Father Allan Deck, S.J., Letter Collection

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Father Allan Deck, S.J., Letter Collection  
**Dates:** 1959-1963  
**Collection number:** MS115  
**Collector:** Deck, Father Allan, S.J.  
**Collection Size:** 15 items. 25 linear feet  
**Repository:** Loyola Marymount University, Library, Department of Archives and Special Collections  
Los Angeles, California 90045-2659  
**Abstract:** This collection consists chiefly of letters of political personages that Father Allan Deck, S.J., received from 1959 to 1963.  
**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English  
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**Preferred Citation**  
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**Acquisition Information**  
Gift of Father Allan Deck, S.J. Accession number: 2014.11  
**Biography**  
Father Allan Deck, S.J., holds the Charles S. Casassa Chair of Catholic Social Values at Loyola Marymount University. His Ph.D. is from St. Louis University and his S.T.D. from the Pontifical Gregorian University. The author of many articles and two books, his work concentrates on, among other things, Hispanic ministry and Roman Catholic social doctrine.  
**Collection Description**  
This collection contains fifteen letters, many from political personages, that Father Allan Deck, S.J. received in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The authors range from national political figures, eg, John F. Kennedy and Hubert H. Humphrey, to California state politicians, eg, Governor Edmund G. Brown. Most of the letters were responding to Father Deck’s contact with the politicians regarding political issues, especially the run of John F. Kennedy for the presidency in 1960. Some letters are personal; three touch on Father Deck’s scholarship awards for college.
Other names of note in this series include Eleanor Roosevelt, James Roosevelt, Bishop James A. Pike, and Jessie Unruh.

Arrangement
The letters in this collection are stored in fifteen folders in one archival document box, which are arranged chronologically, from the earliest date to the most recent.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog:
- Kennedy, John F., 1917-1963
- Brown, Edmund G. (Edmund Gerald), 1905-1996
- Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972
- Pike, James A. (James Albert), 1913-1969
- Roosevelt, James, 1907-1991
- Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978
- Engle, Clair, 1911-1964
- Symington, Stuart, 1901-1988
- Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962
- Unruh, Jessie M.

Box-folder 1:1  Letter from John F. Kennedy re Allan Deck support for candidacy for presidency and "vote getting capacities of a Catholic candidate." 1959
Box-folder 1:2  Letter from Governor Edmund G. Brown re John F. Kennedy candidacy for presidency. 1959
Box-folder 1:3  Letter of thanks from Harry S. Truman. 1960
Box-folder 1:4  Letter of acknowledgement from Governor Edmund G. Brown. 1960
Box-folder 1:5  Letter from Bishop James A. Pike in response to Allan Deck letter on the unity of churches. 1960
Box-folder 1:6  Letter from Congressman James Roosevelt re candidacy of John F. Kennedy for presidency and California delegation. 1960
Box-folder 1:7  Senator Hubert H. Humphrey letter on support for Democratic presidential candidate. 1960
Box-folder 1:8  Letter from John F. Kennedy thanking Allan Deck for supporting his presidency. 1960
Box-folder 1:9  Senator Clair Engle letter re extension of Social Security Act to cover medical care for retired persons. 1960
Box-folder 1:10 Senator Stuart Symington letter of acknowledgement. 1961
Box-folder 1:11 Eleanor Roosevelt letter of acknowledgement. 1961
Box-folder 1:12 California State Treasurer Bert A. Betts letter re support for his election. 1963
Box-folder 1:13 Hugh M. Duce, S.J., letter re refusal of scholarship to Loyola University by Allan Deck. 1963
Box-folder 1:14 California Speaker of the Assembly Jessie M. Unruh letter of congratulations to Allan Deck on award of "State Scholarship Award." 1963
Box-folder 1:15 California State Senator Thomas M. Rees letter of congratulations to Allan Deck on award of "State Scholarship Award." 1963