

Wilson
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Missiles
1953-1958

A large collection of letters, telegrams, memorandum, news releases, postal cards, news clippings, pamphlets & a Special Bibliography. These are not filed in chronological order. **Examples are:** a letter (3/31/58) from Robert H. Finch (Chairman, The Republican Central Committee of Los Angeles County) & Wilson's reply (4/5/58) re/ information about the Snark program; a letter (11/12/57) from The Missile Personnel of Point Loma (Convair Astronautics) to Wilson re/ the concerns of these engineers and technicians that the U.S. "shall become a second power nation unless an immediate and determined effort in our ballistics missile and space travel program is effected;" a letter (10/10/57) from La Mesa constituents Mr. & Mrs. Nathan F. Danielson & Wilson's reply (1/13/58) re/ fears of apparent Soviet supremacy in the current race for the development of missile type weapons; a letter (12/3/57) from Santee constituent Donald A. Driscoll & Wilson's reply (12/26/57) re/ support for both space and military missiles; a letter (11/4/57) from San Diego constituent David C. Gibson & Wilson's reply 11/18/57) re/ support for government action in the field of satellites and missile development; letters (12/57) re/ three constituents protesting against press coverage of the Vanguard missile launching & Wilson's agreement as to military missile launch; memorandum (5/8/56) & attached DOD press release (5/2/56) re/ "Convair Division of General Dynamics Corporation will construct a new facility at Sorrento, California This site was selected because of its proximity to the Air Force test site at Sycamore Canyon. . . . It is estimated that that this facility will employ as many as 6,600 people by 1958. The construction of facilities and equipment will cost approximately \$40 million;" a letter (10/20/57) from San Diego constituent James W. Prescott & Wilson's reply (11/1/57) re/ criticism of proposed DOD cuts & fears of Soviet actions in this field – although Mr. Prescott remarked that "We do not need a tax cut and further more we can't afford one," Mr. Wilson did not address this revenue issue; telegrams (11/3 & 11/6/57) from constituent J. H. Reid & Wilson's reply (11/7/57) re/ Russian missile superiority & "why is Convair Astronautics not working overtime?;" a stapled packet containing letters & information material (12/54-1/55) re/ target drones, bombers, missiles other topics; a booklet from Congressman Joe Holt (22nd Dist., California), "Conquest of Outer Space;" a collection of news clippings (1958-S.D. papers) re/ "Wilson Raps Cancellation of Wizard," "Navy Plans Polaris Test," "Wilson to Assist Pentagon Probe," "Wilson Foresees U.S. Space Lead" & "Convair Bares Secret Missile Center's Role" in Sycamore Canyon; b & w 8 ½ photo of Wilson with missile model (n.d.); letters (5/56) re/ suggesting that a seaward facing long-range missile testing area for Southern California be established; letters (12/57 & 1/58) re/ long commentaries from San Ysidro constituent Henry Marion Hackett on several topics including politics, military & foreign aid. Mr. Hackett hated absolutism in any plan and certainly did not want a "Fascist type military organization for America;" constituent letters & Wilson's replies (Nov.-Dec. 1957) re/ too much public coverage of missile launches; a copy of Special Bibliography No. 4, 20 April 1956, compiled by Army Library, The Adjutants General's Office – *Guided Missiles A Selected List of Titles* (91 pages) letters (Oct.-Dec. 1957) from several constituents re/ rocket and satellite programs of the government and complaints about lack of action and too little research and

development; telegrams from HQ USAF & Wilson's reply (11/57) re/ Air Force Ballistic Missile Orientation Program & Wilson declined the invitation.