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Abstract: The Elwin H. Covey, Association of Oak Ridge Engineers and Scientist Files includes correspondence, flyers, informational materials and newsletters. Materials range in date from 1945-1947 and document the Association of Oak Ridge Engineers and Scientists' efforts to influence early U.S. atomic energy policy.

Historical Background
Various organizations of atomic energy scientists and engineers from Oak Ridge National Laboratory, one of the primary research and production facilities of the Manhattan Project, consolidated in June 1946 to form the Association of Oak Ridge Engineers and Scientists (AORES). These organizations included the Oak Ridge Engineers and Scientists (ORES), formerly the Atomic Engineers of Oak Ridge (AEOR) and the Atomic Production Scientists of Oak Ridge (APSOR) and the Association of Oak Ridge Scientists (AORS), formerly the Association of Oak Ridge Scientists at Clinton Laboratories (AORSCL). These groups were concerned with international control and regulation of atomic energy, dissemination of information to the public and were greatly influential in getting the McMahon Bill passed, which became the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 and established the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

Elwin H. Covey was Secretary of the Information and Records Committee of the AORSCL, as well as a member of the organization's Subcommittee on Compilation of Lists and Indexes. He held the position of the Chairman of the Membership Committee of the AORS before the group's amalgamation.

Scope and Content of Collection
The Elwin H. Covey, Association of Oak Ridge Engineers and Scientists Files contain materials, relating to the activities of the AORES and its efforts to influence U.S. and international atomic energy policy. Materials include correspondence and reports pertaining to the origins and evolution of the organizations which made up the AORES, bills, excerpts from hearings, and speeches and political legislation related to the May-Johnson Bill and the McMahon (Atomic Energy) Act of 1946. The collection also contains copies of AORS, ORES and AORES Newsletters including the Federation of American Scientists report on the 9/22/46 council meeting. Materials range in date from 1945-1947 and remain in their original order.

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AORSCL and ORES - Business and correspondence, origin and evolution of AORES
9/14/45-1/14/47

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Political - Exhortations and legislation - Bills, May-Johnson, and McMahon's Atomic Legislation Act ca. 11/1/45-2/28/47
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AORS, ORES and AORES newsletters, includes Federation of American Scientists Report on 9/22/46 council meeting 2/27/46-5/23/47