); Wicklow on 13 June (8pp & 3pp); Mitchelstown on 15 June (2pp & 4pp) and in Bray (2pp). Also newspaper reports of de Valera’s speeches at campaign meetings between 4 and 16 June 1953 in East Cork and reports on the election results and their implications.  30 items

3039  14 July 1953  Agreement between Taoiseach Eamon de Valera, Minister for Finance Seán MacEntee and Minister for Education Seán Moylan establishing the Mary A. Hardiman Bequest to further the cause of vocational education in Ireland. In Irish. Signed by all three parties.  6pp

3040  June & July 1953  File on the celebrations organised by the Legion of Mary on 25 July 1953 and attended by de Valera, in honour of the release of Fr. Aidan McGrath, Legion Envoy to China, following two years and nine months imprisoned in a Chinese jail.  6 items

3041  5 August 1953  Profile of de Valera by Kees van Hoek published in the Journal-Bulletin under the title ‘His Country Is His Career’. ‘Eamon de Valera’s Steadfast Loyalty to Ireland Surmounts all Obstacles’.  1p

3042  August 1953  Drafts of de Valera’s speech (3 items, 2pp each) and newspaper report on his unveiling of a memorial at Custume Place, Athlone on 9 August 1953, to the 20 soldiers of the Athlone Brigade I.R.A. killed between 1916 and 1921.  4 items
3043 August 1953 File on the South Galway by-election held on 21 August 1953 mainly typescript copies of de Valera’s speeches at rallies in support of the Fianna Fáil candidate Robert Lahiffé. 22 items

3044 3 August–October 1953; File on de Valera’s visit to the Continent in April & May 1954 September 1953 accompanied by his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Éamonn and Mrs. Sally de Valera, and Fr. Thomas O’Doherty. The private trip lasted two weeks during which time the party visited Paris, Lourdes, San Sebastien, Lisbon, Fatima and London. Includes itinerary (n.d., 1p); correspondence concerning travel arrangements including letters to Dr. Éamonn de Valera from Leo T. McAuley of the Irish Embassy in Spain, to Dr. de Valera and Kathleen O’Connell from Aer Lingus officials, to Dr. de Valera from Count O’Kelly de Gallagh, Chargé d’Affaires in Lisbon and to Kathleen O’Connell from T.J. Horan, Counsellor, Department of External Affairs (3 August–1 September 1953, 15 items); copy report [by Con Cremin?] on the Taoiseach’s visit to Le Bourget on 1 September and his call on M. Laniel, President of the Council of Ministers (7 September 1953, 4pp); copy reports by Count O’Kelly de Gallagh, Chargé d’Affaires in Lisbon, on de Valera’s visit to Lisbon between 11 and 14 September (15 September 1953, 3pp); newspaper cuttings on the Taoiseach’s visit to Portugal sent to the Department of External Affairs by the Irish Legation at Lisbon (13 August–2 October 1953, 55 items) and illustrated extracts from French, Portuguese and Spanish magazines with features on de Valera and his visit to Fatima, Loyola and Zarauz (September 1953–April 1954, 4 items). During the visit de Valera met with Portuguese Prime Minister Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar (1889–1970). 35 items

3045 [1950s] Black and white photograph of de Valera with two unidentified men [possibly taken during his trip to Italy in 1953?]. 30 x 24cm

3046 19 September, 2 October 1953 Holograph letter wishing de Valera well from Larry Stewart of Tipperary town and copy acknowledgement. 2 items, 4pp & 1p

3047 26 September 1953 Copy covering note enclosing copies of de Valera’s greeting to ‘the men and women of Beara now in the United States who played such a splendid part in our fight for independence’. 3 items, 1p each
October 1953 File on a reception on 1 October 1953 in Kilkenny, in honour of Minister for Lands Thomas Derrig (Tomás Ó Deirg) (1897–1956), to mark his silver jubilee as Representative for Kilkenny in Dáil Éireann, at which de Valera announced the floatation of a new National Loan. Includes biographical details on Derrig. 5 items

October 1953 Cutting from the Catholic Digest containing an article by Kees van Hoek entitled ‘De Valera at 70’. ‘The Taoiseach’s last 21 years have encompassed his change from a hunted rebel to the head of a nation.’ 1 item

19 & 20 November 1953 Personal letter to Taoiseach de Valera from Australian Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies about difficulties concerning the appointment of an Australian Ambassador to Ireland due to the two countries inability to agree upon the form of the Letter of Credence. ‘The stumbling block as far as Australia is concerned is that the phrase “President of Ireland” cannot appear in a document signed by the Queen. Whereas hitherto your Government has felt it necessary to insist upon this appearing somewhere either in the English language or in Gaelic’ (19 November 1953, 3pp). Also typescript copy of minute on de Valera’s meeting with the Australian Chargé d’Affaires on receipt of the letter (20 November 1953, 1p). 2 items


1953 Extracts on the lend-lease agreement, from The Undeclared War, 1940–41 by William L. Langer and S. Everett Gleason (London: 1953), containing references to Ireland. 14pp
3053 14 January−
14 December 1954  Dissociated newspaper cuttings on de Valera.
Topics reported on include:
• a statement by de Valera made in the course of
a review of Ireland’s economic progress in February;
• the consecration of Rev. Dr. William J. Philbin as the new Bishop of
Clonfert in St. Brendan’s Cathedral, Loughrea in March;
• the return in May of Rev. Dr. John Charles McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin,
to Ireland following the Eucharistic Congress in Sydney, having completed a
40,000 mile tour of Australia, New Zealand and America;
• de Valera’s address to members of the County Dublin Comhairle Dáil
Ceannairt of Fianna Fáil at their first annual dinner in December.
10 items

3054 28 January–10 June 1954  File on the financial administration of the Irish
News Agency, with special reference to grants
provided by the Government. Comprises mainly correspondence between de
Valera and Roger Greene, Chairman of the News Agency, and copies of
 correspondence between the Private Secretary to Frank Aiken Minister for
External Affairs, Maurice Moynihan and Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan, and between
Roger Greene and Frank Aiken on the matter. Also includes copy agreement
between the United Press Associations and the Irish News Agency (n.d., 4pp)
and Department of External Affairs memoranda headed ‘Irish News Agency
Subvention’ (28 January 1954, 2pp) and ‘Irish News Agency’ (18 February
1954, 9pp).
18 items

3055 January–March 1954  File on the 1954 Louth by-election consisting
mainly of documents relating to the Fianna Fáil
Louth by-election Convention held in Dundalk on 24 January 1954 to select a
candidate. Also includes newspaper reports on the campaign and typescript
headed ‘Points from Mr. de Valera’s speech at Dundalk, 24th January, 1954’
(5pp).
17 items

3056 January & March 1954  File on the Cork City by-election held in
[March] 1954, mainly consisting of documents
relating to the Fianna Fáil Party Convention held on 16 January to select a
candidate [Seamus Fitzgerald]. Also report from The Irish Press on de
Valera’s speech at the final Fianna Fáil rally in Cork on 2 March 1954 (2pp)
and copy of de Valera’s campaign speech delivered in Cork on [15 May]
1954 (4pp).
20 items
3057 5–7 March 1954 Newspaper reports on the Government’s losses in the Cork and Louth by-elections, precipitating a general election. 10 items

3058 22 March 1954 Report on de Valera’s election as Clare candidate for the fifteenth time in March 1954, published in The Irish Press. 2pp

3059 April 1954 Draft of de Valera’s address on the occasion of ‘Leicriú na Tuaithe–Lasadh an tSolais ag Ros Muc’ on 26 April 1954. 3pp

3060 [April 1954] Typescript drafts of text of interview given by de Valera to a United Press reporter, covering Irish policy in the event of another world war, ‘European Federation’, Ireland’s association with America, ‘Ireland’s international position today’, Fianna Fáil’s prospects in the general election on 18 May, the Irish dislike for Communism and the prospects for a united Ireland. Both drafts incomplete. 2 items, 2pp each

3061 March–May 1954 De Valera’s personal file of economic statistics consisting of:
- ‘Notes on Current Topics. Revised up to 10/3/54’ (March 1954, 35pp). Topics are as follows:
  • Increase in Exchequer Expenditure;
  • Cost of Living, Production and Employment;
  • Unemployment; Cost of Living;
  • Flight from the Land; Industrial and Agricultural Production;
  • Note (12 November 1953) on: Unemployment, Decreased Employment, Fall in Industrial Production, Cost of Living, Accent on Recovery, So-called Austerity, State and Capital Programme;
  • The Future Trend of State Capital Expenditure;
  • Summary of Government’s Achievements since June, 1951;
  • Notes on Some Current Topics (January 1954): 1953–A Year of Recovery, Industrial Production, Industrial Employment, Unemployment, Agricultural Output, External Trade, Cost of Living, State Finances and Food Subsidies;
- typescript list of ‘Irish Statistics and the Irish Economy: Some Current References’ (2pp);
contd. – typescript headed ‘Summary of Statistics’ (revised as at 10 March, 24 April and 20 May 1954) concerning national income, cost of living, agriculture, industry, unemployment, emigration, external trade, external assets, capital expenditure, capital formation and savings, national debt, social welfare, health, housing and the ‘Experience of OEEC Countries in regard to: Manufacturing, Production, Unemployment, Cost-of-Living’ (10 March, 24 April & 20 May 1954, 21pp). 3 items

15 May 1954 Extract from Everybody’s Weekly consisting of article on de Valera entitled Eire’s Eagle by Kees van Hoek. ‘No half-measures mark the stormy career of Eamon de Valera, American-born Prime Minister of the Irish Republic. Dissatisfied with two recent by-elections, he has called for a general election. Polling is on 18 May.’ 2pp

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20 May–1 June 1954 Letters to de Valera from Liam Kavanagh, South Circular Road, Dublin, Secretary of the Boland’s Mills Garrison Committee, Fr. M. Slattery, S.M.S, Cork, Dick Humphreys, Pearse Street, Dublin, Seán MacBride and Sam McCauley, Managing Director, Irish Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., following the results of the 1954 general election, suggesting the formation of a National Government and a Fianna Fáil-Labour coalition. Includes MacBride’s ‘Proposal for the formation of a National Government’ (23 May 1954, 5pp) and de Valera’s acknowledgements. 14 items


14 October 1954 Cutting from The Irish Times on de Valera’s 72nd birthday in October 1954. 1 item
November 1954

Press cuttings and notes on the controversy concerning the basis of the British claim for the payment of Irish land annuities, arising out of a speech by Northern Ireland Minister of Home Affairs G.B. Hanna Q.C., at a Unionist meeting in Dundonald, Belfast on 4 November 1954, when Hanna was reported as saying that ‘despite their suggestions to the contrary, the majority of those supporting the present Government in Dublin are morally bound by the 1925 agreement’ which ‘provided for the release by Great Britain to the Government of the Irish Free State of £155,000,000 of lands annuities’. This was followed by letters to the Editor of *The Irish Independent* from de Valera and W.T. Cosgrave on de Valera’s statement that the ‘British claim to the Annuities in subsequent years was based on secret agreements made by certain Free State Ministers in the years 1923 and 1926 without Parliamentary authority’ (5–14 November 1954, 14 items).

19 items

16 January–22 July 1955

Dissociated newspaper cuttings on de Valera. Topics reported on include:

- de Valera’s speeches on the importance of the Irish language and the language restoration movement, at a meeting of the Technical Students’ Literary and Debating Society in Dublin on 15 January; the annual dinner of the Joseph Hudson Cumann, Fianna Fáil, in Dublin on 18 January; the U.C.D. Literary and Historical Society’s symposium on the revival of the Irish language held in February; and the annual convention of the Fianna Fáil organisation in Co. Cavan on 27 February;
- the presentation of a mahogany desk and chair by the supporters of M.J. Corry, T.D., [Deputy for East Cork for 27 years and a member of Cork County Council for 30 years] in recognition of his long service as a public representative in January;
- de Valera’s St. Patrick’s Day message to the U.S. International News Service on 17 March;
- de Valera’s attendance at the opening of the Irish National Teachers’ Organisation (I.N.T.O.) Congress in Kilkee on 12 April;
- a reception given by President Seán T. O’Kelly in Aras an Uachtarán for delegates attending the celebration of the centenary of the Catholic University of Ireland and for the delegates attending the Celtic Congress in July;
- de Valera’s attendance at a lecture on the Holy Land in the Franciscan Hall, Merchant’s Quay, Dublin by Fr. Eugene Hoade, O.F.M. on 17 July;
- the opening of a new Irish hostel at Ballyferriter, Co. Kerry on 1 August;
- the presentation to de Valera by Harriet Cohen of a musical score and a copy of the London *Sun* dated 1798, giving a contemporary account of the Rising and belonging to the late Sir Arnold Bax;
- the visit of Her Excellency Madame Pandit, Indian Ambassador to Ireland in [March].

19 items
3068  18 February 1955  Newspaper reports on de Valera’s visit to Manchester as a guest of the Manchester branch of the Anti-Partition League of Ireland, in February 1955. [De Valera spent two days in the U.K. and attended the funeral in London of John W. Dulanty].
   5 items

3069  28 February 1955  Newspaper reports on de Valera’s speech at the annual convention of the Fianna Fáil organisation in County Cavan on 27 February 1955. ‘I would put the restoration of the language as Fianna Fáil’s greatest national objective’.
   3 items

3070  March 1955  Newspaper reports on the death of Senator William (Bill) Quirke who died on 5 March 1955, including article from The Sunday Press headlined ‘A gallant son of gallant Tipperary…An outstanding, unique personality’ and ‘A tribute to Commandant-General Bill Quirke, O/C 2nd Southern Division, I.R.A., by a Comrade of the Wars’ (13 March 1955, 1 item); and texts of de Valera’s graveside oration.
   See also P150/3668 for memorial card with photograph of Senator Bill Quirke
   9 items

3071  15 March 1955  Cutting from La Revue de Paris containing an article by Joseph Chapiro entitled ‘En Visite chez M. de Valera’
   19pp

   1 item

3073  28 June–25 August 1955  Copy correspondence between de Valera and Fr. J. MacDwyer C.C., Glencolumbkille, Co. Donegal mainly on de Valera’s attendance at the Glencolumbkille Agricultural and Industrial Show on 31 August 1955.
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3078 15 October 1955 Cutting from The Irish Press of a photograph of de Valera on his 73rd birthday.

1p

3079 December 1955 File on the 1955 West Limerick by-election necessitated by the death of Fine Gael’s D.J. Madden, mainly consisting of a list of de Valera’s campaign meetings and newspaper accounts of his speeches at various rallies in support of Fianna Fáil candidate Michael Colbert, elected on the first count.

12 items

3080 12 December 1955– 1 February 1957 Correspondence relating to de Valera’s efforts to assist Mrs. Isabel de Vere to come to a satisfactory settlement with the Land Commission and the Forestry Department concerning the family estate at Curragh Chase, Adare, Co. Limerick, the birth place and home of poet Aubrey de Vere (1814–1902).

24 items

3081 February 1956 Preparatory material for de Valera’s address on the coalition government performance and the present economic situation, to members of the Fianna Fáil Organisation of South Louth at the annual Comhairle Ceanntar social in Drogheda on 5 February 1956. ‘Economic trends in country’s present situation causing deep and widespread anxiety. “Drifting into Danger”. Divided counsels at helm’.

Comprises notes and ‘Points for Speech’ including draft memorandum consisting mainly of extracts from Dáil Debates containing statements by government ministers. Also includes typescript text of a pamphlet External Assets (27 May 1954, 14pp).

5 items

3082 February 1956 File on the 1956 North Kerry by-election mainly consisting of a list of de Valera’s campaign meetings and newspaper accounts of his speeches in support of Fianna Fáil candidate Daniel J. Moloney.


20 items
3083 April 1956
File on the by-elections in Leix-Offaly and North-East Dublin, both held on 30 April 1956. Comprises mainly newspaper accounts of de Valera’s speeches at various campaign meetings in support of the two Fianna Fáil candidates, Kieran P. Egan and Charles J. Haughey. 8 items

3084 April & May 1956
Typescript corrected text of de Valera’s speech on 19 May 1955 at the European Youth Campaign international meeting in Galway, on the meaning of human rights (3pp). Also covering note (25 April 1956, 1p) to de Valera’s Private Secretary from Miriam Hederman, National Secretary of the European Youth Campaign enclosing a copy of the final programme for the event (1p). 3 items

3085 May 1956
Copy covering note from de Valera’s Personal Secretary to Micheál Ó Maoláin (22 May 1956) enclosing the text of a preface for a booklet on ‘Coisde na bPaisdí’. ‘...it is difficult to get in the schools the complete environment which is necessary to gain fluency in Irish. One needs to get away to entirely Irish surroundings for complete success. This is the idea behind the taking of the children by Coisde na bPaisdí from English-speaking areas to the Gaeltacht where Irish is the everyday language of the people…I only wish that all our children could be given the opportunity that is thus made available by Coisde na bPaisdí. It would not then be long before the restoration of our language would be a reality’ (n.d., 2pp). 2 items

3086 16 May–11 June 1956
Correspondence between de Valera and An Óige President Felix E. Hackett, address by de Valera and newspaper report on the opening of a new hostel on 10 June 1956 in Glenmalure, Co., Wicklow in a former cottage once owned by Dr. Kathleen Lynn (1874–1955). 6 items

3087 July 1956
Drafts of de Valera’s speech delivered on 31 July 1956 in Cork City during the Cork City by-election campaign. 3 items
November 1956  Souvenir programme to accompany the presentation by de Valera to Councillor Robert Briscoe, newly elected Lord Mayor of Dublin and Mrs. Briscoe, Lady Mayoress in the Royal Hibernian Hotel on 3 November 1956. Autographed by de Valera, Seán MacEntee and Briscoe.

See P150/3479 for file on the death and funeral of Robert Briscoe in May 1969.

1 item

July–November 1956  File on the Carlow-Kilkenny by-election necessitated by the death of Tom Walsh and held on 14 November 1956. Comprises correspondence concerning the selection of the Fianna Fáil candidate including correspondence concerning Mrs. Rita Drennan, daughter of Tom Walsh and her intention to put herself forward as a candidate.


41 items

1956  File on the Dublin South West by-election held on 14 November 1956. Includes newspaper reports and typescript copies of de Valera’s speeches delivered during the campaign on 30 October and 13 November (2 items, 3pp & 2pp).

12 items


2 items, 1p each

1937; 1956; 1973  File on Neal Blaney (1893–1948) and his family, mainly consisting of documents connected with an application for a military service pension and de Valera’s presence at the unveiling of a memorial to Blaney in 1956. Includes:

– copy statement by Hugh Brady, former Divisional Adjutant, 1st Northern Division, for the Secretary to the Referee, Military Service Pensions Board, outlining the career of Neal Blaney in the Irish Volunteers and I.R.A. from March 1921 (original dated 27 January 1937, 1p);
– typescript copy statement on Blaney’s career (n.d., 2pp);
– typescript copy statement by Blaney, Rossnakill, Co. Donegal, supplementary to his official claim for a military service pension. Covers his activities from joining the Irish Volunteers in 1920 until 14 March 1923 when Charles Daly and three of his column were executed (n.d., 3pp);
3092 contd. – oration by de Valera at the unveiling of a memorial to Neal Blaney in Massmount cemetery, Tamney, Co. Donegal on 25 November 1956. English and Irish versions (1956, 2 items, 2pp each);
Also includes cutting from The Irish Independent on the death of Mrs. Hannah Blaney, widow of the late Neal (7 November 1958, 1 item) and newspaper cuttings on the issuing of a statement by President de Valera denying a remark made by Neal Blaney, T.D. that de Valera ‘was about to drop Jack Lynch from the Fianna Fail Party in the 1951–54 period’ (5 & 6 March 1973, 2pp). 17 items

3093 9 December 1956– 29 January 1957 Correspondence between de Valera and American, Canadian and British reporters, submitted and corrected drafts of interviews and published versions of interviews with de Valera, given in January 1957 on Northern Ireland and partition. Comprises interviews with the following:
• James H. Winchester of Hearst Newspapers New York Mirror on 14 January 1957;
• Gerard Fay, London Editor, The Manchester Guardian;
• Paul Anderson ‘North German Radio; Foreign Service B.B.C. etc.’ on 18 January 1957;
• Donald R. Gordon of the Toronto Weekly Star and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on 14 January 1957;
• Gerald Clark of The Montreal Star. 15 items

3094 January 1957 Article from The African Missionary entitled Superior General’s Gratitude. Our Missionaries Salute Ireland’. Includes pictures of de Valera at Wilton College following his attendance at the Departure Ceremony for the latest group of newly-ordained priests who were sailing for Africa. 6pp

3095 4–24 January 1957 Typescript text of ‘Broadcast of the Taoiseach, John A. Costello, S.C., T.D.’ on 6 January 1957 condemning the recent I.R.A. cross-border raids into Northern Ireland and calling on ‘parents, the Clergy and others who may be in a position to influence or guide these young men to induce them to cut themselves adrift from these activities before it is too late and to save them from the dangers into which they are being led’.
‘Within the past week, three young Irishmen have been killed in the course of attacks on police stations in the Six-County area...The consequences that would follow a continuance of these attacks must now be clear to the whole nation. So far as they are directed from within the territory under our jurisdiction, it is the duty of the Government of this State to prevent their continuance. That duty we are resolved to perform...a small group, with no basis of legitimate authority, is seeking to embroil our country in war...Far from helping to maintain Partition, the actions of the Garda and the Army, under our direction, are designed to control forces which, if they were left free...
to operate, would render permanent the division between Irishmen and would make the Partition of our country a permanent affliction...No one can profess loyalty to the democratic institutions of this State and at the same time appear to sympathise with minority groups which defy those instructions. There should be no word or act or gesture that could give these men a pretext for claiming that they have popular approval or support....It is necessary for the people to be on their guard, particularly, against false comparisons with the past...Those who now defy the institutions established with so much labour and suffering can surely claim no reflected glory from the men whose efforts made the creation of those institutions possible. In the past, men struggled to establish an independent, democratic Parliament and Government. Their efforts cannot be allowed to be frustrated by a self-appointed unrepresentative group who seek to decide national policy according to their own undisciplined will, to seize powers which belong to the Dáil and the Government and to impose upon us all the tyranny of a few...’ (7pp).

Accompanied by letters to de Valera from members of the public on the Taoiseach’s broadcast including letters welcoming de Valera’s announcement of his agreement with the Taoiseach’s speech and letters condemning Costello for his stance. Also includes holograph letter from Donogh O’Malley in Limerick outlining the ‘position with regard to the new I.R.A. in this area’ and suggesting a meeting of the Fianna Fáil party ‘not to discuss Partition, but to make sure that our attitude to the hundreds of votes of sympathy which will be passed in Local Councils, will be in accordance with our policy on the question’ (7 January 1957, 4pp). 16 items

17 February 1957

Copy of de Valera’s election radio broadcast of 17 February 1957. 4pp

1948; 1957 & n.d.

Compilation of quotations and comments on government by coalition. Includes typescript entitled ‘The Story of the Coalition’ (n.d., 35pp) and copy of extract from de Valera’s speech at Mallow on 20 February 1957 in which he outlines his views on coalition governments in general and the call for the formation of an all–party ‘National Government’ in particular. States ‘when Coalitions are formed behind the people’s backs after the Election is over all the policies and promises made by the individual Parties are thereby thrown overboard. Each Party, being in a minority in the Dáil, can put on the other parties the blame for the non-fulfilment of its Election commitments...A Coalition Government is “weak” because it is built on a rickety foundation; and, it has “no stated policy”, because its policy is determined from day to day by Party pressures and considerations of political expediency...We have, however, now people who tell us that an all-party Government, which they call a “National Government” would not be a Coalition. This All-Party Government, they say, and a Coalition “are poles apart”...The purpose of this whole scheme is, of course, simply that they want Fianna Fáil to be in the swim with the rest. Fianna Fáil is, however, not in the market...this talk of National Government is unrealistic. It is just foolish’ (4pp). 7 items
3098 9 & 20 March 1957  Notice from the Clerk of the Dáil to de Valera as T.D. for County Clare, to attend his office on 15 or 19 March 1957 to sign the Roll of Members of Dáil Éireann (9 March 1957, 1p) and warrant of appointment of de Valera to the office of Taoiseach signed by President Seán T. O’Kelly (20 March 1957, 1p). 2 items

3099 March 1957  American newspaper articles on the 1957 general election. 2 items

3100 10 March 1957  Profile of de Valera published in The Observer, following Fianna Fáil’s success in the 1957 general election. 2pp

3101 March 1957  Black and white press photograph of the new Fianna Fáil Cabinet. From bottom left: Kevin Boland (Defence), Oscar Traynor (Justice), Frank Aiken (External Affairs), de Valera (Taoiseach), Maurice Moynihan, [J. Ormonde, Posts and Telegraphs?], Neal Blaney (Local Government), Erskine Childers (Lands), Patrick Smith (Social Welfare), James Ryan (Finance), Seán Lemass (Tánaiste and Industry and Commerce), Seán MacEntee (Health), Jack Lynch (Education) and Aindreas O Caoimh (Attorney-General). 24 x 19cm

3102 21 March 1957  Photograph printed in The Irish Press of President Seán T. O’Kelly with members of the new Fianna Fáil government following the receipt of their Seals of Office. Depicts the following Ministers: Patrick Smith (Social Welfare), Aindreas O’Caoimh (Attorney General), Neal Blaney (Local Government), Erskine Childers (Lands), Seán MacEntee (Health), Kevin Boland (Defence), de Valera, Frank Aiken (External Affairs), Sean Lemass (Tánaiste and Industry and Commerce), Dr. James Ryan (Finance), Oscar Traynor (Justice) and Jack Lynch (Education). 1 item
3103 28 January–16 April 1957; 21 May 1958
3103 File relating to various personal gifts and souvenirs sent by members of the public to de Valera during his time as Taoiseach between March 1957 and June 1959. Comprises mainly copy letters of thanks from de Valera and includes letters on the presentation of an Irish translation of the Bible by Dr. William Bedel made to de Valera by Fr. Victor O’Carolan of the Passionist Fathers, Buenos Aires. 7 items

3104 27 May 1957– 23 May 1959
3104 File of newspaper photographs of de Valera’s attendance as Taoiseach at various functions, between May 1957 and May 1959, such as the bestowal of honorary citizenship on Sir. Alfred Chester Beatty in August 1957; the opening of an Evie Hone exhibition in University College Dublin in 1958; the opening of a play on Roger Casement in the Gaiety Theatre on 10 March 1958; the opening of the Italian opera season in the Gaiety Theatre in April 1958; the presentation of the Grand Cross of the House of Orange on behalf of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands on President Seán T. O’Kelly in January 1959 and the opening of the new headquarters of the Agricultural Institute in May 1959. 23 items

3105 29 August 1957– 10 March 1959
3105 File of newspaper photographs of various Irish and foreign guests received by Taoiseach de Valera at Government Buildings, between 1957 and March 1959. Includes pictures of Indian Ambassador Mrs. Pandit; Turkish representative to the United Nations S. Esin; Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney; Rev. Dr. Ignatius Mummadi, Bishop of Guntur, India; Rev. Dr. Joseph Parecattil, Archbishop of Ernakulam, Southern India; actor Cary Grant; Irish Army officers going to the Lebanon as observers in [July] and September 1958; Mrs. Dean Acheson, wife of the former U.S. Secretary of State; and various trade, political, cultural and medical delegations from India, Nigeria, Ceylon, Malaya, the Philippines, Holland and the U.S.A. 28 items

3106 March 1957
3106 File on the opening of SS. Philip and James School, Booterstown on 22 March 1957. Comprises correspondence between Rev. Canon E. Bateman, school manager and de Valera (11–25 March 1957, 5 items), invitation to Taoiseach de Valera to attend (March 1957, 1 item) and cutting of a photograph from The Irish Times (23 March 1957) of de Valera, Most Rev. Dr. George Otto Simms Archbishop of Dublin, Lt.-Col. Séan Brennan, A.D.C. to the Taoiseach, Rev. R.H. Bertram, curate-assistant and Rev. Canon E.M. Bateman, school manager. 7 items
3107
2 April 1957

Department of the Taoiseach memorandum headed ‘The Powers of the Central Bank’.
Divided into sections with the following headings: basic function of the Bank; unique features of the British monetary system; summary of powers available to the Bank; powers generally available to Central Banks; open market operations and lender of Last Resort – Section 7 of Central Bank Act, 1942; effect of external deficits in making Central Bank control effective; control over interest rates and the volume of bank credit; position of Central Bank in regard to changes in bank charges; Section 50 of the 1942 Act; Section 51 of the 1942 Act; the Central Bank as banker to the Government; non-traditional methods of Central Bank control; comparison between the Central Bank and Colonial Currency Boards; inclusion of domestic assets in the Legal Tender Note Fund; the question of a Money market; control over number of bank branches; banking statistics; the need for Central Bank control; and a summary.
31pp

3108
4 & 20 April 1957

Holograph letter to de Valera from Oliver Snoddy, Dunlucce Road, Clontarf, Dublin.

‘In connection with the British threat to the Gaeltacht of South Uist and the life of the crofters there, I would like to suggest that Father Morrison and his islanders be invited to occupy the now deserted Blasket Islands…For thus facilitating England a grant should be asked of her to enable the transport and rehabilitation of these great people to take place’ (4 April 1957, 1p).
Copy reply from Risteard Ó Foghlu, Private Secretary. ‘As our own people had to leave those Islands it is most unlikely that, even, if they were available for settlement, the crofters of South Uist would be prepared to occupy them…’ (20 April 1957, 1p).
2 items

3109
April & August 1957

File relating to Frank Gallagher’s The Indivisible Island (London: Gollancz) consisting of copy letter to de Valera from the Chargé d’Affaires in London analysing the reviews that appeared in British newspapers (16 April 1957, 6pp), review by Ernest Blythe published in The Leader (3 August 1957) and copy of Éire Ireland Weekly Bulletin of the Department of Foreign Affairs (No. 361, 1 April 1957) devoted to the book (13pp).
3 items

3110
29 April–11 May 1957; Newspaper cuttings on the controversy caused by de Valera’s comment at the fourth annual dinner of the Southern Branch of Blackrock College Past Pupils’ Union in April 1957, that ‘rugby was the best football game for Irishmen’. Also cuttings on de Valera’s attendance in February 1960 at the Ireland-Scotland Rugby International, ‘his first visit to a rugby match in more than 50 years, and his first ever visit to Lansdowne Road, Dublin, Irish headquarters of the game’.
10 items
3111 May 1957 Article entitled ‘A Sign of Strength’ published in The Spectator (No. 6273) (3 May 1957, 2pp) and typescript copy of a letter to the editor of the magazine from de Valera refuting the assertion in the article that the chances of negotiations to end partition were ‘small’ because ‘de Valera...is not yet in the mood even to contemplate an acceptable compromise’ (n.d., 1p). 2 items

3112 1954; May 1957 Typescript list of ‘Members nominated by the Taoiseach (Mr. Éamon de Valéra) since 29th December, 1937’ to the Seanad ([1954], 1p) and copy list of de Valera’s nominations for 1957 (15 May 1957, 1p). 2 items

3113 May–July 1957; January–December 1958 Copy letters from de Valera to Minister for Health Seán MacEntee, Minister for Industry and Commerce Seán Lemass, President Seán T. O’Kelly, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs John Ormonde. The relevant file reference numbers from the original Department of the Taoiseach files are noted on most of the letters. Some in Irish. 11 items, 1p each

3114 June 1957 Invitation to Mr. and Mrs. de Valera to the opening of the New Manuscripts Room, Trinity College, Dublin and copy of ‘Address by the Taoiseach, Éamon de Valéra, at opening of New Manuscripts Room, Trinity College, Dublin, Monday, 3rd June, 1957’ (June 1957, 3pp). 2 items

3115 19 June 1957 ‘Text of Taoiseach’s Message to Organisers of Greater Boston’s Feis, 1957’. 1p

3116 July 1957 Corrected versions of an extract from Dáil Debates, 4 July 1957, concerning the Fethard-on-Sea Boycott. 3 items
3117 8 July–3 August 1957  Copies of statements issued by de Valera following the arrest of 12 members of Sinn Féin in July 1957. ‘An attempt is being made to represent the recent arrests under the offences Against the State Acts as action aimed by the Government at “a constitutional movement”. This, of course, is utterly false and a mere pretence…The recent action by the Government was taken…because of the armed activities, causing loss of life, of certain unlawful organisations attempting to maintain military forces here in contravention of the Constitution. The twelve men arrested on the 6th July at a meeting in premises in Wicklow Street–stated to be a meeting of the Ard-Chomhairle of Sinn Féin–were arrested because they were believed to belong to an unlawful organisation.’”

5 items

3118 29 & 30 July 1957  Copy typescript letter from Con Cremin, Irish Embassy in London, to Seán Murphy, Secretary, Department of External Affairs, concerning Michael F. Doyle ‘one of the counsel who defended Casement’, his activities in London in July 1957 and Dr. O’Hara the Apostolic Delegate’s opinion that Mr. Doyle is ‘regarded as being extremely, and indeed extravagantly, given to publicity-seeking and many people think that this is the motive which inspires much of his activity…’. Letter sent by Murphy to Marie O’Kelly.

5pp

3119 13 August 1957  Note to Marie O'Kelly from James Flood, Secretary, Referee’s Office, Glasnevin, Dublin stating that he has found a printed copy of the Cumann na mBan Constitution and a report on the 1921 Annual Convention of Cumann na mBan. Also refers to Miss O’Kelly’s query relating to Mrs. Alice Ginnell [wife of Laurence Ginnell, Republican Representative to the U.S.A., November 1922–April 1923] stating that she is in receipt of a Military Service Pension.

1p

3120  [post November 1924]  Pamphlet containing the Cumann na mBan Constitution. 4pp


2 items
3122 4 April–16 July 1957  Copy correspondence and memoranda concerning the Franciscan submission to the Pope to have their Church of St. Isidore formally recognised as the Irish National Church at Rome, in connection with the celebration of the tercentenary of Fr. Luke Wadding in October 1957. Comprises copy correspondence between de Valera, Leo T. McCauley, Irish Ambassador to the Holy See, and Seán Murphy, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs; and aides-mémoires by de Valera.  8 items

3123 May–December 1957 File, mainly consisting of newspaper cuttings and photographs on de Valera’s visit to Rome in October 1957 to attend the celebrations marking the 300th anniversary of the death of Fr. Luke Wadding, O.F.M. Includes:
– black and white photograph of Fr. Augustine Sépinski, O.F.M. [Minister General of the Franciscan Order] shaking hands with Pope Pius XII. Print inscribed ‘To H.E. Eamon De Valera, Taoiseach, Chancellor N.U.I. my heartfelt gratitude. Rome, May 1st, 1957’ (1957, 18cm x 24cm);
– list of de Valera’s engagements while in Rome between 4 and 13 October 1957 (2pp);
– statement of xpenses incurred by de Valera, Dr. and Mrs. Eamonn de Valera and Máirín de Valera (15 February 1958, 1p);
– black and white Irish Press photographs (October 1957, 5 items, 20cm x 15cm each) of de Valera and a number of clergy at the airport prior to departure [and on arrival back in Dublin], as follows:
  • de Valera and His Eminence Cardinal John D’Alton Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland (at back), on the steps of their plane. In front (from left) are: [-], Robert Briscoe Lord Mayor of Dublin; Most Rev. Dr. Eugene O’Callaghan, Bishop of Clogher; Frank Aiken, Minister for External Affairs [who saw the party off with the Papal Nuncio]; Most Rev. Austin Quinn, Bishop of Kilmore; Most Rev. Dr. John Kyne, Bishop of Meath; and Most Rev. Dr. Eugene O’Doherty, Bishop of Dromore. On the steps, in front of the Taoiseach and the Cardinal are: Most Rev. Dr. Albert Levame, Papal Nuncio (left) and Most Rev. Dr. William MacNeely, Bishop of Raphoe;
  • Most Rev. Dr. Albert Levame, Papal Nuncio, Frank Aiken, de Valera and His Eminence Cardinal John D’Alton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland;
  • crowds on the tarmac waving off the plane;
  • Seán Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce, His Eminence Cardinal John D’Alton Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, de Valera, Most Rev. Dr. William MacNeely, Bishop of Raphoe, and an unidentified man standing on the tarmac in front of a plane [on arrival back in Dublin?]?
  • de Valera and Cmdt. Seán Brennan, his Aide-de-Camp [on arrival back in Dublin] getting into a car;
– black and white press photograph of de Valera with President Giovanni Gronchi of Italy at the Quirinale Palace (United Press Photo) (5 October 1957, 15cm x 20cm);
3123 contd. – black and white United Press photograph of de Valera and Dr. Eamonn de Valera at the Pontifical High Mass in the Irish Franciscan Church of St. Isidore, Rome (October 1957, 18cm x 24cm);
– black and white photographs of de Valera’s visit to the Franciscan community of St. Patrick’s, Rome (7 items, each 24cm x 18cm);
– leather-bound booklet entitled ‘Official Visit to His Holiness Pope Pius XII of His Excellency Éamon de Valera Prime Minister of Ireland. Protocol for the Solemn Reception, 4 October 1957’. Autographed on the inside cover by de Valera (1957, 10pp);
– black and white photograph of de Valera being received by Pope Pius XII. Dr. Eamonn de Valera to the left of the Pope (4 October 1957, 24cm x 18cm);
– cutting from The Irish Press reprinting the full text of the address by Pope Pius XII to de Valera during the Taoiseach’s private audience with the Pontiff at his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo. ‘In his address, in which he spoke feelingly of the “Emerald Isle”, the Holy Father devoted part to Bunreacht na h-Eireann which he described as “an instrument of prudence, justice and charity at the service of the community”. The 81-year-old Pontiff praised Ireland as “a staunch, militantly Catholic people”, which had shown its ability to “govern itself wisely and efficiently, while respecting its fraternal obligations to the other nations of the human family”’ (5 October 1957, 1 item).

3124 6 October 1957 Cutting from Orizzonti of the front cover depicting de Valera and an illustrated article on de Valera’s visit to Rome by Ettore Squarzi entitled ‘Eamon de Valera nonno dell’Irlandra’ 3pp

3125 13 & 19 October 1957 Interview with de Valera published in the New York Journal American on 13 October 1957 under the headline De Valera Sees UN as Beacon To Irish Unity. ‘Prime Minister Eamon De Valera declared today that Ireland’s partition problems can be solved if the United Nations adopts a uniform policy of national self-determination for all divided or occupied countries. In an exclusive interview with the N.Y. Journal American on the eve of his 75th birthday, De Valera also struck out against the “expedient” of partition, cited the hardships it creates. He took an affirmative stand for unity as the real solution to a nation’s internal problems. De Valera called for the restoration of Irish as the basic language of the land to furnish the bond that would preserve the country through periods of crisis. The Prime Minister’s statements were in answer to 10 questions posed to him by this newspaper.’ Also accompanied by report from The Irish Press commenting on the American interview (19 October 1947, 1p). 2 items
3126 13 & 15 October 1957 Cuttings and photographs from The Irish Times, New York Journal America and The Irish Independent of de Valera on his 75th birthday in 1957. 3 items

3127 November 1957 Typescript address of welcome presented to Taoiseach de Valera by members of the County Longford Fianna Fáil Comhairle Dáil Ceantair, on the occasion of his visit to Longford on [10 November] 1957. 1p

3128 10 January 1957– 30 May 1959 Copy letters from de Valera to members of the public concerning routine matters. Includes a letter of condolence to Max Eastman, New York, on the death of his wife (19 November 1957, 1p) and to Sir Charles Petrie, President of the Military History Society of Ireland, on the question of the restoration of Rothe House in Kilkenny (14 February 1958, 1p). Includes some communications in Irish. 34 items

3129 9 December 1957– 15 May 1958 Correspondence about the state of the Irish language in the Ring Gaeltacht, between de Valera or Marie O’Kelly, his Personal Secretary, and Dr. W.P. Bannan (Liam Ó Banáin), Durrow, Laois, Cardinal John D’Alton, Tomás Ó Laoi, Cork, and Jack Lynch, Minister for Education. 14 items

3130 12 December 1957 Article by Peter E. Kilroy entitled ‘Mr. de Valera Remains at Head of Fianna Fáil’ in The Advocate (Melbourne, Australia). ‘For some time past there has been some talk about the resignation of Mr. de Valera, and he referred to this after he had been elected president of the party which he has led for so many years, Fianna Fáil’. 1 item

3131 1957 Typescript drafts of opening remarks of de Valera’s address to a gathering of Muintir na Tire including a tribute to the late Fr. John Hayes P.P. Bansha, Co. Tipperary, founder of the organisation. In Irish and English. 2 items, 1p each
3132  1927; 1955–57  File on the appointment of Honorary Trustees of Fianna Fáil in December 1927 and the Trust’s administration between 1955 and 1957. 21 items


3134  January 1958–January 1964  File on the establishment of Rialtas Coimisiúin faoi Athbheochan na Gaeilge, a Government Commission on the Revival/Restoration of the Irish Language consisting of 33 members to consider some aspects of the language problem, in 1958. Comprises correspondence, extract from Seanad debates, lists of Commission members, newspaper reports and texts of de Valera’s speech at the first meeting of the Commission on 24 September 1958. Most of the texts are in Irish. 25 items

3135  11 March, 6 December 1958  Copy personal letters from de Valera to Leo T. McCauley, Irish Ambassador to the Holy See, concerning the news of the ‘new decoration to the President’ [the Papal decoration conferred on President Seán T. O’Kelly, either the Grand Cross Order of Pius IX, 1957, or the Gold Collar of the Pian Order, 1958] and McCauley’s ‘reports re San Clemente’ the Irish Dominican House. 2 items, 1p each

3136  1950, 1958  File on Irish soprano Margaret Burke-Sheridan (1889–1958) consisting of black and white photograph of de Valera taking tea with Margaret Burke-Sheridan (extreme right) and two unidentified ladies (1930s/1940s, 21cm x 16cm), memorandum by May Pigot, Music Assistant for Vocal Programmes, Radio Éireann, advocating the establishment of a course for singers and teachers of singers to be directed by Burke-Sheridan ‘the only Irish singer within living memory who has sung at La Scala, Milan’ (n.d., 2pp), copy letters of introduction written for the singer by de Valera and directed to James A. Farley, New York City, Fr. Timothy J. Shanley, New York City, Senator James E. Murray, Washington D.C. and William O’Dwyer, Mayor of New York (3 March 1950, 4 items, 1p each) and photograph published in the Evening Press of de Valera at the funeral of Margaret Burke-Sheridan in April 1958 (18 April 1958, 1p). 7 items
3137  1917–71  File on patriotic Capuchin priests Fr. Dominic O’Connor, chaplain to Tomás MacCurtain and Terence MacSwiney, and Fr. Albert Bibby and Fr. Aloysius Travers, who attended the leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising before their executions.

Consists of:
- St. Patrick’s Day and Easter postcards from Fr. Albert sent to de Valera ‘Irish Prisoner, Lewes Prison’ (1917, 2 items);
- holograph letter in Irish to de Valera from Fr. Albert on de Valera’s Presidency of Sinn Féin (26 October 1917, 2pp);
- copies of Fr. Albert’s last letter written on his death-bed, to de Valera (original dated 26 January 1925, 2 items, 1p each);
- accounts by de Valera and Mrs. Mary McWhorter of their memories of Fr. Albert (2 items, 1p & 5pp);
- newspaper cuttings (October 1957–June 1958, 24 items) on the reinterment of Fr. Albert and Fr. Dominic in Rochestown Monastery Cemetery, Cork, in 1958. The bodies of the two priests, who were chaplains to the Four Courts Garrison in 1922, were flown from the U.S.A. on 13 June and reinterred in Cork the following day. ‘Father Albert…had been arrested and imprisoned in 1921 and died in California in 1925 and Father Dominic had been imprisoned during the Irish fight for independence and…was killed in a road accident in 1935…Father Dominic had been a chaplain in the British Army during the first world war but resigned his commission in 1917 to return to Ireland. He was a native of Cork and with Father Albert was prominent in the Irish fight for freedom’;
- ‘Note on the Life and Work of V. Rev. Fr. Aloysius O.F.M. Cap.’ based on press notices of his death (15 May 1957, 1p);
- typescript copy of de Valera’s appreciation of Fr. Aloysius (23 May 1957, 1p);

See also P150/1659 which includes a reproduction of Erskine Childers’ farewell letter to Fr. Albert (original dated 20 November 1922); P150/975 which includes correspondence between Mrs. Mary McWhorter and de Valera on her visit to Fr. Albert shortly before his death on 14 February 1925, his funeral arrangements and the possibility of the repatriation of his remains to Ireland; Mrs. McWhorter’s memoir of Fr. Albert (n.d., 5pp) and 1938/1939 documents relating to attempts to repatriate the remains of Frs. Albert and Dominic to Ireland; P150/3627 which includes a copy of a letter to Fr. Albert from Rory O’Connor (original dated 14 August 1923, 3pp) c.75 items
Typescript copy of ‘Speech by the Taoiseach, Mr. Éamon de Valera, in proposing the toast “The Council of Irish County Associations and other Irish Societies in Britain”, at Dinner given by Council of Irish County Associations, London, Saturday, 5th July, 1958’. 3pp

Correspondence and circular appeals for subscriptions to the fund to found an ‘Amharclainne Gaeilge’ [Theatre of Remembrance to the executed leaders of 1916 and Thomas Ashe, who died on hunger strike in 1917]. Includes correspondence between de Valera and Tómás Ó Muircheartaigh, Uachtarán, Coiste na hAmharclainne Gaeilge and President of Connradh na Gaeilge. In Irish. 9 items, 1p each

File on de Valera’s trip to Lourdes in September 1958 to attend the Marian Congress, consisting of cuttings of photographs published in Irish newspapers (15–19 September 1958, 7 items) and black and white press photographs (23 items) as follows:

- Irish Press photographs of de Valera’s party in Dublin Airport, prior to their departure for France (13 September 1958, 4 items, 20cm x 15cm each):
  - Frank Aiken, Minister for External Affairs, chatting with Mrs. Sally de Valera, wife of Dr. Eamonn de Valera and the Taoiseach;
  - de Valera with his grandchildren Maire and Eamonn, children of Dr. Eamonn de Valera;
  - Frank Aiken, de Valera and Major Vivion de Valera walking across the tarmac at Dublin Airport;
  - Dr. Eamonn de Valera, the Taoiseach and Fr. Benedict O.D.C boarding the plane;
- black and white photographs of de Valera and his party on arrival in France (13 September 1958, 3 items, 21cm x 16cm each);
- Associated Press photos (14 September 1958, 3 items, 15cm x 20cm each) with the following captions on reverse:
  - ‘Eugene Cardinal Tisserand, Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals and Papal Legate to the Marion Congress at Lourdes, France, prays at the Grotto of the Apparitions in Lourdes…He is heading a large Papal Mission to the Congress’;
  - ‘Irish Prime Minister Eamon de Valera (left) and Eugene Cardinal Tisserand, Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals and Papal Legate to the Marian Congress at Lourdes, are shown during a lunch at the Hotel Excelsior in Lourdes, France…At right (back to camera) is M. Pierre Pflimlin, a former Prime Minister of France. De Valera is heading an Irish pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Marian Congress’;
‘Eamon de Valera (left), the Irish Prime Minister kisses the Episcopal Ring of Eugene Cardinal Tisserand, Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals, after lunch at the Hotel Excelsior in Lourdes, France… De Valera is heading an Irish pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Marian Congress. Cardinal Tisserand is heading a Papal Mission to the Congress’;

− two views of de Valera and Cardinal Tisserand at the lunch (14 September 1958, 2 items, 21cm x 16cm each);
− United Press International photos (16 September 1958, 3 items, 20cm x 15cm each) with captions as follows:
  • ‘Lourdes, France. In the full regalia of a Papal Legate, Eugene Cardinal Tisserand blesses the crowd gathered around Lourdes Grotto during the official procession to the Lourdes Basilica’;
  • ‘Lourdes, France. Irish leader Eamon de Valera (third from right, in centre) with Irish pilgrims in front of the Shrine of Lourdes here on Tuesday’ (depicts de Valera with his son Dr. Eamonn de Valera and William Fay, Irish Ambassador to France);
  • ‘Lourdes, France. Irish leader Eamon de Valera (centre) with Irish pilgrims during a visit to the sanctuary of the Shrine of Lourdes with Irish pilgrims on Tuesday’ (depicts de Valera speaking with William Fay, Irish Ambassador to France, and an unidentified priest);
− ‘Eamon de Valera, the Irish Prime Minister heads a procession of bishops through Lourdes, France, September 17, during the Marian Congress ceremonies. Immediately behind him are Monsignor Theas (left) and Monsignor Maury’ (Associated Press Photo, 17 September 1958, 20cm x 15cm);
− black and white print of Irish pilgrims in front of the Basilica at Lourdes (21cm x 16cm);
− black and white Irish Press photographs of de Valera’s arrival back in Ireland (September 1958, 4 items, 20cm x 15cm each):
  • de Valera being greeted by [Seán Lemass?], with Dr. Eamonn de Valera and his wife Sally in the background;
  • de Valera being escorted past a guard of honour on arrival at Dublin Airport;
  • de Valera, Mrs. Sally de Valera and her husband Dr. Eamonn de Valera, with four unidentified men [in the airport terminal?]?
  • de Valera with Fr. Benedict O.D.C., Major Vivion, de Valera, and two unidentified men;
− colour snapshots of de Valera with William Fay and his wife (September 1958, 2 items, 8cm x 8cm each).

30 items

6 October 1958

Cutting from The Irish Press on the death of Miss Anna O’Rahilly, sister of The O’Rahilly, on 6 October 1958. ‘Miss O’Rahilly was a lifelong worker in the language and national movements. She was imprisoned during the War of Independence. Her home was used as a meeting place for the Cabinet of Dail Eireann…’.

1p
November 1958  

Programme for Economic Expansion laid by the Government before each House of the Oireachtas, November, 1958  

Dublin: Stationery Office (1958, 50pp) and Economic Development, ‘a study of national development problems and opportunities…prepared by the Secretary of the Department of Finance…the views and recommendations it contains were considered by the Government in the formulation of its recently-issued Programme for Economic Expansion. The study is being published to make available the information assembled and coordinated in it to stimulate interest in the subject of national development’ (November 1958, 253pp).  

2 items, 50pp & 253pp

September–December 1958  

File consisting mainly of newspaper cuttings on de Valera’s visit to Rome between 1 and 9 November 1958 as head of Ireland’s delegation attending the Coronation of Pope John XXIII. De Valera was accompanied by Cardinal D’Alton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, and Seán MacEntee, Minister for Health. During his visit Valera visited many Irish centres and was conferred with honorary membership of the Carmelite Order. Also includes itinerary for the visit (n.d., 4pp).  

26 items

3 November 1958  

Certificate of Affiliation signed by the Prior General of the Order of the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel making de Valera an honorary member of the Carmelites, and newspaper cutting reporting the event.  

2 items

14 & 15 October, 7 December 1958  

Documents relating to de Valera’s 76th birthday in 1958. Comprises cuttings of photographs of de Valera published in Irish newspapers (14 & 15 October 1958, 2 items) and profile (7 December 1958, 1p) of de Valera by Harry Carr published in The Manchester Guardian.  

3 items, 1p each

1959 & 1960  

Foreword by de Valera and photograph of the Taoiseach as printed in the Golden Jubilee issue of The School and College Year Book 1959. Foreword in Irish. Also group photograph from The School and College Year Book 1960, including de Valera, Lord Mayor Cllr. P. Brady and Taoiseach Seán Lemass at an unidentified function (1960, 1p).  

2 items, 2pp & 1p
22 & 23 January 1959  
Newspaper reports on de Valera’s speech delivered at a concert held in the Mansion House in Dublin on 21 January 1959, to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the setting up of the First Dáil Éireann and the twenty-first anniversary of the 1937 Constitution.  

27 February 1959  
Series of black and white photographs of Taoiseach de Valera being interviewed by three unidentified American journalists/talking with unidentified American officials.  

7–13 March 1959  
Mainly newspaper reports on de Valera’s reply to comments made by the British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan on the British Government’s decision not to partition Cyprus and the Irish Government’s release of I.R.A. detainees from the Curragh Camp.  

March 1959–September 1960  
Personal correspondence between de Valera and Sir Hugh E.C. Beaver K.B.E., Managing Director of Guinness, Park Royal Brewery, London, concerning invitations to Sir Hugh’s birthday party in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin on 16 April 1959 and his retirement as Managing Director of Guinness in October 1960; the philanthropy of the Guinness family and ‘their never-failing interest in the well-being of the country’; and congratulations to de Valera on his appointment as President of Ireland in 1959.  

15 March 1959  
Typescript extract from a speech by de Valera at Mullingar.  

‘These happenings, the mine explosion and the shooting, make it necessary for me to state, lest there should be any misunderstanding or any misleading of our young people, that the release of those detained at the Curragh involves no change in the position of the Government in regard to illegal groups or illegal activities.’  

30 March 1959  
Photographs published in Irish newspapers of Taoiseach de Valera taking the salute outside the G.P.O. in Dublin during the Easter military parade and inspecting the guard of honour of the 3rd Curragh Battalion at the parade.  

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3153 April 1959, February 1961 Correspondence relating to the interim settlement between the Irish and British National Galleries, relating to Sir Hugh Lane’s bequest of part of his collection of modern paintings to the National Gallery of Ireland. Comprises copy letters from de Valera to Lord Moyne, Castleknock, Co. Dublin, Prof. Thomas Bodkin, Birmingham, and Lord Longford, London, originally enclosing a draft memorandum of agreement ‘for negotiation between the Commissioners of Public Works and the Trustees of the British National Gallery in relation to the Lane Pictures’ and seeking their observations on the document (1 April 1959, 3 items, 1p each) and copy letter from de Valera to John A. Costello, T.D. on the redrafting of clauses in the agreement, upon receipt of replies from the aforementioned (8 April 1959, 1p); and further copy letters to Lords Longford and Moyne and Prof. Bodkin (18 April 1959, 3 items, 1p each). Also includes cutting from The Irish Independent on the conferral of honorary degrees by the National University of Ireland on Frank Pakenham the Earl of Longford, Prof. Thomas Bodkin and Lord Moyne in recognition of ‘their efforts in securing the return of the Lane Pictures’ (18 February 1961, 1 item). 8 items

3154 2 February–11 April 1959 Copy correspondence and newspaper cuttings on the official opening of Ard-Scoil Mhuire, Derrybeg, Co. Donegal, by de Valera on 4 April 1959, the first college ‘to qualify for a grant under the new scheme of Roinn na Gaeltacht to promote secondary training in Irish speaking areas’. Correspondence is between officials of Roinn na Gaeltachta and the Department of Education, de Valera and Fr. Aodh Ó Cnáimhsí. Communications mainly in Irish. 19 items

3155 1951–59 File on the Ministry of Agriculture’s establishment of the Agricultural Institute [An Foras Talúntais] financed from Marshall Aid Grant Counterpart Monies. Includes:
− ‘Department of Agriculture. Proposals for an Institute of Agricultural Education’. Annotated ‘T. Walsh’ on cover (September 1951, 26pp & 11pp);
− Department of the Taoiseach ‘Summary Statement of Proposals for the Utilisation of Grant Counterpart’ (26 April 1954, 1p) and ‘Schemes for the Utilisation of the Grant Counterpart Fund of approximately £6,142,000’ (26 April 1954, 3pp);
− Department of the Taoiseach memorandum entitled ‘Proposed Institute of Agricultural Education and Research. Brief History of the Project’ from 1949 to date (24 May 1954, 5pp) and accompanying details of the Proposed Institute sent to the American authorities on 16 March 1953 as noted in the history and entitled ‘Project 11. Ireland. Utilisation of American Grant Counterpart Fund. Supporting Statement on Proposal for Provision of an Agricultural Institute’ (n.d., 10pp);
3155 contd. – ‘Agricultural Institute. Record of Discussion in Taoiseach’s Room on 26th May, 1954’ (May 1954, 7pp & 5pp);
– ‘Macra na Feirme. A Scheme for Agricultural Research and Education, designed by the Educational Sub-Committee of Macra na Feirme and Approved by the National Executive Committee, Recommended by the Provisional Council of the National Farmers’ Association, Subject to the Decision of the 1st Council’ (April 1955, 4pp) and ‘Memo from Mr. Seán Moylan re Macra na Feirme Memorandum’ (6 May 1955, 3pp);
– covering letter (2 August 1955, 1p) to de Valera from Taoiseach John A. Costello enclosing a confidential memorandum ‘with appendices, giving the historical background of the proposals for the establishment of an Agricultural Institute, the development of the matter since 1949 and an outline of the present proposals. You will, I think, agree that the proposals show a continuity of policy despite the changes of Government that have occurred. They are intended to form a basis for discussion with the various interested parties, some of whom were assured by you that they would be consulted before a final decision on details was reached’ (60pp) and de Valera’s acknowledgement of receipt (5 August 1955, 1p);
– typescript draft and published versions of a series of articles on the proposed Institute written by de Valera and published between 15 and 20 August 1955 in The Irish Press under the by-line of ‘Special Correspondent’ (August 1955, 12 items);
– covering letter (2 November 1955, 1p) to de Valera from John A. Costello, Taoiseach, enclosing a revised scheme following the ‘considerable amount of criticism, on various grounds, from the interests concerned’ on the proposals issued by the Government on 14 August (9pp);
– copies of ‘documents concerning the decisions of the Dairy Science Faculty, Academic Council and Governing Body of University College, Cork, on the Draft Outline of the proposed Agricultural Institute Bill’ sent by the U.C.C. Registrar to de Valera as Chancellor of the National University of Ireland (November 1955, 5 items);
– newspaper reports (24 June 1955–3 January 1956, 71 items) on:
• the proposal to establish an Agricultural Institute;
• the Government’s consultations with the universities and relevant bodies such as the National Farmers’ Association and Macra na Feirme;
• the progress of the Government’s White Paper on the proposed Agricultural Institute and criticism from various sectors including Dr. Alfred O’Rahilly, former President of University College Cork; the Agricultural Institute Commission established by Macra na Feirme and the National Farmers’ Association, including Most Rev. Dr. Cornelius Lucey, Bishop of Cork; the Veterinary Medical Association of Ireland; Dr. Michael Tierney, President of University College Dublin; the National Agricultural and Industrial Development Authority and Professor H. St. J. Atkins, President of University College Cork;
– ‘Agricultural Institute Bill. Second Reading Speech’ (n.d., 6pp);
3155 contd – Bill entitled An Act to provide for the establishment of an institute for agricultural research to be known as An Foras Talúntais and to provide for other matters connected therewith. Passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas, 12th February, 1957 (Agricultural Institute Bill, 1957) (1957, 10pp) and – commemorative booklet to accompany the Foundation Ceremony of An Foras Talúntais [The Agricultural Institute] on 19 May 1959. Outlines its functions, organisation and development and lists its staff members (1959, 20pp). 118 items

42. PRESIDENTS OF IRELAND

I. Dr. Douglas Hyde (1938 – 45)

3156 1894–1927 Dissociated documents dating between 1894 and 1927, relating to Dr. Douglas Hyde [Dubhglas de hÍde], first President of Ireland. Includes letters from Frank O’Connor concerning stories he has sent to him (1894 & 1896, 2 items); press cutting from an American or Canadian newspaper captioned Dr. Douglas Hyde, Sketch of an Eminent Irish Author Who Spent Some Time in New Brunswick (n.d., 1 item); letters to Dr. Hyde from The O’Conor Don and Elizabeth de Lafaulotte, France, concerning the lady’s genealogy (November 1924, 4 items) and black and white photographic prints (originally found in an envelope addressed to Mrs. De Valera and labelled ‘Hyde Cartoons’) of political cartoons by ‘Fitzpatrick’ relating to the Irish language and the Gaelic League. The cartoons are numbered 212–216 (possibly numbers in an auction catalogue?) (n.d., 5 items, 16cm x 22cm each). Some letters in Irish. See P150/136 for a photograph of Mrs. de Valera being presented to Dr. Douglas Hyde, at an unknown state function [possibly the President’s Inauguration in 1938] & print of Dr. Douglas Hyde, de Valera and Mrs. de Valera; P150/1603 for a photograph of delegates at the World Congress of the Irish Race held at Paris in January 1922, including Lord Ashbourne, de Valera, the Duke of Tetuan [The O’Donnell], Countess Markievicz and Douglas Hyde 14 items
File of documents relating to Dr. Douglas Hyde’s term of office as President of Ireland. Includes:

- documents relating to his installation as President on 25 June 1938, including drafts of de Valera’s address (June 1938, 9 items);
- printed reproduction of a photograph of ‘Douglas Hyde, D.Litt., Dean of the Faculty of Celtic Studies, N.U.I., First Professor of Modern Irish Literature, University College, Dublin, 1909–31, Emeritus Professor, 1932, President of Ireland, 1938’ (n.d., 1p);
- holograph letters from ‘An Craoibhín’ to de Valera;
- documents on the meeting of the Council of State on 8 January 1940 to discuss ‘Whether the Offences Against the State (Amendment) Bill, 1940 should be referred by the President to the Supreme Court under Article 26 of the Constitution for a decision on the question as to whether the Bill is repugnant to the Constitution or to any provision thereof’ (January 1940, 5 items);
- black and white studio portrait of Dr. Hyde inscribed ‘Dubhglas de h-Íde, Uachtarán na hÉireann, 1940’ in his own hand and sent to de Valera in August 1940 (23cm x 33cm including mount, 18cm x 25cm excluding mount);
- press photograph of the President presenting the seal of office to Taoiseach de Valera (1 July 1943, 1 item);
- book entitled Cnuasacht de Phictiúirí Stairiúla arna bunú as An Dr. Dubhglas de hÍde Uachtarán na hÉireann containing a catalogue of a small collection of portraits, pictures and objects ‘of historical events, illustrative of the struggle of Ireland throughout the centuries to assert its nationhood and the right of its people to develop their own culture’. Inscribed by Dr. Hyde for de Valera, 26 May 1945 (1944, 59pp);
- holograph draft of de Valera’s address on the retirement of Dr. Hyde from the Presidency (1945, 1p);
- excerpts from a paper on Dr. Hyde read by Rita Dorr at a meeting of the Old I.R.A. Literary and Debating Society in Dublin, and printed in the Roscommon Herald in November 1964 (21 & 28 November 1964, 2 items).

Some items in Irish. 35 items
II. Seán T. Ó Ceallaigh (1945 – 59)

3158 26 August 1919– Corresponence between de Valera and Mrs. Cáit [Mary Kate] O’Kelly [wife of Seán T.] mainly on the suggested use of Habeas Corpus to secure the release of her husband but also including earlier letters written from Paris in 1919 and letter written from Toulon in 1925.
9 items

3159 1939 Black and white snapshot of Seán T. O’Kelly, [Mrs. Phyllis O’Kelly] and an unidentified man sitting in deckchairs. Typed on reverse is the following ‘Memorial Day, 1939. Suffolk Downs, East Boston, Mass. U.S.A.’ 8cm x 12cm

3160 mid-late 1940s–1965 Miscellaneous black and white photographs and sketches of Seán T. O’Kelly (1882–1966) as follows:
– snapshot of O’Kelly and Mrs. Phyllis O’Kelly in Lourdes in August 1965. ‘Seán T. & a Bhean Lourdes, 1965–lúnasa’ noted on reverse (August 1965, 8cm x 9cm);
– de Valera, President Seán T. O’Kelly and [Cardinal Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster] outside Áras an Uachtarán. © Aida Photos, Pearse Street, Dublin (mid-late 1940s, 16cm x 21cm);
– President Seán T. O’Kelly with Pope Paul VI during a private audience in the Vatican. Frank Aiken in the background. (1963, 23cm x 18cm);
– mounted reproduction of a portrait (pencil & pastels) of President Seán T. O’Kelly by Seán O’Sullivan, R.H.A.. Inscribed by O’Kelly to de Valera and Mrs. de Valera (original dated 1949, 21cm x 28cm including mount, 14cm x 20cm excluding mount).
See also P150/2939 for file on Pope Paul VI (1963–78); P150/3279 for file on de Valera’s visit to Rome to attend the coronation of Pope Paul VI in 1963.
4 items

3161 5 January 1930– Personal letters to de Valera from Seán T. O’Kelly (1883–1966), President of Éire (1945–49) and President of the Republic of Ireland (1949–59) on a variety of subjects including General Seán MacEoin’s return to Ireland from a three month tour of the U.S.A (1930); the Irish Government’s donation of one million pounds to the Irish Red Cross for famine relief in Bengal (1943); O’Kelly’s decision to leave politics–‘Mar sin de caithfidh mé gach oifig atá agam i bFhíanna Fáil d’fhágaint. Is cóir dom círghé as leas-Uachtaráinacht Fianna Fáil agus as an gComhlucht san Dáil. Deinim é sin anois go fóirmearmhaíl. Bhí mé im’ iontaoibhí i Fianna Fáil le
tamall fresin agus is cóir dom eirghe as an oifig sin san am céadna. An briseadh seo lem’ cáirdibh in bFhianna Fáil, cuireann sé aithmhéal orm…I rith mo shaoghal ní bhfuair mé ó aon fhear eile ariamh an cineáltais móir a fuair me uait fèin…” (15 June 1945, 2p.); invitations to various receptions in the Áras (1957–59) and good wishes.

Also includes envelope addressed to Kathleen O’Connell, 22 Elgin Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin containing official Christmas cards sent by President Seán T. O’Kelly and Mrs. Phylis O’Kelly between 1945 and 1951 (excluding 1948) (1945–51, 6 items). Most communications are holograph and in Irish.

See also P150/1261 for documents relating to the appointment and activities of Seán T. O’Kelly as Republican government Representative in the U.S.A. (1924–25); P150/2567 for letter to de Valera from Seán T. O’Kelly to de Valera following his [O’Kelly’s] arrival in the U.S.A. in May 1939 describing his ‘activities and impressions’; P150/2686 for file on the 1945 Presidential Election; P150/3784 on the financial administration of The Nation newspaper 24 items

Newspaper articles on the conferring of the degrees of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, on the President and Mrs. Seán T. O’Kelly by the National University of Ireland on 3 April 1952. Includes pictures of de Valera as N.U.I. Chancellor, signing the degrees. 2 items

Newspaper article headed ‘The President and the Future’ by Donal Barrington. ‘As Head of the State he holds an office of great prestige and dignity and has shown how a man can rise above party politics so as to succeed in inspiring confidence in all. As the Constitution requires that next year we must choose a new President, Hibernia presents this special exclusive article outlining the office and importance of The Presidency. 1 item

File relating to the highest honour bestowed by the Papacy, the Supreme Order of Christ. Comprises memoranda and copy letters on the possibility of obtaining the Supreme Order of Christ for President Seán T. O’Kelly in 1959, between Taoiseach de Valera, Leo T. McCauley, Irish Ambassador to the Holy See and Con Cremin, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs; and notes on the various Papal Orders listing the dates on which each order was bestowed on de Valera and Seán T. O’Kelly. De Valera was made a Knight of the Grand Cross of the Pian Order by Pope Pius XI when he visited Rome during the Holy Year in 1933 and he was made a member of the Supreme Order of Christ by Pope John XXIII when he paid a state visit to Rome at the end of the Patrician Year in 1962. 9 items
3165

3 July–9 August 1961; November, December 1963

Series of biographical articles published daily in The Irish Press entitled Memoirs of Seán T. O’Kelly] (3 July–9 August 1961, 32 items), letters to the Editor on the series (4 items) and newspaper cuttings on the publication of the book Seán T in December 1963 (November & December 1963, 5 items). 41 items

3166

November–December 1966

File on the death of former President of Ireland Seán T. O’Kelly on 23 November 1966, consisting of:
– newspaper reports on the death and state funeral (24, 25 November 1966, 7 items);
– ceremonial order for the state funeral (24 November 1966, 6pp);
– biographical information on O’Kelly (3 items);
– unedited typescript ‘Text of President de Valera’s Tribute to the late Mr. Ó Ceallaigh–broadcast from Radio-Telefís Éireann 23.11.1966’ (5pp);
– letters to Marie O’Kelly and de Valera on the death of the former President including holograph letter from Mrs. Phyllis O’Kelly thanking de Valera for his friendship with her late husband–‘I want to thank you for all you did at his death, to be there for his last moments and to attend all the funeral ceremonies. As well as Mrs. De Valera, down to the last in Glasnevin. You spoke so beautifully about him on Telefís and Radio. You sent a lovely wreath. For all that I wish to thank you most warmly and sincerely. Seán would have appreciated all that you did as much as I did and it helped me a great deal’ (14 December 1966, 2pp);
– formal messages of condolence to de Valera from various diplomats and heads of state including General Charles de Gaulle; Paolo Canali, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Italy; Helmut Lemke, President of the Federal Republic of Germany; Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, President of India; and Rt. Rev. Dr. Derek Worlock, Bishop of Portsmouth. Also some copy letters of thanks from de Valera (2 & 8 December 1966, 13 items). 37 items

3167

23 November 1966

Copy of Radio Éireann reel to reel tape entitled An t-Uachtaráin–tribute to the late Sean T. O Cheallaigh.

Recorded: 23 November 1966. Speed: 3 (inches per second). BASF 13cm/5 inch spool. 1 item
43. DE VALERA’S PRESIDENCY, 1959 - 73

I. Election and inauguration, June 1959

3168 15–19 May 1959 File relating to de Valera’s procurement of a Certificate of Nationality under Section 28 of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act, in the context of the question of his eligibility for election as President of Ireland. Comprises correspondence between de Valera and Oscar Traynor, Minister for Justice, copies of the Certificate of Nationality and typescript copy affidavit of de Valera giving biographical details with special reference to his citizenship and his permanent place of residence between 1885 and 1959. 8 items

3169 May–June 1959 Note (5 June 1959, 1p) to Marie O’Kelly from Alfred Rive, Canadian Ambassador to Ireland, enclosing the editorial page from The Ottawa Journal containing an article on de Valera’s bid for the Presidency of Ireland (28 May 1959, 1p). Also acknowledgement from Miss O’Kelly (6 June 1959, 1p). 3 items

3170 7 & 13 June–3 July 1959 File of pages and cuttings from Irish newspapers on Taoiseach de Valera’s attendance at the final Fianna Fáil rally before the Referendum on the Third Amendment of the Constitution, ‘the last occasion on which Mr. de Valera will speak to the citizens of Dublin at a public meeting of this nature’, his resignation as Taoiseach and Fianna Fáil’s nomination of Seán Lemass as his successor; and de Valera’s election to the Presidency of Ireland on 19 June 1959. Also poster reading Final Rally. De Valera Speaks at College Green Monday Next 15 June at 8.30p.m., annotated in pencil by Marie O’Kelly ‘Last appearance as “politician” Inaugurated as President – 25/6/59’ (June 1959, 50cm x 75cm) and ‘Letters exchanged between Chief and F.F. Executive and Party re his resigning as President of Fianna Fáil (Important)’ (20 June–3 July 1959, 4 items, 1p each). 27 items

3171 June 1959 Souvenir menu to accompany the Fleadh Chinn-Bhliana Fianna Fáil held in the Queen’s Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare on 21 June 1959. Autographed by de Valera. 1 item
3172 1930s–1959  File on proportional representation and Fianna Fáil’s unsuccessful attempt to abolish the system by referendum in June 1959. Consists of extracts from speeches by de Valera at La Scala Theatre in May 1926; during the 1938 general election campaign; and during and after the 1943 general election campaign (29 items). ‘Notes on Proportional Representation’ (n.d., 3pp), newspaper reports on P.R. (6 July–5 December 1949, 8 items), 6-part series entitled ‘P.R. in Ireland’ by Proinsias MacAonghusa published in The Irish Times between 20 and 15 April 1959 (April 1959, 6 items) and documents relating to the Third Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1958. 93 items

3173 January 1958–June 1959  File on the 1959 Presidential election campaign, between de Valera and Fine Gael’s official candidate General Seán MacEoin, T.D.. Comprises mainly newspaper cuttings on de Valera’s decision to run for the Presidency and his nomination by Fianna Fáil (10 January 1958–15 June 1959, 54 items) and drafts of biographical notes on de Valera for use in official campaign publicity material. Also includes page from The Irish Independent announcing the results of the election (19 June 1959, 1 item) and official notification of de Valera’s election to the Presidency, sent to the Taoiseach and de Valera (19 June 1959, 2 items). 76 items

3174 1959  Printed presidential election campaign material. Comprises:
– campaign poster—For President Vote 1 De Valera and larger version of same (1959, 2 items, 38cm x 50cm & 50cm x 75cm);
– campaign pamphlet in news sheet format, containing illustrated biographical sketch of de Valera entitled ‘Landmarks in a Great Career’. ‘For President On June 17th, on your White Ballot Paper Vote 1 De Valera’ (1959, 4pp). 3 items

3175 1945; 1959; 1964–68  File on Seán MacEoin (1894–1973) including ‘A Message from Sean MacEoin’ in the 1945 Presidential election campaign (1945, 4pp); 1959 Presidential election campaign address by MacEoin to electors (2pp); press cuttings arising out of a television interview given by Seán MacEoin on 4 February 1964 (6–19 February 1964, 9 items) and letter headlined The Civil War: Attack on Four Courts was not the beginning by MacEoin published in the Evening Herald (29 June 1966, 1 item). 15 items
18–26 June 1959

Telegrams of congratulation to de Valera on his inauguration as President in June 1959 from world leaders and heads of state as follows:

- Izhak Benzvi, President of Israel;
- Paul Chaudet, President of Switzerland;
- Charles de Gaulle, President of France;
- Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the U.S.A.;
- Francisco Franco, Spanish Head of State;
- Giovanni Gronchi, of Italy;
- Theodor Heuss, President of the Federal Republic of Germany;
- Constantin Karamanlis, Prime Minister of Greece;
- Rajendra Prasad, President of India;
- Dr. Adolf Schauer, President of Austria;
- Kliment Voroshilov, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

13 items

March–June 1959

File on the organisation of the Presidential inauguration ceremony of Eamon de Valera held on 25 June 1959 in St. Patrick’s Hall, Dublin Castle. Comprises mainly copy invitations to members of the Hierarchy of various denominations, notes for arrangements for the ceremony, drafts of Taoiseach Seán Lemass’ address and de Valera’s reply on the occasion including copies of the President Seán T. O’Kelly’s reply for the years 1938, 1945 and 1952.

83 items

‘Tapes re Inauguration of the President of Ireland, 25/6/59. Nine tapes containing full inauguration ceremonies–speeches etc., news bulletins covering inauguration and various features and talks–all done on day of inauguration on Radio Éireann.’

Series of nine BASF open reels 18cm/7 inch spool, 366m/1,200 feet.

Note: order of tapes may not be correct

Label: Presidential Inauguration: Description of State Ball, Dublin Castle
Reel No.: 1 (H.2245) of 1
Date recorded: 14 January 1960
Time on Reel: 14' 10"
Total Time of Programme: 14' 10"
Checked By: P.G. O’R.
Transmission Date: 25 June 1959
Programme Section: C.P.
Reel starts: Leader tape: Táimid thar nais…
Reel ends: Speech: Thar nais go tdí an studio. Leader tape. 14' 10"
Special Instructions: Recorded during Transmission (DAOH)
3179
Label: The Presidency and the Presidents
Reel No.: 1 (H.2246) of 2
Date recorded: 14 January 1960
Time on Reel: 25' 55"
Total Time of Programme: 41' 45"
Checked By: --
Transmission Date: --
Programme Section: C.P.
Reel starts: Leader tape: ‘Radio Éireann’…
Reel ends: Speech: This is what she said. Leader tape: 25' 55"
Special Instructions: Continued on tape H.2247 (JRB) recorded on 23 June 1959 by JRB

3180
Label: The Presidency and the Presidents
Reel No.: 2 (H.2247) of 2
Date recorded: 14 January 1960
Time on Reel: 15' 50"
Total Time of Programme: 41' 45"
Checked By: --
Transmission Date: --
Programme Section: C.P.
Reel starts: Leader tape: It was the turn of the Irish
Reel ends: Music. Leader tape. 15' 50"
Special Instructions: Continued from H.2246 (JRB) recorded on 23 June 1959 by JRB

3181
Label: Nuacht (6.01pm.) and News (6.30 p.m.) including reports of President’s Inauguration
Reel No.: 1 (H.2248) of 1
Date recorded: 12 January 1960
Time on Reel: 23' 20"
Total Time of Programme: 23' 20"
Checked By: P.G. O’R
Transmission Date: 25 June 1959
Programme Section: C.P.
Reel starts: Radio Éireann
Reel ends: That is the end of the news
Special Instructions: Copy of original recording

3182
Label: Votive Mass President’s Inauguration
Reel No.: 1 (H.2249) of 2
Date recorded: 13 January 1960
Time on Reel: 32' 40"
Total Time of Programme: --
3182 contd. Checked By: P.G. O’R
Transmission Date: 25 June 1959
Programme Section: C.P.
Reel starts: agus anois annso
Reel ends: Chanting of the Creed.
Special Instructions: Manual changeover to H.2250 (2 of 2)

3183 Label: Votive Mass President’s Inauguration
Reel No.: 2 (H.2250) of 2
Date recorded: 13 January 1960
Time on Reel: 32' 30"
Total Time of Programme: 65' 10"
Checked By: P.G. O’R
Transmission Date: 25 June 1959
Programme Section: C.P.
Reel starts: Dominus vobiscum
Reel ends: Organ music (Faded out)
Special Instructions: --

Reel No.: 1 (H.2010) of 1
Date recorded: 14 January 1960
Time on Reel: 29' 20"
Total Time of Programme: 29' 20"
Checked By: P.G. O’R
Transmission Date: 25 June 1959
Programme Section: C.P.
Reel starts: Leader tape: Dia is Muire dibh…
Reel ends: Speech: That is the end of the news. Leader tape. 29' 20"
Special Instructions: Recorded during Transmission (DAOH)

3185 Label: Inauguration of President of Ireland
Reel No.: 1 (H.2011) of 2
Date recorded: 25 June 1959
Time on Reel: 24' 20"
Total Time of Programme: 47' 40"
Checked By: P.G. O’R
Transmission Date: 25 June 1959
Programme Section: C.P.
Reel starts: I am speaking to you now…
Reel ends: Mr. Eamon de Valera is now President of Ireland
Special Instructions: Copied from original 7.1.60. JRB
3186 Label: Inauguration of the President of Ireland
Reel No.: 2 (H.2003) of 2
Date recorded: 25 June 1959
Time on Reel: 23' 20"
Total Time of Programme: 47' 40"
Checked By: P.G. O’R
Transmission Date: 25 June 1959
Programme Section: C.P.
Reel starts: Address by Chief Justice
Reel ends: With that I return you to the studio
Special Instructions: --

3187 25–27 June 1959
Newspaper cuttings on de Valera’s inauguration as President of the Republic of Ireland held on 25 June 1959 and his first official function as President the following day—presenting scholarships to the children of Gardaí, under Sceim Scoláireachtaí Ghardaí na Príomhchathrach, in the Garda Depot in the Phoenix Park, Dublin. Also album of black and white photographs recording de Valera’s visit to Garda Headquarters on 26 July and the presentation of the scholarships (9 photographs in album) and large black and white print of de Valera presenting a scholarship to a little girl, captioned on front ‘Pres. of Gaeltacht Scholarships by President de Valera at Phoenix Park Depot, Irish Press Photo. 6154R’ and labelled on reverse by Marie O’Kelly ‘First official function of Pres. de Valera as President’ (June 1959, 37cm x 29cm).
17 items

3188 29 June 1959
Copy of Éire/Ireland. Weekly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs on the inauguration of de Valera as the third President of Ireland on 25 June 1959.
8pp

3189 [1959]
American article on de Valera and his inauguration as President of Ireland in June 1959, entitled ‘Irish Sensation–Dev's Top Hat’ by Anne O’Neill-Barna. Publication unknown.
4pp

3190 July 1959
Profile of de Valera by Lord Pakenham, published in Hibernia (Vol. 23, No. 7), following his election as President of Ireland.
1p
[between 1951 and 1959] Typescript list of titles and lyrics of ‘Selected Suitable Songs’ in Irish and English. Occasion unknown. Taken from ‘official file S.8607’. 44pp

II. First term, July 1959 – June 1966

1960 & [post 1968] ‘Approved Draft’ of ‘Biographical Notes’ on ‘An tUachtarán Éamon de Valera’ (1960, 2pp) and ‘Biographical Notes’ or ‘Curriculum Vitae’ for Eamon de Valera and Sinéad Bean de Valera consisting of summary biographical details on both (n.d. (post 1968), 2 items, 1p each). 4pp

[post 1972] Typescript lists relating to aspects of the period 1959–73, detailing the following:
– ‘Functions which President attended and at which he may have spoken’ (n.d., 8pp);
– ‘Distinguished Foreign Visitors—(Those who stayed as guests at Áras or were entertained there are so shown)’ (n.d., 6pp);
– ‘Organisations and Bodies of which President receives members of representatives’ (n.d., 3pp);
– ‘Organisations and Bodies of which President de Valera receives officials, representatives or groups from time to time during his terms of office’ (n.d., 6pp);
– ‘Organisations and events of which the President was Patron’ (n.d., 1p);
– ‘Na h-Imeachtaí go mbíonn an tUachtarán ag freastal orthu go rialta’ (12 December 1972, 1p) and ‘Imeachtaí go raibh sé ag freastail orthu 1959–72’ (12 December 1972, 5pp);
7 items

November 1959–25 November 1974 File relating to various personal gifts and souvenirs sent by members of the public and various organisations to de Valera during his two terms of office as President of Ireland, from June 1959 to June 1973 and personal gifts given by de Valera to various individuals. Comprises mainly letters to de Valera sent with the various presents and copy letters of thanks.

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The gifts referred to include:

- a piece of Irish silver and a portrait of Mrs. Sinéad de Valera by Seán O’Sullivan given by the Taoiseach Seán Lemass in January 1960;
- de Valera’s donation towards two stained glass windows in the new chapel of the Mount Oliver Mother House of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa, Dundalk in November 1960;
- two walking sticks for de Valera and Mrs. de Valera handmade by Harry Canning, a retired groom from Derry;
- de Valera’s donation of an old pair of glasses to the Famous People’s Eye Glasses Museum in November 1962;
- de Valera’s presentation of an inscribed gold chalice to Fr. Patrick Molloy S.D.B., on the occasion the silver jubilee of his ordination in July 1963;
- a pair of inscribed gold cuff links from Shell–British Petroleum, in connection with the silver jubilee celebrations at Shannon Airport in September 1964;
- two copies of ‘Keatings’ history of Ireland, and also of the later history of Ireland by Abbe MacGeoghehan’ sent to de Valera by Senator Edgar J. Keating of Missouri in March 1966;
- the key to the city of San Diego ‘as a token of our friendship and the very high esteem for you and your people’ sent by the Mayor of San Diego Frank Curran in May 1967;
- a set of specially designed coins from the people and Government of the Republic of Zambia in 1968;
- a photograph of the baptismal fount in St. Agnes’s Church, the church in which de Valera was baptised in 1882 [the Parish Shrine and Mission Church of St. Agnes, East 43rd Street, New York];
- a commemorative pen ‘fashioned in part from the Atlas booster rocket which put Astronaut John Glenn into orbit’ presented to de Valera in October 1968 by the Parker Pen Company;
- the globe given by de Valera to Michael Dargan, General Manager of Aer Lingus in 1968 [de Valera and Joe Walsh used it to ‘get a rough idea of the relative distances of the Shannon from various points in Europe’ when they were discussing the possibility of making Ireland ‘a sort of terminus for European-American air travel’];
- the presentation of the silver spade de Valera used to turn the first sod on the site of the new Science building of University College Dublin on 7 June 1962, to the College authorities for display in the new building;
- a replica of the disc left on the surface of the moon by the Apollo 11 astronauts in July 1969, containing messages of goodwill from various world nations including Ireland, sent to de Valera in November 1969 by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;
- a pin box made by one of the workers on the Kilmainham jail restoration project in 1970, from one of the beams in the old jail chapel, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of de Valera’s escape from Lincoln jail;

See also P150/3 for file on the Parish Shrine and Mission Church of St. Agnes, East 43rd Street, New York

117 items
3195 13 September 1960–8 December 1962 File of affiliation scrolls and correspondence relating to the conferral of honorary membership of various religious orders on President de Valera. Includes Certificate of Affiliation signed by the Superior General of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers making de Valera an honorary member of the order and associated correspondence between de Valera and Fr. Frank Griffin C.S.Sp. Irish Superior General, relating to the honour (13–27 September 1960, 4 items) and Certificate of Affiliation signed by the Abbot of Mount Mellory, Waterford [Cistercians] (November/December 1962, 1p). 9 items

3196 October 1963–June 1968; February 1970 Official printed notes of acknowledgement sent by President de Valera and Mrs. Sinéad de Valera in respect of birthday greetings between October 1963 and June 1968. Messages of thanks in both Irish and English. Also includes acknowledgement cards sent to various well-wishers following de Valera’s illness in September 1964, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising in 1966 and on the occasion of the de Valera’s 60th Wedding Anniversary in 1970. 8 items

3197 [1948]; 3 June 1959–September 1967 Personal correspondence between de Valera and Lord Iveagh, mainly concerning invitations to various functions and messages of good will and congratulations. Includes text of message of condolence sent by President de Valera to Lord Iveagh following the death of his wife in February 1966 (1p) and letter of thanks from Lady Iveagh’s grandson Lord Elveden (22 February 1966, 1p), press cuttings on the death of Lord Iveagh in September 1967 (19 September 1967, 3 items) and letter of thanks from the late Earl’s grandson, Lord Iveagh (22 September 1967, 1p). Also accompanied by black and white print taken at the conferral of honorary degrees on Rupert Guinness Lord Iveagh (seated), de Valera in his Chancellor’s robes, Louise Gavan Duffy [sister of George Gavan Duffy], Seán Lester and Professor Jeremiah Hogan ([2 July 1948], 22cm x 16cm). See also P150/1428 for black and white print taken at the conferral of honorary degree on Rupert Guinness Lord Iveagh 22 items

3198 1959–64; 1969; 1972 & May 1973 Correspondence mainly between de Valera and Prof. Tomáš Ó Fiaich, St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth; and newspaper reports relating to Cumann na Sagart and Glór na nGael. Correspondence in Irish. 30 items
3199 [August] 1959 Typescript ‘Points from President de Valera’s address in opening the Rural Week of Muintir na Tire 1959’. 3pp

3200 August 1959 Newspaper photograph of President and Mrs. Sinéad de Valera at the opening of the new parish church at Cross, Co. Clare on [15] August 1959. Also letter of thanks to de Valera for his attendance and copy letter of thanks from de Valera to the local curate concerning the visit. 3 items

3201 September 1959 File on the death of Fr. Cornelius Mangan, C.SS.R. in September 1959, ‘a renowned preacher, an enthusiast for the revival of the Irish language, and friend of the leaders of the Independence Movement’. Comprises cutting from an unidentified newspaper on Fr. Mangan’s death and holograph letter to de Valera from Fr. C. McNiffe, C.SS.R. thanking de Valera for his visit to Fr. Mangan during his illness and his expression of sympathy on Fr. Mangan’s death (17 September 1959, 2pp). Encloses newspaper cutting on the funeral. Also includes reply from President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly (28 September 1959, 1p).

See also P150/449 for correspondence and accounts concerning a walking stick presented by President de Valera to Limerick City Museum. The stick was used by Fr. Mangan, to protect a Volunteer from a hostile crowd outside Limerick train station in May 1915 4 items

3202 October–December 1959 File of newspaper photographs of functions attended by President de Valera. 26 items

3203 11–21 October 1959 Correspondence between President de Valera and Sir John Wheeler-Bennett, K.C.O. C.M.G. O.B.E. on his meeting with de Valera and the President’s recollections of Sir John Anderson (1882–1958) (Under-Secretary for Ireland, 1920–21). 3 items

3204 12 October 1959 Copy letter of thanks from de Valera to Pope John XXIII, upon receipt of the Pope’s message of congratulations on de Valera’s entering upon office as President of Ireland in June 1959. 1p
P150/ Eamon de Valera Papers

3205 October 1959 Black and white official press photograph of President de Valera on the telephone, taken to mark his 77th birthday in October 1959. © The Irish Press. With note on reverse ‘Taken by Colman Doyle’.
See also P150/3206 for cutting of this photo as printed in The Irish Press on 14 October 1959 23cm x 29cm

3206 14 October 1959 Newspaper cuttings containing photographs of the President on his 77th birthday in October 1959. 2 items

3207 October 1959 Typescript draft ‘Óráid an Uachtaráin ag Dinnéar Iubhaile Órga Chumann na Meánmhúinteoirí’ (October 1959, 6pp) and ‘Sliocht as Óráid an Uachtaráin ag Dinnéar Iubhaile Órga Chumann na Meánmhúinteoirí, 31/10/59’ (1p). 2 items, 6pp & 1p

3208 November 1959 Typescript ‘Text of Broadcast by an tUachtarán Éamon de Valera in connection with World Refugee Year. Radio Éireann, 9.20pm. 8 November 1959’. 2pp

3209 19[59?] Text of de Valera’s address in Irish on the occasion of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Mater Misericordiae Hospital in Dublin. 3pp

3210 2 January 1960 Cutting from The Irish Times of a photograph of de Valera, Seán T. O’Kelly and Seán Lemass ‘after the new Taoiseach had received his seal of office at Áras an Uachtaráin…Mr. de Valera was elected President of Ireland on June 18th, in succession to Mr. Sean T. O’Kelly, and Mr. Lemass became Taoiseach’. 1 item
2 & 4 January 1960 Illustrated newspaper reports on the Diplomatic Corp’s presentation of New Year’s greetings to President de Valera at Áras an Uachtaráin on 1 January 1960.
4 items

March & April 1960 Documents relating to de Valera’s official opening of the Feile Dramaíochta Connacht in Tourmakeady, Co. Mayo in 3 April 1960. Comprises mainly newspaper reports and typescript notes for and texts of de Valera’s speech.
9 items

April 1960 Copies of the text in English and in Irish of de Valera’s address to ‘Bantracht na Tuatha Golden Jubilee Congress, Mansion House–21.iv.60’.
2 items 2pp each

22 April 1960 Newspaper reports on de Valera’s attendance at the golden jubilee celebrations of the Irish Countrywomen’s Association (I.C.A.) at the association’s annual meeting in the Mansion House, Dublin on 21 April 1960.
5 items

April 1960 Drafts of addresses for the President on the occasion of the conferral of the Freedom of the Borough of Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on him on 23 April 1960. Also includes various notes on the history of Clonmel, including an account of the ‘Trial of Fr. Nicholas Sheehy’ (3pp) and notes from History of Clonmel by Rev. William P. Burke 1907 (37pp).
7 items

2 May 1960 Newspaper reports on the celebrations marking the centenary of the College of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Terenure, Dublin [Terenure College] on 1 May 1960, attended by de Valera. Also accompanied by typescript copy text (English and Irish versions) of de Valera’s address on the occasion (2pp).
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3224 1960  Commemorative illustrated booklet entitled 1935–60 Silver Jubilee of Mount Oliver  
Convent Generalate and Novitiate of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa at Mount Pleasant, Dundalk, Co. Louth in the Archdiocese of Armagh.  
Commemorating also the erection and opening of the new Convent Wing and Chapel built in memory of Mother M. Kevin, O.S.F. Foundress and First Superior-General died October 17th, 1957. Includes text of de Valera’s message of congratulations and photograph of the President arriving at Mount Oliver.  
See also P150/3194 for references to de Valera’s donation towards two stained glass windows in the new chapel of the Mount Oliver Mother House of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa, Dundalk in November 1960  
64pp

3225 January–November 1961  Newspaper cuttings relating to Irish soldiers in the Congo.  
9 items

3226 January 1961, April 1973  File on the death, in January 1961, of Professor Erwin Schrödinger, first Director of the School of Theoretical Physics in the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies. Includes newspaper reports, President de Valera’s tribute to the late Professor (January 1961, 1p); obituary of Professor Schrödinger (2pp); copy of Éire Ireland Weekly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 510, 9 January 1961) containing article on the late Professor (p.6) and note for Marie O’Kelly on the proposed unveiling of a plaque commemorating Professor Schrödinger at 65 Merrion Square on 2 April 1973.  
See P150/2609 for file on the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies  
10 items

3227 30 January 1961  Cutting from The Irish Independent detailing the career of Patrick Sheehan (1883–61) following his death in January 1961. ‘…he was general secretary of Sinn Féin, and private secretary to the President of the organisation, Mr. de Valera…’. He was later ‘secretary to Mr. E. Duggan one of the Treaty negotiators…and was first secretary to the Provisional Government…’ and later Chief Inspector of the Land Commission until his retirement in 1948.  
1 item

3228 10 February 1961  Cutting from Il Mese containing a profile of President de Valera by C. Gnech (p.15) and typescript English translation of article (3pp).  
2 items
3229 April 1961 Newspaper cutting and drafts of de Valera’s addresses delivered on a visit to Thurles, Co. Tipperary on 9 April 1961. He was presented with an address of welcome by Thurles Urban Council and officially opened the Muintir na Tíre National Drama Festival in Thurles Town Hall. Texts in both Irish and English. 8 items

3230 April 1961 Typescript texts of de Valera’s speech (Irish and English translation), prepared for the press, at the opening of the National Drama Festival of Cumann Dramaíochta na Scol in the Gate Theatre, Dublin, on 17 April 1961 (4pp). 2 items

3231 March & April 1961 File on de Valera’s unveiling of a plaque in the G.P.O. on Easter Sunday 1961, in memory of those who died in the 1916 Easter Rising. Includes text of the President’s statement at the unveiling. 7 items, 1p each

3232 31 May & 28 June 1961 Newspaper reports and photographs on the reception given for the Federal German Foreign Minister Dr. Heinrich von Brentano by President de Valera in Áras an Uachtaráin on 30 May 1961, during the Minister’s visit to Ireland. 4 items

3233 8 June 1961 Newspaper reports and photographs on President de Valera’s attendance at the Trinity College Races in College Park, Dublin on 7 June 1961. 2 items

3234 June 1961 Typescript text of ‘Oráid an Uachtarán de Valera tar éis do an Chhead-fhód a bhaint ar láthair na bhFoigneamh Nua Ealaíochta don Choláiste Baile Atha Cliath, 7 Meitheamh, 1962’ (1p). Accompanied by English translation (1p). Also illustrated newspaper reports on the occasion (8 June 1961, 3 items). See also P150/3194 for correspondence relating to the presentation of the silver spade de Valera used to turn the first sod on the site of the new Science building of University College Dublin on 7 June 1962, to the College authorities for display in the new building. 5 items
3235

June 1961; January 1962; File on the state visit of Prince Rainier and 26 March & 1 April 1964 Princess Grace of Monaco to Ireland in June 1961 consisting mainly of newspaper reports (11–18 June 1961, 18 items) and black and white press photographs on the visit. Photographs of the royal couple and their children, with President and Mrs. de Valera at Áras an Uachtarán (5 items, 19cm x 24cm each) as follows:
- de Valera shaking hands with Prince Rainier. Princess Grace, Prince Albert and Princess Caroline also in view;
- de Valera and Mrs. de Valera with Princess Grace and Princess Caroline. Prince Rainier and Prince Albert in background;
- Mrs. de Valera with Princess Grace and Princess Caroline;
- Prince Rainier, Mrs. de Valera, President de Valera, Princess Caroline, Princess Grace and Prince Albert sitting outside the Áras on 14 June before they leave for a tour of the West of Ireland;
- Prince Rainer, President de Valera, Mrs. de Valera and Princess Grace posing for a formal photograph at the state dinner given in the royal couple’s honour at the Áras on Saturday 10 June.
Also copy letter from President de Valera to Prince Rainier seeking permission to present ‘a copy of the Ptolemaic astronomical treatise by Johannes de Monteregio, published in 1496’ and ‘a holograph letter from Einstein to Herr Muentz’, both gifts from the Prince in 1961, to the Royal Irish Academy (26 March 1964, 1p) and the Prince’s reply (1 April 1964, 1p). 28 items

3236

June 1961 & January 1962 File on the Dublin Congress of the Patrician Year held between 17 and 25 June 1961. Includes:
- Patrician Congress programme (12pp);
- invitations to de Valera to attend various parts of the Congress (7 items);
- typescript list of ‘Functions to be attended by the President’ (2pp);
- souvenir book entitled Saint Patrick’s Achievement (1961, 64pp);
- booklet entitled Cardinal Agagianian. Papal Legate. A Profile by Dr. A. Croaty (1961, 27pp);
- ‘Programme for the visit of Papal Legate, His Eminence Cardinal Agagianian, to Cork on Tuesday, June 20th, 1961’ (1p);
- black and white photograph of the cake used as a centre piece ‘at Reception at Garden Party at Aras an Uachtarán’ (n.d., 1961, 22cm x 16cm);
- typescript texts of some of de Valera’s addresses at different functions during the Congress (3 items);
- telegram of thanks from Cardinal Agagianian to de Valera (26 June 1961, 1p);
- newspaper reports and special supplements on the Patrician Congress and Cardinal Agagianian (16–26 June 1961, 15 items).
See P150/2931 for portrait of Cardinal Gregory Peter XV Agagianian, ‘Papal Legate to the Patrician Congress’; P150/2930 for 1958–70 correspondence between de Valera and Cardinal Agagianian. 44 items
3237
12 August 1961
Newspaper reports and photographs on President de Valera’s presentation of the Aga Khan Trophy to the German team in the Nations’ Cup at the Royal Dublin Horse Show in the R.D.S. on 11 August 1961. 2 items

3238
August 1961
Typescript texts of de Valera’s oration at the reinterment of the remains of John Moore in a plot beside the 1798 memorial on the Mall, Castlebar, Co. Mayo on 13 August 1961 (2 items). 6pp

3239
September 1961
3 parts of a 6 part series of special articles printed in The Irish Press celebrating Thirty Years of National Achievement to mark the 30th anniversary of the foundation of The Irish Press in September 1931. 3 items

3240
7 September 1961
Newspaper photographs of the presentation of a facsimile edition of the Book of Durrow to President de Valera by Dr. A.J. McConnell, Provost of Trinity College Dublin and Dr. A.A. Luce Senior Fellow of T.C.D., on 6 September 1961. 2 items

3241
September 1961
Souvenir Brochure of Unveiling of Slane Muintir na Tire Guild’s Memorial Plaque to Francis Ledwidge and of Féile na Bóinne (Boyne Valley Festival) Inauguration at Slane Sunday, 9th September, 1962. Presented to de Valera by chairman Tomás C. Duffy. 36pp

3242
October 1961
Souvenir menus for various commemorative functions attended by de Valera between 1 and 23 October 1961, as follows:
• an unidentified function in Callan, Co. Kilkenny on 1 October;
• Gearóid MacPhartholáin’s silver jubilee as a member of Dáil Éireann in Galway on 5 October;
• a luncheon to celebrate the centenary of the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin on 8 October;
• de Valera’s visit to the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on 23 October. 4 items
October 1961 Typescript text of de Valera’s address at the unveiling of a memorial cross in Mountjoy Prison on 8 October 1961. 2pp

May & October 1961 Souvenir booklet to commemorate the centenary celebrations of the foundation of the Poor Clare Convent in Kenmare, Co. Cork and the Poor Clare Convent in Cavan. Also newspaper cuttings on de Valera’s attendance at both occasions. 9 items

November 1961 Typescript text of de Valera’s address on 9 November 1961, at the celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Christian Brothers in Cork. 3pp

December 1961 Typescript text of ‘Opening Message’ broadcast by President de Valera at the opening of Telefís Éireann on 31 December 1961. Also similar statement by de Valera on the occasion (1p). 2pp & 1p

1961 Mounted black and white photographs of President de Valera’s visit to the De La Salle Mother House in Rome in 1961. Comprises group photo of de Valera and Frank Aiken and members of the De La Salle Community (23cm x 17cm excluding mount, 28cm x 22cm including mount); ‘The President and Mr. Aiken with the Superior General and Br. Killian’ in the community’s chapel (18cm x 13cm excluding mount, 23cm x 18cm including mount), de Valera kneeling before the Relics of St. De La Salle (13cm x 18cm excluding mount, 18cm x 23cm including mount) and two snapshots of de Valera in the chapel with Frank Aiken and of the President talking with members of the community (10cm x 7cm). 5 items

1932–66 File on the Republican Plot in Glasnevin cemetery, including:

  – black and white photographs of three different views of the plot (3 items, 24cm x 19cm each);

  – typescript summary of the history of the Republican plot (n.d., 2pp);

  – statement of Edward Maguire, Secretary of the Dublin Cemeteries Committees on the history of the plot (14 May 1953, 4pp);
– printed colour map of Prospect Cemetery, Glasnevin (scale: 1cm:100 feet) and on reverse hand-drawn ‘Rough plan looking with back to Mortuary Chapel, area known as Republican Plot, Glasnevin, Jany 1938’ (31 January 1938, 39cm x 26cm);
– photocopied plans of the Republican plot, depicting named graves and vacant plots (2 items, originally dated 25 January 1938, 42cm x 41cm and 10 April 1959, 45cm x 29cm);
– copy list of interments in the Republican plot between 1915 and June 1957 (original dated 10 April 1959, 2pp);
– hand-drawn plan of the Republican plot depicting named graves and reserved plots. With holograph annotations by de Valera (n.d., original size 40cm x 33cm, now in two equal pieces)
– draft deed providing for the appointment of de Valera, John R. Reynolds, Seán T. O’Kelly, Mrs. Kathleen Clarke and Oscar Traynor as Trustees of the spaces which had been purchased by de Valera and Reynolds and of the ground in respect of which Reynolds had been granted an option (1939, 3pp);
– photcopy of draft deed transferring to the Trustees the graves purchased by de Valera and Reynolds and the option on the remaining graves granted to Reynolds (original dated 1961, 7pp);
– correspondence between the Secretary of the Dublin Cemeteries Committee, Taoiseach de Valera or his Personal Secretary Kathleen O’Connell, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs Oscar Traynor and John R. Reynolds, concerning the plot and the drawing up of deeds in connection with the Trusteeship of the plot (31 January 1938–23 February 1939, 16 items);
– correspondence mainly between solicitor John S. O’Connor, Minister for Defence Kevin Boland, President de Valera or his Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly and Dr. Nicholas Nolan, Department of the Taoiseach, on the drawing up of the Trust deed and Conveyance, including photcopy of the deed (original dated 12 October 1963, 10pp) (22 March 1961–1 November 1966, 17 items);

December 1961

Copy of Radio Éireann reel to reel tape entitled
Address for the Opening of Telefís Éireann by
H.E. President de Valera.

Reel No.: H.2635
Date Recorded: 30 December 1961
Time on Reel: 6’ 55"
Programme Section: TV
Reel starts: ‘Bail ó Dhia oraibh’
Reel ends: ‘…ársa seo na nGaedheal’
BASF 13cm/5 inch spool, 180m/600 feet standard tape.

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<td>21 February 1959, 23 January 1962</td>
<td>Copy personal letters from de Valera to former colleague Michael Knightly, Dunmore, Co. Galway, reminiscing on the ‘long hours’ they spent together in Leinster House ‘when we were going over the takes of my Dáil speeches. I can never forget how good you were during those years’. Also reflects, ‘When I think of you I think of the town of Urlingford, Harry Boland and Stack–the four of us were driving towards Freshford during the Pact Election, it must have been’. 2 items, 1p each</td>
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<td>Souvenir Menu to accompany the ‘Traynor-Colley Presentation Dinner’ held at Clery’s Restaurant, Dublin on 22 February 1962 in honour of Oscar Traynor and Harry Colley, and organised by Fianna Fáil Dublin (North East). Menu autographed and inscribed by Traynor and Colley. 1 item</td>
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Correspondence between President de Valera, Marie O’Kelly, Annie O’Brien Christitch, London, and Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan concerning Miss Christitch’s gift of a packet of letters written by Cardinal Logue and other members of the Irish Hierarchy, given to her by the late Ishbel, Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair and wife of Lord Aberdeen, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, 1905–15, in connection with Lady Aberdeen’s tenure as President of the International Council of Women. The President sent the letters to the Taoiseach for his archives.

See also P150/3497 for a reference to this in a file on Seán Lemass

Dissociated correspondence between President de Valera and members of the public mainly relating to routine and trivial matters, including requests for aid from the President and condolences on deaths. Includes letters to/from Mary C. Bromage, Michigan; Leo T. McCauley, Arlington, Virginia, U.S.A.; Prof. T.W. Moody, Trinity College Dublin; Mrs. Áine M. O’Mara, wife of the late Stephen O’Mara, New Strand House, Limerick; Helen Landreth, Bapst Library, Boston College, Massachusetts; and Frank Loughman, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

Typescript draft text of President de Valera’s address at a lunch in Mount Sion Monastery, Waterford on 24 May 1962, to mark the 200th anniversary of the death of Edmund Ignatius Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers. In Irish.

Typescript copy text issued to the press of ‘Oráid an Uachtarán de Valera ag oscailt Mórdháil Gaeil dó, i gColáiste na Rinne, Rinn ó gCuanach, Dé Sathairn, 16 Meitheamh 1961’.

Copy of reel to reel tape entitled Telefís Eireann and B.B.C. Interview. Pres. de Valera and Pádraic Ó Raghallaigh.

Reel No.: H.2170
Tape Speed: 7 (inches per second)
Total Time: 23.50
BASF 18cm/7 spool, 360m/1,200 feet standard tape.
3261 July 1962 Newspaper reports on de Valera’s visit to Sligo in July 1962 to attend ceremonies marking the centenary of the establishment of the Marist Brothers community in the town. Also typescript text of the President’s reply (in Irish) to the address of welcome in Sligo on 7 July (July 1962, 2pp). 5 items

3262 1952; July 1962 & 1968 Papers relating to the death on 16 July 1962, of Frank Gallagher, ‘I.R.A. veteran, noted journalist and author, who was the first editor of *The Irish Press* and later director of the Government Information Bureau’. Comprises mainly press cuttings but also correspondence between de Valera and Gallagher (1952, 2 items); obituary by Robert Brennan, published in *An tÓglach* (Easter 1963, 1p); correspondence concerning Gallagher’s death during his work on an authorised biography of de Valera and the proposed publication of his completed research as a separate volume (eventually published in 1965 under the title *The Anglo-Irish Treaty*) (20 September 1962–4 January 1963, 5 items); typescript biographical article on de Valera annotated ‘Frank Gallagher wrote this, it was never been read to President de Valera’ (29pp); and text of ‘President de Valera’s remarks on having read Frank Gallagher’s manuscript on his life (prepared for Presidential Election? But not published) read to him by Marie O’Kelly–26/7/62’ (2pp). See also P150/383 for draft appreciations of the late Frank Gallagher by de Valera, written following Gallagher’s death and subsequently intended for use in the foreword to Gallagher’s book *The Anglo Irish Treaty*; P150/180 for 1930 Christmas card from Gallagher to de Valera’s mother Mrs. Wheelwright. 20 items

3263 January–February 1923 Typescript copy of diary of Frank Gallagher between 8 January and 26 February 1923, describing his transfer from Mountjoy Jail to a camp in Gormanstown and daily life in the camp. Includes many references to his great friend, the late Erskine Childers and his correspondence with Mrs. Molly Childers. 52pp

3264 July–December 1969 Correspondence and notes on the presentation of a portrait of Frank Gallagher, first editor of *The Irish Press* by the late Estelle Solomons H.R.H.A. [Mrs. Estelle Starkey] by President de Valera to the National Gallery of Ireland. The portrait (in oils) was purchased by an anonymous individual on the death of Mrs. Starkey in November 1968, and presented to de Valera through Dr. Michael Solomons, a nephew of the late Mrs. Starkey. Also includes black and white photographic reproduction of the portrait (22cm x 28cm). 10 items
3265 1962  Article entitled *Our President* by Br. Norbert Molloy O.P., published in *The Watchman* in Summer 1962. ‘That Eamon de Valera has decisively influenced the course of events over the past 45 years is undeniable. This article aims at showing the more notable spheres of his influence.’  5pp

3266 August 1962  Black and white press photograph of President de Valera waving to crowds on the platform, from a railway carriage. Labelled on reverse by Marie O’Kelly ‘Pres. de Valera. Taken at Kingsbridge Aug. 1962 before leaving for Killarney, St. Brendan’s Centenary’. ©: Tony O’Malley Pictures Ltd., Dublin. 20 x 15cm

3267 September 1962– 11 January 1972  Correspondence relating to Lord Rugby’s [formerly Sir John Loader Maffey] poor state of health and his death in April 1969. Comprises mainly correspondence between de Valera and Lord Rugby’s wife, Lady Dorothy, and his daughter, Penelope Aitken. Also includes colour photograph of Sir John Loader Maffey, 1st Baron Rugby (1877–1969), sent to de Valera by Lady Rugby in December 1971 (5cm x 6cm) and de Valera’s copy letter of thanks in which he reflects ‘He was a man for whom I had the greatest regard–far-sighted and of sound judgement. Were it not for him the relations between our countries could not have been what they were during the war. I must say, that the German Representative, Herr Hempel was, also, helpful. I agree, that were there men of your husband’s calibre at the helm today the relations between our two countries would not be what they are’ (11 January 1972, 1p). 10 items

3268 October, December 1962  Newspaper profiles of and tributes to President de Valera on the occasion of his eightieth birthday in October 1962. Includes profile published in *The Sunday Times* entitled *Focus on Eamon de Valera, seven days from his eightieth birthday. The Man who Became a Country* (7 October 1962, 1p) and article by Owen Sheehy-Skeffington entitled *De Valera. Great Leader and Great Enigma* published in *The Irish Times* (13 October 1962, 1 item). 21 items
3269 October 1962 List of ‘Heads of State’ who sent President de Valera birthday greetings on the occasion of his 80th birthday in October 1962 (1p) and copies of telegrams of the greetings (9 items). Also copy letters of thanks from de Valera to various individuals on receipt of their birthday wishes. Comprises letters to C. Verolme, Verolme United Shipyards, Rotterdam, The Netherlands and Allan Downey, John’s Hill, Waterford. 12 items, 1p each

3270 December 1962 & n.d. Notes to de Valera from Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru thanking him for his greetings –‘Our country is going through a difficult time, but it is heartening to know that we have the goodwill of many friends’ (22 December 1962, 1p) and similar greeting from Indira Gandhi (20 December 1962, 1p). Also undated note of thanks from Indira Gandhi thanking de Valera for his Christmas greetings (n.d., 1p). 3 items

3271 1962 Typescript text of President de Valera’s message on the occasion of World Health Day, 1962. 1p

3272 1962 Statement of de Valera to representatives of The Irish Press on the death of Dr. Robert Farnan in 1962. ‘Since 1916 all the leaders of the Irish political and military movements knew him. His splendid home at 5 Merrion Square was for considerable periods, when the Black and Tans were here, Governmental headquarters. During these periods the President’s office was there, and I and my immediate staff were the doctor’s and Mrs. Farnan’s guests; there I had many conferences with members of the Government and members of the headquarters staff of the Army’. With holograph amendments and corrections. 2pp


See also P150/2041 for 1927 communications between de Valera, the Labour Party and the National League on the possibility of an alliance, and on contacts between the parties and various others such as Independents and the Irish Nationalist Party. Includes notes by de Valera on meetings with the leader of the Labour party Thomas Johnson. 10 items
January–February 1963 Letter to President de Valera from Mrs. Louise MacFarlane, widow of Ian Ross MacFarlane enclosing a copy of an article written by her husband and published in *The Irish Digest* in October 1944 under the title ‘I Came Back to Erin’ on his journey around the country and meeting with de Valera (original dated October 1944, 3pp). Also photocopy of an article by Paul A. Dorf reprinting a piece by Mrs. MacFarlane on her husband’s illness and death on 5 June 1962 (1p). Letter to de Valera also refers to her presentation of a silver pencil used by her husband to the President.). 4 items

1 May 1963 Cutting from *The Irish Press* on the death of Liam Tobin ‘an outstanding personality during the War of Independence, and a close associate of Michael Collins, with whom he served as assistant director of intelligence’. ‘Mr. Tobin took the Treaty side in 1921 and became a Major-General in the Free State Army. He retired from the Army in 1924 and was later appointed Superintendent of Dail Eireann. In December, 1959, he retired for health reasons…[He was] one of the founder members of the New Ireland Assurance Society’. See also P150/1691 for pamphlet entitled *The Truth About The Army Crisis [Official] With a foreword by Major-General Liam Tobin.* 1 item

May 1963 Typescript text of President de Valera’s address at the opening of an exhibition of the works of Seán Keating on 9 May 1963 in the Municipal Art Gallery, Dublin. In Irish. 1p

May 1963 Typescript text of President de Valera’s address at the official opening of the new Science and Arts building at University College Galway, on 18 May 1963. In Irish. 2pp

June 1963 Open reel sound recording of (1) *President de Valera’s welcome to President Kennedy at Dublin Airport, June ’63.* (2) Pres. Kennedy leaving Shannon – quoting poem noted from Mrs. De Valera re River Shannon. (3) *Pres. de Valera on death of Arch[bishop] Mannix* 2 recordings. (Note enclosed in Marie O’Kelly’s hand) Philips 10cm/4 inch spool, 180m/600 feet, Doubleplay. See also P150/2913 for a recording of de Valera’s tribute to the late Archbishop and P150/2909 for file on Mannix. 1 item & 1p
3279 June–July 1963 File on de Valera’s visit to Rome to attend the coronation of Pope Paul VI on 30 June 1963, consisting of newspaper reports (1–4 July 1963, 8 items), diagram of the Pope’s Coat of Arms (3pp), black and white photographs of de Valera’s private audience with the Pope on 2 July 1963 accompanied by Frank Aiken, Minster for External Affairs, Thomas V. Commins, Irish Ambassador to the Holy See, President Seán T. O’Kelly, Mrs. Phyllis O’Kelly and Major Vivion and Dr. Eamonn de Valera (2 July 1963, 6 items, each 18cm x 23cm), signed copy of the Pope’s allocution on the occasion of the private audience (2 July 1963, 2pp) and de Valera’s copy letter of thanks (25 July 1963, 1p). The photographs of the audience depict:
• de Valera and Pope Paul VI (full length);
• de Valera and the Pope examining portraits (2);
• group photograph of the entire party (from left to right): unidentified Vatican official, Comdt. Seán Brennan de Valera’s Aide-de-Camp, Thomas V. Commins, Mrs. Phyllis O’Kelly, Frank Aiken, Mrs. Maude Aiken, de Valera, Pope Paul VI, President Seán T. O’Kelly, Major Vivion de Valera, Mrs. Sally de Valera, unidentified Vatican official and Dr. Eamonn de Valera;
• Pope Paul VI being introduced to [Thomas V. Commins], with Frank Aiken, Dr. Eamonn de Valera and Major Vivion de Valera in the background;
• Frank Aiken, de Valera and an unidentified Vatican official in a corridor. See also P150/2939 for file on Pope Paul VI; P150/114 for Pope Paul VI commemorative medal in presentation case embossed with the Pontiff’s coat of arms (1963).
15 items

3280 29 June 1963 Covering letter (11 September 1963, 1p) from Michael Drury, Secretary, Department of External Affairs, to Marie O’Kelly enclosing two black and white photographs (24cm x 18cm excluding mount, 30cm x 24cm including mount) of President de Valera and Italian President Segni ‘taken on the occasion of the President’s courtesy call on President Segni on 29th June’ 1963. De Valera was in Rome to attend the coronation of Pope Paul VI.
3 items

3281 July 1963 Plaque presented to President de Valera in July 1963 by the [Organising Council of a Spanish Youth Organisation]. Text in Spanish. 22cm x 16cm

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3282    July 1963    Black and white photographs of de Valera, a number of clergy, and some nuns and students of the Salesian Convent, Birr, outside the convent’s main entrance, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of Fr. Patrick Molloy S.D.B. in July 1963. Both prints labelled on reverse by Marie O’Kelly ‘Fr. Molloy’s Silver Jubilee Salesian Convent, Birr’. Photographer: W.J. Butler, Main Street, Birr, Co. Offaly. De Valera presented Fr. Molloy with an inscribed gold chalice to mark his silver jubilee. See also Fr. Molloy’s illustrated memorial card in P150/3668 (he died on 16 April 1966); P150/3194 for reference to de Valera’s presentation of an inscribed gold chalice to Fr. Molloy on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in July 1963.

2 items, 16cm x 12cm each


12 x 8cm

3284    [1940s]    Black and white photograph of de Valera in conversation with unidentified elderly man. ‘Chief Justice Sullivan’ written on reverse.

18 x 12cm

3285    August 1963    Newspaper reports and black and white press photographs on the private visit of Prince Rainier and Princess Grace to Ireland in August 1963. Photographs (5 items, 20cm x 15cm each) depict President and Mrs. de Valera, with Prince Rainier, Princess Grace and Prince Albert and Princess Caroline in the garden outside Áras an Uachtaráin.

8 items

3286    1958; 1963    File on the death of Dr. M.A. Ellison, Director of Dunsink Observatory, in [September] 1963 consisting of copies of letters of condolence sent to Mrs. Ellison by colleagues of her late husband (originals dated 13 September–14 October 1963, 11 items) accompanied by a 1958 article on Dr. Ellison and Dunsink, published in The Irish Times (6 December 1958, 1 item).

10 items
1949–67 Commemorative material on Fr. Eugene O’Growney (1863–99) including biographical notes by Mrs. Kathleen O’Doherty (n.d., 4pp), article from *Feasta* entitled ‘Eoghan Ó Gramhnaigh, Sagart’ by Seán Mac Gearailt (October 1949, 3pp), souvenir booklet to accompany the 1963 Boyne Valley Festival containing articles on O’Growney and programme of the O’Growney Commemoration Week in Athboy between 8 and 15 September 1963 (1963, 1 item).

See also P150/1114 for file on Mrs. Katherine (Kitty) O’Doherty, author of *Assignment America* (1957).

September 1963 Text of de Valera’s speech at the opening of the Golden Jubilee Exhibition commemorating 50 years of Irish trade unionism and progress, 1913–63, in the Main Hall of the R.D.S., Ballsbridge on 17 September 1963. The Exhibition was sponsored by the Dublin Council of Trade Unions to commemorate the 1913 lock-out.

2pp

20 September 1963 Newspaper cuttings on President de Valera’s attendance at the celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the taking over of Rathfarnham Castle, Dublin, by the Society of Jesus.

3 items

1 October 1963 Cuttings from *The Irish Independent* and *The Irish Times* on President de Valera’s attendance at the 1963 Larmor Lecture in the Royal Irish Academy, entitled ‘Hamiltonian Methods and Quantum Mechanics’ by Nobel Prize Winner Prof. P.A.M. Dirac on 30 September 1963.

2 items

12–15 October 1963 Newspaper reports on the occasion of President de Valera’s 81st birthday in October 1963.

3 items

27 & 28 October 1963 Typescript note in Irish on arrangements for, and newspaper reports on President de Valera’s attendance at the opening of celebrations to mark the centenary of St. Ignatius College and Church, Galway, administered by the Society of Jesus, on 27 October 1963.

3 items, 1p each
3293  1932–63  File relating to Domhnall Ó Buachalla (1866–1963), last Governor-General of the Irish Free State (An Seanascal) (1932–37) consisting of holograph letters to de Valera from Ó Buachalla, most in Irish (26 March 1932–1 December 1953, 8 items), newspaper cutting on Ó Buachalla’s death in October 1963 and typescript copy of President de Valera’s oration (November 1963, 2 items).
See P150/3668 for memorial card of Domhnall Ó Buachalla.
10 items

3294  September–December 1963  Documents relating to the commemoration in 1963 of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Irish Volunteers. Comprises:
– newspaper articles by Prof. F.X. Martin, O.S.A., Piaras Béasláí and Pádraig Ó Snodaigh on the Golden Jubilee of the foundation of the Irish Volunteers on 25 November 1913 (24–28 November 1963, 5 items);
– typescript text of ‘Caint an Uachtaráin ag Searmanais Chuimhneacháin ar Bhunú Oglaigh na hEireann 1.12. 1963’ (1p);
– letters to de Valera from Prof. F.X. Martin concerning the preparation of a book on the history of the Irish Volunteers, for which de Valera is writing a foreword (9 September & 5 November 1963, 3 items);
– newspaper cuttings on the unveiling of a plaque by de Valera on 1 December 1963, at the Gate Theatre, Dublin to commemorate the founding of the Irish Volunteers (2 December 1963, 4 items).
13 items

3295  1935–67  File on Oscar Traynor (1886–1963) mainly consisting of documents relating to his death in December 1963 and the unveiling of a portrait of Traynor at the Headquarters of the Football Association of Ireland on 24 April 1967 as follows:
– newspaper cuttings on Traynor’s death (16 & 18 December 1963, 5 items);
– typescript drafts of de Valera’s graveside tribute to Traynor, one with note ‘Draft prepared by E. de Valera. 16/12/63. Not delivered’ (December 1963, 2 items, 2pp & 1p);
– holograph letter of gratitude to de Valera from Colm Traynor following his father’s death (18 December 1963, 3pp);
– ‘A Tribute to Oscar Traynor’ extract from An Óglach (Vol. 1, No. 9) presented to de Valera by Harry Colley (Summer 1964, 2pp);
– typescript copy of address by de Valera on the occasion of his unveiling of a portrait of Traynor at the Headquarters of the Football Association of Ireland, 80 Merrion Square, Dublin, on 24 April 1967 and reports from The Irish Times, The Irish Press and The Irish Independent on the occasion (25 April 1967, 4 items).
See also P150/3655 for Oscar Traynor’s statement to the Bureau of Military History; P150/1447 for report on 1949 lecture by Oscar Traynor on the burning of the Custom House on 25 May 1921; P150/1753 & 1761 for references to Oscar Traynor in 1924 & 1925 communications between de Valera and Chief of Staff Frank Aiken and Adjutant General ‘Pa’ Murray.
17 items
3296 1950; July–August 1961   Text of a talk by Oscar Traynor ‘the officer commanding the Dublin Brigade of the Irish Republican Army during the most intensive fighting period, i.e., from November 1920 to the Truce in July 1921’. Talk on the administrative organisation and military tactics of the Dublin Brigade of the I.R.A. given by Traynor in 82 St. Stephen’s Green on 11 December 1950 (1950, 4pp). Accompanied by correspondence between President de Valera’s Personal Secretary, Marie O’Kelly and Thomas McCarthy, Secretary of the Association of the 2nd Battalion, Dublin Brigade, old I.R.A., 1916–21, concerning the Association’s issue to schools of copies of the 1916 Proclamation of Independence (11 July–28 August 1961, 7 items).

8 items

3297 1958–64 Recollections of Oscar Traynor relating to the period 1914 to 1923. Comprises:
– set of fourteen questions concerning events in 1922, put to Oscar Traynor (2pp) and Traynor’s replies (June 1958, 3pp);
– typescript headed ‘Relevant to Civil War, 1922. Replies by President de Valera to questions put to Oscar Traynor (sic.). Dictated by President to Marie O’Kelly on 17th January, 1964 on coming across the questions’. Answers (numbered 4 to 11) relate to the 1922 Collins-de Valera Election Pact, the assassination of Field Marshall Sir Henry Wilson and de Valera’s contact with the I.R.B. (1964, 2pp). Also attached is carbon copy sheet of quotations and citations concerning the assassination (post 1962, 2pp);
– typescript account by Oscar Traynor of his part in the national struggle between 1914 and 1923, with handwritten note on first page by de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly ‘Account written by O Traynor at request of President de Valera shortly before his death on Dec. 1963’ (sic.) ([1962/3], 136pp);
– sixteen questions put by Major Florrie O’Donoghue to Oscar Traynor, with answers relating to the ‘Watching Council appointed about 18th January, 1922’, two Republicans appointed to attend Army Council meetings with a watching brief ‘as a guarantee that the Republican aim shall not be prejudiced’; decisions taken at the adjourned meeting of the Army Convention held on 9 April 1922, the ‘Mansion House Convention’ of 18 June 1922, and a ‘further Convention…in the Four Courts’ in June 1922; the G.H.Q. ‘scheme of re-organisation’ undertaken during ‘the early months of 1921’; Traynor’s assessment of the temperament of Liam Lynch; the attack on the Four Courts and the Dublin Brigade (n.d., 3pp).

See also P150/3655 for Oscar Traynor’s statement to the Bureau of Military History. 6 items
3298 December 1963 Cutting from The Harp, published by Guinness, St. James’s Gate, Dublin, containing two photographs of de Valera accompanied by Lord Elveden, Lord Moyne, Lord Boyd, Dr. C.K. Mill, members of the Dublin Board of Guinness’s and financial editors from English and Irish newspapers visiting St. James’s Gate Brewery, during their visit to Áras an Uachtarán in [November/December] 1963. 1 item

3299 1963 & n.d. File on Na Fianna Éireann consisting of letter to the editor of an unidentified newspaper following the publication of an article in An Cosantóir by Major-General Hugo MacNeill, [on Na Fianna], inquiring when was ‘the position of Ard Fheinnidh, or Chief Scout, relinquished by…’ Countess Markievicz and referring to a series of talks on Na Fianna to be given by Eamon Martin, Honorary President of the Association of Old Fianna (n.d., 1p); typescript note on Countess Markievicz as President of the organisation (n.d., 1p); cutting from The Irish Independent on the death of Major-General Hugo MacNeill, a one time member of the Fianna, The man who lent his uniform to de Valera (21 April 1963, 1p); and typescript copy of an address [to de Valera] on behalf of the surviving members of Fianna Éireann (n.d., 2pp). See also P150/1752 for 1923 and 1924 communications between de Valera and Chief of Staff Frank Aiken for references to the contents of a reprinted Fianna handbook and the re-organisation of Na Fianna Éireann 4 items

3300 1963 Illustrated souvenir booklet to accompany the Thirteenth General Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, held in Dublin in 1963. Text in French and English. 31pp

3301 January–November 1964 Newspaper reports on various functions attended by, and presentations to the President during 1964. 19 items

3302 7 January 1964 Obituary published in The Irish Press of Fr. John Costello ‘a life-long friend of the President … and a former Parish Priest of Roundwood, Co. Wicklow’. 1 item
3303 January 1964  Holograph letter to President de Valera from Mrs. Lucy Mabrey, niece of the late Seán Milroy, seeking sources of biographical information on her uncle (7 January 1964, 2pp) and Marie O’Kelly’s reply (15 January 1964, 1p) enclosing a photocopy of an obituary published in The Irish Press following Milroy’s death in 1946 (n.d., 1p).
See P150/1571 for a 1941 article by Seán Milroy entitled: ‘Twenty Years after the Agreement. Benefits Gained and Lost’. 3 items

3304 February 1964  Documents relating to the conferral of an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland on President de Valera on 9 January 1964. Comprises newspaper reports, text of citation and autographed dinner menu on the occasion. Also accompanied by extract from the Tatler’s Parade column in The Irish Independent following de Valera’s election as an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, listing the various civil, religious and academic honours conferred on him over the years (10 February 1964, 1p).
See also P150/3195 for file on de Valera’s honorary membership of the Cistercians and Holy Ghost Fathers; P150/3474 for file on de Valera’s election as a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1968. 5 items

3305 February–April 1964  Correspondence between de Valera, James J. Sexton, Gerard Fitzgerald and His Grace, Most Rev. William Conway Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, concerning the organisation of an appeal for funds to erect a Basilica at Knock Shrine. Some correspondence in Irish. 5 items

3306 19 March 1964  Copy of letter to de Valera from Monsignor Athol Murray of Notre Dame of Canada, Saskatchewan, Canada, seeking a declaration from de Valera on the existence of God, to be engraved on a bronze plaque and affixed to the walls of ‘our Tower of God’. Accompanied by a typescript copy of de Valera’s declaration (n.d., 1p). 2 items

3307 8 May 1964  Note to President de Valera from Rev. E. Mahon Neill, Rector of St. Brigid’s Church, Castleknock, Co. Dublin enclosing the form of service for the re-opening of the parish church on 14 May 1964. ‘Arus an Uachtarain comes within our boundaries and Your Excellency’s predecessor Dr. Hyde frequently worshipped with us’. 2 items
3308  3 & 22 June 1964  Letter from Terence Prittie, diplomatic correspondent with The Guardian requesting a meeting with President de Valera (3 June 1964, 1p) and cutting from The Guardian of the published profile of the President.  3 items, 1p each

3309  July 1964  Black and white photograph of President de Valera outside Áras an Uachtaráin. Autographed by him.  36cm x 24cm

3310  July 1964  Newspaper reports on, and official itinerary relating to the visit to Ireland of the President of Pakistan, Field Marshal Mohammad Ayub Khan, between 16 and 18 July 1964.  7 items

3311  August 1964  Typescript draft texts of de Valera’s address at the official opening of the 20th Irish Salon of Photography 1964 in the Abbey Lecture Hall, Lr. Abbey Street, Dublin, on 17 August 1964. In Irish and English.  3pp

3312  January–October 1964; File on the official state visit to Ireland of April 1974  President of India Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, between 21 and 24 September 1964. During the visit Dr. Radhakrishnan visited Arbour Hill and laid a wreath on the graves of the 1916 leaders, was conferred with the Degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, of the National University of Ireland and addressed the Irish United Nations Association in the Shelbourne Hotel. Comprises mainly correspondence between de Valera and Dr. Radhakrishnan prior to and immediately after the visit (10 January–17 October 1964, 7 items); notes of arrangements for, and itineraries of the visit; and Irish newspaper reports on the visit (21–27 September 1964, 30 items). Also includes copy of Éire Ireland Weekly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 675) (29 September 1964, 8pp) and black and white photographs of Dr. Radhakrishnan and de Valera at the conferral ceremony of the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, in a ceremony at Iveagh House on 22 September 1964 (22 September 1964, 25cm x 20cm); de Valera and Dr. Radhakrishnan outside Áras an Uachtaráin (September 1964, 25cm x 20cm) and Dr. Radhakrishnan and [Mrs. Lakshmi N. Menon, Minister of State in the Indian Ministry of External Affairs] examining the sword [presented to de Valera in the U.S.A. on 21 July 1919 by the Hindustan Gadar Party in San Francisco] (September 1964, 25cm x 20cm). Also typescript copy of President de Valera’s message of sympathy on the death of Dr. Radhakrishnan in 1975 (1p) and letter of thanks from Indian Ambassador to Ireland Prithi Singh (23 April 1975, 1p).  50 items
3313  September, October 1964  Open reel sound recording labelled Sept. 64: Carna. Páraic Ó Coscartha & Colum Ó Cualáin. Oct. 64: An Teach Mór. Páraic Ó Fatharta & Pilib Ó Cualáin, Páraic Ó Cualáin. Schneider 13cm/5 inch spool. 1 item

3314  8 October 1964  Copy letter to President de Valera from the new Belgian Ambassador to Ireland, beginning ‘I do not mean to deliver the letters of recall of my distinguished predecessor, as well as the Credentials from my gracious Sovereign King Badouin, into Your Excellency’s hands without expressing my joy and pride at having been called upon to serve as link between Belgium and Ireland’. 1p

3315  October 1964  Press release and texts of messages received and sent on the occasion of President de Valera’s eighty-second birthday on 14 October 1954. 4 items

3316  November 1964  Open reel sound recording labelled Recording of some old speeches of Dev’s; also Dev talking on phone to S. T. (O’Kelly) Nov. 1964 Philips 10cm/4 inch spool, 180m/600feet, Doubleplay. 1 item

3317  November 1964  File on the state visit to Ireland of the President of the Republic of Zambia Dr. Kenneth David Kaunda, between 22 and 25 November 1964. Comprises official itinerary for the visit, Department of External Affairs briefing notes on Dr. Kaunda, Zambia, its foreign policy, trade with Ireland and Irish aid to the country and documents relating to arrangements for Dr. Kaunda’s stay at Áras an Uachtaráin. 16 items

3318  December 1964  Typescript text of President de Valera’s Christmas message addressed to General Seán Mac Eoin ‘to all the members of the Defence Forces and especially to the officers and men serving in Cyprus’. Message in both English and Irish. 1p
3319  1 January 1965  Open reel sound recording labelled *New Year’s Diplomatic Reception, 1965. Dev’s address.*
     Philips 10cm/4 inch spool, 180m/600 feet, Doubleplay.  
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3320  January–November 1965  Correspondence between President de Valera, his Personal Secretary Marie O'Kelly and Frank O'Reilly, Dublin concerning Mr. O'Reilly’s gift of his portrait of Pádraig Pearse to the President, and of two smaller portraits to Marie O'Kelly, one of Pearse and one of de Valera.  
     8 items

3321  January–June 1965; May 1970  Documents relating to the death of Sir Winston Churchill in 1965. Comprises message of condolence sent by de Valera to Lady Churchill and her acknowledgement (24 January & 2 February 1965, 2 items, 1p each); ‘Statement by President de Valera’ on Sir Winston’s death (1p) and cuttings from *The Irish Times* (30 January–30 June 1965, 6 items). Also includes letter to Marie O'Kelly from Gwen Keeble of publishers Sidgwick & Jackson Ltd. concerning the tracing of records of de Valera’s correspondence with Churchill for the Churchill biography (1 May 1970, 2 items, 1p & 2pp).  
     8 items

     4 items

3323  26 & 27 March 1965  Newspaper reports on the President and Mrs. de Valera’s attendance at celebrations to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Fr. T.H. Burbage, ‘first priest to be nominated Chaplain to the Irish Forces, and at 85, oldest priest in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin’; and the opening of a new extension to St. Joseph’s Church, Mountmellick, Co. Laois, on 19 March 1965, the Feast of St. Joseph.  
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3329  October 1965  Newspaper photograph of President de Valera on the occasion of his 83rd birthday in October 1965.  1 item

3330  October, November 1965  File on President de Valera’s attendance at the opening of the new Opera House in Cork on 31 October 1965. Includes newspaper reports, text of de Valera’s speech, copy of Éire Ireland Monthly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 720) containing an article on the event (16 November 1965), black and white photograph of President de Valera on stage beside Lord Mayor of Cork Councillor Cornelius Desmond, being presented with an inscribed Cork hand-made platter by Commander George Crosbie, Chairman of the Cork Opera House Company (25cm x 20cm including mount, 20cm x 15cm excluding mount) and correspondence between de Valera and Commander Crosbie following the event.  9 items

3331  November 1965  File on the death of W.T. Cosgrave, former President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State, on 16 November 1965. Comprises President de Valera’s statement (16 November 1965, 1p), holograph letter of thanks to de Valera from Cosgrave’s son Micheál, for his tribute and attendance at the funeral (23 November 1965, 2pp), copy of Éire Ireland (No. 721, 23 November 1965) Weekly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs with article on Cosgrave’s death and newspapers reports on the death and state funeral (17 & 18 November 1965, 16 items).  17 items

3332  1934; 1937 & 1959  Miscellaneous documents relating to W.T. Cosgrave (1880–1965) including Department of Justice communications on the matter of Cosgrave’s personal protection by soldiers and police detectives (26 March–10 April 1934, 4 items); holograph letter to de Valera from Cosgrave thanking him for his attendance at Mrs. Cosgrave’s funeral (1 July 1959, 1p) and letters and aide-mémoire by de Valera on Cosgrave’s invitation to a dinner in Áras an Úachtarán in honour of the Papal Nuncio, Monsignor Riberi on 22 October 1959 (2–13 October 1959, 3 items, 1p each).  9 items

3333  1965  Christmas cards received by President de Valera from various Heads of State including Indian Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri; French President Charles de Gaulle; South African President C.R. Swart; President [Shazar] of Israel and Princess Grace and Prince Rainier of Monaco.  5 items

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3334  1965  Note by President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly of information she gave to ‘Mr Smith of the New York Journal in 1965 re President de Valera’s mathematical reading and studies’.  1p

3335  [1965–71]  Undated Christmas cards received by de Valera from various Heads of State including Diori Hamani, President of Nigeria; Mohammed Yousuf, the High Commissioner of Pakistan and Begum; John Peck, British Ambassador to Ireland; U Thant, Secretary General of the United Nations; Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus; Dr. Hastings Kamuzu Banda, President of Malawi; Kenneth D. Kaunda, President of Zambia; U.S. President Richard Nixon; Princess Grace and Prince Rainier of Monaco and President of the Swiss Confederation Nello Celio.  15 items

3336  n.d.  Reel to reel sound recording labelled President speaking to (1) Sean T. O’Ceallaigh (2) Éamon de hÓir. Re. Frank McCabe Record. Philips, 10cm/4 inch spool, 135m/450 feet, Longplay.  1 item

3337  19 January 1966  5 black and white photographs of President de Valera attending a [meeting of the Dalkey Debating Society] on 19 January 1966. Comprises prints of Prof. Robert Dudley Edwards [Professor of Modern Irish History, U.C.D. 1944–1979], Deputy David Andrews, President de Valera, Deputy and Maurice Dockrel.  21cm x 17cm each

3338  January–April 1966  Cuttings from The Irish Press and The Irish Independent on various functions attended by, or presentations made to de Valera during 1966, in the course of his Presidential duties.  14 items

3339  March 1966  Documents relating to President de Valera’s attendance at the bi-centenary celebrations to commemorate the death of Fr. Victor Sheehy (1728–1766) in Clogheen, Co. Tipperary on 20 March 1966.  4 items
5 & 7 May 1966 Typescript copy personal letter from de Valera to Michael Rogers, Drimnagh, Dublin on the eve of Rogers’ retirement as the President’s driver-bodyguard—‘It is a heartbreak to me and Sinéad that you must leave us tomorrow. Rules and regulations, how heavily they can bear at times…You have been so much one of the family! You have seen the children grow from childhood to middle age, and no one of us hesitated to ask you to do something for us, whether within hours or out of hours. We knew that you were always willing. Sinéad and I shall miss you as if you were a son departing from us…’ (5 May 1966, 1p). Also accompanied by cutting from The Irish Press of a photograph of ‘The President chatting with his driver-bodyguard, Det.-Garda Michael Rogers, who retires today, after an association with Mr. de Valera which began in 1933. Det.-Garda Rogers is a native of Dublin and lives at 147 Errigal Road, Drimnagh’ (7 May 1966, 1 item). 2 items

10 May 1966 Holograph letter to President de Valera from Mrs. Peg O’Donovan thanking him for his attendance at the funeral of her late father Tom Hales [Commandant 1st (Bandon) Battalion 1917–19; Brigade Commandant Cork No. 3 (West Cork) Brigade, January 1919–July 1920; arrested 27 July 1920; member of ambush party at Béal na mBláth]. See also P150/1659 which includes November 1922 letter to de Valera from Áine Ceannt following Erskine Childers’ execution discussing that event and the plight of other Republican prisoners including James Ryan, Tom Hales who ‘is to be held responsible for M. Collins death & to be executed’, Robert Barton and Séamus Mallin. 1p

April 1966–January 1967 Documents relating to the conferral of the Doctorate honoris causa of the University of Louvain on President de Valera on 19 May 1966. Includes letters to the Department of External Affairs on arrangements for the ceremony, texts of the Rector’s address of homage, typescript note stating ‘the University’s highest honour: it is not a doctorate of a faculty but one of the University…The ceremony took place at Iveagh House’. Also includes typescript copy of the degree (2pp) and cutting from Lovaniensia academisch nieuws containing an account of the ceremony (p25–28) (September 1966, 125pp). 8 items
3343 20 May 1966  Black and white photographs of President de Valera, Dr. Risteárd Mulcahy and other delegates at the inauguration of the Irish Heart Foundation. Includes print of Donough O’Malley, Minister for Health, Prof. James Meenan, President de Valera, Dr. Risteárd Mulcahy and Lord Iveagh [Viscount Elveden] (individuals identified on reverse) and print of ‘Viscount Elveden; Mr. Albert Baer, Chairman of International Lay Committee, International Cardiology Foundation; President of Ireland, Mr. Eamon de Valera’ (caption on reverse). Tony O’Malley Pictures Ltd., Baggot Street, Dublin.

4 items, 24 x 18cm each

3344 October, November 1966;  Material relating to the four-day visit to Ireland between 24 and 27 May 1966, of Cardinal Josef Beran, Archbishop of Prague. Also accompanied by colour portrait of the Cardinal, inscribed ‘With my blessing for the President Mr. Eamon de Valera and his wife’ (25 October 1966, 17cm x 23cm excluding mount, 26cm x 37cm including mount). Also seasonal greetings from Cardinal Beran following his visit.

4 items

III. State visit to the U.S. and Canada, May–June 1964


September 1965  The President spent the 26th May in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia and was officially greeted by President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House the following day. He was then presented with a key to the city of Washington D.C. He addressed both Houses of Congress meeting in joint session on 28th May and later attended a press conference at Blair House. On the morning of 29th May, national Memorial Day, he visited Arlington Cemetery and laid wreaths on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and on the grave of the late President Kennedy. He then went to the Indian Embassy and signed the condolence book in memory of the late President Nehru. He then attended a lunch given in his honour by Acting Secretary of State George Ball and later paid an informal visit to Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy at her home in Georgetown. On 30th May he attended the New York World’s Fair before conferring for half an hour with U.N. Secretary General U Thant at the John F. Kennedy International Airport, before leaving for Canada.

The President arrived in Montreal on the evening of 30th May and spent the following day at the French-speaking village of Montebello. He travelled to Ottawa on 1 June where he was officially welcomed at Government House by the Governor-General of Canada, Major-General Georges-P. Vanier and by
the Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson. He attended a luncheon given by the Prime Minister, visited the Canadian House of Commons and attended a State dinner held in his honour by the Governor-General. On 2 June he laid a wreath at the National War Memorial in Ottawa, attended a luncheon given by the Irish Ambassador and held a press conference in Parliament Buildings. The President addressed the Canadian Club of Ottawa on 3 June and later flew by Canadian Airforce jet to Boston’s Logan Airport and on to Ireland.

Includes:

– documents relating to administrative arrangements and organisation of the visit, mainly produced by the U.S. Department of State Office of the Chief of Protocol, including itineraries, seating plans, press release and invitations (22 items);

– texts of various addresses including de Valera’s address to Congress and his farewell message to President Johnson (9 items);

– copy of the Congressional Record (Vol. 110, No. 107) containing the text of de Valera’s address to a joint meeting of the House of Representatives and the Senate delivered on 28 May 1964 (28 May 1964, 1 item);

– copy of the report of Irish Ambassador in Washington William P. Fay on the President’s visit to the U.S.A. (29 June 1964, 5pp);

– copy of Éire/Ireland Weekly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 664) on the visit (15 June 1964);

– biographical notes on Major-General Rt. Hon. Georges P. Vanier, Lester B. Pearson, Paul Martin and Rt. Hon John G. Diefenbaker and notes on the ‘Attitude of Canada to important questions at the United Nations’ prepared by the Department of External Affairs (14 & 15 May 1964, 4 items);

– documents relating to administrative arrangements and organisation of the visit, including itineraries, arrangements by the Government Hospitality Committee, menus, seating plans and texts of speeches for the State Dinner and Reception in de Valera’s honour on 1 June (25 items);

– typescript transcript of the press conference held on 2 June (8pp);

– typescript draft of the President’s speech at a lunch in the Canadian Club, Ottawa on 3 June (7pp);

– texts of farewell telegrams exchanged on de Valera’s departure from Canada (4 items, 1p each);

– Irish, American and Canadian newspaper reports on de Valera’s visit to the U.S.A. and Canada (13 May–13 June 1964, 73 items);

– cutting from External Affairs. Monthly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (Canada) containing an article on the President’s visit to Canada (July 1964, 43pp);

– personal correspondence between de Valera and Major-General Georges-P. Vanier and his wife, following the visit (5 June–11 August 1964, 6 items).

c. 150 items
May 1964

Black and white photographs of President de Valera’s official state visit to the U.S.A. in May 1964, his sixth visit to the United States. Comprises:

- boxed set of official prints recording the visit presented to de Valera by the U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson. Each print is accompanied by a caption on a separate sheet (24 items, each 34cm x 26cm excluding mount, 45cm x 38cm including mount);
- series of prints of de Valera, Frank Aiken and de Valera’s Aide-de-Camp Colonel Seámas Brennan being welcomed by officials at Boston’s Logan International Airport. No captions provided, no other persons identified (9 items, 21cm x 16cm each);
- series of prints of de Valera being greeted by President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson and their daughter Lynda Bird Johnson, on the forecourt of an unidentified building [possibly de Valera’s hotel?] (6 items, average 21cm x 20cm);
- series of prints of de Valera being officially welcomed by President Lyndon B. Johnson with Frank Aiken and Mrs. Johnson in the background, outside the White House (27 May 1964, 3 items, 21cm x 16cm each) and inspecting a guard of honour on the White House lawn on 27 May (4 items, 21cm x 16cm (3) & 35cm x 28cm);
- series of prints of de Valera and President Johnson chatting in the White House (4 items, 19cm x 24cm, 21cm x 16cm; 35cm x 28cm & 20cm x 16cm);
- de Valera, President and Mrs. Johnson, their daughter Lynda Bird Johnson, Dr. Eamonn de Valera and U.S. officials at the formal state dinner at the White House on 27 May (May 1964, 15cm x 20cm) and de Valera being escorted by President and Mrs. Johnson to the dinner (28cm x 35cm);
- Col. Seámas Brennan, de Valera, Frank Aiken, Dr. Eamonn de Valera and Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy outside the front door of Mrs. Kennedy’s home in Georgetown, Washington during his visit to her on 28 May (May 1964, 2 items, 22cm x 24cm) and ‘Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, widow of the late American President, bids farewell to President Eamon de Valera of Ireland after he visited her at her home in Georgetown section of Washington on May 28th’. Associated Press Photo (15cm x 20cm);
- series of prints depicting de Valera addressing a joint session of the U.S. House of Congress on 28 May, and the House’s reaction to his speech (28 May 1964, 7 items, 28cm x 22cm)
- ‘Pres. Johnson and Irish Pres. Eamon de Valera escaped through a kitchen at the Mayflower Hotel 5/28 to avoid a crush of guests at a reception which de Valera gave in Johnson’s honor. Pres. Johnson is shown in center of picture. Right below him is Frank Aiken, Irish Minister of External Affairs, and below Aiken is Irish Pres. de Valera’. United Press International Photo (28 May 1964, 20cm x 17cm);
- ‘State Dept. Luncheon for De Valera. A view of the luncheon held here, May 29, by the U.S. State Department in honor of visiting Irish President Eamon de Valera’. United Press International Photo (29 May 1964, 20cm x 15cm);
- series of prints showing de Valera’s visit to the New York World’s Fair on 30 May (21 items, assorted sizes, between 20cm x 16cm and 24cm x 24cm);
- de Valera signing a book beside a bust of the late President John F. Kennedy (4 items, 21cm x 16cm & 24cm x 24cm);
### 3346 contd.

- Frank Aiken, de Valera, Judge Comerford, Fr. O'Callaghan [identified on folder in Marie O'Kelly’s hand] and two unidentified men at a function (21cm x 16cm);
- prints of de Valera, Dr. Eamonn de Valera and President Johnson with various unidentified individuals at unspecified functions (5 items, assorted sizes).  

94 items

### 3347

May 1964–September 1965

Documents relating to President de Valera’s State Visit to Canada in 1964. Consists of correspondence between Marie O'Kelly and Patrick Joseph Mulgrew on the latter’s meeting with de Valera in Ottawa and photographs of the occasion (11 May 1964–29 September 1965, 6 items) together with photocopies of letters and documents belonging to Mulgrew from 1920.  

10 items

### 3348

1–3 June 1964

Black and white photographs recording President de Valera’s State visit to Canada between 1 and 3 June 1964. Comprises prints of:

- de Valera being greeted by the Mayor of Ottawa Charlotte Whitton (1 June 1964, 19cm x 26cm);
- de Valera and Frank Aiken arriving, being officially welcomed by His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Georges-P. Vanier, Governor-General of Canada, and inspecting members of the Canadian Royal Airforce (2 June 1964, 9 items, various sizes between 20cm x 15cm & 30cm x 21cm);
- two views of de Valera speaking at the press conference held in Parliament Buildings on 2 June. One with press caption (2 June 1964, 2 items, 25cm x 20cm);
- de Valera and party arriving at and pictured on the steps of an unknown [religious institution] (5 items, 20cm x 15cm each)
- series of prints of de Valera, Dr. Eamonn de Valera, Frank Aiken, Seán Nunan, Col. Seán Brennan, Georges-P. Vanier, Madame Vanier and Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson at an outdoor reception (14 items, various sizes between 20cm x 16cm & 24cm x 20cm);
- de Valera talking to an unidentified priest (18cm x 15cm) and an unidentified cardinal (20cm x 16cm);
- miscellaneous prints of de Valera speaking with unknown individuals and attending unidentified functions during the visit (6 items, various sizes between 20cm x 16cm & 25cm x 18cm).  

39 items
June, July 1966; March 1967

Covering note to Marie O'Kelly from Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan (6 July 1966, 1p) enclosing a copy of a minute from John A. Belton, the Ambassador at Ottawa, to the Department of External Affairs reporting on his conversation at a recent garden party with the Governor General of Canada Major-General Georges-P. Vanier on the possibility of a visit to Ireland by the Governor-General and the question of whether he would remain in his official position or retire before 1967 (original dated 28 June 1966, 3pp). Also accompanied by message of thanks to President de Valera from Madame Vanier, for his condolences on the death of her husband in 1967, transmitted through the Canadian Ambassador to Ireland, Evan W.T. Gill (8 March 1967, 1p).

3 items


21–24 May 1964

17 items

25 May 1964

14 items

26 May 1964

60 items

27 May 1964

93 items

28 May 1964

319 items

29 May 1964

143 items

30 May 1964

43 items

31 May 1964

69 items

1 June 1964

15 items
3359 2 June 1964 16 items

3360 3 June 1964 10 items

3361 4–13 June 1964 30 items

3362 May 1964 Set of 16mm newsreels from Radio Telefís Éireann, boxed in large wooden presentation case, entitled ‘Welcome Mister President’. Box originally labelled ‘Film re Chief’s State visit to the United States when addressed the two Houses of Congress in 1964’.
Gauge: 16 COMOPT
Footage: Reel 1: 1425'; Reel 2: 1477' & Reel 3: 1372'.
1 box containing 3 reels

Audio Devices 18cm/7 inch spool. 1 item

3364 27 May 1964 Reel of 16mm colour motion picture film labelled ‘Visit to the United States of the President of Ireland. Produced by: U.S. Naval Photographic Center. Part: 1211-91 color-sound. The White House. Official Files’. In original metal container (18cm/7 inch reel) and accompanied by card of ‘Robert Phelps Chalker, Chargé d’Affaires a.i. of the United States of America’.
1 reel & card

3365 June 1964 Open reel sound recording labelled Programme, Courtesy of Aer Lingus. Logan International Airport, 3 June 1964. Irish and English. Mr. De Valera and Tommy Shields, Station W.B.O.S., Boston.
Open reel, 13cm/5 inch spool. 1 item
3366  22 March, 30 April 1965  Covering letter to the President’s Secretary from the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs sent with a ‘20 minute colour film on the visit of An tUachtarán to the United States which was produced on a free-lance basis by Mr. Bill St. Leger, 22 Seapoint Avenue, Blackrock…Mr. St. Leger is a cameraman on the staff of Telefís Éireann. He went to the United States during the President’s visit on his own time and initiative to make this film. The Minister and officials of this Department have seen the film and have been pleased with it. It is proposed to purchase copies for our Mission in the U.S. and Canada’. Accompanied by 16mm safety motion picture film, 25cm/10 inch reel in original metal casing. Also copy letter of thanks sent to St. Leger by Marie O'Kelly for the film. 3 items, 1p each

3367  [1948], 1960s  Black and white photographs taken during some of de Valera’s visits to the U.S.A. [probably either in 1948 or 1966]. Dates and/or locations remain unidentified. Includes prints of:
- de Valera leaving St. Avril’s Rectory [Philadelphia?] (20cm x 25cm);
- de Valera, Frank Aiken and a number of religious and laymen, including ‘Fr. Hayden, Fr. Powl[eson], Fr. McKenna and Mr Maher’ on the steps of a [church] (5 items, 10cm x 8cm (4) & 20cm x 15cm);
- John J. Reilly, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Will Regan ‘Irish Announcer, W.D.A.S.’, de Valera and Joseph M. Brennan. Print autographed by President de Valera ([1960s], 25cm x 20cm);
- the exterior of the New York Stock Exchange (1968, 20cm x 25cm). 8 items
IV. 50th anniversary of 1916 Rising, April 1966:

a. Easter Week commemorative events

3368 January–April 1966 File relating to the activities of the Coiste Cuimhneachán 1916 [1916 Commemoration Committee] and the organisation of Easter Week Commemoration ceremonies and public events, consisting of draft and printed programmes of events for Easter Week 1966, including those to be attended by President de Valera (5 items), lists of names of Committee members (2 items) and copy of Oidhreacht a booklet published by the Stationery Office, on the events and men of the Rising (1966, 21pp).

See also P150/3581 for file relating to the unveiling of the Robert Emmet statue on 13 April 1966; P150/477 for file on the conferral of honorary degrees by the National University of Ireland upon relatives of the signatories of the Proclamation of the Republic, on 14 April 1966, with special reference to Sean MacDiarmada and his sister Rose; P150/489 for file on the unveiling of a memorial plaque at Arbour Hill on 24 April 1966; P150/506 for file on the opening of the Seán McMahon Bridge, Ringsend on 30 April 1966.

10 items

3369 April 1966 Photocopy of autographed text of President de Valera’s Easter Message to the People of Ireland, given to the newspapers (1p) and typescript ‘Free Translation of the Irish Section in President de Valera’s Message to the People. Easter, 1966’ (1p).

2 items

3370 April 1966 Typescript text of press release consisting of ‘Message from the President to the People of Ireland Easter, 1966’. Autographed by de Valera.

3pp

3371 April 1966 Reel to reel sound recording labelled Dev's Easter Message, 1966.

Philips, 18cm/7 inch spool, 540m/1,800 feet, Longplay.

1 item
Philips 10cm/4 inch spool, 180m/600 feet, Doubleplay.
   1 item

3373 April 1966  Copy of Radio Éireann reel to reel tape entitled *President de Valera’s Speech to the Nation—Broadcast by Radio Eireann on Easter Sunday, 1966.*
Reel No. C.368.
BASF 18cm/7 inch spool, 360m/1,200 feet standard tape.
   1 item

3374 April 1966  Copy of Radio Éireann reel to reel tape entitled *President de Valera’s Speech at Kilmainham, Easter Sunday, 1966.*
Reel No.: C.364.
BASF 18cm/7 inch spool, 360m/1,200 feet standard tape.
   1 item

3375 16 December 1946– 26 April 1974  Documents concerning de Valera’s two periods of detention in Kilmainham jail, following his surrender in 1916 and between October 1922 and January 1924, and the restoration of the jail in the 1960s, including the formal opening of the Kilmainham Jail Historical Museum on 10 April 1966 by President de Valera as part of the events to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. Includes:
   – copies of letters of farewell written by de Valera from Kilmainham, before he was due to be shot, to Mother Gonzaga head of the Training College of Our Lady of Mercy, Carysfort, Blackrock and Mick Ryan, ‘the friend of his Rugby-playing days at Rockwell who had been in the Irish Triple Crown team of 1899’ (quote from p.49 *Eamon de Valera* by The Earl of Longford & Thomas P. O’Neill, 1970) (originals dated 4, 9 May 1916, 2 items, 1p each);
   – articles from *The Irish Press* and *The Irish Times* on President de Valera’s visit to Kilmainham jail in March 1962 and the cell in which he was originally detained in 1923 [Number 59] (5 March 1962, 4 items);
   – black and white prints of a visit to Kilmainham Jail made by President de Valera on 4 March 1962. Comprises prints of de Valera entering the main door of the prison; shaking hands with Commandant William Corri, former Governor of the jail and de Valera standing inside the door of his cell with Commandant Corri. ©: *The Irish Press* (March 1962, 3 items, 15cm x 17cm each);
3375 contd. – colour photographs of the exterior of Kilmainham jail and de Valera’s cell inside the jail. Mounted on two pages (3 items, 10cm x 14cm);
– black and white prints of de Valera with Seamus Brennan and Seán Dowling at Kilmainham Jail. ©: The Irish Press (4 March 1962, 2 items, 14cm x 14cm & 15cm x 18cm);
– correspondence between President de Valera and various members of the Kilmainham Restoration Project, mainly Honorary Secretary James J. Brennan. Also includes correspondence between President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly, Major Florence O’Donoghue, Nora Wallace and Brennan on the presentation of a prayer book reputedly belonging to Countess Markievicz and used by her during her time as a prisoner in Cork jail in 1919, to the Kilmainham Jail Restoration Committee (7 April 1961–26 June 1974, 28 items);
– booklet entitled Kilmainham. The Bastille of Ireland presented to President de Valera by James J. Brennan in November 1961 (The Kilmainham Jail Restoration Society, 1961) (23pp);
– draft and final version of texts of President de Valera’s address on the occasion of the formal opening of Kilmainham Jail Historical Museum on 10 April 1966 by de Valera as part of the events to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising (April 1966, 3 items);
– typescript copies of memoranda produced by the Office of Public Works on the progress and terms of the scheme for the restoration of Kilmainham jail drawn up by the Kilmainham Restoration Committee and accepted by the Government in February 1960 (February 1963 & March 1966, 2 items, 2pp & 3pp).
See also P150/539 for de Valera’s letter to Jack Barrett written from Kilmainham jail on 9 May 1916. 55 items

3376 April 1966 Documents on President de Valera’s formal opening of the Garden of Remembrance, dedicated to all those who gave their lives in the cause of Irish freedom, on Easter Monday 1966 (11 April 1966) as part of the week of events commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. Comprises notes on the organisation of the ceremony; the history of the construction and design of the Garden on the site of the Rotunda Gardens; features of interest in the newly designed garden by its architect Dáithí Hanly and the sculpture by Oisin Kelly; biographical information on both men; draft addresses by President de Valera for the opening ceremony on 11 April.
13 items

3377 April 1966 Copy of Radio Éireann reel to reel tape entitled President de Valera’s Speech at the Garden of Remembrance, Easter Week 1966.
Reel No. : C.352.
BASF 18cm/7 inch spool, 360m/1,200 feet standard tape.
1 item
3378  14 April 1966 Copy of a Radio Éireann reel to reel tape entitled *Conferring of Degrees at University College Dublin 14/4/66 – Speech by the President of Ireland Eamon de Valera*. Reel No.: F.422 Speed: 7 (inches per second) BASF 13cm/5 inch spool, 180m/600 feet standard tape. 1 item

3379  April 1966 Documents on President de Valera’s unveiling of a memorial to Thomas Davis at College Green, Dublin, on 16 April 1966 as part of the formal events commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. ‘The Memorial takes the form of a fountain and a bronze statue standing on a paved platform…The bronze figure of Davis and the fountain reliefs and figures were modelled by the Sculptor Edward Delaney’. Includes texts of de Valera’s address on the occasion, plans of the memorial and black and white photographs of Delaney’s six bronze reliefs surrounding the pool, depicting ‘The Penal Days’, ‘Tone’s Grave’, ‘The Burial’, ‘We Must Not Fail’, ‘A National Once Again’ and ‘The Famine’ (6 items, 24cm x 17cm each). 14 items

3380  16 April 1966 Copy of Radio Éireann reel to reel tape entitled *President de Valera’s Speech at Unveiling of Thomas Davis Statue, Easter Week 1966*. Reel No.: C.313. Tape Speed: 7 (inches per second) BASF 18cm/7 inch spool, 360m/1,200 feet standard tape. 1 item

3381  April 1966 Typescript draft addresses of President de Valera at the ceremony to mark the official closing of Easter Week events commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, on 16 April 1966. 3 items
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b. Commemorative publications

3385  1965–66  Fiftieth anniversary Easter Rising commemorative publications and supplements to newspapers. Includes:
  – *1916. A Historical Review of the Men and the Politics of the Easter Rising*. A supplement to *The Irish Times* (7 April 1966, 16pp);
  – *R.T.V. Guide, Seachtain na Cásca* (8 April 1966, 47pp);
  – *They Went out to Die, 1916–The Irish Rising–1966*, a special anniversary issue of *The Boston Globe Magazine*, (1 May 1966, 51pp). Also includes correspondence between *The Boston Globe* and President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly (3 August 1965–2 May 1966, 1966);
  12 items

3386  1 September 1965–  Correspondence between *The Kerryman* and 14 April 1966  President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly seeking interviews and articles from de Valera on his recollections of 1916 for the fiftieth anniversary of the Rising, in 1966. Also includes correspondence with Columbia Records, New York, who are publishing a book and record on ‘The Irish Uprising’.
  26 items

3387  3–17 January 1966  Extracts from *The Irish Times* consisting of two articles by S.P. Irwin entitled ‘The Birth of an Army’ (3 & 4 January 1966, 2 items) and resulting letters to the Editor commenting on the series (4–17 January 1966, 6 items).
  8 items

  3pp
2 April 1966 Page from The Western People consisting of the text of a lecture given by the former Chief Justice Conor Maguire, in connection with the local 1916 commemoration, on the ‘Sinn Féin Courts’.

See also P150/1647 which includes 1923 holograph letter to de Valera from Conor A. Maguire (‘Conchubhar Maguidhir’) on efforts of Dr. Patrick McCartan to act as mediator between the Republicans and the Free State government. 1 item

16–28 May 1966 Twelve part series of articles entitled The Story of the President based on the forthcoming biography of de Valera by the Earl of Longford and T.P. O’Neill. Published in The Irish Press between 16 & 28 May 1966, on the fiftieth anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. Also corrected galley proofs of parts 6, 9, 11 & 12. 16 items

1966, November 1967 Articles on de Valera from American journals and newspapers on the fiftieth anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. Includes:

- The Irish Eagle by Jhan and June Robbins, published in an unknown American Sunday paper on 11 March 1966 (2pp) and similar article published by the same authors under the same title in the magazine section of the Sunday Bulletin (location unknown) (2pp);
- Ireland’s Tower of Patience published in The Milwaukee Journal (7 April 1966, 1 item);
c. 1916 executed prisoners

3392 December 1965–May 1966  Documents on President de Valera’s visit to Limerick on 22 May 1966 to unveil a plaque in memory of Ned Daly (Éamonn Ó Dálaigh) (1891–1916) the executed 1916 commandant and his uncle John Daly (1845–1916) (Seán Ó Dálaigh), Fenian and former Mayor of Limerick (1899–1902), at No. 15 Barrington Street, the house in which Ned lived. Comprises correspondence between de Valera and Eamon Dore (Eamon T. de hÓir) (5 December 1965–28 January 1966, 3 items), notes by Martin O'Flaherty, Secretary to the President, and Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan on the invitation (3 items, 1p each), newspaper reports (23 May 1966, 2 items), handwritten text of plaque (n.d., 1p) and ‘Phlaic ar Theach Mhuintir Dhálaigh. Nótaí ó Eamon óg de hÓir’ (Eamon Dore Jnr.) (n.d., 4pp). 9 items

3393 February, December 1966  File relating to the fiftieth anniversary of the 1916 Rising concerning Michael O’Hanrahan (1877–1916) and his family. Comprises holograph letter to President de Valera from Eily O’Hanrahan O’Reilly, sister of Michael O’Hanrahan, reminiscing about meetings of the Irish Volunteers at their house in 384 North Circular Road; her contact with Harry Boland especially on the day before he was shot in the Grand Hotel in Skerries, and the series of six concerts the family ran in the Theatre Royal for the Irish Republican Prisoners Dependents’ Fund (20 February 1964, 3pp). Encloses copy of excerpts from a letter she received from Barney McGilly in Portadown listing the names of officers in the Dublin Brigade during 1922–24 (13 February 1964, 1p). Also includes black and white print of portrait of Michael O’Hanrahan ‘Q.M.G., Irish Volunteers 1913–1916, Executed by the British at Kilmainham Jail, May 4th, 1916’ (9cm x 14cm), mounted in presentation folder, ‘Don’t forget the dear dead O’Hanrahans (as well as the living ones) in your good prayers. Nollaig Mhaith agaibh. From my sisters, Tom & self, Eily O’Hanrahan O’Reilly’ (December 1966) and holograph note from Mrs O’Hanrahan O’Reilly sending Christmas greetings to President and Mrs. de Valera (December 1966, 2pp). 5 items

3394 [April] 1966  Documents relating to the fiftieth anniversary of the execution of Con Colbert (1888–1916) in Kilmainham jail on 8 May 1916. Comprises official programme issued by the Con Colbert Commemoration Committee for commemorative ceremonies at Athea on 24 April 1966 (April 1966, 1p) and brochure entitled Con Colbert Memorial Athea, County Limerick. Cover comprises reproduction of drawing of Colbert by Sean O’Sullivan ([1966], 3pp). 2 items
d. Memorabilia

3395 July 1965–November 1966  Documents relating to the production of various commemorative portraits and busts of de Valera inspired by the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. Comprises correspondence between President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly and Lieutenant Colonel P.C. Blake of Golden, Co. Tipperary relating to the proposal to erect a bust of de Valera on the village green in Golden to mark the 50th anniversary of the Rising (7 July–30 August 1965, 3 items); letter from James White, Director of the National Gallery of Ireland, inquiring if de Valera would sit for a portrait the Gallery would like to commission from George Campbell, in preparation for a 1916 Commemoration Exhibition (25 August 1965, 1p) and extract from the November issue of the Irish Club Bulletin containing a brief article and illustration of a portrait of de Valera by Sean Keating commissioned by the Irish Club (November 1966, 2pp).

6 items

3396 December 1965  Copies of press releases issued by the Assay Office relating to the special 1916 Jubilee mark, ‘a special mark to be placed on all items of Irish manufactured Gold and Silver, other than Jewellery and watch cases, during the period January 1st to December 31st, 1966…in order to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Rising of 1916’ and the presentation of a silver salver, the first piece of Irish-made silver of 1966, to President de Valera on 1 January 1966 by the Company of Goldsmiths of Dublin. Also includes English and Irish versions of the inscription of certification of authenticity on the back of the salver.

5 items

3397 5 & 8 April 1966  Newspaper reports on the presentation of 1916 Survivors’ Medals by the Minister for Defence M. Hilliard to President de Valera, Taoiseach Seán Lemass and former President Seán T. O’Kelly, the first of 900 medals presented on the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Rising.

2 items
e. General commemorative events

3398  7 December 1965–7 February 1966  Correspondence between Frank K. Lee of the ‘Coiste Cuimhneachán 1916, Londain’ [1916 Commemoration Committee, London] and de Valera or Marie O’Kelly concerning the Committee’s organisation of events to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising.

4 items

3399  May 1966  Menu to accompany the Old I.R.A. and Cumann na mBan 1916 Commemoration Dinner held in the Queen’s Hotel, Ennis, Co. Limerick on 7 May 1966. President de Valera was guest of honour.

1 item


1 item

3401  [April] 1966  Black and white mounted photograph of President de Valera with Miss Marie O’Kelly (extreme left) and [E.J. Hitzen] and his wife and daughter at Áras an Uachtaráin during the celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Rising. [De Valera surrendered to Captain E.J. Hitzen after the Rising]. Print autographed by de Valera. ©: Lensmen Ltd., Dublin.

30 x 25cm including mount
19 x 15cm excluding mount

3402  [1960s?]  Black and white press photograph of a wall-mounted commemorative display of sketches and prints of the leaders of the 1916 Rising, including a portrait or photograph of de Valera in top right hand corner. ©: The Irish Press.

20 x 15cm
V. Second term as President, June 1966–June 1973

3403 February–June 1966 File on the 1966 Presidential election campaign, the election on 1 June and the announcement of de Valera’s re-election as President of Ireland on 3 June, with a majority of 10,717 over the other candidate Thomas F. O’Higgins. Comprises mainly newspaper reports from the following papers–The Irish Times (2 February–10 June 1966, 35 items); The Irish Press (24 April–6 June 1966, 34 items) and The Irish Independent (26 April–4 June 1966, 11 items), reports from American newspapers (29 May–25 June 1966, 14 items), printed campaign literature and handbills for de Valera (7 items) and copies of letters of thanks sent to various American individuals and Irish and foreign church dignitaries for their good wishes on his re-election as President (some in Irish) (7 June–7 July & November 1966, 38 items). Also includes 3inch reel to reel tape recording originally found in envelope labelled ‘Tape done of campaign in last Presidential election (1966)–car with loud speaker Palmerstown?’ (1 item). c.165 items

3404 10 June 1966 Copy letters from President de Valera to His Excellency H.V. Podgorny, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, U.S.S.R. thanking him for the ‘photographs of the Moon surface taken by the Soviet automatic space station “Luna–9” which in an historic achievement of great scientific merit made the first soft landing on the Moon on 3rd February, 1966’. Two copies of letter, one in Irish.
See also P150/3482 for documents relating to the Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969. 2 items, 1p each

3406  June 1966  File on de Valera’s inauguration as President of Ireland on 25 June 1966 in Dublin Castle. Comprises mainly Department of the Taoiseach administrative notes (some in Irish) on arrangements for the organisation of the ceremony (June 1966, 10 items) and typescript texts of the addresses of various individuals during the event including the Taoiseach, the Chief Justice and also ‘Dréacht-Fhreagra an Uachtaráin’ (June 1966, 2pp) and draft ‘Taoiseach’s Address on occasion of Inauguration of President’ (3pp). Also includes copy of Éire Ireland Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 736) on the inauguration (28 June 1966, 8pp). 22 items

3407  1 July 1966  Copy letter from President de Valera to King of Iran His Majesty Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, thanking him for his letter of 25 April ‘in which you informed me of the action which has been taken by your Majesty and the Parliament of Iran to further the eradication of world illiteracy’. Two copies, one French, one English. 2 items, 1p each

3408  5 October 1965–  Letters to Marie O’Kelly from Donncha Ó Dualaing of Radio Éireann relating to the preparation and transmission of the documentary series on the President’s childhood recorded by Ó Dualaing, broadcast under the title ‘The Boy from Bruree’ in July 1966. See also P150/416 for August 1970 letter to de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly from Donncha Ó Dualaing of R.T.E. following the announcement of the impending biography of the President, seeking an interview with him; P150/425-429 for unedited R.T.E. tapes of Pres. de Valera talking to Donnchadh Ó Dualaing broadcast by Radio Eireann in July 1966 under the title The Boy from Bruree. 5 items

3409  [1965] July 1966  Documents relating to de Valera’s visit to Cape Clear Island (Oileán Chléire) to open a new Irish College on 24 July 1966. The President travelled on an Aer Lingus flight to Cork and took an Irish Aer Corps helicopter to the island. He returned by helicopter to Dublin the next day via Bruree. Includes correspondence relating to arrangements for the visit, itinerary and press release. Also black and white Aer Corps aerial photographs of the island including the National School, the new school, football pitch, the teacher’s house and the parish priest’s house (10 items, 21 cm x 16cm each). 27 items
May 1965–1972  Documents relating to the planting in 1965 and dedication the following year, of a forest park in Kafr Kanna, near Nazareth in Israel, in honour of President de Valera, by the Irish Jewish community. Includes:

- newspaper cuttings on the project and on the presentation of a ‘Book of Honour’ to President de Valera on 5 November 1965 (14 & 15 May & 5 November 1965, 17 August 1966, 5 items);
- hand illustrated ‘Book of Honour’ presented to President de Valera on 5 November 1965 to mark the planting in 1965, of a ‘Forest of Trees in his honour and in his name at ‘Kfar Kanna’ near the ancient town of Nazareth in Israel in recognition of his many years of devoted service in the cause of peace and freedom’. Includes quotation from Bunreacht na hÉireann and tributes to de Valera from Dr. Isaac Cohen, Chief Rabbi of Ireland, Dr. Robert Briscoe, former Lord Mayor of Dublin, Dr. Immanuel Jakobvits, Former Chief Rabbi of Ireland, Mrs. Sarah Herzog, wife of the late Dr. Isaac Herzog, Chief Rabbi of Israel, and Arthur Newman P.C., list of names of members of the Irish Jewish community and the names of the Eamon de Valera Forest Committee. Lettered and illuminated by hand, using Celtic symbols and decorations from the Book of Kells. Parchment leaves. Illumination and Calligraphy by M.A. O’Connor, Dublin and Design and Presentation by Maurice Fridberg. Album (31pp), in bespoke presentation box;
- correspondence between de Valera and Prof. Mervyn L. Abrahamson, M.D., Chairman of the Eamon de Valera Forest Committee, on the ceremonial planting of the first trees in the park in August 1966 (26 & 27 July 1966, 2 items);
- letters of tribute to de Valera sent to Prof. Abrahamson, for the dedication ceremony on 18 August 1966, from:
  - Yaacov/Jacob Herzog, [Israeli Prime Minister’s Political Advisor] to Prof. Abrahamson. ‘His name is a by-word across the world as one of the pioneers of the present epoch in human history, a central theme of which is the emergence of small countries to independence, their assertion of their freedom and right to pursue their national destiny without external interference and to make their contribution on the international scene in equality. Eamon De Valera’s leadership, integrity, deep humanity and sense of purpose have for many decades now left their imprint on the international community. In Israel it is not forgotten that in the crucial years of struggle for independence, he evinced understanding and sympathy towards the restoration of Israel in the land of its fathers’ (18 August 1966, 2pp);
  - Israeli Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. ‘I see in this planting of trees in President de Valera’s distinguished name a fitting expression of the traditional friendship between the Irish and Jewish peoples, two nations that have so much in common of history and fulfilment’ (18 August 1966, 1p);
- membrane recording the dedication of a forest ‘in the hills of Nazareth in honour of His Excellency Eamon de Valera’ on 18 August 1966. ‘The trees have been planted on the soil of the Holy Land by his admirers in the Jewish Community of Ireland through the agency of the Jewish National Fund as a mark of appreciation of his accomplishments and of his friendship for the people and the State of Israel and to symbolise for generations to come a covenant of faith between the peoples of Ireland and of Israel and their common striving for freedom and for peace’. (August 1966, 34cm x 47cm);
3410 contd. – album of black and white photographs of the de Valera Forest Park and ‘Kafr Cana’, presented to de Valera by Keren Kayemet Leisrael–Jewish National Fund (January 1972, 14 prints). Includes print (loose, in beginning of album) of J. Tsur, Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund presenting the album to Chief Rabbi of Ireland Dr. Isaac Cohen, for transmission to President de Valera on 27 January 1972 (24cm x 18cm). See also P150/3505 for file on the death in March 1972, of Dr. Jacob Herzog (1921–72), Director-General of the Israeli Prime Minister’s Office.

25 items

3411 September 1966 Notes in Irish on the proceedings of a visit of President de Valera to Ballintubber Monastery, on 8 September 1966. Occasion unknown. 2pp

3412 August–September 1966 Newspaper reports on and itineraries of President de Valera’s four-day tour of his old constituency of County Clare between 9 and 12 September 1966 and his return to the county to open a new entertainment centre in Lahinch on 22 September 1966. 28 items

3413 28 September 1966 Typescript ‘Recollections of President De Valera’s Visits in post 1916 period’. Signed by Denis Lynch, Upton House, Co. Cork. With annotations written by Marie O’Kelly dictated de Valera. 3pp

3414 October 1966 Black and white press photograph autographed by de Valera annotated on reverse ‘Pres[ident] in State Coach on way to Killarney to visit Mrs. Crowley 10/10/66’ ©: The Irish Times (23cm x 30cm) and copy of same as published in The Irish Times on 11 October 1966 with the caption ‘The President, Mr. de Valera, leaving Sean Heuston station, Dublin, yesterday in the State coach to attend the C.B.S. centenary celebrations at Rathluairc. With him is a C.I.E. hostess, Miss Kathleen Kirwan’. 2 items

3415 October 1966 Newspaper photograph of President de Valera on the occasion of his 84th birthday in October 1966 and copy letters of thanks for good wishes on his birthday to various T.D.s, religious leaders including the Apostolic Nuncio Most Rev. J.M. Sensi, former army comrades including Liam Kavanagh and Patrick C. Burke, city officials including Lord Mayors, the Provost of Trinity College Dublin Dr. A.J. McConnell, and Fr. T. O’Driscoll C.S.Sp., President of Blackrock College. (Some letters in Irish) 16 items
3416 October, November 1966 Correspondence between de Valera and Dr. J.P. Brennan, County Dublin Coroner, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin concerning Dr. Brennan’s proposal to restore the Rock of Cashel, a proposal favoured by the President. Also copy of an Office of Public Works report entitled ‘Tuairimí faoi Charraig Chaisil Mumhan a atógáil (í a chur sa riocht ina raibh sí sa tseanáimsir)’ (October 1966, 9pp) and black and white photograph of the Rock of Cashel. ©: T.H. Mason, Dublin (n.d., 21cm x 16cm).
See also P150/3618 for letter from Dr. Brennan to de Valera reminiscing about Cathal Brugha; P150/44 for correspondence between de Valera and Dr. Brennan (former Rockwell College rugby player) about Rockwell College.

6 items

3417 November–December 1966 Documents relating to President de Valera’s reception in Áras an Uachtaráin on 12 November 1966, of a group of journalists who accompanied him on his general election tours between 1932 and 1954. Comprises mainly lists of journalists invited to the function (2 items, 1p each) and newspaper reports on the reception (14 November 1966, 3 items), correspondence (some in Irish) between de Valera and Brian Bairéad (Barrett) News Editor Independent Newspapers and Seán Ó Súilleabháin (John O’Sullivan) of the Cork Examiner after the event (18 November –5 December 1966, 3 items) and copy of a one-act play on Easter 1916, written by Brian Bairéad entitled A Song for Sixpence presented to the President on 12 November (40pp).

12 items

3418 n.d. Headed notepaper from the Department of the Taoiseach consisting of de Valera’s autograph and the autographs of the Fianna Fáil Cabinet (10 November 1966–2 July 1969).

1p

3419 December 1966 President de Valera’s Christmas message to the people of New Zealand as published in The Irish Reporter (Auckland).

1p

3420 1966 Black and white photograph of President de Valera reaching out of a railway carriage ‘On leaving Seán Heuston Station May, 1966 on route to Mallow’. Autographed by de Valera. 24cm x 19cm
3421 1924; 1965–66 File on Joe McGrath (1888–1966) consisting of biographical details on McGrath’s early career from 1916 to 1924 (n.d., 2 items, 2p & 1p); cutting from The Irish Times, Army Trouble. Alleged Secret Societies. Statement by Mr. J. McGrath. Why He Left the Government (19 May 1924, 1 item); holograph letter from McGrath to [President de Valera] regretting he cannot keep his appointment as he is going to Spain for three weeks (25 June 1965, 1p) and typescript copies of de Valera’s statement on the death of Joe MacGrath. One version signed (1966, 2 items, 1p each).

See P150/1464 & 1480 for documents relating to de Valera’s communications with Lloyd George in Gairloch in 1921 with reference to Joe McGrath

6 items

3422 January 1967 Typescript copy of text of ‘Aitheasc na hAthbhliana ón Uachtarán Éamon de Valera–1967’ (President de Valera’s New Year’s message).

1p

3423 1963; 1967 File on Helena Moloney (1884–1967) ‘Patriot, trade unionist, writer and actress …[who]… worked tirelessly for the cause of Ireland’s independence and the Irish worker and was one of five women jailed in England after the 1916 Rising’, consisting of cutting from The Irish Press of an article entitled The Story of Helena Moloney. From the Abbey to Liberty Hall by Dermott O’Brien (13 August 1963, 1 item); newspaper cuttings on her death on 29 January 1967 (30 January–1 February 1967, 6 items) and correspondence between Dr. Eveleen O’Brien, Sutton, Co. Dublin [a friend of the late Helena Moloney] and President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly about placing a plaque on the grave of Miss Moloney (4 August–31 October 1967, 4 items).

11 items

3424 1967–68 Documents relating to meetings of the Council of State, during de Valera’s Presidency, on 14 June 1961 concerning the Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 1961; on 6 March 1967 concerning the Income Tax Bill, 1967; and on 20 December 1968 on de Valera’s address to the Houses of the Oireachtas on 21 January 1969, the 50th anniversary of the first meeting of Dáil Éireann.

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<td>Photocopy of an article entitled <em>The Irish Eagle</em> by Jhan and June Robbins, published in <em>The Oregonian</em>. ‘Two American reporters visit with 84-year-old Eamon de Valera, the American-born President of Ireland who began his struggle for Irish freedom 50 years ago’. 4pp</td>
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<td>15–17 March 1967</td>
<td>Three-part series of biographical articles entitled <em>A Lifetime in Public Affairs</em> on Dr. James Ryan (1891–1970), by Michael McInerney Political Correspondent of <em>The Irish Times</em>. ‘Dr. James Ryan, a Cabinet Minister for many years and one of the survivors of the G.P.O. garrison in 1916, talked about people and events with Michael McInerney…’ See also P150/2534 for photograph of de Valera’s 1938 Cabinet including Dr. James Ryan. 3 items</td>
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<td>23 March–23 September 1967</td>
<td>Cuttings from Irish newspapers of photographs of miscellaneous social engagements and functions attended by President de Valera during 1967. Includes ‘The President and Mrs. de Valera greeting Dr. Alan Thompson, president, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, at Aras an Uachtarain on the occasion of the tercentenary of the College’ (16 May 1967, 1p) and photographs of de Valera receiving officers of the Eighth and Ninth Infantry Groups before their departure for service in Cyprus on behalf of the U.N. in March and September 1967 (23 March &amp; 6 September 1967, 2 items). 6 items</td>
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<td>August, September 1967; March 1976</td>
<td>Holograph letter to President de Valera from Field Marshall, the Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, seeking a meeting with the President during his visit to Dublin to attend the wedding of Alan Howarth and Gillian Chance in September 1967 and de Valera’s reply (1 &amp; 2 August 1967, 2 items, 1p each). Also press cutting of photograph and report on the Field Marshall’s visit to Aras an Uachtaráin on 22 September 1967 (22 September 1967, 1 items) and cutting from <em>The Irish Times</em> of ‘Jimmy McCormack’s photograph of Field-Marshall Viscount Montgomery with President de Valera at Aras an Uachtarain in 1967’ (25 March 1976, 1 item). 4 items</td>
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3429  1957–58, April 1967  File relating to Dr. Konrad Adenauer (1876–1967), Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany (1949–63), including exchanges of greetings between de Valera and Dr. Adenauer between 1957 and 1958, profile of the Chancellor published in The Observer (13 April 1958) and biographical information. Also black and white German press photograph of Dr. Adenauer (13cm x 18cm) and text of message of sympathy sent by de Valera to President Lübke of Germany on the death of Dr. Adenauer in April 1967.  

14 items


16cm x 16cm

3431  June 1967  Pages from The Columban, school magazine of St. Columb’s College, Derry, containing a photograph of President de Valera with members of the school’s Current Affairs Society who visited Áras an Uachtaráin in March 1967. ‘On the President’s left is Mr. John Hume who organised the tour’. Also includes reports by two students on the activities of the Current Affairs Society, which was formed by John Hume in October 1966.  

3pp

3432  14 June 1967  Newspaper reports on the cancellation of President de Valera’s engagements for a week in June due to an attack of lumbago.  

2 items, 1p each


1 item

3434  1967 & n.d.  Typescript notes on the history of the architecture and decoration of Áras an Uachtarán (post 1957, 1p) and part of the Bulletin of the Commissioners of Public Works (No. 5, July 1967) containing an article entitled ‘Áras an Uachtaráin: The House and its Furnishings’ and extract from an undated Bulletin with a short article ‘Georgian Plasterwork Preserved’.  

3 items
Correspondence mainly between de Valera and Provost Albert J. McConnell, T.C.D.; newspaper reports on the fundraising campaign and the ceremonial cutting of the first sod on the site of the new Trinity library on 4 December 1963 and the official opening of the Berkeley Library on 12 July 1967 by President de Valera. Also includes biographical notes on prominent individuals associated with the College [possibly publicity material associated with the library appeal], grouped under the following headings—scientists, medical men, philosophers and politicians, patriots, historians, writers and literary men and provosts (7 items) and illustrated booklet to accompany the latter ceremony, detailing the history of the building, with plans and specifications (1967, 16pp).

English and Irish version of President de Valera’s message of congratulations to the Sisters of the Holy Faith on the ‘completion of a century of fruitful giving’ in August 1967. ‘I first got to know the Holy Faith nuns when we went to live in Greystones in the Autumn of 1917. The children attended the Sisters’ school and were very happy there. At the instance of my wife the Sisters introduced Irish into the school, and to assist she gave a series of voluntary lessons both to the nuns and to the children. When the family returned to Dublin in the winter of 1922 my daughters attended school at Haddington Road, where they were as happy as they had been at Greystones...’

File relating to the commemoration of Daniel O’Connell (1775–1847) including:
– documents relating to President de Valera’s visit to Kerry in August 1967 to attend the Daniel O’Connell celebrations at Derrynane Abbey and his official opening of the home as a museum, on 20 August 1967 including typescript copy text (4pp) of de Valera’s speech for the occasion;
– colour photographs of the statue of Daniel O’Connell in O’Connell Street, Dublin (1) and of O’Connell’s tomb (2) (n.d., 3 items, each 10cm x 14cm excluding mount);
– correspondence between Charles T. Foley of Scranton, Pennsylvania and President de Valera’s Personal Secretary concerning the sending by Foley to de Valera of an autograph of Daniel O’Connell and de Valera’s intention to present the autograph to a museum such as the O’Connell home in Derrynane, Cahirdaniel, Co. Kerry (12 April–22 May 1972, 4 items).
18 & 22 September 1967 Article from the Catholic Standard entitled ‘How Government got Iveagh House and Gardens’ (22 September 1967, 2pp) and typescript headed ‘On hearing some recent published accounts, which were inaccurate, about the late Lord Iveagh and his transfer of Iveagh House and Gardens to the Government, President de Valera dictated the following note giving the facts. Máire Ní Cheallaigh Rúnai Pearsanta an Uachtaráín, 18/9/1967’ (18 September 1967, 3pp).

See also P150/3197 for personal correspondence between de Valera and Lord Iveagh; P150/2627 for de Valera’s address on the occasion of the handing over of Iveagh Gardens by the Irish Government to U.C.D. in October 1941; P150/2304 for correspondence between de Valera and Lord Granard including references to the transfer of Iveagh House and Gardens.

2 items

3 October 1967 Covering note to Marie O’Kelly from the Secretary to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs (3 October 1967, 1p) enclosing a memorandum (2pp) on ‘the background to the West Berlin Radio frequency problems of the 1950s’ [interference caused to the Athlone medium wave radio transmissions on frequency 566 kc/s, by a Berlin radio station as a result of problems with the ratification of the Copenhagen Plan annexed to the European Broadcasting Convention (1948)].

2 items

7 October 1967 Cutting from the Buffalo Evening News Magazine entitled A Visit with de Valera–Irish Hero by Fraser Drew. ‘Fraser Drew, professor of English at Buffalo State University College, wrote this account of a recent visit to Ireland and his meeting with President Eamon de Valera, a personal hero of the part-Irish writer’.

1p

10 & 30 October 1967 Copy letter from President de Valera to Minister for Finance Charles Haughey outlining his views on the proposed decimal currency (10 October 1967, 3pp) and acknowledgement of receipt from Haughey (30 October 1967, 1p).

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October 1967 Newspaper reports on President de Valera’s 85th birthday in October 1967.

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<td>File on Major Florence ‘Florrie’ O’Donoghue (1894–1967) consisting of: – correspondence (11 August 1952–13 January 1953, 9 items) between Major O’Donoghue, Taoiseach de Valera and Dr. Nicholas G. Nolan, Assistant Secretary to the Government about the chairmanship of the Supreme Council of the I.R.B. between 1917 and 1921 and the participation of de Valera and Liam Lynch and others in the events before and after the attack on the Four Courts. Also includes copy of letter from de Valera to an unknown individual stating that the suggestion that Liam Lynch ‘ever broke his parole is a slander’ and explaining the circumstances of his release by the Free State Government (original dated 25 June 1923, 1p) (see P150/1280 for copies of this in 1922–1923 correspondence between de Valera and Monsignor Denis O’Connor, O.C.C., New York State Treasurer, A.A.R.I.R.) and letter from Seán Moylan (‘S.M’) to Major O’Donoghue in which he recounts the general story of Liam Lynch’s journey south to his own command after the attack on the Four Courts (1 September 1952, 3pp);</td>
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3447 contd. – correspondence between Taoiseach de Valera or Marie O'Kelly, Major O'Donoghue and the Secretary to the Minister for Defence about the preservation of documents 'bearing on the struggle for Freedom' in Army Archives, in records of the Military History Bureau and a collection of civil war documents which were made available through Maurice ['Moss'] Twomey (2 July–27 August 1958, 10 items);
– typescript note by de Valera about the I.R.B. amending its constitution in September 1919, 'cutting out the portion concerning the President of the Republic' (7 February 1964, 1p);
– typescript letter to President de Valera from Major O'Donoghue about amendments to the I.R.B. constitution headed ‘Addenda to the Constitution’ which O’Donoghue received in his capacity as Cork County Centre in 1920 (8 February 1964, 1p);

3448 January 1968 Typescript copy of President de Valera’s New Year’s radio broadcast to Irish people at home and abroad. 2pp

3449 4 January–29 April 1968 Cuttings from Irish newspapers of photographs and reports of miscellaneous social engagements and functions attended by President de Valera during 1968. Includes photograph of ‘The President, Mr. de Valera, with his grandson, Eamon de Valera, Cluain Mhuire, Shrewsbury Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin, and Miss Patricia McDonagh, Heath House, Abbeyleix, Leix, after the couple’s wedding in University Church, St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin, yesterday’ (9 January 1968, 1p). 7 items

3450 1957; 1965; 1968 File on Sir Alfred Chester Beatty (1875–1968) mainly documents relating to his death and funeral such as newspaper cuttings (25–30 January 1968, 15 items); typescript copy of a draft of President de Valera’s statement on hearing of Sir Alfred’s death (2pp) and newspaper cuttings on the distribution of Sir Alfred’s estate (6 February 1968, 3 items). Also includes copy letters to Sir Alfred thanking him for his decision to leave his ‘wonderful library for the benefit of Ireland…the scheme looks so perfect that I see no difficulties from the National Library or the Government side, and so nothing for me to do…’ (6 May 1957, 1p), letter accepting the invitation to open ‘the new Exhibition Gallery of your Library’ (22 July 1957, 1p) and note to President de Valera from Sir Alfred thanking him for his telegram of congratulation and good wishes on his 90th birthday (12 February 1965, 1p) 26 items
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<td>‘Biachlár Cuimhneacháin ar ócáid Chuairt a Sholse an t-Uachtarán go Sligeach Dé Céadaoin, 6ú lá Márta, 1968’. (C.I.E. souvenir menu for President de Valera’s train journey to Sligo on 6 March 1968).</td>
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<td>– carbon copy memorandum by O’Donnell [while on hungerstrike in 1923] containing ‘a few suggestions that have been much in my mind and I write now before I lose power of connected thinking as may come later’ concerning the work of Sinn Féin Clubs, the production of a newspaper, fishery schemes and town housing schemes (n.d., 2pp);</td>
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<td>– holograph letter from O’Donnell in jail to Mrs. Childers on the need for a Sinn Féin weekly newspaper with effective finance and distribution, and outlining his ideas for ‘Free School Requisites’, municipal services, banking and finance. Also refers to his health and his fellow prisoners—‘Ernie [O’Malley] is really doing well; Derrig is very far from making satisfactory progress. Personally I’m getting back to normal rapidly…Robinson is very well &amp; has been a blessing to us all: his energy is tremendous &amp; he has nursed us all’(10 December 1923, 4pp);</td>
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3456 2 April 1968 Copy letter from President de Valera to Dr. Gordon Wheeler, Bishop of Leeds thanking him for his message of sympathy following the crash of the Aer Lingus Viscount 803, EI-AOM St. Feidhlim off Tuskar Rock. 1p

3457 3 & 9 April 1968 Holograph letter to President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly from Dr. Michael R.H. O’Regan, Wiltshire, seeking a meeting with de Valera during Dr. O’Regan’s visit to Ireland in August 1968 with his mother and son. Includes reply. 2 items

3458 5 April 1968 Letter to President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly from J.W. Lennon, Irish Embassy in Spain, concerning the production of the President’s Christmas card. Found attached was a black and white print of President de Valera (Lensmen Press & P.R. Photo Agency, Dublin Picture No. C303/8215) (9cm x 15cm). 2 items

3459 12 April 1968 Black and white photograph of President and Mrs. Sinéad de Valera shaking hands with an unidentified man [Lord Mayor of Dublin?] at a reception to mark the 250th anniversary of the foundation of Jervis Street Hospital on 12 April 1968. ‘Jervis St. Hospital 250 celebrations 1968’ noted on reverse in pencil. 21cm x 16cm

3460 April 1949–May 1968; October–November 1975 File relating to the Armagh Observatory and efforts to found and establish a planetarium at Armagh, culminating in the official opening of the Armagh Planetarium on 1 May 1968. Comprises mainly correspondence between de Valera and Dr. Eric M. Lindsay, Director of the Observatory, but also includes correspondence between de Valera, Dr. Lindsay and Alex A. McCarthy; Taoiseach John A. Costello; Sheelagh T. Grew, Secretary, Armagh Observatory; Julia M. Levins, New Jersey; Emory W. Morris, President and General Director, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Michigan; and Amos F. Gregory, Secretary, The Kresge Foundation, Detroit. Also includes the following reports:
- ‘A Proposed American-Irish Foundation’ by Dr. Eric M. Lindsay (April 1949, 2pp);
- ‘First Report on American Mission’ by Dr. Lindsay (n.d. (19[50]), 3pp);
- ‘The Armagh Planetarium Fund Inc. Second Report’ by Dr. Lindsay ([1950], 6pp);
contd. • ‘Memorandum on an Armagh Planetarium’ by Dr. Lindsay (1962, 3pp);

– correspondence (16 October–2 November 1975, 4 items) between Marie O’Kelly and Sheelagh T. Grew, Secretary of the Armagh Observatory following President de Valera’s death in August 1975, relating to an article by Ms. Grew to be published in The Irish Astronomical Journal in honour of Dr. Lindsay. Includes copy of article entitled ‘Eamon de Valera and Armagh Observatory’ recalling de Valera and Dr. Lindsay’s ‘years of friendship’ (3pp).

See also P150/2609 for file on the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies.

75 items

29 April 1968 Circular detailing travelling arrangements for President de Valera’s visit to Limerick on 5 May 1968, issued by C.I.E.’s Public Relations & Publicity Department.

3pp

May 1968 File on the state visit of King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola, the King and Queen of the Belgians to Ireland between 14 and 17 May 1968. The King and Queen were guests at the Áras for three days. Comprises itineraries for the visit and notes on administrative arrangements and protocol; biographical information on the King and Queen, briefing notes on various aspects of Belgium, its history and economy prepared by the Belgian Embassy in Dublin and the Irish Department of External Affairs; ceremonial orders for the visit, various invitations, menus and seating plans; pages from Irish newspapers on the visit including cuttings from The Irish Times (9 items), The Irish Independent (7 items) and The Irish Press (8 items); illustrated articles from Le Patriote Illustré (No. 21, 26 May 1968), unidentified French language current affairs magazine on the visit of the Royal couple, texts of farewell messages exchanged between President de Valera and the Royal couple on 17 May and copy of Éire Ireland. Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 780) on the visit (3 May 1968, 10pp). Also black and white press photograph of President de Valera, King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola at State Dinner given in Dublin Castle in their honour on 15 May ©: The Irish Times (19cm x 30cm).

c.77 items

19 April 1968 Cutting from The Irish Independent on the death of Ernest W. Proud on [18] May 1968, ‘a close friend and personal solicitor to the President, Mr. de Valera, and was also solicitor for the Irish Press Ltd. since its inception until recent years’.

See also P150/1288 for references to Ernest W. Proud in file on the Dáil Éireann funds U.S.A. litigation, between 1922 & 1927; P150/3784 for correspondence between Proud and de Valera on the financial position and administration of The Nation 1929–31.

1 item
3464 May 1968  Illustrated souvenir booklet to accompany the ‘Official Opening of Áras Chúchulain Irish Wheelchair Association Headquarters, Clontarf by Mr. Sean Flanagan, T.D., Minister for Health 20th May, 1968’ (1968, 16pp) and copy of Central Remedial Clinic Newsletter reporting on the opening and the President’s attendance (10pp).

2 items

3465 June 1968  Copy letter from President de Valera to Lord Fenner Brockway concerning the proposal to erect a statue of St. Joan of Arc in Dalkey where George Bernard Shaw lived as a child. See also P150/623 for prints of de Valera’s visit to Lincoln jail in 1950. Includes photos of de Valera arriving and ringing the bell of the front door with Fenner Brockway, M.P.; P150/2606 for file on George Bernard Shaw (1856–1950).

1p


7 items


12 items

3468 9 September 1964, 12 September 1968  Press cuttings on Denis McCullough (1883–1968) ‘one of the architects of the 1916 Rising’, ‘one of the leading figures in the revival of the I.R.B. in this century and later a leading figure in Irish industry’, including two obituary notices.

3 items
September 1962; File on the private visit to Ireland of the August & September 1968 President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Heinrich Lübke and Frau Lübke, during which they were the guests of the President and Mrs. de Valera, staying with them at the Áras in a private capacity on 16 and 17 September 1968. Includes biographical information on Dr. Lübke and Frau Wilhelmine Lübke, newspaper reports on the visit and black and white official photograph of Federal President Dr. Lübke and Frau Lübke in evening dress (18cm x 23cm). Also includes text of statement issued by the German Presidential Chancellery with respect to ‘some remarks in the Irish radio and newspapers concerning the resignation of the German Federal President Dr. Lübke’, (12 September 1968, 1p). Also accompanied by letter from President Lübke postponing his earlier intended visit to Ireland in 1962 (13 September 1962, 1p).

16 items

8–19 October 1968 Cuttings from The Irish Times consisting of eleven part series of articles by political correspondent Michael McInerney entitled Gerry Boland’s Story. Note: Part 9 (17 October 1968 missing).

10 items

October 1968 File on President de Valera’s 86th birthday in October 1968 consisting of newspaper reports and letters and telegrams of good wishes from T.D.s, various town mayors and religious and the Provost of T.C.D. Dr. A.J. McConnell. Also copy replies.

34 items

27 October 1968– 4 February 1969 Dissociated correspondence including holograph thank you letter to de Valera from Kenneth T. Whittaker following his appointment as Governor of the Central Bank (20 December 1968, 1p) and thank you letter from U.S. Senator John T. McCutcheon following his visit to Ireland and his meeting with the President (31 December 1968, 1p).

5 items

31 October 1968 Black and white print of [Leo J.? ] Sheridan, newly appointed American Ambassador to Ireland, presenting his credentials to President de Valera on 31 October 1968 (20cm x 14cm) and of President de Valera, Frank Aiken, Tánaiste and Minister for External Affairs, and the Ambassador after the ceremony (20cm x 15cm). ©: Lensmen Press & P.R. Photo Agency.

2 items
3474 1968–77  File on de Valera’s election as a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1968. Comprises:
– correspondence between de Valera or Marie O’Kelly, Professor Patrick Blackett, President of the Royal Society and J.G. Molloy, Irish Ambassador to Britain, about de Valera’s election and arrangements for his formal admission in to the Fellowship (4 April–12 November 1968, 11 items);
– telegrams and letters of congratulation from members of the public, religious, various academics and eminent individuals such as Patricia O’Neill, Registrar of the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies; Prof. Francis W.R. Brambell, Bangor; Prof. William H. McCrea, Astronomy Centre, University of Sussex; Santos Goni Demarchi, Argentinian Ambassador to Ireland; Fr. Tadhg Ó Drisceoil, C.S.Sp. President of Blackrock College, Dublin; Dame Kathleen Lonsdale, Professor of Chemistry, University College London; Prof. R.A.Q. O’Meara, Dublin; Prof. Max Born, Germany; Prof. Ernest T.S. Walton, Physics Department, Trinity College Dublin; Rt. Hon. Viscount Boyd, London; William H. Taft III, State Department, Washington; Dr. Holmes Ievers, Dublin; Earl Mountbatton of Burma; Prof. Joseph Kaplan, Physics Department, University of California and Harold Wilson, U.K. Prime Minister (31 May–11 September 1968, 45 items);

3475 January 1969  Newspaper reports on President de Valera’s New Year reception of the heads of the diplomatic missions in Ireland in Áras an Uachtaráin on 2 January 1969. Also includes typescript copy texts of ‘1969 New Year Wishes of the Diplomatic Corps to the President of Ireland. Address of the Vice-Dean Roger Robert du Gardier, French Ambassador’ (2pp) and typescript draft of the President’s reply (1p). 6 items

3476 February 1968– January 1969  File on the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the first meeting of Dáil Éireann on 21 January 1919. Comprises documents relating to the organisation of a special votive mass in the Pro-Cathedral and a joint sitting of both Houses of the Oireachtas at the Mansion House, Dublin and its address by the President on 21 January 1969. Includes list of members of the first Dáil who are still living (2pp); typescript drafts of President de Valera’s address to the joint session of the Oireachtas (8 items); copy of Éire Ireland Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 795) commemorating the anniversary (7 January 1969, 12pp) and newspaper reports and supplements on the commemoration (7 items).
See P150/1314 for documents relating to the opening session of the 1st Dáil Éireann on 21 January 1919. 43 items
3477  29 January 1969  Copy letter from President de Valera to Leo J. Sheridan, American Ambassador to Ireland, regretting that he cannot travel to Loyola University to be conferred with the Sword of Loyola.  

3478  Easter 1969  Colour photograph of President de Valera reviewing troops outside the G.P.O. ‘G.P.O. Easter Sunday, 1969. Taken by John Gould, 59 Pembroke Rd. Ballsbridge. The last time the ceremony at Easter was held at G.P.O.’ typed on reverse.  

3479  May, July & August 1969  Newspaper reports on the death and funeral of Robert Briscoe, Fianna Fáil T.D. and former Lord Mayor of Dublin in May 1969 (30 & 31 May 1969, 5 items). Also typescript summary of Briscoe’s career (n.d., 1p), resolution of sympathy by the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts on Briscoe’s death (July 1969, 3 items) and holograph letter to de Valera from Mrs. Lillian Briscoe (22 August 1969, 1p) enclosing two typescript letters she found amongst her late husband’s papers. The letters were found in an envelope (enclosed) labelled ‘Letters from Harry Boland to Joe McGarrity in the summer of 1922, and sent on to me, as President of the Nora Connolly Club. They truly served as an inspiration, for courage, loyalty, patriotism and self-sacrifice, and above all faith in our leader The Chief. Mrs. T.M. Sullivan. North East Kerry’ (letters originally dated 13 & 25 July 1922, 2 items). See also P150/3088 for autographed souvenir programme to accompany the presentation by de Valera to Councillor Robert Briscoe, newly elected Lord Mayor of Dublin and Mrs. Briscoe, Lady Mayoress in the Royal Hibernian Hotel on 3 November 1956. 

3480  April 1969–February 1970  File on General Charles de Gaulle and Madame de Gaulle’s stay at Áras an Uachtaráin as guests of President and Bean de Valera, between 17 and 19 June 1969, during their private visit to Ireland. Comprises: 
– correspondence between de Valera and General de Gaulle before and after the visit (April 1969–February 1970, 16 items); 
– holograph letter to de Valera from Mrs. Phyllis O’Kelly accepting the President’s invitation to lunch with the de Gaulles (21 May 1969, 2pp); 
– genealogical research on efforts to establish ‘a connection between the Macartan family of Lille and the family of that name from the barony of Kinelearty, Co. Down. … General Charles de Gaulle … is a direct descendent maternally of the family, his grandmother being a MacCartan of Lille’. (1948, 14pp);
3480 contd. – administrative and hospitality arrangements (12 items) including notes prepared by the protocol sections and ‘Outline of Programme for visit to Dublin of General and Madame de Gaulle’ (2pp);
– French, Irish and American newspaper reports on the visit (May–July 1969, 8 items);
– copy of Éire Ireland Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 806) with article on the visit. Autographed by de Valera (24 June 1969, 8pp);
– black and white photograph of General de Gaulle and President de Valera outside Áras an Uachtaráin as used on the front cover of the Bulletin.
©: Lensmen Ltd. Press & P.R. Photo Agency (June 1969, 19cm x 24cm).
40 items

3481 1958–63 Copy of Journal de la Republique Française reproducing the new French Constitution (5 October 1958, 30pp). Also copy of unofficial English translation of the Constitution (1963, 34pp) and of covering letter from Con Cremin, Secretary, Department of External Affairs, to T.K. Whittaker, Secretary, Department of Finance (4 June 1962, 2pp) enclosing confidential notes headed ‘France, Europe and the British Application for Membership of the E.E.C.’ which analyses the subject from the attitudes of de Gaulle as expressed in his memoirs (25pp).
4 items

3482 11–21 July 1969 Copy of the text of President de Valera’s message to be placed on the moon by the astronauts of Apollo 11 (text in English and Irish) (n.d., 1p), accompanied by copy letter from Irish Ambassador to the U.S.A. William P. Fay, to the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs Hugh J. McCann, thanking him for de Valera’s message (14 July 1969, 1p) and enclosing a copy of the letter received by the Ambassador from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (11 July 1969, 1p). Also copy letter of congratulations to President Richard M. Nixon from President de Valera following the moon landing ([21] July 1969, 1p).
See also P150/3404 for June 1966 letters from President de Valera to His Excellency H.V. Podgorny, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, U.S.S.R. thanking him for the ‘photographs of the Moon surface taken by the Soviet automatic space station Luna–9 which in an historic achievement of great scientific merit made the first soft landing on the Moon on 3rd February, 1966’; P150/2851 for covering letters sent to President de Valera by U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson with photographs of the surface of the Moon and Mars, between 1964 and 1966; P150/2852 for correspondence between President de Valera and President Richard M. Nixon.
4 items
3483 August 1969 Typescript notes dictated to Marie O'Kelly by de Valera on his impressions of Charles de Gaulle, Winston Churchill and Michael Collins. 3pp

3484 [October] 1969–March 1975 Exchanges of greetings between de Valera and Indian President V.V. Giri. 4 items

3485 14 October 1969 Newspaper cutting on President de Valera’s 87th birthday in October 1969. 1 item

3486 27 October 1969 Circular detailing travelling arrangements for President de Valera’s visit to Killarney, Co. Kerry on 8 & 9 November 1969, to attend the consecration of the new Bishop of Kerry Dr. Eamon Casey. Issued by C.I.E.’s Public Relations & Publicity Department. 4pp

3487 1964; 1968–72 File on Dan Breen (1894–1969) consisting mainly of press cuttings relating to his death and subsequent tributes to him (29–31 December 1969, 13 items). Also includes documents relating to the Dan Breen Memorial Fund. 23 items

3488 January 1970 Typescript copies of ‘Address of the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps H.E. the Apostolic Nuncio to the President of Ireland 6th January 1970’ (2pp) and typescript draft ‘Reply of the President to the Nuncio’s Address’ (2pp). 2 items

3489 28 February 1970–16 December 1972 Miscellaneous correspondence dating between 1970 and 1972, consisting mainly of letters to President de Valera from various individuals asking him to send greetings to others to mark occasions such as retirement, fifty years in the priesthood, and a birthday. Includes some copy replies. 34 items

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3490  27 March 1970  Letter of thanks to President de Valera from Br. B. C. Ó Murchú, President of the Handball Council of Ireland, following the Council’s visit to Áras an Uachtarán. Also refers to the construction of a new handball court in Croke Park and the revival of interest in handball in the country in general.
1p

3491  September 1970  Souvenir programme to accompany the Gibbons & Lawless Commemoration. Fiftieth Anniversary, Sunday, 20th September, 1970, attended by President de Valera. [The 50th anniversary of the deaths of Seamus Lawless and Seán Gibbons during the burning of Balbriggan in September 1920].
1 item

3492  13–14 October 1970  Mainly letters and telegrams of congratulation to President de Valera on the celebration of his 88th birthday in October 1970. Comprises messages from various religious and members of the Government, including:
• Taoiseach Jack Lynch;
• Mrs. Phyllis O’Kelly;
• Seán MacEoin;
• Gerry Collins;
• Seán and Kathleen Lemass;
• Cearbhall and Máirín Ó Dálaigh;
• Apostolic Nuncio Most Rev. Dr. Gaetano Alibrandi.
13 items

9 items

3pp
3495  February 1971  Souvenir programme to accompany the unveiling of the foundation stone at the site of the new library and science block, University College Galway, by President de Valera on 26 February 1971. See also P150/3277 for text of President de Valera’s address at the official opening of the new Science and Arts building at University College Galway, on 18 May 1963. 1 item

3495a  27 April–14 May 1971  Documents relating to the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of The Irish World. Includes letters to de Valera seeking greetings for the event from Fr. Donald M. O’Callaghan, O.Carm., Honorary Chairman of The Irish World, and Maureen P. Ford, Editor and Publisher, The Irish World (27 April & 6 May 1971, 2 items); and copy of President de Valera’s message to mark the centenary (14 May 1971, 1p). 4 items

3496  March–April 1971  File on President de Valera’s one-day private visit to the Grotto at Lourdes on Sunday 4 April 1971. Comprises documents relating to flight arrangements, cards and telegrams from members of the public and correspondence between de Valera and French Prime Minister Georges Pompidou and Monsignor H.C. Donze, Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes. See also P150/3140 for file on de Valera’s trip to Lourdes in September 1958 to attend the Marian Congress; P150/3519 for series of press photographs recording de Valera’s one day visit to Lourdes on Easter Sunday 1973 and his attendance at Mass at the grotto, accompanied by his Aide-de-Camp Col. Seán Brennan. 25 items

3497  January & March 1930;  File on Seán Lemass (1899–1971), Minister for September 1951–July 1974 Industry and Commerce (1932–39; 1941–48), Minister for Supplies (1939–41), and Taoiseach (1959–66). Comprises documents relating to his political career, retirement and death on 11 May 1971, including: personal and official correspondence between de Valera and Lemass (13 January & 10 March 1930, 16 September 1951–23 February 1971, 19 items); report from The Irish Press on Minister for Industry and Commerce Seán Lemass’ address of 27 March 1945 to the Cork Chamber of Commerce on ‘The Organisation of Full Employment in Ireland’ (28 March 1945, 6pp); black and white photographs (rough proofs) of Seán Lemass, his wife Kathleen Lemass and de Valera at a ‘Military Tatoo Dance’ in August 1945 (noted on reverse) and of Kathleen Lemass, de Valera and an unidentified woman at the same dance. ©: G.P. Beegan, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin (August 1945, 2 items, 21cm x 16cm each);
3497 contd. – cuttings from The Irish Press and The Irish Times on de Valera’s attendance at the wedding of Sheila Lemass, daughter of the Taoiseach, and John O’ Connor at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Churchtown. Comprises photographs of the couple with de Valera and Mrs. de Valera (23 July 1959, 2 items);
– copy of Éire/Ireland. Weekly Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs (No. 647) on Taoiseach Seán Lemass’ visit to the U.S.A. in October 1963 (28 October 1963, 12pp);
– newspaper reports on Lemass’ retirement from politics in January 1969 (18 January–7 February 1969, 4 items);
– 16-part series of articles entitled Sean Lemass Looks Back by Michael Mills published in The Irish Press (20 January–6 February 1969, 16 items);
– documents relating to the death of Seán Lemass on 11 May 1971 including typescript copy of de Valera’s statement (n.d., 1p), copy of Éire/Ireland. Bulletin of the Department of Foreign Affairs (No. 837) (18 June 1971, 10pp) and message of sympathy from President Nixon forwarded to Mrs. Kathleen Lemass by de Valera (12 May 1971, 1p);
– holograph letter to de Valera from Moll Lemass thanking him for his attendance at Frank Lemass’ funeral [brother of the late Seán] (1 July 1974, 1p).
See also P150/3668 for memorial card of Seán Lemass; P150/2736 for file on 1947 speeches of Seán Lemass; P150/3397 for documents on the presentation of 1916 Survivors’ Medals in 1966; P150/3557 for tribute article by Seán Lemass on the late Eamon de Valera (1975); P150/3123 & 3140 for photographs of Seán Lemass; P150/3256 for correspondence concerning Annie Christitch’s gift of a packet of letters written by Cardinal Logue and other members of the Irish Hierarchy, given to her by the late Ishbel, Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair and wife of Lord Aberdeen, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, 1905 to 1915, in connection with Lady Aberdeen’s tenure as President of the International Council of Women
60 items

3498 21 June & 5 July 1971 Copy letter to Taoiseach Jack Lynch from Franco Maria Malfatti, President of the Commission of European Communities, asking the Taoiseach to pass on his appreciation to President de Valera ‘at the honour of being received by His Excellency’ during his recent visit to Ireland and copy acknowledgement from the Taoiseach. 2pp

3499 July 1971 Typescript texts of de Valera’s statements from the Mansion House and the Garden of Remembrance on the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities in the War of Independence. ‘The arrangements became effective at noon on Monday 11th July 1921’. In Irish and English. 5pp
3500 October 1971 File on President de Valera’s 89th birthday in October 1971. Comprises mainly telegrams sending good wishes from members of the Government (16 items), letters and some copy replies from John W. McCormack [former] Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Taoiseach Jack Lynch, Tomás Ó Maoláín, Secretary of the Fianna Fáil Party and Dr. Kenneth Whittaker (6 items) and American newspaper cuttings on the occasion (3 items).

27 items

3501 April–November 1971; February & March 1973 Correspondence between de Valera, Agnes McGrath, Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin and Fr. Valentine McLoughlin (Vailintin Mac Lochlainn), S.J., relating to Fr. McLoughlin’s work on the cause of Matt Talbot (1856–1925). Includes article entitled Matt’s Memory Kept Green. Evidence of a new awakening of interest in the Cause of the Irish working man by Fr. Mac Lochlainn published in the Pioneer (November 1971, 3pp) and black and white snapshots of de Valera, C. McLoughlin, Honorary Secretary of the Dublin Matt Talbot Committee, Fr. John Whelan Administrator, Our Lady of Lourdes Church and Fr. Vailintin Mac Lochlainn, S.J. examining an album of photographs at Áras an Uachtaráin (14 February 1973, 2 items, 11cm x 8cm each).

15 items

3502 1971 Christmas cards received by President de Valera from various Heads of State including South African President J.J. Fouché and Princess Grace and Prince Rainier of Monaco.

5 items

3503 December 1971 Copy of Mission produced by the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary, Co. Cavan, on President de Valera’s attendance at the one-day symposium at St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth, to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Bishop Shanahan.

1 item

3504 1921; 1922; 1962–73 File on General Richard Mulcahy (1886–1971) consisting mainly of typescript notes by de Valera (4 items, 1p each); letter to President de Valera from Pádraig Mulcahy thanking him for his presence at the funeral of his father General Richard Mulcahy (11 January 1972, 1p) and correspondence between Dr. Risteárd Mulcahy and President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly on the deposit of the papers of General Mulcahy in University College Dublin by his son Dr. Mulcahy and Dr. Mulcahy’s ‘interest in enlarging the interests of the Trust…[set up in U.C.D. to care for his father’s papers]…with the aim of collecting all Irish papers of historical interest pertaining to the Independence Movement and the ensuing years’. Asks de Valera if he will give them his support ‘by eventually contributing your papers, or copies of your papers, to the University archives’ (22 May 1973, 2pp).

12 items
March–June 1972 File on the death in March 1972, of Dr. Jacob Herzog (1921–72), Director-General of the Israeli Prime Minister’s Office. Comprises copy of obituary published in The Times (10 March 1972, 1p) and correspondence between de Valera and Dr. Herzog’s widow Pnina following her husband’s death (20 April–15 June 1972, 3 items). ‘He was born in Dublin in December 1921. His father had been Chief Rabbi of Ireland, sympathized with the Nationalists, and sheltered in his home Eamon De Valera, who remained a life-long friend. The family moved to Jerusalem in 1939 when the father was elected Chief Rabbi of Palestine.’ 

See also P150/3410 for letter of tribute to de Valera by Dr. Jacob Herzog in connection with the planting of a forest dedicated to de Valera in Kafr Cana, near Nazareth in 1965. 

4 items

20 March 1972 Typescript copy of President de Valera’s message of congratulations on the establishment of Radio na Gaeltachta in March 1972. 

1p

July 1972 Copy of Scout Leader (No. 76) on President de Valera’s official opening of the new Scouting Centre at Larch Hill on 4 June 1972. 

1 item

20 June 1972 Circular detailing travelling arrangements for President de Valera’s visit to Galway on 22 June 1972, ‘to attend the obsequies for the late Dr. Walsh, retired archbishop of Tuam’. Issued by C.I.E.’s Public Relations & Publicity Department. 

3pp

16 August 1972 Newspaper reports on President de Valera’s visit to Ennis, Co. Clare in August 1972 where he was guest of honour at the County Clare Agricultural Show and visited the Convent of Mercy and the Poor Clare Convent. 

4 items
October–December 1972 File on President de Valera’s 90th birthday in October 1972. Comprises birthday cards and telegrams sending good wishes from friends and members of the public (15 items), telegrams from various diplomatic officials and heads of state (12 items), letters from Taoiseach Jack Lynch, Todd Andrews and Bishop of Richmond, Virginia Rev. Dr. John R. Russell (13–16 October 1972, 4 items) and newspaper cuttings including cuttings from American and Australian papers (6 items). 50 items

6 November 1972 Newspaper report on President de Valera’s visit to Ennis, Co. Clare in November 1971 to open the new community centre in Chapel Lane, Ennis. 1 item

December 1972 Official Christmas card sent by de Valera in December 1972, his last Christmas as President of Ireland. 1 item

June 1970–December 1974 File relating to John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives (1962–1971), consisting of items concerning the funeral of his wife Harriet McCormack in December 1971, his visit to Ireland in November 1972 and letters of thanks to de Valera for sending him a copy of de Valera’s biography by Lord Longford and Thomas P. O’Neill. Comments ‘to me, you not only have been a “contributor” to history, but you are “history itself” ‘(19 June 1970) and in referring to de Valera’s last visit to the U.S.A. reflects ‘I had the honor and personal and official pleasure of introducing you to the Members of the House and Senate in Congress in Joint Meeting. The address that you made to the Members at that time is one of the highlights of my 42 years’ service in the Congress of the United States’ (7 December 1970). Also includes black and white photograph of John W. McCormack, autographed on reverse by McCormack (November 1972, 20cm x26cm). 20 items

1972–75 Christmas cards received by President de Valera between 1972 and 1975, from various Heads of State including Tunisian President Habib ibn Ali Bourguiba; Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Princess Grace and Prince Rainier of Monaco. 5 items

3517  14 March 1973  Newspaper reports on President de Valera’s presentation of prizes to the two overall winners of the Slogadh ’73 competitions, ‘the fourth national final of the Gael Linn-Aer Lingus series of youth festivals in the Irish language’ at St. Patrick’s Training College, Drumcondra on 13 March 1973. 2 items

3518  [1936], March 1973  File on the conferral of the Freedom of the City of Cork on de Valera on 31 March 1973, ‘in appreciation of his lifetime of devoted service to the Irish Nation as a patriot, soldier, scholar and statesman and in token of the affection and esteem in which he is held by the people of Cork’. 6 items

3519  Easter 1971  Series of black and white press photographs (Independent Newspapers Ltd.) recording de Valera’s one day visit to Lourdes on Easter Sunday 1971 and his attendance at Mass at the grotto, accompanied by his Aide-de-Camp Col. Seán Brennan. Prints various sizes between 21cm x 14cm and 21cm x 15cm each. 16 items
## 44. RETIREMENT

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3526  19–26 June 1973  Telegrams of congratulation and goodwill on the occasion of de Valera’s retirement from public life. Includes telegram from Very Rev. Tomás Ó Fiaich, Vice-President of St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth.

7 items

3527  1973  Greetings cards from well wishers on the occasion of de Valera’s retirement from public life.

24 items

3528  April–September 1973  Letters of congratulation and goodwill on the occasion of de Valera’s retirement from public life, mainly from members of the Irish public but also from individuals in the U.K. and U.S.A. Also includes messages of congratulation from:

- Mother Mary Bonaventura, O.S.F., Devon, England;
- Rt. Hon. Viscount Boyd C.H., Iveagh House, St. James’s, London *;
- Mrs. Mary C. Bromage, Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A.;
- Mrs. Nora Connolly O’Brien, Dublin *;
- Hilton Edwards, Harcourt Terrace, Dublin;
- Garrett Fitzgerald, Minister for Foreign Affairs *;
- Madame Charles de Gaulle;
- Fr. Frank Griffin, C.S.Sp. Rockwell College, Cashel, Co. Tipperary;
- Michael J. Hayes, London;
- Liam and Pauline Heuston, Dublin;
- Captain Edward J. Hitzen, Grimsby, England;
- Lyla Kennedy, Dublin;
- Lord and Lady Longford [Elizabeth and Frank Pakenham] *;
- Sir Robert Lusty, Hutchinson Publishing Group, London;
- Hon. John W. McCormack, Boston, Massachusetts *;
- Brendan Malin, editor, Boston Globe;
- Phyllis O’Kelly, Dublin, widow of Seán T. O’Kelly *;
- Donal O’Sullivan, Irish Ambassador, London *;
- Liam de Paor, Dublin;
- The Earl of Rosse, Birr, Co. Offaly *;
- Tadhg J. Smalle P.C., Limerick;
- Kenneth T. Whittaker, Governor of the Central Bank *.

Those marked * include a copy reply from de Valera.

c.239 items

3529  May–4 September 1973  Copy letters from de Valera in reply to good wishes sent in connection with his retirement from public life. Comprises letters to Rev. Dr. Oscar Sevrin S.J., Titular Bishop of Mossina; Jack Lynch, Miss Anna Ryan, housekeeper at Áras an Uachtaráin and Fr. Bede, C.P..

4 items
3530  7 June–12 July 1973  Letters of congratulation and goodwill on the occasion of de Valera’s retirement from public life, from the following Bishops and Archbishops—Rev. Dr. Donal R. Lamont O.Carm., Bishop of Umtali, Rhodesia; Most Rev. Dr. George Otto Simms, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland; Rev. Msgr. P. Clemens Thottungal C.M.I., Apostolic Exarch of Sagar, India; Rev. Dr. Donal J. Herlihy, Bishop of Ferns and Cardinal John Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster. All accompanied by de Valera’s replies.

10 items

3531  19 June–4 July 1973  Letters of congratulation and goodwill on the occasion of de Valera’s retirement from public life, from the following Heads of State—Indian Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi; Indian President V.V. Giri; Gustav W. Heinemann, President of the Federal Republic of Germany; Jean Grand Duke of Luxembourg; U.S. President Richard Nixon; Archbishop Makarios, President of the Republic of Cyprus and Pope Paul VI. Most are accompanied with copy replies from de Valera.

14 items

3532  5 July 1973– 25 November 1974  File relating to various personal gifts and souvenirs sent by members of the public to de Valera following his retirement from public life in June 1973, as well as presentations by de Valera. Comprises mainly letters to de Valera sent with the various presents and copy letters of thanks. The gifts referred to include a collection of Irish books given by de Valera to Tomás de Bhaldráithe in July 1973 and the presentation of the key with which de Valera opened the library of the Albert Agricultural College in 1938, to the authorities of University College Dublin in 1973.

5 items

3533  16 July 1973  Telegram to President de Valera from Cardinal Josef Mindszenty. Reads ‘Visiting my fellow Hungarians in Britain and remembering you as the only Head of State in world who sent greetings on my liberation in 1956 I send you my gratitude and best wishes and envoke upon you and the beloved people of Ireland the Lord’s benediction’.

1p
3534 1973 Letters of congratulations and goodwill on the occasion of de Valera’s retirement from public life, from various Irish and international organisations including Fianna Fáil cumainn, Irish local authorities (Cork Corporation, Clare County Council, Midleton Urban District Council, Roscommon Co. Co., Passage West Town Commissioners and Balbriggan Town Commissioners), and Irish and international organisations including the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland, the committee and members of the Four Courts Garrison, the National Co-Operative Council, the Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen, the Dublin Jewish Progressive Congregation and the Scottish National Party in Ireland. 32 items


3537 July/August 1973 Articles from periodicals on de Valera’s retirement. Comprises illustrated Farewell Tribute to President de Valera from Eirigh. A Magazine of Christian Optimism (July/August 1973, 6pp) and extract from The Congressional Record with the text of the remarks made in the House of Congress on the occasion of the retirement of de Valera from the office of the President of Ireland (25 June 1973, 2pp). 3 items

3538 27–30 August 1973 Reports from The Irish Times and The Irish Press on proceedings at the annual Merriman Summer School in Scariff, Co. Clare. Comprises reports on lectures by Liam de Paor; John Hume (‘The North in the Age of de Valera’); Peadar O’Donnell (‘The Age of de Valera—a Social Commentary’); Dr. Donal McCartney (‘De Valera in America’); Prof. F.S.L. Lyons (‘From Free State to Republic’); An tOllamh Daithí Ó hUaithne (‘An Ghaeilge in Aimsir de Valera’); Prof. Desmond Williams (‘De Valera in International Affairs’); Prof. John A. Murphy (‘The Politics of the Age’) and Prof. Roger McHugh (‘Literary Arts in the Age of de Valera’). 8 items
3539 13–14 October 1973  Telegrams from foreign ambassadors, newspaper cutting and birthday song, relating to de Valera’s 91st birthday in October 1973. 5 items, 1p each

3540 December 1973  Two drawings of the ‘man in the moon’ by de Valera. 1p


3542 24 April 1974  Newspaper reports on the conferral of the degree of Doctor of Music honoris causa on the composers Sir William Walton (Britain), Prof. Boris Blacher (West Germany), Prof. Brian Boydell (Ireland) and Dr. Roman Vlad (Italy) by the National University of Ireland in a ceremony at University College Cork on 23 April 1974. The event which was presided over by N.U.I. Chancellor de Valera, celebrated the 21st Cork International Choral Festival and the 10th Seminar on Contemporary Choral Music. 3 items

3543 9 May 1974  Newspaper reports on de Valera’s attendance at the annual army commemoration ceremonies for all who died in 1916 held at Arbour Hill in May 1974. 2 items

3544 26 May 1974  Report by Joseph Cannon from The Irish Independent on the issue of a souvenir sheet of stamps to commemorate the Common Market featuring the nine heads of state of the E.E.C. countries, including President de Valera. 1 item

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<td>16 &amp; 17 Oct 1974</td>
<td>Newspaper reports on de Valera’s visit to Mrs. Catherine Coll, [no relation] Terenure, Dublin on her 100th birthday on 16 October 1974. 3 items</td>
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| 3548| 16 Oct 1974   | Holograph letter to President de Valera from Margaret Deasy thanking him for visiting her husband Liam in hospital and attending his funeral—‘your visits to Liam were something that only you could bring to him: a link with the past from a leader whom he always respected and admired.’  
See also P150/1639 which includes correspondence between de Valera and Liam Deasy on the death of Michael Collins at Beal-na-mBlath on 22 August 1922, while de Valera was on his southern tour; P150/1697 for correspondence concerning the reaction within the Republican government and Army Command to proposals for an immediate surrender of arms and men issued by the Deputy Chief of Staff Liam Deasy, following his arrest on 18 January 1923; P150/1749 for references to Deasy’s surrender proposal in correspondence between de Valera and Chief of Staff Liam Lynch, 1923 2pp |
| 3549| 20 Dec 1974   | Pictures from The Irish Independent on the inauguration of Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh as President of Ireland on 19 December 1974, including picture of Ó Dálaigh greeting de Valera outside Áras an Uachtaráin. 1 item |
| 3550| 28 Dec 1974   | Miscellaneous correspondence between de Valera and Prince Rainier of Monaco including his message of sympathy on the death of Seán T. O’Kelly in 1966 and telegram sending New Year’s greetings to President and Mrs. de Valera from Princess Grace and Prince Rainier of Monaco (28 December 1974, 1 item). 5 items |
3551  February–March 1975  File on the conferral of the Freedom of the City of Dublin upon de Valera and John A. Costello at a ceremony on 7 March 1975. Comprises correspondence concerning the conferral. 6 items

3552  29 April 1975  Cutting from The Irish Press of photograph captioned: ‘The President, Mr. O Dalaigh, enjoys a joke at the meeting of the Royal Irish Academy last night to hear Dr. Patrick Hillery, EEC Commissioner, deliver a lecture entitled “European Social Policy: Problems and Prospects”. Pictured (from left): Prof. Patrick Lynch, treasurer of the Royal Irish Academy; the former President, Mr. de Valera, and Dr. Hillery’. 1 item

3553  7 June–7 August 1975  Miscellaneous personal copy letters from de Valera dating to 1975. 3 items

3554  18 June 1975  Letter to de Valera from Pierre de Menthon, newly appointed French Ambassador to Ireland expressing his respect and admiration for the former President and seeking an audience with de Valera. 1p

45. DEATH OF EAMON DE VALERA,
29 AUGUST 1975

3556
29 August–
7 September 1975
Newspapers reports and commemorative
supplements on the death and state funeral of
Eamon de Valera. 35 items

3557
30 August–
[November] 1975
Dissociated documents relating to the death
and state funeral of former President Eamon de
Valera. Comprises:
– press statement issued by the Government Information Services concerning
messages of sympathy on the death of the former President received by the
Government, the President or the Minister for Foreign Affairs (30 August
1975, 1p);
– circular produced by the Department of the Taoiseach on arrangements for
the state funeral (September 1975, 2pp);
– card sent by de Valera’s family expressing their thanks to those who
sympathised with them on their loss (1 item);
– leaflet to accompany the Requiem Mass for de Valera on 4 September
celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Mary, San Francisco, California
(September 1975, 3pp);
– copy of Éamon de Valera Soldier-Scholar-Statesman. The Nation’s Tribute
(compiled and published by The Irish Independent) (16pp)
– typescript copy texts of tribute articles including ‘Eamon de Valera 1882–
1975’ by Thomas P. O’Neill (7pp) and printed tribute from Fomhair by
Pádraig Ó Fiannachta (1p);
– memorandum on ‘Foreign Press Coverage of the Death of Eamonn de
Valera’ (5pp);
– typescript copy of tribute article [author unknown] to the late President to
be published in the St. Vincent’s Hospital Annual – ‘it is owned by the Irish
Sisters of Charity–the sisters who cared for the late Mr. de Valera in his final
years at Talbot Lodge, Blackrock’ (1975, 2pp);
– copy of Iris [Fianna Fáil Party Journal] with leading article by Seán Lemass
De Valera. The Man I Knew and pictures of the former President (Winter
1975, 16pp);
– covering note (26 November 1975, 1p) from Garrett Fitzgerald, Minister for
Foreign Affairs, to Marie O’Kelly enclosing a copy of Ireland Today
872) devoted to the late President (26 September 1975, 12pp).
16 items

3558
[September 1975]
Colour photograph of former President de
Valera lying in state in Dublin Castle.
Originally found in folder labelled by Marie O’Kelly ‘Given as personal gift
to Marie O’Kelly by Pádraig Mac Briain’. ©: Lensmen Ltd., Dublin.
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<td>Personal holograph letters from Seán MacEntee to de Valera thanking him for his attendance at the funeral of Frank Biggar (26 May 1974, 1p) and to Marie O’Kelly following de Valera’s death in praise of ‘the Chief’ and in gratitude for all she did for him—“I firmly believe that our Chief was among the best &amp; godliest of men. I cannot recall one unjust thing, nor even an unkind one that he consciously did. He was rectitude and integrity personified; and he evoked, though maybe not in an equal intensity, those qualities in others. He set a standard in public conduct and private behaviour that those around him were led by his example to emulate. And with it, he was so simple, so human, so merry and full of fun. It must have been a wonderful experience to have been so close to him as you were; to know his little mannerisms, peculiarities and caprices, the things he liked and the things he didn’t. You must record them all; so that posterity may know of him, not just as a historic figure, as a patriot and a statesman, but as a human being who was infinitely loveable. This is a ‘geasa’ I put upon you…” (3 September 1975, 2pp). 2 items, 1p &amp; 2pp</td>
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<td>4–26 September 1975</td>
<td>Cuttings from various newspapers, including U.S. papers, following de Valera’s death. 14 items</td>
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<td>3561</td>
<td>1975</td>
<td>Extracts from the 1975 Blackrock College Annual comprising illustrated articles by Fr. Sean Farragher C.S.Sp. entitled ‘Eamon de Valera and Blackrock 1898–1921’ and black and white prints of Williamstown Castle, acquired by the College in 1875 and ‘Williamstown Avenue, the entrance to the Castle. The houses on the avenue were used by the Castle boys for lodgings, while the Castle itself contained classrooms, library etc., and the Dean’s quarters’ (2 items, 25cm x 20cm each). See also P150/31 for extract from the Blackrock College Annual of an article by Fr. Seán Farragher, C.S.Sp. entitled 1916 ‘Rockmen and the Rising’ (sic.) (1966, 13pp). 3 items</td>
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46. COMMEMORATIVE MATERIAL
ON EAMON DE VALERA,
1976 – 85

3562 [1962–] 1976 Documents relating to the deposition of de Valera’s papers in the Library of the Franciscan House of Studies in Dun Mhuire, Killiney, Co. Dublin, comprising correspondence between de Valera and members of the Franciscan community including Fr. Cathal Ó Gibealláin O.F.M. and Fr. Bartholomew Egan O.F.M. (7 items); lists of papers and artefacts deposited at various times with the Franciscans (7 items) and copies of the deposit agreement between de Valera and Fr. Ceallach Ó Briain O.F.M. originally dated 5 October 1962 (2pp) and amended on 19 June 1963 (1p) and copy of de Valera’s will (original dated 9 January 1970, 3pp & 3pp) signed by de Valera and witnessed by Marie O’Kelly and his solicitor Thomas K. O’Connor. Also includes article from The Irish Independent reproducing the text of de Valera’s will bequeathing his papers to the Franciscans, headed ‘How Eamon de Valera tied up the loose ends of a long, eventful life’ (21 August 1976, 1p). 19 items

3563 1976 File relating to the commemorative Mass celebrated in Whitefriar’s Street Carmelite Church, on the first anniversary of the death of de Valera, on 29 August 1976. Comprises notices of the first anniversary; prayers of the faithful as proposed by Fr. Crowley and prayers as drafted and read by Dr. Eamonn de Valera; notes on the Mass and letters to Marie O’Kelly about attendance at the Anniversary Mass (July–September 1976, 43 items). Correspondents include Mary Bromage, Rita Childers, George Colley, Kathleen Doherty, Seán Lynch, A.J. McConnell, Monsignor Tomás Ó Fiaich, Pádraig Ó Fiannachta, Phyllis O’Kelly and Dónall Ó Suilleabháin, Taoiseach’s Department. 61 items

3564 17 May 1977 Cutting from The Irish Press on the naming of the Fianna Fáil headquarters at 13 Upper Mount Street, Dublin ‘Aras de Valera’ after the ‘founding father of Fianna Fail the late Eamon de Valera’. Includes picture of Jack Lynch, accompanied by Tommy Mullins [former General Secretary] and Major Vivion de Valera, unveiling the plaque naming the offices. 1p
October 1981  
Documents on the erection and unveiling in 1981 of a ‘National Monument to Eamon de Valera’ in the form of an eight foot high bronze statue in Ennis, Co. Clare, by Jim Connolly.  
3 items

1982  
File on the centenary of de Valera’s birth in 1982. Includes souvenir programmes accompanying various concerts and memorial services held in honour of the centenary of de Valera’s birth (1982, 1983, 8 items); copies of speeches commemorating de Valera including *Fifty Years Ago. Eamon de Valera ‘A Statesman of Unusual Stature’* by Frank McDonnell (1982, 5pp) and *De Valera and Contemporary Ireland* by Dr. Garret Fitzgerald, delivered in Boston College on 1 October 1982 (1982, 33pp) and newspaper articles on the centenary (March–December 1982, 6 items). Also includes black and white photograph of Marie O’Kelly de Valera’s former Personal Secretary, chatting with Taoiseach Dr. Garret Fitzgerald at the launch in Leinster House of a set of stamps commemorating the centenary (October 1982, 21cm x 16cm).  
20 items

8 October 1982  
Copy of *Inniu. Nuachtán Náisiúnta na nGael*, containing commemorative articles and photographs on the centenary of de Valera’s birth  
1 item

14 October 1982+  
Copy of a supplement to *The Irish Press* entitled ‘Eamon de Valera. A Centenary Supplement’ containing commemorative articles and photographs on the centenary of de Valera’s birth. Edited by Ruth Dudley Edwards.  
10pp

25 & 29 August 1985  
Review articles from the Sunday Independent and *The Irish Press* by John Bowman, Sean Cryan, ‘the Irish Press reporter who was always assigned to cover stories on Eamon de Valera. For 25 years he travelled the world with the Chief’, Prof. Desmond Williams [Emeritus Professor of Modern History at U.C.D.] and Pádraig O hAnnracháin, ‘the late President’s long-time private secretary’, written on the tenth anniversary of de Valera’s death in 1985.  
3 items
47. COMMEMORATIVE AND REFERENCE MATERIAL COMPILED BY EAMON DE VALERA

I. Nationalists, Republicans, labour officials and literary figures

3570 1867; March & October 1967  Miscellaneous documents relating to the Fenians comprising Constitution of the Fenian Brotherhood, Adopted in General Congress, At Troy, N.Y., September 4, 1866 (Philadelphia) (1867, 17pp); postcard with the stamp issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the organisation in October 1957, sent to de Valera by Fr. Donal O’Connor of Killarney, Co. Kerry (25 October 1967, 1 item) and photographs from an unknown publication of Fenian founder ‘Colonel John O’Mahoney’, John Boyle O’Reilly and Thomas Clark Luby (n.d., 3 items, 1p each).

6 items

3571 1967 & 1968  Documents relating to the Invincibles including Ballads of the Invincibles compiled by Donagh Mac Donagh (Dublin: Abbey Theatre).

5 items

3572 [1914]–November 1964  File on the Irish Republican Brotherhood originally founded as the Irish Revolutionary Brotherhood and known to its members as ‘The Society’, ‘The Organisation’ or ‘The Brotherhood’.

Comprises mainly texts of Constitutions of the organisation (4 items); brief comments on the organisation and its membership by Liam Archer, Ernest Blythe, Cathal Brugha, Thomas Costello, Dr. Bryan Cusack, James McGuill, Séan Matthews, Laurence Nugent, Eamon Ó Dubhghair, Seán Ó Muircheartaigh, Séamus Ó Néill, Comdt. Seamus Robinson and Michael Staines (n.d., 21 items); copy letter to President of the Executive Council W.T. Cosgrave from Seán Ó Muircheartaigh seeking his views on Ó Munrubhile’s manuscript on ‘the events with which I had been associated from 1900 to 1924’ and Cosgrave’s reply advising against publication (originals dated 25 April & 6 June 1931, 2 items, 1p each); criticism of Ó Muircheartaigh’s book (n.d., 4pp); article entitled The Irish Republican Brotherhood by Geraldine Dillon, from the University Review (Vol. 11, No. 8) (August 1960, 9pp); notes by Mrs. Katherine (Kitty) O’Doherty (6 April 1963, 2 items, 1p & 2pp).


30 items
File on poet Teresa Brayton (1868−1943) comprising Souvenir of Unveiling of Memorial by A Shoilse Eamon de Valera Uachtarán na h-Éireann at Cloncurry Cemetery, Co. Kildare on Sunday, 18th October, 1959 to Teresa Brayton Poetess and Patriot 1868−1943 (1959, 60pp); ‘President’s Address at the Unveiling of Memorial Cross in memory of Teresa Brayton at Cluain Chonaire, Sunday, 18th October, 1959’ (2pp) and newspaper reports on the ceremony (19 & 24 October 1959, 5 items).

See also P150/3614 for file on Kevin Barry which includes postcard with photographic reproduction of Barry and on reverse a poem ‘Kevin Barry’, by Teresa Brayton beg. ‘They hanged young Kevin Barry when dawn was in the sky’. 5 items

File of commemorative material relating to poet, journalist and Young Irelander Thomas Davis (1818−45), comprising mainly material relating to the centenary celebrations of the foundation of The Nation in October 1942, and of the death of Thomas Davis and the Young Ireland movement in September 1945 but including holograph notes, typescript copies and drafts of addresses by de Valera on various commemorative occasions and notes, biographical material, correspondence and copies of the foreword by de Valera for a publication on the writings of Davis in 1945. Also includes:

– booklet entitled Sinn Fein Poems of Thomas Davis (Curtis Printers, Dublin) (n.d., 20pp);
– commemorative booklet Pictorial Record Centenary of Thomas Davis and Young Ireland. Compiled and edited by Michael Quigley (Government Publications, College Street, Dublin) (1945, 61pp) and special bound edition of same presented to de Valera by ‘the Government Committee’ in September 1945. Autographed by de Valera (1945, 62pp);
– leaflet entitled Golden Words of Thomas Davis ‘presented by The Irish Digest’ (1945, 4pp);
– bilingual catalogue to accompany Thomas Davis and the Young Ireland Movement Centenary. Exhibition of Pictures of Irish Historical Interest held at the National College of Art, Dublin in August 1946 (1946, 19pp);

55 items

File relating to the centenary commemorations in June 1946 of the birth of Michael Davitt (1846−1906), co-founder of the Land League. Includes press cuttings, drafts and texts of speeches in English and Irish by de Valera during the celebrations at Straide, Co. Mayo, biographical notes on Davitt and a tribute by Prof. T.W. Moody (n.d., 2pp) and holograph letter to de Valera from Eileen Davitt [Davitt’s daughter] thanking him for his attendance at Straide (27 June 1946, 2pp).

18 items
3576  September 1951  File on Anne Devlin (1778–1851) comprising holograph draft and typescript copy of press release of de Valera’s speech ‘on the occasion of laying a wreath on Anne Devlin’s grave’ (September 1951, 2 items), photograph published in The Irish Press of de Valera laying a wreath at the grave (19 September 1951, 1 item).  
3 items

3577  1917; 1921; 1966  File on Joseph Devlin (1872–1934) comprising draft letter to Joseph Devlin from [de Valera’s Secretary] concerning Devlin’s objection to a paragraph in a draft pledge [to be taken by election candidates?] and the use of the word ‘constitutional’ (n.d., 1p); typescript letter to de Valera from Devlin suggesting that the balance from the Anti-Conscription Fund should go towards expenses of Sinn Féin and Nationalist parties for election to the Ulster Parliament on 24 May 1921. Signed by Devlin (15 April 1921, 3pp).  
2 items

3578  1881 & n.d.  File on John Dillon (1851–1927) comprising cutting from United Ireland with caption Banquet to Mr. Dillon M.P. An Important Speech. A Warning and a Stimulus. Hold Together and Look at Home. Come What May the Work of the Last Two Years Will Not be Lost (3 September 1881, 1 item), typescript copy of ‘Dillon’s closing Address to the Historical Society 1841’ (2pp) and excerpts from ‘Dillon’s address on Patriotism’ (2pp).  
See also P150/512 which includes holograph letter to General Maxwell from John Dillon protesting about the executions of the leaders of the Easter Rising; P150/607 for documents concerning the disposal of the balance of the Anti-Conscription Fund including correspondence between de Valera and John Dillon.  
4 items

3579  n.d. & 1963  File on Sir Charles Gavan Duffy (1816–1903) comprising booklet Charles Gavan Duffy and the Repeal Movement being the text of the O’Donnell Lecture delivered at University College Dublin, May 1963 by Professor Kevin B. Nowlan. With de Valera’s bookplate on inside cover (1963, 24pp); biographical notes on Sir Charles Gavan Duffy (1816–1903) and John Blake Dillon (1816–66), annotated by de Valera (n.d., 2pp) and typescript ‘Extract from “Young Ireland” by Charles Gavan Duffy. Note in Chapter III. The Prospectus of the “Nation” ’ (n.d., 2pp).  
3 items
n.d. Two black and white prints of de Valera standing outside the door of a thatched cottage, with a guard of honour and two unidentified men. ‘A Remembrance of the Glen of Imaal. Flora E. Kavanagh, Arklow’ on reverse of one print. Both photographs found in envelope labelled ‘Michael O’Dwyer’s Cottage’ [United Irishman, Michael Dwyer (1771–1826), uncle of Ann Devlin].

2 items, 9cm x 6cm each

[1917, 1919]; 1966, 1968 Documents relating to memorials to United Irishman Robert Emmet (1778–1803) comprising:
– photocopy of extracts from the Journal of the American Irish Historical Society (Vol. 16) (original dated 1917) on the ‘Robert Emmet Statue at Washington’ (7pp);
– typescript extracts from The Leader San Francisco, Saturday, July 26, 1919 on de Valera’s unveiling of a statue of Emmet in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco (5pp);
– pages from Congressional Record recording the programme for the dedication of a statue of Robert Emmet in Washington, D.C. on 22 April 1966; autographed by de Valera (28 April 1966, 4pp);
– communication from Seán Ronan, Secretary, Department of External Affairs to the Secretary of the Department of the Taoiseach (1 April 1966, 1p) and newspaper reports on the presentation in the Department of External Affairs Iveagh House on 13 April 1966, as part of the events commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, of a 7 foot bronze statue of Emmett by U.S. Congressman Daniel Flood on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Kane, to President de Valera;
– ‘Address by Congressman Daniel J. Flood of the State of Pennsylvania, United States of America, in Dublin, Ireland, Wednesday, April 13, 1966. Presentation of a Statue of the Irish Patriot, Robert Emmet’ (2pp);
– biographical information on Flood (1p);
– copy letter of thanks from President de Valera to Francis J. Kane for the statue of Emmet (3 May 1966, 1p);
– typescript copy of ‘Address by Mr. Frank Aiken, Tánaiste and Minister for External Affairs, on the occasion of the unveiling of Robert Emmet Statue in St. Stephen’s Green, 11.00a.m., Saturday, 20th January, 1968’ (January 1968, 3pp).

The statues of Emmet in San Francisco, Washington D.C. and Dublin are the work of Jerome O’Connor, as noted in Aiken’s speech.

See also P150/1609 for 1922 letter to de Valera from Joseph Begley informing him of the American government’s wish to present a bronze replica of Jerome O’Connor’s statue of Robert Emmet to the National Gallery of Ireland; P150/786 for de Valera’s speech at the unveiling of a statue of Robert Emmet in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco on 20 July 1919; P150/878 for parts of a play script on Robert Emmet.

10 items
3582 n.d. Lithographic reproduction of photograph of Thomas Addis Emmet M.D. in his study [son of United Irishman, Thomas Addis Emmet (1764–1827)?] (©: Anna Frances Levins). 12cm x 15cm

3583 November, December 1966 Correspondence between Anthony Butler, Treasurer of the Blackrock Kickham Memorial Committee and President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly regarding the unveiling of a plaque at 2 Montpelier Place, Blackrock, Dublin to Charles J. Kickham (1828–82), ‘Fenian, novelist and poet’ on 4 December 1966. 3 items, 1p each

3584 1919–28; 1947–63 File on James Larkin (1876–1947) comprising:
– typescript memorandum of a brief meeting [between de Valera] and James Larkin on 29 September 1919 ‘concerned with complaints on certain money matters, and his treatment by some Irish-Americans’ (29 September 1919, 1p);
– copy of letter from Larkin in Portland, Oregon to A.J. Dooney, President, Padraig Pearse Council, A.A.R.I.R. criticising Redmond and Griffith (4 March 1922, 2pp);
– ‘Memorandum on case of P.L. Quinlan and his claims’. Memorandum divided into three sections dealing with Quinlan’s claim for the repayment of $1,000 which he paid when bail was put up for James Larkin arrested in the U.S.A. for ‘Left Wing or Communistic activities’; monetary compensation for Quinlan’s mission to Russia undertaken in January 1920 and his comments on the ‘U.S. of today’ (23 September 1925, 18pp). Also includes typescript summary of Quinlan’s memorandum (4pp);
– documents on the validity of Larkin’s election to Dáil Éireann in 1928 (27 February 1928, 4 items);
– letter to Taoiseach de Valera from James Larkin thanking him for his expression of sympathy on the death of his father James Larkin (12 February 1947, 2pp);
– correspondence and associated material on de Valera’s contribution to the Jim Larkin Memorial Fund (October 1949, 5 items);
– circular letter from the Jim Larkin Memorial Fund stating that the fund (approximately £4,300) is to be put towards a Rehabilitation Unit at St. Lawrence’s Hospital. Dublin (25 October 1962, 1p);
See also P150/1144 for 1920 correspondence regarding James Larkin’s imprisonment in Sing Sing and efforts to free him by the James Larkin Defense (sic.) Committee; P150/1729 for communications between de Valera and Michael P. Colivet including references to the possibility of linking up with Labour on the return of James Larkin from the U.S.A. in communications dated 20 to 25 January 1923. 17 items
3585 [late 1930s/1940s?] Holograph draft of a speech by de Valera to open an exhibition relating to Sir Thomas Moore (1779–1852). Date, event and location unknown. 19pp


3587 [1889] 1915; 1954–66 File on Jeremiah O’Donovan Rossa (1831–1915) including press cuttings on O’Donovan Rossa, documents on his imprisonment (1870), his funeral (1915), the unveiling of a memorial to him by Seán T. O’Kelly in St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin (1954) and the death of his oldest daughter Eileen McGowan in 1963. See also P150/479 for article by Patrick Pearse entitled ‘A Character Study on O’Donovan Rossa’. 18 items

3588 n.d. Poster of the text of Patrick Pearse’s funeral oration on Jeremiah O’Donovan Rossa.
‘The Spirit of Easter Week. An adaptation in verse from the original prose. Dedicated by kind permission to Mrs. Pearse’. 37cm x 50cm

3589 1941, 1946, 1960–72 File of commemorative material on Charles Stewart Parnell (1846–91) and his sister Anna Parnell (1852–1911) comprising:
– chronology of C.S. Parnell’s life, with holograph annotations by de Valera (2pp);
– press cuttings on the wreath laying ceremony at Parnell’s grave on the fiftieth anniversary of his death on 6 October 1941 and de Valera’s address on the occasion (6 & 7 October 1941, 3 items, 1p each);
– typescript draft of de Valera’s speech at the unveiling of a plaque at Avondale on the centenary of his birth on 30 June 1946 (June 1946, 8pp) and report from Scéalta Éireann on the occasion, under the headline ‘Taoiseach On Our Debt, Duty To Parnell’ (1 July 1946, 2pp);
– typescript drafts of de Valera’s address (in Irish) at Creggs, Co. Galway on 29 December 1946, at the unveiling of a plaque on the site where Parnell made his last public speech on 27 September 1891 (2 items, 2pp & 1p) and newspaper reports on the occasion (30 December 1946, 3 items);
3589 contd.  
- notes on, and extracts from various speeches made by Parnell (n.d., 3 items);  
- copy text of talk about Parnell, with name ‘Henry Harrison’ written on first page (n.d., 5pp);  
- handwritten synopsis of a Thomas Davis lecture by Prof. T.W. Moody on Anna Parnell and the Land War, broadcast on Radio Éireann on 23 October 1960 (3pp);  
- correspondence concerning the acquisition for the Kilmainham Jail Restoration Project, of Parnell memorabilia and relics which had been in the possession of Captain A.J.P. Mateer [step-son of Howard, brother of C.S. Parnell], Sir Shane Leslie and Fr. John V. Maunsell (8 December 1962–19 April 1963 & August 1972, 18 items);  
- press cuttings on the commemorations of the 80th anniversary of Parnell’s death in 1971 (2 & 4 October 1971, 4 items);  
38 items

3590  
[1887; 1907–11]; 1962–70  
File relating to Charles Stewart Parnell (1846–1891) and his sister Anna Parnell (1852–1911) comprising mainly:  
- The Irish Green Book, a satirical booklet of political cartoons, ‘by the artist and joint-compiler of the “Egyptian Red Book”, “Diary of the Gladstone Government”, etc.’. Published by William Blackwood & Sons, Edinburgh and London (1887, 32pp);  
- photocopies of holograph letters from Anna Parnell to Helena Moloney concerning efforts to have extracts of the manuscript published (originals dated 21 March 1909–23 November 1911, 5 items);  
- correspondence, mainly between Helena Moloney, de Valera or his Personal Secretary and Dr. Richard Hayes, Director of the National Library, about the script of ‘The Tale of a Great Sham’, efforts by Helena Moloney and de Valera to have it published and the deposit of the original manuscript in the National Library of Ireland by Helena Moloney through de Valera (January–June 1962, 22 items);  
See also P150/3423 for file on Helena Moloney, mainly on her death in January 1967.  
c.50 items

3591  
May–October 1956  
Documents relating to the centenary celebration of the birth of John Redmond (1856–1918) including a symposium in his honour in Wexford on 30 October 1956, chaired by de Valera. Comprises correspondence between de Valera and members of the Redmond Centenary Committee, programme of events for the centenary celebrations, biographical notes on Redmond’s career and souvenir portrait of Redmond. Also includes extracts from letters and statements made by Most Rev. Dr. Edward Thomas O’Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, about John Redmond (n.d., 2 items, 1p each) (see P150/2906 for file on Bishop O’Dwyer)  
15 items
3592  1967 & n.d.  
Commemorative material on Theobald Wolfe Tone (1763–98) including copies of some contemporary publications (originals dated 1790–‘Wolfe Tone’s Plea for Ireland’s Right to be Neutral in British Wars’, 14pp and 1798–‘Sir John B. Warren’s Victory off the Coast of Ireland 12 Oct. 1798’, 3pp); copy of de Valera’s address at the grave of Tone in Bodenstown on 22 June 1930 (3pp); letters from Eamonn de Barra, press cuttings and draft addresses concerning de Valera’s unveiling of the Wolfe Tone Memorial at St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin on 18 November 1967 (some communications in Irish) (5 October–2 December 1967, 17 items) and genealogical chart tracing the Tone family, from Peter Tone, father of Theobald, to the 1960s (n.d., 2pp). 
See also P150/1929 for copy of de Valera’s speech at Bodenstown, June 21st, 1925 at the grave of Wolfe Tone; P150/2148 for file on the Wolfe Tone commemorations in Bodenstown cemetery on 30 June 1929; P150/1125 for references to the use to which the funds of the Wolfe Tone Memorial Association in America can be put and the erection in Dublin of a statue to Tone in 1919–21 correspondence between Harry Boland and Michael Collins. 
15 items

3593  June 1963  
Typescript copy text of President de Valera’s address at the opening of an Exhibition commemorating the Bicentenary of the Birth of Theobald Wolfe Tone, at Trinity College’ on 20 June 1963. Autographed by de Valera. 
2pp
## II. Thomas Davis lecture series, 1964 – 67

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<td>1966</td>
<td>Covering letter from Prof. F.X. Martin, O.S.A. to de Valera enclosing copies of the texts of three lectures given in the Thomas Davis lecture series on the Easter Rising: ‘Birrell, Nathan and the Men of the Castle’ by Leon O’Broin (15pp); ‘Mahaffy, the Anglo-Irish Ascendancy, and the Vice-Regal Lodge’ by Terence de Vere White (16pp) and ‘Dillon, Redmond and 1916’ by Prof. F.S.L. Lyons (16pp). 4 items</td>
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<td>3598</td>
<td>January &amp; February 1967</td>
<td>Reel to reel sound recording labelled <em>Thomas Davis, 1–3, Jan–Feb 1967.</em> Philips, 18cm/7 inch spool, 540m/1,800 feet, Longplay. 1 item</td>
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<td>3599</td>
<td>n.d.</td>
<td>Reel to reel sound recording labelled ‘T(homas) Davis, G. Rem., a bit of [T. O’Kelly, Casement].’ Philips, 8cm/3 inch spool, 90m/300 feet, Doubleplay. <em>See also P150/3379 for documents on President de Valera’s formal unveiling of Edward Delaney’s memorial to Thomas Davis at College Green on 16 April 1966 as part of the events commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising.</em> 1 item</td>
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III. Roger Casement

3600 12–31 July; [August] 1916  File on the trial and execution of Sir Roger Casement (1864–1916). Comprises:
– photographic reproduction of letter from Fr. F. M. Ryan O.P., Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, to George Gavan Duffy [organiser of Casement’s legal defence], stating ‘Sir Roger Casement saw me in Tralee on the 21st of April and told me he had come to Ireland to stop the rebellion then impending. He asked me to conceal his identity as well as his object in coming until he should have left Tralee, lest any attempt should be made to rescue him. On the other hand he was very anxious that I should spread the news broadcast after he had left’ (original dated 12 July 1916, 1p);
– private letter from Sir Edward Carson, 5 Eaton Place, London, to Miss [Eva] Gore-Booth in reply to her letter regarding Sir Roger Casement and stating that he does not remember that any case was put forward at Casement’s trial to the effect that he ‘came to Ireland at the imminent risk to his life in order to stop the Rebellion’, but he will forward her letter to the Attorney-General (12 July 1916, 1p);
– handwritten letter from Eva Gore-Booth to the friends of Sir Roger Casement giving his ‘last message to his friends’ (n.d., 1p);
– carbon copy statement by Fenner Brockway (see P150/623 for photographs of de Valera’s visit to Lincoln jail in 1950 including prints of de Valera arriving and ringing on the front door of the jail accompanied by Fenner Brockway, M.P.) recalling the occasion on 26 July 1916 when he saw Casement in Pentonville prison. Signed by Brockway (31 July 1916, 1p).
4 items

3601 1916; 1918  Scrapbook of cuttings from Chicago newspapers, mainly on the execution of Sir Roger Casement on 3 August 1916 and the death of John Redmond on 6 March 1918. With Kathleen O’Connell’s name and address on the front cover—‘Kathleen O’Connell 4917 Congress St. Chicago. Austin 18584. 3 May 1916’.
11pp

3602 1923–66  Documents relating to members of Sir Roger Casement’s family. Comprises:
– carbon copy character reference for ‘Mrs. Casement’ [Kate, wife of Roger Casement’s brother Tom] from the Principal of South African College Junior School, Capetown, who worked as an art teacher at the school for nine months (12 October 1923, 1p);
– portrait photograph of Agnes Casement Newman ‘Roger Casement’s only sister’ mounted and inscribed to de Valera ([6] March 1927, 10cm x 15cm excluding mount, 17cm x 25cm including mount);
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3602 contd. – copy letters to Taoiseach de Valera from Kate Casement offering to send him Roger's ‘“Ensign Kodak” with which he took the Putumayo Atrocities. The same he sent me ere leaving our mountain home in Sth. Africa, broken up in 1916 so tragically after which date I never heard from or saw my husband Tom Casement, in spite of writing’ (28 February & 9 March 1953, 2 items, 1p each);
– copy letters from Taoiseach de Valera to Dr. S. McAteer, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim, seeking ‘the address of Mrs. Moore, the lady…who presented me with some photographs of Roger Casement at Ballycastle, following the Murlough Ceremonies. I wish to write to her to get some further information about the person to whom the photographs were originally given–Mrs. Parry, I think. Mrs. Moore spoke of Roger Casement’s fiancé. I understood that Mrs. Parry was Casement’s cousin. It could of course have been that he was engaged to her when they were younger, before she was married, or later, after she had become a widow’. Two versions, one in Irish (22 & 23 September 1953, 2 items, 1p each);
– correspondence between de Valera and Joan M. Stuart, niece of Roger Casement, who presented a pewter matchbox to de Valera (25 July–19 December 1958, 12 items);
– correspondence between President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly, J.G. Molloy, Irish Ambassador to Britain and Kate Casement mainly relating to Ambassador Molloy’s visit to Mrs. Casement in Park Prewett Hospital, Basingstoke, Hampshire in September 1965 and further contact between Mrs. Casement and de Valera. Includes black and white photograph of Mrs. Casement taken in [October 1953] (12cm x 8cm) (15 September 1965–17 November 1966, 23 items). 41 items

3603 1929; 1938–59; 1964–69 Commemorative material on Sir Roger Casement, mainly relating to the production of various publications. Includes:
– typescript account of events following Casement’s landing (15 July 1938, 2pp);
– correspondence between Dr. Herbert Spencer Dickey, Florida, and Joseph McGarrity, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on gaining access to documents for Dr. Dickey’s proposed book on Sir Roger Casement. Also encloses an outline of the book Casement the Liberator by Dr. Dickey who knew Casement and assisted him in connection with the ‘Putumayo investigation’ (3 & 9 October 1938, 3 items);
– pamphlet entitled Passages Taken From the Manuscript Written by Roger Casement in the Condemned Cell at Pentonville Prison being a short memoir by Fr. James McCarroll, ‘printed for private circulation among the friends of Roger Casement’. Includes preface by Herbert O. Mackey (January 1950, 7pp);
– typescript copy extracts from the last letter of Casement written in Pentonville prison on the eve of his execution to Fr. McCarroll, copy of verse written by Casement addressed to Fr. McCarroll on 14 July 1916 and copy of formal notice of execution of Casement, posted on the gate of Pentonville prison. With handwritten note on first page ‘Rec’d from Dr. Mackey 39
[Fr. McCarroll was a curate of Fr. Thomas Carey, chaplain to Pentonville prison];
– pamphlet headed Legal Correspondence Between Mr. G. Gavan Duffy, legal advisor to Roger Casement and later President of the High Court, Dublin, and the Home Secretary, Whitehall, London, W.C., in connection with the execution of Roger Casement in Pentonville Prison, 3 August, 1916 being an extract from The Life of Roger Casement by Dr. Herbert O. Mackey (n.d., 3pp);
– copy typescript text of ‘President de Valera’s Address at the Grave of Roger Casement 1 March 1966’. Autographed by de Valera (March 1966, 4pp);
– copies of Éire/Ireland Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs—No. 671 illustrated issue commemorating the centenary of the birth of Roger Casement (1 September 1964, 8pp) and No. 731 containing an illustrated article entitled Casement’s Last Voyage—The ‘Aud’ and U-19 (15 March 1966, 12pp);
– black and white photograph presented to President de Valera by the Limerick Roger Casement Commemoration Committee. Photo shows Mrs. Mary McInerney-Spillane; Dr. Herbert O. Mackey; Comdt. David Dundon, 2nd Battalion, ‘Mid-Limerick Brigade, Old I.R.A. President’; Tadhg Smalle, Chairman; Rory [?], Secretary; Eamon Dore ‘1916 Veteran’ and ‘Captain Frank Parker, O.N.E. Limerick’ (November 1964, 21cm x 16cm);
– correspondence, newspaper cuttings, commemorative pamphlet and programmes relating to the activities of the Banna Strand Memorial Committee. Also includes ‘Armlet for President Eamon De Valera. A Souvenir of the Ceremonies held on Good Friday 1966 in honour of Roger Casement “On lonely Banna Strand” From Tadhg Smalle, Chairman’ (18 January 1966–14 December 1968, 17 items);
– holograph letter to President de Valera from Tadhg Smalle enclosing a photograph of Fred Schmitz ‘the Signals Officer of the Arms Ship–The German Aud 1916’ greeting the Lord Mayor of Limerick. Schmitz is accompanied by Tadhg Smalle. Print (21cm x 16cm) is autographed by Schmitz who requested Smalle to forward it to de Valera following their meeting ‘at Limerick Railway Station’ on 15 August 1969. Also includes acknowledgement from Marie O’Kelly (2 & 11 September 1969, 3 items).

40 items

[1904–22]; September 1965 File of photocopied correspondence, mainly comprising holograph letters to and from Sir Roger Casement, 1904–16, and later correspondence involving family members, presented by President de Valera to the National Library of Ireland in 1965. Prefaced by copy letter (3 September 1965, 1p) sent by de Valera to Dr. Richard Hayes, Director of the National Library listing the accompanying donated documents. Also copy letters from de Valera to Dr. Eugene Mackey and Prof. Roger McHugh informing them of the donation of the Casement documents and their acknowledgements (6–16 September 1965, 4 items, 1p each).
Photocopied material comprises correspondence of Sir Roger Casement (1912–16 July 1916) with:

- Fr. Edward Murnane (written on 16 July 1916 from Pentonville prison) (2 items, 4pp);
- his cousin Mrs. Gertrude Parry née Bannister (‘Gee’) and between Mrs. Parry, de Valera and Casement’s sister Mrs. Agnes Newman (‘Nina’) on their attempts to gain possession of his diaries (20 July 1916; June–July 1920, 11 items);
- Alice Stopford Green, Dublin (29 August 1914, 6pp);
- Poulteney Bigelow, New York (23 July–7 October 1915, 8 items);
- from Theodore Roosevelt to Bainbridge Colby with reference to Casement (12 August 1914, 1p);
- from John W. McGrath, Roosevelt’s secretary to Casement (19 August 1914, 1p);
- [T.P.] Gill, ‘who was working with Sir Horace Plunkett in the Department of Agriculture about that time’ (11 December 1906, May & June 1914, 3 items);
- Cowper ‘who was in the British Consular Service’ (22 August & 17 September 1904, 2 items);
- de Valera (14 August & 1 September 1912, 2 items, 4pp each);
- ‘Mrs. O’Beirne of Tawin and to her son Dr. O’Beirne’ (16 July 1910; August & November 1912; 24 May 1913, 6 items).

44 items

File of further photocopied correspondence presented by President de Valera to the National Library of Ireland in November 1965. Prefaced by copy letter to Dr. Richard Hayes, Director of the National Library from President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly enclosing the donated documents and acknowledgements from Dr. Hayes and the Library’s Council of Trustees (22 & 23 November 1965, 3 items, 1p each). Also correspondence between de Valera, Fr. Patrick Kelly C.S.S.R., Dundalk and Fr. Francis C. Nolan C.S.S.R., Clapham, London relating to the ‘Canon ring’ account (1 September – 1 November 1965, 8 items). Photocopied material comprises:

- holograph letters from Sir Roger Casement to ‘Katye’ wife of his brother Tom (25 October 191[2] & 11 June 1916, 2 items, 1p & 4pp);
- holograph letter to [Kathleen O’Connell] from An tAthair Conn Ó Mongáin C.S.S.R. regarding mistakes in the article Canon Ring’s Story of Roger Casement’s End, which he gave to The Standard for publication (18 December 1941, 2pp) and attached account of the same title, based on the late Canon T.J. Ring’s recollections of the night before Roger Casement’s execution. Two versions, one handwritten, one typescript, with handwritten amendments (n.d., 8pp & 4pp). [Fr. T.J. Ring, Rector of the Church of SS. Mary and Michael, Commercial Road, received Casement into the Catholic Church and heard his confession on the night before his execution.] Also includes photocopy of article as published in The Standard under the heading Casement’s catholic Death—the full story (28 November 1941, 2pp);
3605 contd — letters to de Valera from Lucia Maria Reventlow and her brother Count Reventlow including the latter’s recollections of Casement in Germany and his return to Ireland (15 & 23 October 1947, 4 items).

21 items

3606 [March–April 1916] Photocopies of pages from Sir Roger Casement’s diary between 17 March and 8 April 1916, describing events in Germany in the weeks before the Easter Rising. Outlines his opposition to the German plan, writing of ‘its stupendous idiocy, its fundamental falsity, its foredoomed failure’ (17 March). Details his meetings with German military officials and his attempts to persuade them to abandon their plans.

132pp

3607 5–24 February 1936; 28 February 1939 Copy correspondence between de Valera and Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin concerning the requested repatriation of Roger Casement’s remains. The British authorities are unwilling to accede to the request because ‘...of the effect on public feeling generally of the reopening of unhappy memories’. Also attached is a carbon copy of ‘Note for Taoiseach’ and a Dáil Éireann question, Deputy Norton to the Taoiseach, on the repatriation of Casement’s remains in connection with the proposed demolition of Pentonville prison ([February 1939], 2 items, 1p each).

5 items

3608 29 July 1953–5 July 1959; January 1966; 1973 Mainly correspondence concerning Casement’s reputation in connection with the existence and circulation of the alleged ‘Casement diaries’ and efforts to have his remains repatriated to Ireland. Includes correspondence between de Valera and:

– Prime Minister Winston Churchill on de Valera’s request for the repatriation of Casement’s remains (14 & 23 October 1953, 2 items, 1p each);
– Alfred Noyes and Seamus McColl on the ‘present circulation of the alleged Casement diaries’ and methods of ‘establishing the authenticity or otherwise of the...diary material’ (13–27 March 1958, 4 items);
– Fr. Felix Ryan O.F.M. on methods to clear Casement’s name (1 May 1958, 3pp).

Also includes copy of confidential Department of the Taoiseach report on the question of the repatriation of Casement’s remains (November 1958, 3pp);
– correspondence between President de Valera and Kevin McDonnell, London on McDonnell’s discovery that the ‘Tricolour flag that flew over the GPO during Easter Week is in the vaults of the Imperial War Museum’ and his suggestion that an official request be made for its return; and disclosures about the fabrication of the Casement diaries—‘I was informed by an ex-
British Naval Intelligence source, whose name I cannot reveal, that the Casement Diaries were fabricated by his chief, Admiral Hall. He has had the matter on his conscience ever since and though he has great respect for Hall in all other ways he feels this was an evil piece of work” (7–22 January 1966, 4 items, 1p each). 20 items

Correspondence and reports on the repatriation of the remains of Roger Casement to Ireland in February 1965 and their interment in Glasnevin cemetery. Includes:
- copy of confidential report by E.N. Kent ‘Prison Department Division 1’ on the ‘Removal of the remains of Roger Casement’ from a grave in Pentonville prison (original dated 24 February 1965, 4pp);
- Irish Department of Defence Ceremonial Order, reference number 5/1965, outlining the ‘ceremonial and other military arrangements relating to the re-interment’ (26 February 1965, 10pp);
- photocopy of ‘President de Valera’s Address at the Grave of Roger Casement’ (1 March 1965, 3pp);
- copy of ‘Report on the return of the remains of Roger Casement to Ireland’ produced by Seán G. Ronan, Assistant Secretary, Department of External Affairs, Andrew Ward, Principal Officer, Department of Justice and Paul J.G. Keating, Counsellor, Embassy of Ireland, London. (20 September 1965, 3 items, 29pp);
- stone taken by Seán G. Ronan, Assistant Secretary, Department of External Affairs, ‘from the grave of Roger Casement at Pentonville Prison, London, at a depth of approximately 4 feet, during the exhumation of his remains’ on 22 February 1965 and given by Ronan to President de Valera on 27 February 1965 (1 item, 2cm x 5cm approx). 25 items

Correspondence, some in Irish, relating to the presentation to President de Valera by the Quilty family of the windscreen of the car which was sent to meet Roger Casement and which went into the sea in Kerry in 1916. The car was subsequently salvaged and repaired and used in the East Clare by-election in 1917. 6 items

Holograph letter (August 1967, 1p) to President de Valera from Tadhg J. Smalle, Chairman of the Limerick Roger Casement Association, enclosing a reel to reel tape recording ‘made in Tralee on Holy Thursday night 1966 by the German Commander of the submarine (U-19) and his Officer of the Watch, recalling the landing of Roger Casement & Robert Monteith. Also, the account of the crew of the Arms Ship ‘The Aud’ survivors. Present during the discussion were Dr. Herbert Mackey, Mr. De Courcy Ireland, a German Interpreter now living in Limerick, and myself. The questions are in German
3611 contd. and the replies are in English by translation.’ Accompanied by BASF reel to
reel tape, (13cm/5 inch spool, 270m/900 feet, twin track, 3 inches per second)
From Tadhg Smalle, Chairman The Limerick Roger Casement Association’.
2 items, 1p & 1 reel

IV. War of Independence fatalities, 1917 – 73

3612 1917–18; 1963; 1973 File on Tomás MacCurtain (1884–1920)
comprising photocopy of a telegram sent by
MacCurtain to de Valera seeking confirmation of his presence at a meeting in
Cork (original dated 8 August 1917, 1p); holograph verses by MacCurtain,
one ‘do Pheig na Gruaige Duibhe’ (19 June 1918) and one beginning ‘Ar
bhruaich na laoi…” (20 June 1918, 16 lines); typescript note by Patrick A.
Murray (‘Pa’) on MacCurtain’s involvement with the I.R.B. (n.d., 1p);
b booklet entitled ‘Comments on Florence O’Donoghue’s Life of Tomás
MacCurtain by the Cork 1916 Men’s Association’ (n.d., 17pp); programme to
accompany a Tomas MacCurtain Commemoration Concert organised by the
North Monastery Past Pupils’ Union in City Hall on 16 March 1963 (1963,
5pp) and ‘Thomas McCurtain’ commemoration first day cover envelope
(envelope only, does not includes cancelled commemoration stamp)
dressed to President de Valera (April 1973, 1 item).
See also P150/1991 for file on President de Valera’s unveiling of a memorial
to Cork No. 1 Brigade, in St. Finbarr’s Cemetery, Cork, on 17 March 1963
7 items

3613 September 1970 Invitation to President de Valera from the Third
Tipperary Brigade Old I.R.A. Commemoration
Committee, to attend a special memorial mass in honour of the 50th
anniversary of the death of Seán Treacy (1895–1920), at Kilfeakle Church,
Tipperary on 11 October 1970 (1970, 1 item) and letter to Marie O’Kelly
from Carrie Acheson, Secretary of the Third Tipperary Brigade Old I.R.A.
Commemoration Committee expressing her thanks for de Valera’s acceptance
(23 September 1970, 1p).
2 items
3614  1949–52  File on Kevin Barry (1902–20). Comprises photocopies of letters written by Barry in Mountjoy jail before his execution on 1 November 1922, addressed to ‘Jer’ [Jerry McAleer] and correspondence between de Valera or his Personal Secretary Kathleen O’Connell and the Hacketstown Kevin Barry Club and the Kevin Barry Memorial Committee, about the erection of a memorial (12 December 1949–23 February 1952, 21 items). Also includes postcard with photographic reproduction of Barry and on reverse a poem Kevin Barry, by Teresa Brayton beginning ‘They hanged young Kevin Barry when dawn was in the sky’ (n.d., 9cm x 15cm); photograph of Kevin Barry mounted on paper sheet with illustrated tricolour and the emblem of the Sacred Heart (n.d., 1p) and cuttings from The Irish Press on plans to rescue Barry (22–30 April 1949, 1p).

27 items

3615  12 October 1932; April 1951; April 1953  File on Richard (Dick) McKee comprising photocopy of article from An Cosantóir by Frank Henderson on Brigadier Richard McKee ‘Commandant of the Dublin Brigade and Director of Training of the I.R.A. 1918–20’. Also part five of a series Irish Leaders of our Time (April 1951, 12pp) and letter to Taoiseach de Valera from J.E. Fitzgerald, 63 Cabra Park, Phibsboro, Dublin enclosing a black and white mounted studio print (1953, original dated 1912, 10cm x 15cm excluding mount, 27cm x 20cm including mount) of himself, Dick McKee and three others, taken ‘some time in 1912’ (14 April 1953, 2 items). See also P150/3655 for chapter in Oscar Traynor’s 1950 statement to the Bureau of Military History on the deaths of Peadar Clancy and Dick McKee 3 items

3616  19[67]  Copy of article from unknown newspaper on the unveiling of a memorial to Peadar Clancy (1888–1920) by Patrick Keogh, Mayor of Stratford, Connecticut, U.S.A. See also P150/3655 for chapter in Oscar Traynor’s 1950 statement to the Bureau of Military History on the deaths of Peadar Clancy and Dick McKee 1 item

V. Civil War fatalities, 1902 – 74

File on Cathal Brugha (1874–1922) comprising mainly commemorative material on Brugha, who died on 7 July 1922 of wounds received during the occupation of the Hammam Hotel.

Also includes contemporary documents relating to Brugha’s death such as copy resolution of sympathy from Coiste na Sláinte (Ciarraighe) addressed to H.Q. I.R.A. (14 & 15 July 1922, 2 items, 1p each); Brugha’s memorial card (with photograph) (1922, 6cm x 9cm); carbon copy poem in French (44 lines) on Brugha’s death by Etienne Beuque (30 August 1922, 1p); holograph dedication by de Valera ‘To the memory of the truest of comrades and noblest of men Cathal Brugha, First President of Dáil Éireann and Minister of Defence of the Republic who consciously offered his own life as a final sacrifice to safeguard his trust. May his spirit in Heaven continue to guard it’.

Three versions, two in Irish (n.d., 3 items, 1p each); carbon copy statement ‘Passed by censor’ giving the text of a note in the hand of Brugha, found by Mrs. Kathleen Brugha ‘in one of his pockets after his death’ (n.d. 1p); cutting from The Catholic Bulletin (Vol. 12, No. 8) containing article by ‘Sceilg’ (J.J. O’Kelly) entitled ‘Cathal Brugha – As I Knew Him’ (August 1922); correspondence between de Valera and Mrs. Kathleen Brugha (18 November 1922–14 July 1923), 15 items) (see also P150/1837 for drafts of de Valera’s election address in support of Mrs. Kathleen Brugha to the people of Waterford, August 1923).

Commemorative material comprises:

– miscellaneous notes and memoranda on or by Brugha (n.d., c.13 items);
– correspondence between de Valera and friends such as Dr. Joseph P. Brennan, and members of the Brugha family, Fidelma Brugha and Seán J. Doherty, reminiscing about Cathal and Kathleen Brugha (September 1964–February 1973, 12 items);
– holograph memorandum (1p) given to de Valera by Cathal Brugha between October 20th and 25th, 1921, concerning recognition of the accepted head of Great Britain ‘as the head of the new association’ (see also copy in P150/1556, one of de Valera’s compilations of documents on the Treaty);
– black and white postcard depicting Cathal Brugha in uniform (n.d., 9cm x 14cm);
– postcard, with photographic reproduction of Cathal Brugha, with pencilled note on reverse ‘Cathal Brugha Dundeealgan 1922’ (n.d., 8cm x 13cm);
– black and white photograph of Cathal Brugha in uniform. Mounted on card endorsed ‘Kingstons Ltd., Stationers & Printers, 9 Nassau St. Dublin’ (n.d., 21cm x 28cm including mount, 17cm x 23cm excluding mount);
– black and white photograph of de Valera at Strand House, Limerick, home of Stephen O’Mara, with Mrs. Rynne, Michael Rynne, Stephen O’Mara, Richard Mulcahy and Cathal Brugha, apparently taken on the morning of 6 December 1921 (19cm x 24cm) (see also two copies of print in P150/1530);
– photograph of ‘Plaster model for the bronze bust of Cathal Brugha by Oliver Sheppard’. Mounted on card and inscribed ‘To my friend John Burke’ (n.d., 9cm x 14cm);
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3618 contd – typescript draft manuscript by Tomás Ó Dochartaigh entitled ‘An Fhírinne I dtaoibh Cathal Brugha’ (n.d., 2 items, 30pp & 22pp);

3619 1902; 1915; 1920; 1946; 1960–68 File on Arthur Griffith (1871–1922) mainly comprising miscellaneous undated documents by Griffith; text of, and commentary [by Dorothy Macardle] on a Thomas Davis lecture ‘Arthur Griffith’ by Terence de Vere White, part of the series entitled ‘The Shaping of Modern Ireland’ (March 1946, 2 items, 11pp & 1p); comments on, and newspaper review by David Hogan of Padraic Colum’s 1959 book Arthur Griffith (August 1958, 2 items, 1p & 2pp; 7 & 8 January 1960, 2 items). 20 items

3620 1938–75 Correspondence between de Valera and Erskine Childers’ widow, Mrs. Molly Childers and commemorative material relating to Erskine Childers, mainly correspondence between President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly and Kevin Whelan, Honorary Secretary of the Childers Commemoration Committee, Wicklow (November 1970–October 1973, 19 items). Includes letter (7 December 1963, 1p) to Mrs. Childers from de Valera enclosing a copy of two letters he wrote to Lord Longford in February 1963 explaining why he (de Valera) did not go to London with the Treaty delegation in 1921 and booklet entitled The Heart and Mind of Mary Childers by Helen Landreth (1965, 35pp). Mrs. Childers died on 1 January 1964. Also includes some material relating to Erskine H. Childers, who succeeded de Valera as President of Ireland in 1973 and died in office two years later, such as copy of his address to the Diplomatic Corps (3 January 1974, 2pp), illustrated colour supplement to Woman’s Way magazine entitled First Lady at the Park. Mrs. Childers in Áras an Uachtaráin (6 July 1973, 6pp) and letter to de Valera from the Archbishop of Dublin enclosing a copy of the address of Rt. Rev. Alan Buchanan, Archbishop of Dublin at the funeral of President Childers in St. Patrick’s Cathedral on 21 November 1974 (31 July 1975, 2 items, 1p & 3pp). See also P150/1651 on trial and execution of Erskine Childers; P150/1794 for 1923 communications between de Valera and Mrs. Molly A. Childers; P150/1886 for 1924 communications between de Valera and ‘M’ (Molly Childers) following de Valera’s release from Arbour Hill in July 1924; P150/1746 for 1924 intelligence reports from ‘M’ to members of the Republican government and Army Executive 34 items

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3622  July 1917–[July 1922]  Miscellaneous documents relating to Liam Mellowes, mainly copies of letters written by him between July 1917 and July 1922. Includes photocopy of communication from Mellowes to the ‘O/C N. & E.’ enclosing some ‘hasty notes on the situations that led up to the attack on F[our] C[ourts]…use your discretion as to who will make use of them at Dail. The thing is done very scrappily because of lack of data–but the main points are as accurate as my memory affords’. Encloses ‘Incidents in connection with I.R.A. that had bearing on outbreak of present war’. Two versions, one holograph and one typewritten (originals dated 6 July 1922, 3 items, 1p, 10pp & 4pp). Also includes black and white photograph of Liam Mellowes, Peter Murray, Fr. Feeney and ‘Dad’ Murray [Patrick ‘Pa’ Murray] ‘Presumably taken in 1919 near the Murray home in Los Angeles’. Print quality poor–image fuzzy (n.d., 12cm x 9cm).  See also P150/1627 for documents produced during the bombardment of the Four Courts, between 28 & 30 June 1922 and P150/1628 for accounts of the occupation of the Four Courts. 13 items

3623  18 August– 8 December 1922  Copies of letters written by Liam Mellowes from Mountjoy jail, following his arrest after the collapse of the Four Courts. Comprises mainly copies of letters to [de Valera] and Austin Stack in which he outlines his view of the overall situation faced by the country and the steps which should be taken by the Republican movement. Includes also typescript copies of Mellowes’ letter to his mother written on the morning of his execution on 8 December 1922 (8 December 1922, 2 items, 2pp &1p). Also includes holograph letter to Mellowes in Mountjoy from Fr. P.E. Magennis, O.C. regretting that he must return to Rome without seeing Mellowes (18 August 1922, 1p). 9 items
n.d. & 1959   Commemorative material on Liam Mellowes comprising:
− holograph draft oration by de Valera to be delivered at Mellowes’ grave (n.d., 1p);
− typescript ‘Recollections of Liam Mellowes’ translated and typed up by Marie O’Kelly from Kathleen O’Connell’s shorthand notes (n.d., 2pp);
  − ‘Statement by Mr. Alfred White, 15 Serpentine Avenue, Ballsbridge, Dublin’ about the family background of Liam Mellowes, his organisational work for Fianna Éireann and the Irish Volunteers, his part in the Easter Rising in Galway, his activities in the U.S.A., his appointment as Director of Purchases for the I.R.A. and his opposition to the Treaty. [Statement is similar to those made to the Bureau of Military History] (n.d., 34pp);
− carbon copy account of Mellowes’ activities in Galway while training Volunteers and taking part in the 1916 Rising. Some passages also appear in the statement of Alfred White above (n.d., 10pp);
− amended summary of the career of Liam Mellowes covering his work with the Fianna and the Irish Volunteers, the 1916 Rising, his activities in the U.S.A., his opposition to the Treaty, the occupation of the Four Courts and his execution. Author unknown (n.d., 9pp);
− drafts of address delivered at the grave of Liam Mellowes, recalling his career with the Fianna, the Irish Volunteers, his work in the U.S.A., his opposition to the Treaty and his execution (n.d., 2 items, 5pp & 6pp);
− copybook containing a handwritten account of Mellowes ‘work here in Galway prior to and during Easter week 1916, also our adventures together after the Rising’. Signed by Proinsias Ó hEidhin, Sráid na Croise, Baile Átha an Ríogh. Similar in content to some of the above (15 November 1954, 59pp).  
10 items

1952; 1967–70   Mainly correspondence between President de Valera or his Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly and various individuals concerning Liam Mellowes. Includes correspondence between C. Desmond Greaves, editor of the Irish Democrat concerning his biography of Liam Mellowes and a diary kept by Mellowes during his stay in the U.S.A. (28 January 1962–26 February 1968, 10 items); holograph letter to Marie O’Kelly from Seán Nunan enclosing a note ‘about the manner in which we obtained the seaman’s certificate for Liam Mellowes’. The note is headed ‘How Seamans certificates were obtained in the U.S.A. by members of the President’s party 1919–21’ and refers particularly to Liam Mellowes who sailed as one of the crew on the S.S. Philadelphia from New York on 2 October 1920, and to Liam Pedlar (18 February 1966, 4pp).  
21 items
March 1921–2 July 1922 Dissociated documents relating to Rory O’Connor. Includes:

– incomplete handwritten drafts and complete typescript narrative in which Rory O’Connor recalls an encounter he had with a 64 year old prospector, born in Canada of Irish parents who emigrated after the famine. The encounter took place in the winter of 1913, while O’Connor was ‘making a clearing and staking out the centre line of a proposed railroad through virgin forest in high latitudes in Canada’ (n.d., 3 items, 15pp) [manuscripts sent to de Valera by John F. Finerty in 1954, see letter to de Valera from Finerty dated 9 April 1954 in P150/1108 for details];

– identification tag, ‘Name of Prisoner Roderick O’Connor Remanded Friday. Name and Number of Constable 5G. On reverse in the space reserved for ‘Description of the Prisoner’s Property’ the words ‘Mountjoy Gaol, 21 March 1918’ are written (1918, 13cm x 6cm);

– photocopy of cutting from The Police Gazette (‘Hue and Cry’) comprising description and photographs of escaped prisoner Roderick O’Connor, ‘escaped from Curragh internment Camp on 13th March’ 1921 (original dated 25 March 1921, 1p);

– photocopies of holograph letters to Rory O’Connor from Kevin O’Higgins, Jermyn Court Hotel, Piccadilly Circus, London on his honeymoon (originals dated 1 November 1921 & n.d., 2 items, 2pp each);

– holograph note from Rory O’Connor ‘Outside the 4 Courts, 4.20 p.m. 30.6.22’ to his brother Norbert, ‘We were entirely surrounded. Six Armoured Cars. Ammunition all gone. S. of Ireland I believe failed us. I am A.1. [Only] 5 Casualties. The 4 Courts remains as a Monument (some of it)’ (30 June 1922, 11p). Also includes typescript and handwritten copies (2 items, 1p each).

See also P150/1627 for documents produced during the bombardment of the Four Courts between 28 and 30 June 1922.

14 items

July –December 1922; Photocopies and typescript copies of correspondence relating to the internment and execution of Rory O’Connor (1883–1922) comprising mainly letters written by O’Connor in Mountjoy jail mostly to his brother Norbert, from early July 1922 to his execution on 8 December in Mountjoy. Includes photocopies and typescript copies of letters written to Norbert on the morning of his execution, including his will (originals dated 8 December 1922, 4 items) and photocopies and typescript copies of letters written during the morning to his father, mother and sister Eily (originals dated 8 December 1922, 6 items).

Also includes:

– holograph and typescript copy of letter from Rory to ‘Joe’ on the surrender of the Four Courts garrison (2 July 1922, 2 items, 2pp & 1p);

– photocopies of letters to Br. Gerard O.D.C. The Abbey, Loughrea, Galway (1 August 1922, 1p); Fr. Albert, O.F.S.C. (14 August 1922, 3pp); his mother Mrs. Julia O’Connor and ‘Sr. Evangelist, O.D.C. of Galway’ (25 August 1922, 2 items, 1p each);
3627 contd. – correspondence between Aodh Mac Néill, Adjutant General, Mrs. Julia O’Connor, Messrs. Little, Ó hUadhaigh & Proud, Dawson Street, Dublin and Norbert O’Connor regarding the identification and transferral of custody of the remains of Rory O’Connor to his family (13–22 October 1924, 4 items). 30 items

3628 1951–68 Commemorative material relating to Rory O’Connor (1883–1922) including typescript entitled ‘One of Our Immortal Dead’ being an account of his life from Easter 1916 to his execution on 8 December 1922. With handwritten annotations by Norbert O’Connor (‘N. O’C’). ‘Norbert O’Connor, 4 Prince of Wales Tce. Ballsbridge’ on reverse (n.d., 13pp); typescript biographical notes on O’Connor compiled by his brother Norbert (30 November 1951, 1p); letters from Rory O’Connor to President de Valera thanking him for the sympathy expressed on the death of his father Norbert O’Connor and commenting ‘In going through father’s papers I have come across some most interesting documents including two letters written to my uncle Rory in July 1921 by O’Higgins who was then in London, having just been married. Rory had of course been his best man!...I will if convenient to you bring any interesting papers to Áras an Uachtaráin if you wish it on my next visit home’ (7 September 1968, 1p). 6 items

3629 17 April 1923; June–19 September 1948 File of commemorative material on Seán Etchingham (d.1923) comprising:
– holograph letter to de Valera from ‘Patsy’ [Etchingham wrote under the name Patsy Patrick], with holograph note by de Valera on top of page–‘Probably Patsy Patrick’s last letter’ and envelope annotated ‘Precious’. Letter begins ‘I write with difficulty. They are taking me home in an ambulance today’ (17 April 1923, 1p);
– correspondence relating to de Valera’s unveiling of a memorial to Etchingham in the form of a Celtic cross erected over his grave in Ardamine cemetery on 12 September 1948 (22 June–19 September 1948, 14 items);
– black and white print of de Valera standing beside the cross, with paper label pasted onto bottom of print reading ‘At the unveiling of a memorial to the late Sean Etchingham (51.495)’ (September 1948, 16cm x 21cm);
– holograph text of address delivered by de Valera at the unveiling (7pp).
See also P150/1602 for photo of Seán Etchingham with Constance Markievicz, Cathal Brugha, de Valera, Seán MacSwiney, Austin Stack, Art O’Connor and Erskine Childers (January 1922). 16 items
VI. Origin of the Civil War

3630  192[?]

Pamphlet Who Caused the Civil War?: Extracts from some Speeches, Documents and Records, which Free State Ministers forget. Issued by Fianna Fáil. With annotation on cover ‘D. Macardle. Please return’. 6pp

3631  1936

Statements and accounts of the origins and outbreak of the Civil War. Includes:
- ‘Chronological Statement of Outstanding Events in 1922, prior and immediately subsequent to the attack on the Four Courts on the 28th June, 1922’ (n.d., 4pp);
- typescript copy of ‘Statement of Sean M. Glynn, Williamstown, Co. Galway and living in 1922 at No. 11 Upper Mount Street, relative to the Fighting in Dublin in June–July 1922’, particularly in O’Connell Street, where Cathal Brugha was stationed. Signed by Glynn (n.d., 4pp) [De Valera sheltered in No. 11 Upper Mount Street after escaping from the Hammam Hotel at the beginning of July 1922];
- ‘Events surrounding the Outbreak of Civil War in 1922’ by Muiris Ó Muimhneacháin (Maurice Moynihan) (August 1936, 3pp);
- ‘Truth Will Out–The Memoirs of Sir Geoffrey Shakespeare’ being a draft reply to an article entitled ‘Pin-pointing Politics’ published in The Irish Times which accused de Valera of starting the Civil War ‘not for a pure Republic, but for reasons which seemed obscure to many of the men who fought and died in that civil war…’. Draft reply includes quotations from Frank Pakenham’s Peace by Ordeal and Let Candles Be Brought In by Sir Geoffrey Shakespeare [a member of Lloyd George’s secretariat in 1921] (n.d., 10pp).
See also P150/1628 for accounts of the occupation of the Four Courts in 1922. 4 items

3632  1938; 1958, 1964 & 1966

Newspaper accounts and articles on the origins of the Civil War. Includes:
- editorial and letters published in The Irish Press relating to the controversy arising out of Prof. Liam Ó Briain’s letter to the editor following the action taken by Piaras Beaslaí against the newspaper which had allegedly accused Beaslaí of ‘having deliberately concealed the existence of material documentary evidence bearing on the origins of the civil war, in his life of Michael Collins, namely, the documentary evidence of the ultimatum served on the “Provisional Government”…ordering them to “attack” the Four Courts’ (13–20 April 1938, 6 items);
- articles published in The Irish Times and The Irish Press relating to a lecture on ‘The origins of the Civil War, December 6th, 1921–June 28, 1922’ delivered by Prof. T. Desmond Williams, President of the Dublin Historical Association in U.C.D. on 5 June 1958 (6 June; 6 July 1958, 3 items);

3633 3–15 December 1949 Article by ‘Aknefton’ published in The Irish Times entitled Pin-Pointing Politics which stated ‘In 1922, Mr. de Valera launched a civil war in Ireland…’ (3 December 1949, 1p); and associated notes and correspondence between de Valera and the newspaper’s editor following de Valera’s objection to the statement and his demand for a right to reply.

3634 24 June 1958 Letter from T. D. Williams, History Department, University College Dublin to Marie O’Kelly, Taoiseach de Valera’s Personal Secretary, submitting fourteen points for discussion with the Taoiseach in connection with his paper on the origins of the Civil War.

3635 28 August 1973 Newspaper reports on de Valera and the Civil War arising out of lectures of the 1973 session of the Merriman Summer School. Comprises articles entitled Civil War ‘not the fault of de Valera’ Peadar O’Donnell at Merriman Summer School from The Irish Press (1 item) and Trip was key factor in Civil War, says lecturer. De Valera’s America mission came at height of Republican quarrel by Donal Foley from The Irish Times (1 item).

3636 [June 1958] Typescript notes by Marie O’Kelly taken at the lecture by Prof. T.D. Williams, U.C.D., on the origins of the Civil War.
VII. Unionist leaders

3637  October 1954, February 1955  File on Basil Brooke, Viscount Brookeborough (1888–1974) comprising mainly press cuttings relating to debates between de Valera and Lord Brookeborough, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland (1943–63), on partition and the status of Northern Ireland. Also includes copies of letters from de Valera to the editor of the Northern Whig and a copy delivered to Brookeborough refuting his contention that the 1925 Boundary Agreement was freely entered into by Dáil Éireann. 15 items


3639  n.d. & 1940  File on Lord Craigavon, First Viscount, James Craig (1871–1940) comprising cutting from The Freeman’s Journal headed Ireland as a Unit. Mr. de Valera Publishes a Letter of 1921 and comprising text of statement issued by the Sinn Féin Publicity Department, including a letter from de Valera to Lloyd George of 19 July 1921 asserting the right of the Irish people to full and national self-determination and inquiring about Lloyd George’s views of a statement made by Sir James Craig (n.d., 1p); and handwritten draft statement by de Valera on Craig’s death in 1940 (n.d., 2pp). 2 items

VIII. Bureau of Military History, 1913 – 21

3640  16 February 1948  Copy of Department of Defence, Bureau of Military History, 1912–1921 First Report by the Director to the Minister covering the year ended 31st December, 1947. Marked ‘Confidential’. c.194pp

3641  31 December 1957  Copy of Department of Defence, Bureau of Military History, 1912–1921 Brief Report and Comprehensive Report by the Director, detailing the activities of the Bureau from 1948 to end 1957. c.61pp
3642 14 December 1950–19 April 1951  Correspondence between de Valera and Michael McDunphy, Director of the Bureau of Military History regarding the question of publication of the Bureau’s Chronology. 7 items


3644 19[50]  Copy of Department of Defence, Bureau of Military History, 1913–1921 Chronology Part III. Section I, From the Surrender in Easter Week, 1916, on the 29th April, 1916 to 31st December, 1919. Marked ‘No. 86’ in red ink. 100pp


3647 5 June 1952  Typescript copy of Statement of Rt. Rev. Mons. Michael Curran, 34 Aughrim Street, Dublin to the Bureau of Military History, 1913–1921. Monsignor Curran was Secretary to Dr. William J. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, from December 1906 to December 1919, when he was appointed Vice-Rector of the Irish College in Rome. Statement spread over three parts or folders. See also P150/637 for holograph letter to Richard Mulcahy from Fr. Michael Curran dated 7 May 1919; P150/3668 for Monsignor Curran’s memorial card. 564pp

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n.d.  
Typescript copy of ‘2nd Statement of Seamus Doyle, 21, Parnell Avenue, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford’ for the Bureau of Military History, 1913–1921, on his activities between May 1916 and June 1917. 16pp

6 May 1953  
Typescript copy of ‘Statement by Sean Moylan, T.D. Minister for Education, 132 St. Lawrence Road, Clontarf, Dublin. Officer Commanding, Cork II Brigade, 1921. Officer Commanding, Cork IV Brigade, 1921’ to the Bureau of Military History, 1913–1921. 272pp

n.d.  
Copy of statement of Patrick Moylett, [to the Bureau of Military History] on events between 1914 and 1922. The top of the first page and the bottom section of the last page, where the name address and signature of the interviewee should be found, have been cut away, although the contents reveal that the individual in question is businessman Patrick Moylett, a Volunteer organiser in Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo, and Chairman of the South Mayo Ceann Comhairle during 1917 and later a director of the Irish Overseas Shipping and Trading Company, along with Frank Maher. See also P150/1443 for May 1921 letters and memoranda relating to the efforts of Pat Moylett to broker a settlement through his meetings with W.T. Cosgrave and A.W. Cope. 92pp

4 July 1952  
Typescript copy of statement for the Bureau of Military History, 1913–1921, by Michael Noyk, Solicitor, 65 Lower Leeson, Street, and 12 College Green, Dublin, on ‘his part in the fight for Irish Independence (1909–22)’. 110pp

n.d.  
Typescript copy of ‘Statement by Seán Nunan. Dún Mhuire, Vico Road, Co. Dublin’ to the Bureau of Military History, 1913–1921. Recounts his activities in the Irish Volunteers, in the G.P.O. Easter Week, his court-martial with George Gavan Duffy as his solicitor, his part in the by-elections in South Longford and Kilkenny, in Dáil Éireann as Clerk, his going to America at de Valera’s request, his work with James O’Mara on the Bond Drive and his return journey to Ireland beginning on 27 December 1921, with Harry Boland and Liam Pedlar. Concludes ‘...I feel that I should place on record, for the information of...historians, the outstanding services rendered to Ireland by President de Valera during his year and a half in America.’ He pays tribute ‘to all who came from Ireland to assist in this great adventure–James O’Mara, a great
organiser and a financial genius, Liam Mellows, Gilbert Ward, Joe Begley, Garth Healy, Annie Ryan, Kathleen O’Connell and, above all, Harry Boland, whose tenacity of purpose and infectious gaiety kept us all working hard and happily. 17pp

Typescript copy of statement by James J. O’Connor, solicitor, 34 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, for the Bureau of Military History, 1913–1921. His uncle, James O’Connor was ‘Solicitor-General for Ireland, Attorney-General for Ireland, a Judge of the High Court, a Judge of the Court of Appeal for Southern Ireland, a Judge of the Court of Appeal for all Ireland; retired about 1922 on pension. He then went to England, becoming a K.C. at the English bar, and later returned to Ireland where he practised as a solicitor.’ See also P150/464 for April 1916 permit allowing ‘Mr. J. O’Connor and driver’ to travel between Dublin and Wexford (originally between Kingstown and Armagh) and 1946 memorandum by James J. O’Connor, outlining the circumstances in which the permit was issued in 1916 and referring to a meeting between his uncle, Solicitor General James O’Connor and Rev. Dr. William J. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin. 10pp

Typescript copy of ‘Third Statement by Joseph O’Connor, 152 Rathfarnham Road, Dublin’ for the Bureau of Military History, 1913–1921, concerning events from the signing of the Truce on 11 July 1921 to 1945. Incomplete—last page missing. 42pp

Typescript copy of ‘Statement by Oscar Traynor T.D., 14 Dollymount Avenue, Dublin’ to the Bureau of Military History, 1913–1921. Divided into twelve chapters:
• ‘1914–1916’;
• ‘Easter 1916–The Rising’;
• ‘1917–1918’;
• ‘1919–Raid for mails at Rotunda Rink’;
• ‘1920–Appointment as Vice-Brigadier and Brigadier. Formation of Active Service Unit. Army Council. Execution of spies’;
• ‘Organisation, strength and armament of the Dublin Brigade’;
• ‘Death of Kevin Barry and plans for his rescue. Plans to prevent arrest of Dan Breen’;
• ‘Bloody Sunday. Death of Dick McKee and Peadar Clancy’;
• ‘Frank Teeling’s escape from Kilmainham’;
• ‘Destruction of the Custom House’;
• ‘Attempted rescue of Sean MacEoin. British raids Brigade H.Q. Introduction of the Thompson gun’;
• ‘Reorganisation and the Truce’.

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3655 contd. Signed by Traynor. With handwritten note on inside cover ‘Oscar Traynor’s sister married to Bob Gilligan’. See also P150/3297 for other recollections of Oscar Traynor relating to the period 1914 to 1923; P150/3295 for file on Oscar Traynor (1886–1963). 87pp

IX. Publications on the period 1916 – 23

3656 3 June & 8 July 1920 Typescript manuscript of a book by Fr. Isidore B. Mooney entitled ‘The Crossmaglen Conspiracy. Exposure of England’s fiendish treatment of her Irish subjects, and a sample of her murder plots all over the country’ (1920, c.259pp). Accompanied by holograph letter from Eoin MacNeill to the author praising the book as a ‘work of the greatest importance’ and recommending its speedy publication in the U.S.A. States ‘what might seem to be a mere passing event—though a very striking one—was in reality part of a great secret drama that embraced all the activities of English policy in Ireland not merely in their local sphere but also in the British legislature, the British Cabinet and in America. I know of no episode in modern history that can more clearly lay bare the realities of that policy even as it worked under the renowned Gladstone’ (3 July 1920, 1p) and a typescript note summarising the history of the ‘conspiracy’—‘The police and magistrates were…not satisfied with a state of affairs where Catholic and Protestants were fraternising and helping each other, and as a result a conspiracy in which Inspector Brigley and Constable Garland were the leading lights, was hatched to disrupt the peace of Crossmaglen. The intention was to cause breaches of the peace in the locality so that arrests could be made under The Coercion Act’ (n.d., 6pp). 3 items


3658 October 1950–July 1951 Letters from Br. Colmcille, Mellifont Abbey, County Louth, to Dan Breen and correspondence between Br. Colmcille and de Valera on amendments, made at de Valera’s suggestion, to Br. Colmcille’s manuscript, Cogadh na Saoirse, offered for publication to The Irish Press. 15 items
3659 April 1952 Cuttings from The Sunday Press comprising
Cecil O’Hanlon’s review of A History of
Ireland Under the Union, 1801–1922 by P.S. O’Hegarty, and letters to the
paper arising out of the review. 3 items

3660 9 November, Reviews of America and the Fight for Irish
7 December 1957 Freedom, 1866–1922 by Charles Callan
See also P150/1101 for 1965 documents relating to de Valera’s and Seán
Nunan’s views on Dr. Patrick McCartan’s book With de Valera in America
(1932) and America and the Fight for Irish Freedom, 1866–1922 (1957) by
Charles Callan Tansill 3 items

3661 October, November 1961; File relating to The Easter Rebellion by Max
March–May 1964 Caulfield (Frederick Muller) including reviews
of, and articles on the book and correspondence
between Micheál Ó Flathartaigh, Dick Humphreys and Max Caulfield about
the degrees of assistance given to Caulfield by de Valera and Humphreys and
the latter’s protests regarding the publication.
See also P150/307 including 1964 correspondence between de Valera and
Simon Donnelly regarding Max Caulfield’s book The Easter Rebellion, which
Donnelly condemns as being inaccurate and ‘distorted’, especially with
regard to the question of de Valera’s command of the 3rd Battalion, Dublin
Brigade. 16 items
X. Dorothy Macardle and *The Irish Republic*

See also P150/2171 which includes a series of articles by Dorothy Macardle published in *The Irish Press* in 1933 entitled ‘The Irish Nation and Majority Rule’, and associated letters to the editor from Mary MacSwiney and Macardle; P150/1658 for jail journals by Macardle; P150/2037 for handwritten notes [by Macardle?] following publication of Esther Roper’s book *Prison Letters of Countess Markievicz* comprising her ‘recollections of the aspects of Madame’s life & character most noticeably brought out in Miss Roper’s book’.

1922–58 File on Dorothy Macardle (1899–1958) including documents relating to the production of *The Irish Republic* (1st edition, 1937). Includes:

- press cuttings of articles written by or referring to Macardle, including articles captioned ‘The Kerry Massacre. Statement of a Survivor’ [Stephen Fuller]; ‘Kilmainham Tortures. Experiences of a Released Prisoner’ [Macardle]; ‘A Year Ago’ being Macardle’s reminiscences on Erskine Childers, *An Phoblacht*, Rory O’Connor, Robert Barton, Frank Gallagher and events in the Four Courts. Also includes pages from Éire and **Sinn Féin** containing articles, poems and short stories by Macardle (May 1923–December 1924, 5 items);

- comments by Chief of Staff Frank Aiken on Macardle’s book *Tragedies of Kerry* (3 June & 19 August 1924, 2 items);

- place card in the name of D. Ní h-Árdghail [Dorothy Macardle]. ‘Sinn Féin Chomhairle Ceanntair Chorcaighe. Fáilte roimh Éamon de Bhalera, Uachtarán Poblachta na h-Éireann ag Scoil Íde 14-9-24, a 8 p.m.’. With eighteen signatures on reverse of card including de Valera, Mary MacSwiney, Tom Crofts, Joe Begley, Muriel MacSwiney and Daithí Ceannt (14 September 1924, 1 item);

- copybook containing holograph table of contents and details of twenty-one chapters of a book covering 1912 to 1925 (n.d., 37pp);

- reminiscences by de Valera on his family (30 June 1934, 19pp & 7pp), Michael Collins and Roger Casement (6pp & 4pp). All written in Dorothy Macardle’s hand;

- correspondence between Macardle and Gerry Boland, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, concerning Michael Collins (29 November & 11 December 1935, 2 items, 1p each);

- correspondence between Macardle and de Valera and Kathleen O’Connell (1935–47, 80 items);

- drafts of preface to *The Irish Republic* by de Valera and correspondence between Macardle and de Valera about the preface ([July 1936], 15 items);

- draft letter from de Valera to Miss Ross, Secretary of the Women Writers’ Club regretting that he cannot attend the Club’s reception in honour of Macardle and paying tribute to Macardle’s *The Irish Republic*—‘because of her devotion, this period is more accurately recorded than any other similar in Irish history. As a book of reference “The Irish Republic” is invaluable…but
3662 contd. it is not from the historical student’s standpoint that I think “The Irish Republic” should be chiefly appraised. It is as an epic story of the great endeavour of a people told as it should be told, with simplicity and truth—as a story that will inspire the future youth of our nation and teach them the wisdom without which high enterprise cannot be pursued to success—as a story that will warn them of the tragedy that ever lies close by when great deeds are attempted…I can only wish that future generations may be as well served in their historians as this has been by Miss Macardle” (3 February 1938, 2 items, 1p & 2pp);

– letter (16 October 1950, 1p) to Macardle from the Secretary of the Bureau of Military History, 1913–21, returning documents loaned by Macardle to the Bureau. The documents are described as ‘Letter dated 11.6.36 from Seán T. Ó Ceallaigh to Miss Macardle re fixing of date of the Rising’, ‘Two letters from George Gavan Duffy—one dated 18.1.36 dealing with the Extract from L’Annuaire de Législation comparée included in Miss Macardle’s “History of the Irish Republic”…and another dated 11.3.36 referring to the story of Easter Week by Cú Uladh in “An t’Éireannach” ’ and ‘Part of Draft A of Free State Constitution as signed by Darrell Figgis, James McNeill and John O’Byrne’ (1922, 1936, 1950, 5 items);

– sketch maps of the south Dublin/Wicklow region captioned ‘To Laragh by Poulaphouca & Glenmacneas’ (18cm x 31cm); ‘By Sally Gap to Roundwood’ (18cm x 28cm) and ‘Another route to Woodenbridge’ (19cm x 26cm);

– articles by Macardle such as The Curlew’s Cry (published in Columbia, June 1925, 3pp); ‘The Death of Mr. Figgis’ (holograph, n.d., 4pp); holograph article entitled ‘Eamon de Valera’ (n.d., 7pp) found in envelope labelled ‘Unpublished article by Dorothy Macardle (1924)'; The Irish Nation and Majority Rule a three-part series of articles published in The Irish Press (18–20 October 1933, 3 items); ‘The Shaping of Modern Ireland James Connolly and Patrick Pearse’ (written to be broadcast, also published in The Irish Times, 1956, 20pp) (see also P150/516 for copy of edited typescript entitled ‘The Shaping of Modern Ireland James Connolly and Patrick Pearse’ by Dorothy Macardle. With note on first page, ‘To be broadcast in 1956, 2RN, Easter 1956’ and duration ‘27 minutes’) and ‘Ella Young: a Poet of the Celtic Twilight’ 1956, 11pp). c.161 items

3663 23 December 1958– File on the death of Dorothy Macardle on 23
8 October 1965 December 1958 including press cuttings (23
December 1958–10 January 1959, 9 items),
draft and final versions of Taoiseach de Valera’s statement on Macardle’s
death and Tánaiste and Minister for Health Seán MacEntee’s graveside
oration (December 1958, 4 items), correspondence between de Valera and
members of Macardle’s family, mainly on the posthumous publication of
Macardle’s Shakespeare, Man and Boy (1961) and the American edition of
The Irish Republic (10 January 1960; 1962 & 1965, 6 items). Also photocopy
copy of Macardle’s will (‘To Terence De Valera all my Royalties, Rights and
interests in my book The Irish Republic’) (original dated 20 December 1958,
3pp). 20 items
3664 [1920s–50s] Black and white photographs of Dorothy Macardle and de Valera as follows:
– postcard photo of de Valera and Dorothy Macardle in conversation, with note by Macardle on reverse ‘Evidently taken at the Secretariat, after [?] [Committee]. Sep. 10’. Postcard stamped “‘Agreil’ Genève 4” on reverse ([1930s], 13cm x 8cm);
– de Valera and Dorothy Macardle in Geneva, sitting at a table with (from left to right) Frank Cremins, Seán Lester and Denis Devlin. Stamped ‘Genève’ on reverse ([1930s], 13cm x 8cm). Also enlargement of same (20 cm x 13 cm);
– group photograph of members of the Women Writers’ Club and Macardle at a banquet given by the club for the publication of The Irish Republic. Accompanied by paper listing the names of the group (from left) back row: [?]; Temple Lane; Sighle le Broquy; Mainie Jellett middle row: Rose Jacob; Blanad [Salhel?]; Seamus MacManus; front row: Madeleine Ross; Mrs. [Gray] Davidson; Dorothy Macardle; Miss MacNiece. ©: The Irish Press ([1938], 20 cm x 15 cm);
– mounted press photograph of de Valera and Macardle examining a copy of Macardle’s The Irish Republic [during the launch of a new edition of the book]. Print autographed by de Valera. Stamped ‘Irish Press Photo’ (n.d., 25 cm x 20 cm including mount; 20 cm x 15 cm excluding mount);
– mounted press photograph of Macardle. ©: The Irish Press (1950s, 20 cm x 25 cm including mount; 15 cm x 12 cm excluding mount).
7 items

3665 March 1958–April 1967 Correspondence mainly between de Valera, his Personal Secretary, Vivion and Toirleach [Terry] de Valera and various publishers and printers, in connection with the publication of Dorothy Macardle’s The Irish Republic in the U.S.A. in October 1965. The ownership rights were in the hands of Toirleach de Valera (see P150/3663 for copy of Macardle’s will). Includes list of errors in the book, as originally published by Gollancz, London, 1937, as noted by Geraldine Dillon née Plunkett (4 pp, April 1964). Also includes correspondence with Edward Roth (of Associated Television Limited) who presented a 16mm sound-on-film print of the A.T.V. programme Rebellion to de Valera in 1963 (3 May 1963 – 29 July 1964, 16 items).
c.157 items

3666 5 October 1965 Black and white prints of de Valera outside Áras an Uachtarán examining a copy of the American edition of Dorothy Macardle’s The Irish Republic (4 items, 9 cm x 12 cm each). Found in envelope labelled ‘President taken with copy of American edition of The Irish Republic. 5th October, 1965—day of publication’ and (in Marie O’Kelly’s hand) ‘K. O’Connell’s birthday. Snaps taken by Marie O’Kelly’.
5 items
Copy reviews of the American edition of Dorothy Macardle’s *The Irish Republic* published in October 1965.

### XI. Memorial cards

File of 126 memorial cards arranged in alphabetical order for the following individuals:

*Note: those marked * include a photograph of the deceased.*

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- O’Malley, Donogh * 10 March 1968  
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- Power, Fr. Thomas * 18 May 1971  
- Prendiville, Dr. Redmond D.D.* 28 June 1968  
  Archbishop of Perth  
- Quinn, Fr. Robert O.F.M. * 12 January 1959  
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- Smallwood, Elizabeth * 24 May 1968  
- Tierney, Fr. Austin C.P. 28 August 1960
48. MATERIAL CONCERNING COLLEAGUES WHO OUTLIVED EAMON DE VALERA

3669  
19[25]; November 1933; 1958–68  
General file on Frank Aiken comprising article from The Irish Times on Aiken (30 August 1958, 1 item); pamphlet Mr. Frank Aiken, T.D. *Some Outstanding Events in a Lifetime of Dedication to the Service of the Irish Nation* (n.d. 3pp) and programme for the conferring of Honorary Doctorates of Laws, Dublin University [Trinity College Dublin] on Frank Aiken, Seán MacEoin [formerly U.N. Commander in the Congo], Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh and U. Thant, Secretary General of the United (12 July 1968, 2 items, 1p & 8pp).

See also P150/1752 for memoranda between de Valera and Frank Aiken as I.R.A. Chief of Staff, 1923–24.  
6 items

3670  
1961, August 1980  
File relating to F.H. Boland comprising newspaper articles on the conferral of an honorary degree by the National University of Ireland on Boland, President of the United Nations General Assembly, in July 1961 (July 1961, 2 items) and two articles by T.P. Kilfeather published in the *Sunday Independent* under the heading *Freddy Boland Remembers*. ‘Dr. Frederick H. Boland…former Irish Ambassador to Britain and former President of the United Nations General Assembly…retired after a long and distinguished career in the civil service and international diplomacy’ gives ‘an engaging and revealing account of some of the most dramatic moments in recent Irish history…’. *Dev and Churchill: a clash of Titans* and *Edward’s Abdication played into Dev's hands!* (3 & 10 August 1980, 2 items).  
4 items

3671  
February 1948–October 1965  
Personal correspondence between de Valera and John J. Hearne, Irish High Commissioner in Canada, later Irish Ambassador to the U.S.A. and Parliamentary Counsel, Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria, mainly sending seasons greetings and good wishes. Includes note of thanks to de Valera following Fianna Fáil’s defeat in the 1948 general election—‘I cannot tell you, Sir, how happy your very kind letter of the 18th February made me and how greatly I treasure the expression of your appreciation of my work in the Department during your many years of office. I shall remember with special gratitude the confidence you placed in me as Legal Adviser and as High Commissioner and the patience with which you suffered all my shortcomings at home and abroad’ ([28] February 1948, 2pp). Comprises mainly holograph letters from Hearne.

See also P150/2553 for 1939–65 personal correspondence between de Valera and Malcolm MacDonald including references to John J. Hearne  
6 items
November 1966–November 1974

3672

File on Jack Lynch (1917–99), Taoiseach (1966–73 & 1977–79), comprising mainly personal letters to President de Valera from Lynch (Seán Ó Loinsigh) (30 November 1966–10 September 1973, 8 items), but also including notes sent to Marie O’Kelly from Seán [Nunan] on places to visit and historical persons associated with them, including those associated with de Valera’s mission to the U.S.A. between June 1919 and December 1920, compiled for the Taoiseach’s visit to America (20 February 1971, 5pp); a citation for the conferring of an honorary degree [Doctor of Civil Law] on Taoiseach ‘John Lynch’ by Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, North Carolina on 15 March 1971; and cutting from The Evening Press of T.P. O’Mahoney’s interview with Lynch – ‘When I was young—in this interview the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Jack Lynch, talks about his youth…of days of hurling and school, of his parents and friends…’ (31 July 1974, 1 item).

See also P150/3092 for file on Neal Blaney including March 1973 newspaper cuttings on the issuing of a statement by President de Valera denying a remark made by Neal Blaney, T.D. that de Valera ‘was about to drop Jack Lynch from the Fianna Fail Party in the 195 –54 period’.

11 items


3673

Dissociated documents relating to Seán Nunan comprising:

– photocopy of a column by George Dixon entitled ‘Washington Scene’ in an unidentified Washington newspaper, on Nunan in America–‘His Gaelic Excellency Sean Nunan, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from Ireland, is fuming…Nunan has been the Emerald Isle’s E[nvoY] E[xtraordinary] and M.P. since last March but he can’t call upon President Truman nor Secretary of State Marshall…because George VI hasn’t come through with his credentials’ (n.d., 1p);

– copy letter to Nunan from de Valera asking Nunan to carry out five tasks on his coming visit to the U.S.A.– to search for the marriage certificate of his mother to his father in 1881 and his mother to Charles Wheelwright in 1887; to find the location of the papers of Frank P. Walsh; to get a file of the Gaelic American for 1919–21; to find out how Fr. O’Callaghan and Judge Comerford are; and to inquire about the position in regard to Assignment America as Boris de Tanko told Mrs. O’Doherty that there were 5,000 copies in hand (18 December 1962, 3pp);

– letters to Seán Nunan and his son Dr. Seamus P. Nunan from Rev. John Magee, Personal Secretary to Pope John Paul II thanking them for their presentation of a letter from de Valera to [Pope Paul VI] for use in a project involving the collection of ‘manuscript documents of the most outstanding figures of the past 100 years’ (27 January 1979, 2 items, 2pp & 1p).

See P150/972 for file on the papers of Frank P. Walsh; P150/1283 for file on the Gaelic American; P150/187, 227 & 228 for references to the marriage certificates of de Valera’s mother.

5 items
3674  n.d. Framed photograph of de Valera and Seán Nunan ‘who acted as Secretary during his American tour in 1919–20 [Later Ambassador and Secretary with Foreign Affairs]’. Original taken c.1919/20. Photograph stood in de Valera’s study during his years as Taoiseach and President.  
21cm x 15cm excluding mount  
23cm x 30cm including mount

2 item

### 49. DISSOCIATED NOTES BY DE VALERA, 1921 - 53

Series of notebooks containing miscellaneous holograph notes by de Valera, mainly appointments, ‘things to do’, notes for ministers and notes for speeches.

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3688  [1920s–40s]  Miscellaneous, undated holograph notes and scraps of notes by de Valera on a wide variety of subjects, including philosophy, English and Irish history, quotations from literary and poetical works, mathematical equations, notes and statistics on social services, agricultural and industrial output, the abolition of the Oath of Allegiance and the retention of the land annuities.

   c.51 items

3689  1921  Holograph notes by de Valera on various topics. Includes notes for speeches and drafts of letters and general notes on topics such as the Anglo-Irish Treaty and its rejection by de Valera; the League of Nations; the Army; the Ministry of Arts; notes to Ministers requesting general outlines of their activities; and proposals and notes on the Cabinet meeting of [3 December 1921].

   64pp

3690  1922  Field message books containing miscellaneous notes by de Valera made during 1922. Comprises notebook containing notes for speeches/statements/resolutions on the foundation of Cumann na Poblachta in March 1922 and protests at the Anglo-Irish Treaty and the murder of Catholics in Belfast. With note on cover ‘Old notes from Kathleen’ [O’Connell] (46pp) and notebook with the following note by de Valera on cover ‘(1) Fine Gaedheal. (2) S.F. Ard Fhei etc.–draft. Jan–Feb O’Connell St’ containing miscellaneous notes including drafts of resolutions to be put before the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis in March 1922 and notes on organisation; ‘Interview Daily News 23-I-22’; the World Congress of the Irish Race in Paris in January 1922; partition and a letter to John F. Harrigan, Park Avenue Hotel, New York (c.77pp).

   2 items, 12cm x 17cm

3691  1922  Miscellaneous notes by de Valera. Includes:

   – portion of a typescript document in which de Valera briefly sets out the background to the 1916 Rising and the reasons for the success of the Republican movement from 1916 to 1922. With holograph corrections. ‘Fermoy’ and ‘1917’ written on top of first page (1922, 2pp);

   – typescript Points to be borne in mind in establishing that the present Provisional Parliament is not Dáil Éireann, the Government of the Republic (1 December 1922, 1p);

   – holograph notes on William T. Cosgrave ([1922/23]), 2pp).

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3699 1940–43
Notes and brief diary entries on scraps of pages from diaries dated between January 1940 and March 1943. c.37pp

3700 1943, 1947–52
Series of notebooks containing holograph notes by de Valera on a variety of subjects, including diary notes, notes for speeches and statements, and mathematical problems and equations. 11 items

3701 1946–47
Miscellaneous political, financial and mathematical holograph notes and jottings by de Valera (86pp). Also includes typescript lists of appointments for various days between 24 December 1946 and 15 July 1947, with holograph notes on the reverse (70pp). c.184pp

3702 1947, 1948
Field Message Book containing notes for speeches and drafts of letters. Includes the following headings and matters:
• ‘9.0 am. 15.7.47 Ar an mbealach go hÁrainn’;
• draft statement on the election results;
• ‘Message to Ar[ch][b]ishop Mannix’;
• ‘Lemass Speech at Ard Fheis’;
• drafts of letters to unidentified individuals;
• notes for speeches at various commemorations of those ‘who gave their lives that we might be free’;
• note testifying to the conduct of Dr. Edourd Hempel, German Minister in Ireland during World War II;
• ‘External Affairs, 1947’;
• ‘War–Participation’;
• ‘Speech at Castlebar’;
• ‘Points for Speech: Carlow, M. na Tíre’;
• ‘Clare’;
• ‘History Notes’;
• address for a tribute to Seán Etchingham. c.83pp

3703 1948, 1949
Field Message Book containing miscellaneous notes by de Valera including notes on partition and his support for the proposed Repeal of the External Relations Act, 1936. c.59pp
[post 1948] Ringbinder containing holograph and typescript miscellaneous notes by de Valera on various political, financial, historical, mathematical and literary topics including the results of general elections between 1918 and 1948; population, emigration and unemployment statistics; finance and ‘National Accounts’ [budgets]; partition; quotations relating to various aspects of Irish, British and world history e.g. ‘Savagery of English Rule’, lists of English Kings, ‘Important Dates’ in Irish, French Greek and Indian history; values for various mathematical and physical constants and units of measurement, including equations relating to power, work, velocity, momentum and wave motion and definitions relating to atomic physics; literary quotations including quotations from Shakespeare; neutrality and statistics relating to third level education. Also includes some notes relating to English history and Biblical quotations in the hand of Mrs. Sinéad de Valera. c. 122pp

[1949] Miscellaneous notes and drafts of speeches by de Valera on post-war economic conditions, the progress in achieving national objectives and partition. Also includes manuscript headed ‘Towards a Christian State’. 7 items

n.d. Holograph notes by de Valera, taken from an unknown publication, on the eighteenth and nineteenth century commercial history of various countries including Britain, Canada, the East and West Indies, Australia, the U.S.A, Germany and Russia. 22pp

n.d. Notebooks containing holograph notes on Spanish vocabulary and verbs. 2 items

n.d. Holograph notes by de Valera on a [lecture] given by Frank Duff, founder of the Legion of Mary. 4pp
50. RELEASE OF BRITISH CABINET PAPERS, 1967 - 71

3709 16–28 January 1967 Series of twelve articles from The Irish Press entitled Secret Records of 1916–22 comprising a narrative of events in Ireland from Easter Week 1916 to the signing of the Anglo Irish Treaty in December 1921 and events of the Civil War in 1922, based on new information gleaned from the opening to the public of British Cabinet records in the Public Record Office in January 1967. The secret intelligence reports on Ireland which were sent each week to the British Cabinet came from three sources: the General Officer Commanding British Forces in Ireland; the Chief Secretary’s Office [distilled from information reaching ‘G’ headquarters in Dublin Castle] and the Directorate of Intelligence at the Home Office in London (the then equivalent of M.I.5). Includes:
– article (Number 11) entitled What Lloyd George thought of Eamon de Valera recounting the course of discussions between de Valera and Lloyd George in London in July 1924 (27 January 1967, 1p);
– photocopy from The Irish Press of a letter to the editor from an Eoin Neeson commenting on article eight in the series, entitled Tim Healy–the compromise Governor-General. 13 items

3710 30 December 1967– 29 January 1968 Newspaper reports on the official release of British Cabinet papers dealing with Irish affairs 1922–37, in January 1968 under the amendment to the 50-years’ secrecy rule to a period of 30 years. Includes series of articles entitled ‘The British Documents’ by Dr. David Harkness published in The Irish Times between 20 and 29 January 1969 (8 items). 33 items

3711 1–3 January, 7 April 1969 Newspaper reports on the official release of British Cabinet papers dealing with Irish affairs in 1938, in January 1969. 6 items

3712 January 1970 Newspaper article by Nicholas Bethel, following the release of 1939 British Cabinet papers, under the 30-year rule. Papers Detail War Talks on Irish Ports. British Cabinet almost decided on forcible seizure. 1p

3713 1 January 1971 Newspaper reports on the official release of British Cabinet papers dealing with events of the summer of 1940, in January 1971. 5 items
51. PRINTED MATTER

I. Irish newspapers and serials, 1915 – 53

a. Newspapers

3714 27 May 1922  Ár nÉire, New Ireland
New Ireland Publishing Co. Ltd. 13 Fleet Street, Dublin
Vol. 1 No. 1  New Issue

3715 2 October 1922  Daily Bulletin (No. 5) produced by the Republican forces. Carbon copy.
2pp

3716 17 October 1922  Daily Bulletin (No. 18) produced by anti-Treaty forces. Headlined ‘Who Is Responsible?’ outlining the major events since the Dáil approval of the Treaty, including copy of the Pact agreement between de Valera and Collins in May 1922.
4pp

3717 3 November 1922  Copy of the Daily Bulletin (No. 32) produced by Republican forces. Headlined ‘Republicans’ Peace Efforts’ concerning the situation that developed in Limerick in March 1922, between pro- and anti-Treaty forces.
2pp

Daily Bulletin

3718 21 November 1922 (No. 45)  1 item
3719 8, 12 January 1923 (No. 84 & 89)  2 items
3720 5–2[8] February 1923 (No. 108–128)  15 items
Missing: Nos. 114; 122–125 inc. & 127
3721 3; 13 & 26 March 1923 (Nos. 131; 138 & 149)  3 items
3722 1–31 May 1923 (Nos. 180–206)  25 items
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3723  
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3724  
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3725  
1–11 August 1923 (No. 260–269)  
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3726  
**Daily Sheet** Sinn Fein Headquarters, 23 Suffolk Street, Dublin

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3727  
**Éire. The Irish Nation** Irish Nation Committee, 6 Harcourt Street, Dublin

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3773 **The Republican File**
Republican Press, 12 St. Andrew Street, Dublin
Vol. 1 No. 2  5 December 1931
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3774 **The Republican Leader**
Published for and on behalf of Frank Aiken. Printed in Dundalk.
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3776  **Scéala Catha** South-Western Command War News
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3777  **The Sentry. Fear Faire**
Published by The Executive, National Council of Old I.R.A., Dublin.
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3778  **Sinn Féin**
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3779 **Sinn Féin, Stop Press**  
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3780 **An t-Óglách** Official Organ of the Irish Volunteers  
28 October 1921  
25 November 1921  
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The Weekly Bulletin (No. 1)
‘Issued by the North Eastern Boundary Bureau’.
n.d. 3pp

b. Associated material, 1922 – 31

File on the financial position and administration of The Nation An Irish Review of Politics, Literature, Science, Art and Industry, founded in 1927 by Seán T. O’Kelly. A private limited liability company—The Nation Newspaper, Ltd.—was formed to take over The Nation. This in turn was financed by The Irish Press, Limited in 1930. Comprises:
– correspondence mainly between de Valera (Director), Seán T. O’Kelly (Director), Ernest W. Proud of solicitors Little, Ó hUadhaigh & Proud, Frank Aiken (Director), Senator Joseph Connolly (Director), Eoin P. Ó Caoimh (Director/Secretary), Frank Gallagher (editor), Kevin Whelan/Caoimhín Ua Faoláin (editor/Manager), Seán Ó Muimhneacháin (Secretary), Seán Moylan and Robert Brennan (Secretary, Irish Press, Limited) (April 1929–January 1931, c.130 items);
– agendas for meetings of the Directors of The Nation Newspaper, Ltd. between 26 July 1929 and 3 January 1931 (July 1929–January 1931, 17 items);
– statements of accounts for The Nation Newspaper Ltd. between March 1929 and March 1931 (March 1929–March 1931, c.28 items);
– draft agreements between Seán T. O’Kelly and the Nation Press Limited on the assignment of O’Kelly’s interest in the Nation Press to the Nation Press (August 1929, 1p) and between The Nation Newspaper, Limited and The Irish Press, Limited on the purchase of The Nation by The Irish Press (August 1929, 1p) and between The Nation Limited and Irish Press Limited on the payment
of monies by the latter to the former in consideration of which the Irish Press 'may at any time within six months from the day of July, 1930, take over as a going concern The Nation Company with all its assets…' (1930, 2pp).

3785  July & August 1925  Carbon copies of An Phoblacht accounts comprising Earnings and Cost account of First two issues, June 20th and 26th 1925 (17 July 1925, 1p); Earnings & Costs Account for weeks ending 22 August 1925 and 29 August 1925 (August 1925, 2 items, 1p each) and Receipts and Expenditure from 15 to 22 August 1925 and from 24 to 29 August 1925 (August 1925, 2 items, 1p each). Also list of numbers of papers printed and distributed for each of issues No. 8, 9, 10 and 11 (1925, 1p). 6pp


3787  March 1922  Carbon copy ‘Financial Statement’ as of 3 March 1922, signed by Joseph MacDonagh, Manager of Poblacht na h-Éireann. 1p

3788  [1923]  Poster advertisement for The Republican Leader (46cm x 58cm) and poster ‘The Republican Leader No. 1. Seized by Crown Forces at OMeath (sic.) Printer Refuses to Re-Issue’ (28cm x 44cm). 2 items
II. American newspapers, 1918 – 23

3789  The Anaconda Standard (Anaconda, Montana)
18 March 1921

3790  The Gaelic American, A Journal Devoted to the Cause of Irish Independence, Irish Literature and the Interests of the Irish Race (New York)
10 July 1920
28 August 1920
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3791  The Monitor. The Official Catholic Weekly of New Jersey
28 February 1920 Fourteenth Year No. 2

Autographed by de Valera on 5 October 1962. All with de Valera’s bookplate on inside cover.

3792  23 March 1918-15 March 1919 Vol.1 No.1-Vol.1 No.51
Contains photocopies of correspondence between de Valera and Fr. Daniel P. Falvey, O.S.A., Librarian, Villanova University, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. concerning the dispatch of the volumes from Villanova University to de Valera, attached to inside cover (originals dated 5 & 12 March 1962, 2 items, 1p each)
See P150/1201 for originals and remainder of this correspondence.

3793  22 March 1919-13 March 1920 Vol.2 No.1-Vol.2 No.52

3794  27 March 1920-12 March 1921 Vol.3 No.2-Vol.3 No.52

3795  19 March 1921-6 May 1922 Vol.4 No.1-Vol.5 No.8
3796
10 July 1920
Broadsheet, The Irish Republic (Chicago) Vol. 1, No. 3, with the banner The Projected Third Party Has Today an Opportunity of Declaring for the Fundamental Principle of Democracy...20,000,000 Americans Await Recognition Verdict on Ireland. Comprises the text of a communication by Frank P. Walsh, Chairman of the American Commission on Irish Independence, ‘To the Delegates to the Convention of Proposed Third Party’ and ‘Plank Upon Ireland For Projected Third Party Platform’. 45cm x 54cm

3797
The Irish Republic
Chicago, Illinois

Vol. 5 No. 12 5 May 1923
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The Irish World and American Industrial Liberator

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4 January-27 December 1919 No.2523-No.2574

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3 January-25 December 1920 No.2575-No.2626
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III. Australian newspapers, 1923, 1924

3801 Irish News (Melbourne, Australia)

7 December 1923    Vol. 1 No. 13
12 July 1924       Vol. ? No. 20

IV. Political cartoons and election posters,
1930s – 40s

3802 3 October 1891   One in a series of political cartoons published free with The Shamrock depicting the ‘Arrest of Lord Edward Fitzgerald, 18th May 1798’. Coloured. Note on reverse ‘For the Dublin Corporation Library’. 44cm x 29cm

3803 1932; 1938; 1942   Political cartoons of de Valera mainly from British newspapers, many relating to the general election of 1932 and the issues of the Oath of Allegiance, land annuities and the Economic War or to Irish neutrality during World War II. Many not dated and some publications not identified. Includes series of cartoons by ‘Low’ published in The Evening Times (Glasgow) in 1932 (5 items); two from The Star depicting de Valera and J.H. Thomas, British Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs (5 July 1932 & 14 February 193[?]) and two from the Cork Evening Echo on partition and the Economic War (5 & 12 February 1938).

See also P150/2689 & 2702 for political cartoons

23 items

3804 [1930s]   Fianna Fáil election campaign poster listing the salaries of various officials in the Civil Service and headlined A Poor and Struggling People and the Salaries they Pay. This is How They Squander the Money Taken From ‘the Poor and Struggling’ And They Tell You No Economy Is Possible! Now is the Time to Put in a Government which by Reducing Salaries and the Number of Officials will Give the ‘Poor and Struggling’ a Chance to Exist.

62cm x 102cm
3805 [1940s] Undated Fianna Fáil election posters [probably either 1944 or 1948], *Step Together. Vote Fianna Fáil* (32 cm x 39 cm) and *Economic War. World War. Post-War Crisis. Skipper for this Storm too – Eamon de Valera* (34 cm x 50 cm).

2 items

52. DISSOCIATED AND UNDATED PHOTOGRAPHS

I. Portraits of de Valera, 1920s – 50s

3806 [1920s–50s] Undated black and white portraits of de Valera between the 19[20s] and 19[50s]. Includes photos of de Valera in his office in Government Buildings; album of photographs of de Valera by Howard Coster ‘Photographer of Men. 8 Essex Street, Strand, London’ (5 prints) and two studies of de Valera signed by John Sarsfield, Dublin (n.d., 2 items, each 29 cm x 36 cm excluding mount, 31 cm x 42 cm including mount).

23 items

3807 [1920s/1930s?] Black and white photograph of de Valera holding a blackthorn stick and a map, standing in front of a cottage door. Date and location unknown. 7 cm x 10 cm

II. Group photographs including de Valera

3808 [pre-1920s] Mounted black and white studio group portrait of de Valera and seventeen unidentified men [members of the I.R.A.?]. On the floor in front of the group is a stuffed toy and a small ornamental seal (animal). Keogh Brothers, Ltd. Photographic Studios, 124, Stephens Green, West and 75, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin. 29 cm x 24 cm excluding mount 45 cm x 35 cm including mount
3809 [1910s/20s] Black and white photograph of two unidentified men holding a document and one woman on the steps of an unknown building. Location, date and occasion unknown. 19 x 14cm

3810 [pre 1920s] Black and white wedding group photograph of Tom and Lesley Barry including Harry Boland, Michael Collins and de Valera, sent by ‘Leslie bean de Barra, 64 St. Patrick’s St. Cork. (Wedding group of her marriage)’. 28 x 17cm

3811 [1920s] Mounted black and white photograph of de Valera leaving Ennis Cathedral surrounded by a large crowd. Annotated on reverse ‘Leaving Ennis Cathedral. In front in tweed suit “Dodger” Considine’. 30 x 25cm including mount 21 x 16cm excluding mount

3812 [1920s] Black and white snapshots of de Valera delivering an address in St. Finbar’s Cemetery, Cork at an unidentified commemorative occasion. 2 items, 10 x 7cm each

3813 [1920s] Mounted black and white photograph of de Valera sitting on a podium speaking with unknown woman and two small children. ‘Frank Fahy (Ceann Comhairle in later years)’ sitting beside him. ©: S.P. Smeart, Dublin. 30 x 24cm including mount 21 x 16cm excluding mount

3814 [late 1920s/30s] Black and white press photographs of de Valera with [Lord and Lady Powerscourt?] seated in the stands at the Royal Dublin Horse Show captioned ‘At the Show’ and print of de Valera placing a wreath on graves captioned ‘President at 1916 Graves’. 2 items, 21 x 16cm each

3815 [1930s?] Black and white press photograph of de Valera at a formal dinner with [Alfie Byrne] and others (all unidentified). Date, location and occasion unknown. 21 x 15cm
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<td>Black and white press photograph of ‘1916 Commemoration Ceremony at Arbour Hill Barracks…President De Valera leaving the Garrison Church after the Requiem Mass in the procession to the graves followed by Dr. Ryan (Min. for Agriculture), Mr. P.J. Rutledge (Min. for Justice)’. Print captioned on reverse in unknown hand. ‘Irish Independent Photo’. 21 x 16cm</td>
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<td>Black and white photograph of six veterans in procession on a city street with crowds of onlookers in the background. Date, location and occasion unknown. 21 x 16cm</td>
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<td>De Valera with Barney Nagle and Joseph Walsh standing in the entrance to an unidentified building, surrounded by a crowd. Print autographed by de Valera and also annotated in his hand ‘Barney Nagle 1899–1901’ and ‘Joseph Walsh 1913–16’. Photographer: Monty Roche, Mallow. 16 x 21cm excluding mount 24 x 31cm including mount</td>
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3822  [late 1930s/early 1940s] Black and white press photograph of Taoiseach de Valera and unidentified individual [signing an unknown agreement] in Iveagh House. F.H. Boland and Con Cremin standing looking on. 21 x 16cm

3823  [1930s/1940s?] Black and white photograph of de Valera attending mass with congregation of nuns in the background. Date, location and occasion unknown [possibly a St. Patrick’s Day service?]. 17 x 12cm excluding mount 29 x 21cm including mount

3824  [1940s] Black and white press photographs of de Valera greeting an unknown man (date, location and event unknown) and of the two with a group of unidentified men and women. 2 items, 21 x 16cm each

3825  [1940s] Black and white photograph of de Valera delivering an address at an unknown occasion in Dublin Castle. Among members of the audience are Minister for Education Thomas Derrig (seated directly behind lady with fur stole) and Frank Aiken (extreme right). Also print of de Valera at same occasion seated on a chair beside an unknown woman with a fur stole. Seán Moylan extreme right, with glasses. 2 items, 16 x 21cm each

3826  [1940s] Black and white press photograph captioned ‘Taking Over Of Ulster King of Arms Office’ depicting unknown [academic] (back to camera) pointing out a detail in a charter to the Taoiseach. 21 x 16cm

3827  [1940s] Black and white press photograph captioned ‘An Taoiseach speaking at opening of “T.B.” Exhibition’ depicting de Valera delivering an address, with William Norton and Richard Mulcahy to his right and left. 21 x 16cm
3828 [1940s] Black and white press photograph captioned ‘Rev. D. Vaughan D.D, C.C. Speaking At Opening Of Youth Centre’ comprising print of Minister for Education Thomas Derrig, Archbishop of Dublin Dr. John Charles McQuaid, Fr. Vaughan, de Valera and Martin Gleeson seated behind a long table. Individuals identified on reverse. 21 x 16cm

3829 [1940s] Black and white press photograph of Taoiseach de Valera escorting a group including Cardinal Glennon from their plane at Rineanna Airport. Joseph P. Walshe is the third figure from the right. Annotated on reverse ‘At Rineanna Airport. Cardinal Glennon’. 21 x 16cm

3830 [1940s] Black and white press photograph of de Valera greeting an unidentified [Cardinal] on his arrival in Ireland (Joseph P. Walshe in the background) (1940s?, 21 x 16cm). Accompanied by group photograph of unknown priest, Dr. Arthur Conway, President of University College Dublin (1940–47), Taoiseach de Valera, the unknown [Cardinal], President Seán T. O’Kelly, unidentified cleric and aide on the steps of an unidentified building (1940s?, 21 x 16cm). 2 items

3831 [1940s] Black and white press photograph of Taoiseach de Valera welcoming an unidentified Chinese Cardinal to Ireland. Captioned on reverse ‘A happy picture at Rineanna Airport, greeting Chinese Cardinal, Cardinal Spelman (sic) right, and Dr. O’Neill Bishop of Limerick extreme right’. [Francis Spellman was elevated to Cardinal in February 1946]. 20 x 15cm

3832 [1940s?] Black and white press photograph of de Valera talking to an unidentified elderly man and his wife. Annotated on reverse as follows ‘Mr. De Valera, Mathers M.P., Leader of the British Delegation, is your man. He is a Labour man, a very influential back-bencher & probably a member of the Lab. Party Executive and also very anti-Irish at the core. He is a bigoted Scotch Calvenist. Mort O’Conaill’. 20 x 14cm
3833  [1940s?] Black and white press photograph of de Valera in evening dress speaking with [an unidentified University President?]. Location, date and function unknown. ©: The Irish Times. 21 x 15cm

3834  [1940s?] Black and white photograph of de Valera delivering a speech. Sitting at the table beside him (to his right) Martin O’Sullivan and Seán MacEntee. Date, location and event unknown. 16 x 21cm

3835  [1940s?] Black and white press photograph of ‘An Taoiseach Inspecting Marine Service Guard of Honour at Mansion Ho[use], Dublin’.

3836  [1940s?] Black and white photograph of de Valera delivering an address before a microphone, following the unveiling of a commemorative plaque on the wall of an unidentified residence. Date, location and occasion unknown. Also two unidentified individuals standing beside de Valera. 21 x 16cm

3837  [1940s?] Black and white press photograph of Taoiseach de Valera at the airport with two clerics identified on print as ‘Dr. Mooney’ and ‘Dr. S[tritch]’.

3838  [late 1940s/early 1950s?] Black and white press photograph of de Valera walking in a cornfield with two Dominican Sisters, Mother Peter Flynn on the left, and Mother Rosalia O’Cleary. Location, date and occasion unknown. 21 x 16cm

3839  [late 1940s/early 1950s?] Black and white press photograph of de Valera signing his autograph for an unknown woman. ‘Bill Quirke’ standing to his right (identified on reverse). [William Quirke died on 5 March 1955]. 21 x 16cm
n.d. 2 black and white press photographs of de Valera with Irish and Canadian officials in Iveagh House ‘Signing Air Transport Agreement–Canadian & Irish Governments’ (captioned on front of print). On reverse annotated ‘Extreme right John Leydon beside him Con Cremin’ and similar print of de Valera ‘Signing Air Agreement with Spain’. Labelled on reverse in hand of Seán Nunan–‘From left: 1. Con Cremin, 2. Michael Rynne. 3. E. de Valera, 4.5.6. (?), the Spanish Delegation’. 21 x 16cm each

[post 1947] List of names originally accompanying a group photograph (photo not included here) featuring de Valera, Cathal Brugha, R.I.C. Scott Hayward, former members of the [Galway] I.R.A. and police from Eglinton Street Barracks and priests. According to the list the photograph was taken after the group had met in Clarinbridge and had had dinner in the priests’ house featured in the photo, after which de Valera ‘and the others went on to Clifden’. 1p

[1950s] Black and white press photograph of de Valera amidst a crowd of men and one woman. Location and event unidentified, possibly a Cumann meeting. ©: The Irish Press. 20 x 15cm

[1950s] Black and white press photographs of a group of visiting Americans in Iveagh House including print of de Valera being presented with a stetson hat and fringed buckskin jacket. ‘Sullivans’ written on reverse. 2 items, 21 x 16cm each

[1950s?] Black and white photograph of de Valera at Shannon Airport with T.V. Honan (back to camera) and Seán O’Grady (extreme right). Individuals identified on reverse. ©: Robert Stanton, Belmont, Massachusetts, U.S.A. 12 x 12cm

[pre-1959] Black and white press photograph of Taoiseach de Valera reviewing a young troop [F.C.A.?]. ©: The Irish Press. 15 x 9cm
3846 n.d. Modern reproductions of two black and white prints of de Valera addressing crowds (location and occasion unknown) (probably a by-election campaign meeting, between 1917 and 1920s) (6cm x 9cm & 6cm x 8cm). 4 items, 2 prints, 2 negatives

3847 [1920s] 4 black and white photographs of de Valera on a podium addressing a mass meeting [location and date unknown, probably 1920s] (2 items), de Valera walking through crowds and birds-eye view of the meeting with thousands of people gathered in front of a podium in an unknown town. 10 x 7cm each

3848 [pre mid-1920s] 3 black and white photographs of large crowds at unidentified election campaign rallies. Locations [2 in unknown towns, 1 in a village] dates and specific campaigns, unknown. 13 x 8cm; 9 x 15cm; 21 x 16cm

3849 [1920s/1930s] Black and white photographs of crowd scenes at mass meetings. Comprises prints of a meeting [by-election campaign rally?] in an unidentified country town (2 items, 14cm x 9cm & 16cm x 11cm) and crowds at a rally in College Green, Dublin, with podium decked with banners stating ‘Dublin Answers Ireland’s Call and Marches On To Freedom!’ (2 items, 20cm x 16cm each) [possibly the first in a series of meetings in September 1932 to explain the problems of the Economic War to the people?]. 4 items

3850 [early 1950s] Black and white photograph of crowds waiting outside the open gates of Dáil Éireann. ©: Irish Tourist Board, Dublin. 16 x 21cm
### III. President de Valera, 1960s – 70s

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3858    [1960s]    Black and white photograph of President de Valera taking tea with two unidentified men [on St. Patrick’s Day] (man on left wearing shamrock on lapel). ©: The Irish Press. 19 x 14cm

IV. Persons other than de Valera

3859    n.d.    Mounted black and white studio portrait of a middle aged man. ‘Hugo Flynn’ written in an unknown hand on back of presentation folder. 10 x 14cm

3860    [late 1940s/early 1950s]    Black and white press photograph of ‘The new Spanish Minister, His Excellency the Marquis de Miraflores arriving at Dublin Castle, to present his credentials to An Taoiseach’. (Captioned on front) 16 x 21cm