Preliminary Inventory of the United States. Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of Government records

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Creator: Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964


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Historical Note
The First Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, chaired by former President Herbert Hoover, was established by act of July 7, 1947 (61 Stat. 246). The commission studied and investigated the organization and methods of operation of the Executive branch of the federal government, and recommended organization changes to promote economy, efficiency, and improved service. Operating through functional area task forces, it submitted numerous full commission and individual task force reports to Congress. The final report, published as Concluding Report: Report to Congress, May 1949, included an index to previously submitted reports. The commission was terminated June 12, 1949, as provided in the enabling legislation.

The Second Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, chaired by former President Herbert Hoover, was established by act of July 10, 1953 (67 Stat. 142), and extended by act of May 23, 1955 (69 Stat. 64). It studied and investigated organization and methods of operation of the Executive branch of the federal government, and recommended organization changes to promote economy, efficiency, and improved service. The commission’s final report to Congress was submitted on June 29, 1955, and was published in two volumes as Final Report to the Congress and Index to the Commission and Task Force Reports, June 1955. The commission was terminated June 30, 1955, as provided in extending legislation, with an additional ninety days for liquidation.

Scope and Content Note
Correspondence, reports, minutes, press releases, and printed matter, relating to rationalization of the organization of the executive branch of the United States government. Includes records of the second Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government (1953-1955).

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