

Army-McCarthy Hearings

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following guide is designed to help find resources about the Army-McCarthy Hearings in the McClellan collection and other collections using both print and Internet resources.

In 1954, the United States Army accused Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin) of pressuring the Army to give preferential treatment to one of his former aides, G. David Schine. McCarthy retorted that the Army was retaliating against his recent public assertions of Communists in important government posts, including the Army. A special committee, chaired by Senator Karl Mundt (Republican, South Dakota) was organized to investigate the allegations. As a member of the Subcommittee on Investigations, Senator John L. McClellan was also part of the hearings. The collection contains approximately one cubic foot of information on the Army-McCarthy hearings.

PLACES TO START IN THE MC CLELLAN COLLECTION

Box 108

Army—McCarthy Hearings, file 1

This folder contains various materials on the hearings.

Box 127

Senator's Endorsement Letters—Army McCarthy Hearings 1954, file 6

Letters from Senators expressing support for McClellan's work at the conclusion of the hearings.

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Army—McCarthy Reports 1954, files 1-2

Various materials including "Report of the Special Subcommittee on Government Operations to Investigate the Army-McCarthy Controversy"

Houston Press-McCarthy Hearings, file 3

Several newspaper clippings from the *Houston Press* on McCarthy

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Army—McCarthy Hearings-Against, files 3-4

Two folders of constituent letters with responses from McClellan concerning McClellan leaving McCarthy hearings committee.

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McCarthy Resolution—Sympathy 1957, file 2

Resolution signed by committee members to honor Senator McCarthy after his death. Includes letters of condolence to Mrs. McCarthy and her reply.

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McCarthy Hearings, file 4

Constituent letters, no responses

Box 186

McCarthy Clippings 1954-1956, file 14

Several newspaper clippings concerning the hearings.

Box 210

Army—McCarthy Hearing Report—June 1954, file 39

Six page memorandum summarizing the sub-committee final report on hearings investigating interactions between McCarthy and Secretary of Army Robert Stevens.

Box 251

Condensation of Testimony—McCarthy Hearings—3 Volumes, file 2

Three folders of summation of testimony from hearings. Includes an index to testimony by person.

OTHER COLLECTIONS:

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy Educational Foundation, Wilcox Collection of Contemporary Political Movements, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Includes information on Joseph McCarthy and anti-Communist movement in the United States.

Joseph R. McCarthy Papers, Marquette University

<http://www.marquette.edu/library/collections/archives/Mss/JRM/mss-JRM.html>.

This is a finding aid for the Joseph R. McCarthy papers in the Special Collections and Archives section of the Marquette University Libraries.

OTHER RESOURCES:**Print**

The Politics of Fear: Joseph R. McCarthy and the Senate, Robert Griffin (University Press of Kentucky, 1970)

Anti-communism in the United States

The McCarthy Hearings, Jesse G. Cunningham (Greenhaven Press, 2003)

Book detailing the political career of McCarthy including his anti-communist stance and the Army-McCarthy hearings.

Audiovisual

Point of Order (New Yorker Video, 2005)

Documentary film about the Army-McCarthy hearings.

Proceedings of the 1st session of the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings, April 22, 1954 (CBS Radio, 1954)

Seventeen sessions of the hearings are available to listen to proceedings of hearings.

Online

Executive sessions of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations (McCarthy Hearings 1953-54)

<http://www.gpo.gov/congress/senate/senate12cp107.html>

Five volumes on the proceedings. Includes a detailed index as well as list of witnesses with background information on the hearings in the index.

Additional resources can be found at public and university libraries under call numbers in the **300s** of the Dewey Decimal Classification System and in the **UB** and **E** sections of the Library of Congress Classification System. Useful sources may also be found under the following Library of Congress Subject Headings:

Army-McCarthy Controversy, 1954

McCarthy, Joseph, 1908-1957

Communism—United States

Internal Security—United States

Subversive Activities—United States