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## Introduction

This collection of papers from Seán and Maurice Moynihan was deposited in UCD Archives Department in April 1994 by Dr Maurice Moynihan. The collection initially consisted of papers of three Moynihan brothers, Seán, Maurice and their elder brother, Michael; but Michael's papers [**see** Michael Moynihan Papers, P57] were felt to be sufficiently distinct in terms of date and subject matter to be accessioned and processed separately. While Michael died tragically and prematurely in the trenches in June 1918 as a commissioned officer of the King's Liverpool Regiment<sup>1</sup>, Seán and Maurice pursued distinguished careers as public servants in the newly-independent Ireland<sup>2</sup>, serving successively as Secretary to the Government under Eamon de Valera as President of the Executive Council and subsequently Taoiseach.

Seán had given up an ambition to enter the priesthood after the deaths of both his father and elder brother in 1918, and had accepted responsibility as a wage earner for the family. The Moynihans had a long and distinguished tradition of support for republican principles and both Seán and his sister Han [Johanna] were active in the War of Independence and interned as anti-Treaty during the Civil War. Maurice, on the other hand, joined the Free State Civil Service in 1925. He had previously taught at Tralee Technical School after graduating from University College Cork. J.J. [Jimmy] McElligott, a fellow Tralee man and second cousin of Maurice, and Assistant Secretary in Finance, was instrumental in persuading him to sit the first competitive examinations for the new service [*see* P122/68].

By the mid-1920s, Seán was working for Eamon de Valera and accompanied him to the U.S. in November 1929 on a fund-raising tour for the establishment of a Fianna Fáil newspaper. Seán's letters home from this trip, mainly to his mother, are a coherent group of documents within the collection. It should be noted that, even in later life when he was consistently referred to as Seán, he continued to sign many of his letters as John. While in the U.S. they took the opportunity to visit newspapers to see the latest innovations in newspaper production [*see* P122/58].

Seán was to serve as Secretary to the Government from Fianna Fáil's accession to power in 1932 until 1937. Maurice had acted as Mr de Valera's private secretary for some of 1932 and had accompanied the President of the Executive Council to London in that capacity in July for talks with the British Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald. He returned to Finance later that year but was seconded to the President's Department in 1936 and was deeply

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<sup>1</sup> An edition of Michael Moynihan's correspondence, edited by Dr Deirdre McMahon of the University of Limerick and published by Irish Academic Press, is forthcoming.

<sup>2</sup> For an informed evaluation of Maurice Moynihan's contribution to public service, see Deirdre McMahon's appreciation in *Studies* vol. 89, no. 353

involved in the preparation of the new Constitution, a subject which remained of substantial interest to him in later life. He embarked on a research project to map the genesis, development and introduction of the 1937 Constitution, at the request of the President, but this was never completed [see P122/106].

He was appointed Secretary to the Department of the Taoiseach in 1937 at the age of thirty four and was to hold the position for twenty four years, serving also as Secretary to the Government and, during Mr de Valera's tenure of the office, as principal private secretary to the Taoiseach. It is entirely indicative of how closely the careers of the two brothers were intertwined with Mr de Valera that, while Seán was in Utrecht with the Taoiseach in 1952 for one of the long series of largely experimental eye operations which he underwent, he was corresponding regularly with Maurice as Secretary to the Government, informing him of the Taoiseach's progress and acting as conduit between the two men for official purposes [see P122/41-60]. This group of documents should arguably have been included among Maurice's papers but the two are so closely interwoven in some respects that this is academic.

The collection contains almost nothing of Seán's after 1952, when he effectively retired from public life. A letter from J.J. McElligott in July 1952 [see P122/26] marks that retirement, while the commemorative dinner menu from three years later [P122/27] places Seán at the very heart of the Fianna Fáil apparatus, even in retirement. Maurice continued in the Department of the Taoiseach until 1961 when he took early retirement to become Governor of the Central Bank, a position he held until 1969. The following decade was devoted to two large books, *Currency and Central Banking in Ireland, 1922-60*, published in 1975, and the magisterial *Speeches and Statements by Eamon de Valera, 1917-73*, published in 1980. The collection contains interesting material on the progress of both projects.

Maurice's diaries and notebooks constitute the most substantial, coherent group of documents within the collection and may prove to be of most sustained interest. These cover individual topics or events, such as P122/78 which tracks the progress of negotiations with the British in 1938, as well as referring to general government business in an involved and intimate way; and relate to both Fianna Fáil and Inter-Party Governments.

The papers in general fit seamlessly into the very substantial corpus of collections in U.C.D.A.D. whose nexus is Eamon de Valera and which includes the papers of Mr de Valera himself, his private secretary of over thirty years, Kathleen O'Connell, Frank Aiken, Seán MacEntee; and the archives of the Fianna Fail Party.

S.H.  
July 2004

**I. SEÁN MOYNIHAN (1892–1964)****I.I. General papers and correspondence**

- 1            19 January 1892            2 certified copies of John Moynihan's entry in the register of births, one a requisition for a certified copy under the Irish Education Act, 1892. Date given is that of birth.  
2 items
- 2            14 September 1916            From Maurice Moynihan, [John's father] Ballyard, to 'My dearest Mary' [his wife, in London to care for John].  
'Your telegram has come as an awful shock. I was just expecting one saying ye would be home at 6.30 and told Han [their daughter, Johanna] wait for ye. I hope the matter is not as bad as it looks, and that he [their son John] has been ordered to hospital for a day or two only. Of course I know you won't leave him until he is alright please God. I have only a few minutes to send Denis to the post. I expect all will be explained in your letter. We are all well'.            1p
- 3            18 September 1916            From Mary Moynihan to her husband. She reports on John's progress.  
'I asked the Doctor this evening when he could go home, & he said, when he takes off the bandages if the wound is healed, he could be removed at once'.  
Asks about things she had requested to be sent.  
1p
- 4            19 September 1916            From Mary Moynihan to Maurice.  
She reports on John's progress and gives instructions for arrangements at home for his return. He must be kept very quiet.  
1p
- 5            1917                            Membership card of John Moynihan in B Company of the Irish Volunteers.  
1 item

- 6            5 September 1922            From L. Carmody, on notepaper of the Glentwo[rth Hotel?], Limerick, to Mrs Moynihan.  
 'The day I was calling to see Mr Moynihan [John] the prisoners were just going by boat to Spike Island. I got your letter sent on to Queenstown next day with a friend of mine. He was to send it on to the island with some of the soldiers ... Sorry I could not do something for him before he left'.  
 2pp
- 7            9 August 1923            True copy of the Order by the Minister for Defence, Richard Mulcahy, for the detention in custody of John Moynihan, under the Public Safety (Emergency Powers) Act, 1923.  
 1p
- 8            14 March 1925            Handwritten letter from Aibhistin [Austin Stack], Sinn Féin, 23 Suffolk Street, Dublin, to Seán Moynihan, enclosing a donation to the Brandon Distress Fund and discussing the general problem of the depopulation of Gaeltacht areas. 'Cathal Brugha's hope of saving the language was always through the Gaeltacht and no Irish speaker should be allowed to leave if a living can be got for him or her at home. I am sure there are numbers of Kerry men in Dublin who would help in this matter. I am kept very busy—and besides I should not like the thing to be made "party" as might be imagined were I to move'.  
 2pp
- 9            26 November 1925            Letter of recommendation from [Fr] Charles Brennan, Millstreet, County Cork, [former chaplain to the Tralee Corps of the Volunteers], supporting an application for employment for John Moynihan.  
 2pp
- 10           [1926]            From [N?] Brennan, Cahirciveen, to John concerning the slim prospects of his finding employment in the insurance business but giving him an introduction.  
 2pp

- 11            17 January 1926            From his mother, Dublin, to John, Tralee.  
Personal news and the prospects of his getting employment in Dublin to be with the family.  
1p
- 12            17 January 1926            From Han [his sister Johanna], 79 Merrion Square, Dublin, to John, wishing him a happy birthday and enclosing news of friends.  
3pp
- 13            17 January 1926            From Maurice, 79 Merrion Square, Dublin, wishing him a happy birthday and discussing books, including *The Hidden Ireland*.  
1p
- 14            18 January 1926            From his mother, Dublin, to John, wishing him a happy birthday and including personal and family news.  
1p
- 15            23 March 1926            Notice from A.J. Magennis, Liquidator, for J. Quinnell & Sons, in liquidation, to John Moynihan, Imperial Hotel, Tralee, informing him of the termination of his employment.  
1p
- 16            15 September 1926            From [?], 61 St John's Parkside, Buffalo, New York to Seán Moynihan, discussing his reasons for emigrating to America. Admits that he wanted to earn more money which would not have been possible back in Ireland, but adds that he doesn't really like the country and wants to return home before long. Discusses American patriotism and the American spirit but feels that there is something not quite right with the sentiment behind it. Notes that many people have a strong opinion that true Americans are those that can trace their ancestry to the pilgrims who arrived on the *Mayflower*. Describes how people of 'Nordic' descent, namely those with English, Swedish, and some Scottish ancestry, are regarded as better in every way than other people. Remarks that all these people are Protestant and that



- 16 contd.      there is no respect whatsoever for 'Latin races', or Catholics. Enquires about life in Ireland and comments on the newly founded political party (Fianna Fáil).  
In Irish, incomplete. 4pp
- 17              13 April 1927              Post card from Seán T. Ó Ceallaigh, 91 Stephen's Green, Dublin, to Seán Moynihan in which he enquires whether Seán will be attending a committee meeting [?] at 33 O'Connell Street that evening.  
In Irish. 1 item
- 18              23 February 1928              From Tomás Breathnach, 2386 Tiebont Avenue, Bronx, New York, to Seán Moynihan. Recent political developments in Ireland. He is almost certain that Eamon de Valera will succeed in forming a new government but wonders what he will do when he is in power and especially remarks on the arms issue. Northern Ireland is the most difficult problem that the new government will have to solve. Discusses the recent visit of Liam Mac Cosgair (W.T. Cosgrave) to New York and states that he was officially received by the dignitaries but that the Irish people of the city practically shunned him. Discusses chance meetings he has had at locally organised Gaelic football competitions with men who were imprisoned with him in Gormanstown. Concludes by discussing his job in New York where he works for Edison in the street lamps department. In Irish.  
4pp
- 19              11 August 1928              From John, Little Island, Cork, to his mother. News of his holiday.  
'My first impression on return to the South is of the amazingly relaxing atmosphere. It had been raining heavily here yesterday and the sky was still very overcast and the air muggy when I arrived. To-day is much the same. We are just after two hours downpour. The cocks have been crowing since it stopped, however, and Mollie insists that the afternoon will be fine'.  
3pp

- 20            1928                              Pamphlet by Seán Moynihan entitled *Agricultural Credit*, with an explanation and criticism of the Agricultural Credit Act, 1927. Published by the National Executive of Fianna Fáil, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin.                              35pp
- 21            [late 1920s]                        From his mother, Dublin, to John, mainly concerning holiday plans and personal matters including his signing the agreement on the house.                              1p
- 22            1932                              Cutting from the [*Kerry Champion*] concerning the appointment of Seán Moynihan as Secretary to the Executive Council. Both the original and a photocopy are annotated by Maurice Moynihan as to origin and content. Report mainly concerns their father's contribution to national life.                              2 items
- 23            March 1932                        Cutting from an unidentified [Tralee?] newspaper reporting the appointment of Seán Moynihan as Secretary to the Executive Council and giving a brief career sketch.                              1 item
- 24            March 1932                        Cutting from an unidentified [Tralee?] newspaper reporting the appointment of Maurice Moynihan and Kathleen O'Connell to Mr de Valera's private staff; and the likely appointment of Seán Moynihan to the secretaryship of the executive Council.                              1 item
- 25            22 February 1948                    From Seán Ó Muimhneacháin, 144 Clontarf Road, Dublin, to [Eamon de Valera, in the aftermath of the loss of the general election]. He thanks him for all his kindness and patience over the past twenty years. He realises that he often disappointed him but feels that it could not have been avoided.                              2pp

- 26            3 July 1952                      From J.J. McElligott, Oak Lodge, Southill Avenue, Blackrock, County Dublin, to 'My dear John'.  
 'There was no name more respected in the whole Civil Service than your own, and you earned your laurels in the most difficult job of the whole administration ... You managed to preserve your equanimity under the most trying circumstances, and you set an example in objectivity which will long survive your departure from the sphere of Government'.  
 2pp
- 27            18 June 1955                      Autographed dinner menu from the Central Hotel, Dublin. The diners include Eamon de Valera, Frank Gallagher, Marie O'Kelly, Kathleen O'Connell and Seán Ó Muimhneachain.  
 1 item
- I.2. Private Secretary to Eamon de Valera on his tour of the U.S.,  
 November 1929–May 1930**
- 28            27 November 1929                Cutting from the *Irish Independent* column 'Items of Interest' noting Mr de Valera's intended departure for a tour of the United States accompanied by his private secretary, Mr Moynihan.  
 1 item
- 29            29 November 1929                From John Moynihan, on Fianna Fáil notepaper but from Corrigan's Hotel, Cork, to his mother, 84 Hollybrook Road, Clontarf, Dublin. Their sailing from Cobh has been delayed until that night and they have returned to Cork in the meantime.  
 'I hope you won't be lonely. Remember I am one of the fortunate few who go to America only for a tour'.  
 2pp

- 30            11 December 1929            From John, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York,  
to his mother, with news of their arrival.  
‘I have been only once out of the hotel since  
our arrival; that was last night when we took a short walk in the  
neighbourhood and had dinner in a quaint old-fashioned restaurant,  
where every guest had a long-stemmed clay pipe and a large tin of  
tobacco placed before him on arrival. Before leaving, he is expected to  
write his name or initials on the bowl of the pipe, which is then placed  
on a rack on the ceiling or around the walls. The moment the Chief  
went in, the pipe on which he had written his name on his previous  
visit in 1927 was brought to him. Needless to say, neither he nor I  
made any further use of the pipes’.  
Gives news of those they have contacted and met.  
3pp
- 31            12 December 1929            From Seán, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York,  
to Maurice Moynihan, 84 Hollybrook Road,  
Clontarf, Dublin. Extends seasonal  
greetings to the family and wishes he could spend Christmas with  
them rather than being in New York. Describes his life in New York as  
very busy. Notes that he has met quite a few Kerry men, some of whom  
would have known his father. Also notes in response to a previous  
query from Maurice that he has not seen Miss O’Connell or the other  
girl yet and suggests that they have not received Maurice’s letters.  
Adds that people in New York move addresses with such frequency  
that it is hard to keep track of them. In Irish.  
4pp
- 32            13 December 1929            From John, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York,  
to Tom, his brother, relaying impressions of  
America.  
‘There never was such a civilisation, never since Babylon a land where  
men set before them the ideal of dwarfing humanity by the vastness of  
their works, and never has an ideal been so nearly realised’.  
Enquires about his progress at school.            3pp
- 33            17 January 1930            From John, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York,  
to Denis, his brother, wishing him a happy  
birthday. Gives advice on what ‘T.P.’s  
*Weekly* used to call “the malady of twenty three” – a sort of  
combination of ennui, pessimism and scepticism which was supposed  
to afflict people of that age’.  
‘I have been twice to the Roxy, another picture and variety theatre,  
where I saw one very stupid and one moderately good show. I have

- 33 contd. also been a few times to a news-reel picture house, where I have seen and heard de Valera, Smuts, Coolidge, Stimson, Cardinal Hayes, Bertrand Russell, the President of the Republic of Haiti, a number of senators, chorus girls, cinema stars, and other notabilities. That was quite interesting, but far better was a tiny German theatre where I saw a silent film version of the story of Wagner's "Meistersinger", produced in Nuremburg, whose ancient beautiful streets were a most pleasing contrast to this Babylon.  
Not, mind you, that I dislike America utterly. I like the people—almost all Irish—I have met here, like them immensely, and I feel it was worth coming merely to correct my false notions of them. In their own setting they are fine. It is only when they come to our little towns and our countryside that the thought of the great scale on which the works of nature and of men are made in their own country gives them those airs we sometimes find so hard to suffer'.  
Encloses a press cutting depicting the Wall Street Crash.  
6pp
- 34 22 January 1930 From John, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, to his mother, 84 Hollybrook Road, Clontarf, Dublin.  
'I wish I could be at home, or in Glasgow if you are there, to see how you look as a grandmother'.  
Describes their activities and mentions all whom he has met.  
'I hope you are taking good care of yourself and not worrying about me. After [all], I won't be long here, and it has really been a pleasure to see so many friends whom otherwise I might never have seen again, and to learn to know the country and the Irish people here who are splendid in their generosity and whom every day I admire more and more'.  
Encloses two press cuttings of a photograph and sketch of New York scenes, one the Manhattan skyline in fog, the other the Empire State Building, then under construction.  
4pp
- 35 13 February 1930 From John, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, to his mother, 84 Hollybrook Road, Clontarf, Dublin. Advises her about Tom, his brother.  
'I don't expect to be going either to Detroit or to Chicago after all. The Chief will be starting out in about ten days, but there will be a good deal of work to be done here while he is away. Joe Smartt, a Dublin young fellow whom Kathleen O'Connell knows very well, may go with them'.  
4pp

- 36            7 March 1930            From John, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, to his mother, 84 Hollybrook Road, Clontarf, Dublin. Mostly family news.  
 'The Chief is still away. I expect him about Tuesday next, but will probably not see much of him for the rest of the month, owing to his meetings'.  
 2pp
- 37            19 March 1930            From John, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, to his mother.  
 'The Chief has been back since this day week. He is on his way to Hartford this morning for a meeting, but he will return to-morrow. To-morrow night he will speak at New Rochelle, which is within 20 miles of here. After Friday, he will be off again for a series of meetings in Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburg, Cleveland and Chicago. He wants me to join him in Chicago at the end of March, and to go with him to San Francisco ... Maurice does not have time to write to me of course. He is too busy writing bad Irish and Bearlachs in the *Nation*'.  
 4pp
- 38            6 April 1930            Picture postcard from John to his mother, 84 Hollybrook Road, Clontarf. He has just passed St Paul *en route* to Seattle and San Francisco.  
 'After the monotony of the Middle West, with its endless, featureless plains, this is a restful, pleasing country. But the best is yet to come'.
- 39            21 April 1930            From John, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, to his mother, 84 Hollybrook Road, Clontarf.  
 'We have accomplished two thousand miles of the journey home, a third of the total. I wish we could do the remainder as rapidly, but we will have to stay at least a fortnight in New York where we arrive about Friday next'.  
 1p
- 40            29 April 1930            From John, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, to his mother, 84 Hollybrook Road, Clontarf.  
 'We are arranging to leave here on the *George Washington* on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and should arrive in Cobh on May 28<sup>th</sup>. In a month I'll be home, thank goodness ...  
 I went to a ball for the invalided members of the IRA last Saturday night. I met Tom Daly there. He is up from New Mexico where he has had to go for his health'.  
 2pp

**1.3. Material concerning Eamon de Valera's stay in Utrecht,  
September–December 1952**

- 41            5 September 1952            Letter from Eamonn de Valera, Hotel des Pays-Bas, Utrecht, to Maurice Moynihan, (1p) enclosing a letter dictated by his father. His father's letter of the same date (4pp) concerns the necessity of someone coming to Utrecht to assist him in whatever work he can do. He weighs the relative merits of Kathleen O'Connell and Seamus MacHugo before asking Moynihan to consult with Frank Aiken before making a decision for him. 'When talking to him you might say that it would be dangerous to make any fixed appointments for me in London in advance. It will take a fortnight from today before I can know with any certainty what my sight condition will be. It is only then I would form an opinion as to what we should do in London'.            2 items
- 42            14 September 1952            Letter from Eamon de Valera, Hotel des Pays-Bas, Utrecht, to Maurice Moynihan, dictated [to Seamus MacHugo]. He can hardly expect to be home before the second week in October. He is concerned about the appointment of the Secretary to the Department of Education. 'It is a key post for a number of reasons. I would like to be home before the appointment is made.. Please inform the Tánaiste and Minister for Education'.            1p
- 43            17 September 1952            Letter from Séamus MacÚgo (1p) enclosing a letter to Moynihan dictated by Eamon de Valera (also 17 September 1952, 1p). MacÚgo gives news of de Valera's health and progress and their hope that he will be discharged within a week. In Irish with a typescript copy attached. de Valera's letter concerns the preparation of the vote for the Taoiseach's Department and his draft speech on the general economic situation. He gives instruction on the form and content of the speech. 'From experience you know what I want and can keep in touch and direct Murray so that it will be ready as soon as possible. The time is now short'.            3 items

- 44            27 September 1952            Letter from Eamon de Valera, Hotel des Pays-Bas, Utrecht, to Maurice Moynihan, Secretary to the Government, Government Buildings, dictated [to Seamus MacHugo]. It is now unlikely that he will be back by the middle of October and will, in fact, be lucky to be home for the opening of the Dáil. He has written to the Tánaiste appraising him of the situation, in case it should be necessary for him to take the Estimate for the Taoiseach's department. Moynihan should see that he has the material he would require a week or so in advance.  
'He will not require the same time to make it up and digest it as I would'.  
2pp
- 45            2 October 1952            Letter from Eamon de Valera, Hotel des Pays-Bas, Utrecht, to Maurice Moynihan, dictated [to Seamus MacHugo]. Mainly refers to the content of articles from the *Leader*, sent by Moynihan, and the need for greater analysis of the figures they contain, particularly as regards agricultural production and exports. The bandages have been taken off his eyes and he hopes to be back for the opening of the Dáil.  
2pp
- 46            9 October 1952            Letter from Eamon de Valera, Hotel des Pays-Bas, Utrecht, to Kathleen O'Connell, Taoiseach's Department, Government Buildings, dictated and in an unknown hand. He has sent a number of letters to Ministers over the past few days and he lists these, indicating the subjects of the letters.  
'I am telling you this so that Maurice may know, he need not do anything about them, except he might see how the matters affecting the Attorney General stand'.  
He mentions his own health and speculates on when he might return.  
2pp
- 47            13 October 1952            Letter from Eamon de Valera, Hotel des Pays-Bas, Utrecht, to Kathleen O'Connell, Taoiseach's Department, Government Buildings, dictated [to Seamus MacHugo]. Mainly refers to unspecified enclosures to be delivered, and reports on his routine and progress.  
2pp



- 48            22 October 1952            Cutting from the *Evening Herald*, containing a short notice of Kathleen O'Connell and Sean Moynihan going to join the Taoiseach. The main headline refers to the Taoiseach's continuing absence and the heavy programme facing the Government.  
1 item
- 49            25 October 1952            Letter from Kathleen O'Connell, Hotel des Pays-Bas, Utrecht, to Maurice Moynihan, Secretary to the Government.  
She reports on their routine and the Taoiseach's state of mind. 'Frank Aiken is with us since yesterday afternoon & is flying to London tonight, leaving Utrecht at 8 pm. The Chief was overjoyed to see him. He is with him nearly all the time since he came. He is staying at the Pays-Bas & we are delighted to have him. He will explain all to you on Monday eve[ning] or certainly on Tuesday'. She asks for her cheque book and bank slips to be sent.  
2pp
- 50            30 October 1952            Letter from John Moynihan, Hotel des Pays-Bas, Utrecht, to Maurice Moynihan, 48 Castle Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin, mainly concerning the Taoiseach's progress and their routine. 'On Tuesday and yesterday he worked on a letter to Andy Clerkin and to-day he is dictating a message to the F.F. Ard Fheis. He has dictated several other letters. The usual process of amendment was pursued, and I have just had to ask O'Byrne of the Legation to phone some, unnecessary, corrections of the A.G. letter to Frank Aiken! It's a good sign! My vanity, much stimulated by the invitation here, has been depressed by repeated assurances that I was thought of only because you are too important to be spared in Dublin'.  
4pp
- 51            6 November 1952            Typescript letter from Marie [Ní Cheallaigh], 52 Westfield Road, Dublin, to [Kathleen O'Connell, her aunt] (2pp), in Utrecht with Eamon de Valera, thanking her for a letter and news of the Taoiseach. She reports progress in the bye-election campaign, comments on the recent Fianna Fáil Árd Fheis, and encloses press cuttings, mainly concerning matters before the Dáil, and a copy of the election address of Andrew S. Clarkin, Lord Mayor of Dublin and Fianna Fáil candidate in the bye-election.  
6 items

- 52            11 November 1952            Letter from John Moynihan, Hotel des Pays-Bas, Utrecht, to Maurice Moynihan, 48 Castle Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin. Refers to Government business and suggests that copies of Dáil official reports be sent out.  
 'The T. was interested in the debate on the Central Bank Report which was not very well reported in the press. His interest in public affairs (which I have not been encouraging!) is as lively as ever'.  
 4pp
- 53            13 November 1952            Letter from Kathleen O'Connell, Hotel des Pays-Bas, Utrecht, to Maurice Moynihan, 48 Castle Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin, with enclosures to go to the Department of Finance. The Taoiseach underwent a major operation the previous day, the result of which would not be known for a fortnight. Frank Aiken is expected the next day.  
 2pp
- 54            19 November 1952            Letter from John Moynihan, Hotel des Pays-Bas, Utrecht, to Maurice Moynihan, 48 Castle Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin. He thanks him for letters and memoranda.  
 'The Taoiseach has not been bothering much about official matters for some days and I have refrained from bringing several of the memos to his notice. Zane Grey and P.G. Woodehouse have taken over'.  
 He was in Amsterdam the previous day and gives his impression of the city and a visit to the Rijksmuseum. The last operation on the Taoiseach's eyes appears to have been successful in reattaching the retina, but his sight remains poor.  
 3pp
- 55            20 November 1952            Letter from Kathleen O'Connell, Hotel des Pays-Bas, Utrecht, to Maurice Moynihan, 48 Castle Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin. She asks him to arrange some personal financial transactions as the Taoiseach may require travellers cheques soon and she will be writing to the Dublin bank.  
 2pp

- 56            30 November 1952            Letter from John Moynihan, Hotel des Pays-Bas, Utrecht, to Maurice Moynihan, 48 Castle Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin. The Taoiseach will be undergoing another operation the next day. 'I don't know how he has the courage to face these repeated ordeals and if one could advise in such a matter, I think I would counsel him to go home at once'. He expects to be there for another three weeks. 'The T. sent a telegram to Winston to-day: "Congratulations on your seventy-eighth birthday. I hope we shall live to see the unity of Ireland restored" '.  
4pp
- 57            1 December 1952            Letter from John Moynihan, Hotel des Pays-Bas, Utrecht, to Maurice Moynihan, Secretary to the Government, Department of the Taoiseach. He has given the Taoiseach all the information on official matters contained in Maurice's letter and he is sure the Taoiseach has expressed his views to Frank Aiken. He reports on the Taoiseach's progress and gives a revised estimate for his return to Ireland, not expecting to be back for Christmas or 'the celebration of your Golden Jubilee' [fiftieth birthday].  
3pp
- 58            8 December 1952            Letter from John Moynihan, Utrecht, to Maurice Moynihan. Refers mainly to the Taoiseach's preoccupation with the health proposals.  
'The dangerous situation which is developing has upset him very much, and I think he is disturbed by the way in which his suggestions have been ignored by Dr Ryan, who has not written to him.  
My own view is that Dr Ryan is riding for a nasty fall and that already he has committed himself too much to be able to avert the disaster for himself, the Government and the country. It is incomprehensible that no one, to all appearances, has seriously tried to check him. Through his stupidity and obstinacy, and the supineness of others, the country is threatened with an anti-clerical movement which may do untold damage'.  
2pp
- 59            1952                            Verse by Eamon de Valera written in Utrecht in 1952, in appreciation of his nurse. Dictated, written in an unidentified hand.  
'To Sister Ziska'.  
Who is she who lightly treads,  
Bringing hope to troubled beds ...'.  
12 lines

- 60            1952            Transcript in Seán Moynihan's hand of a verse accompanying a gift from de Valera at Christmas in the Oogslijdergasthuis, Utrecht.  
 'Santa Claus cannot forbear  
 Making mention e'er so brief  
 Of Seán and Kathleen's warm devotion  
 And great encouragement to their Chief.  
 -Accept this little parcel express  
 God in Heaven may you bless'.  
 1p

#### 1.4. Photographs

- 61            [1930]            Eamon de Valera and John Moynihan photographed with a newspaper executive during a visit to a newspaper printroom to inspect production techniques.  
 Photograph by Durnherr Times Union [New York]  
 25x20cms
- 62            1932            Informal group photograph of the Irish delegation to the Imperial economic conference at Ottawa. The group of 15 people are by a lakeside, some reclining on the grass bank. Includes Seán T. O'Kelly, Vice-President of the Executive Council (standing extreme right), Dr James Ryan (reclining, fourth from right) and Seán Lemass (standing, third from left). A figure standing at a slight remove in the background and looking away from camera may be Seán Moynihan.  
 Associated Screen News Limited, Montreal.  
 25x20cms
- 63            [not dated]            Photograph of Eamon de Valera and John Moynihan browsing at an open-air book stall. The pair are left side to camera, Moynihan nearside, leaning over examining a book. De Valera is behind, wearing a hat.  
 25x20cms

**2. MAURICE MOYNIHAN (1902–1999)****2.1. General papers and correspondence**

- 64 19 January 1918 Cutting from the *Kerry People* containing an obituary of Maurice Moynihan Senior. Handwritten transcript by Dr Maurice Moynihan of both the report of the death of his father and the appreciation by T.J. McCarthy from the *Kerryman* of the same date (5pp). 2 items
- 65 2 September 1925 From Maurice, 89 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin, to his mother, reporting on their new digs, and asking for news of home. 1p
- 66 7 September 1925 From Maurice, 89 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin, to his mother, reassuring her about their new digs and giving news of Denis and mutual acquaintances. Denis adds a postscript about his visit to an eye specialist. 2pp
- 67 10 September 1925 From Denis Moynihan, 89 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin, to his mother, praising their new digs.  
‘The weather is cold here now but nice for walking. Maurice is getting queer for the past few weeks. Boland, the Assistant Secretary in Finance (same as Jimmy McElligott) is putting all kinds of high notions about himself into his head, so I have to call him Mr Moynihan, Sir, now. ... My sciatica is gone altogether but I’m suffering from incurable mixed astigmatism, and I’ll let you know as soon as I get any other disease ...’ 2pp

- 68            4 September 1928            From Maurice, on holiday in Ballylongford, to his mother 84 Hollybrook Road, Clontarf. News of the weather, their activities and who they had met.            1p
- 69            22 November 1929            Official notification to Moynihan of his transfer in his existing capacity to 'work under Mr Feeney'. He will also be required to act as official Side Secretary of the Civil Service Representative Council.            1p
- 70            23 November 1935            Official notification of Moynihan's transfer from the Establishment to the Finance Division [of the Department of Finance]. Signed by H.P. Boland [Assistant Secretary, Finance].            1p
- 71            11 December 1949            From Seán T. Ó Ceallaigh, President of Ireland, to Maurice Moynihan, Secretary to the Government, offering sincere sympathies on the death of his mother.            2pp
- 72            31 December 1960            Copy typescript letter from Maurice Moynihan to Dr N.G. Nolan, former Secretary General, Finance, and appointed Secretary to the Government and of the Department of the Taoiseach in succession to Moynihan. He thanks Nolan personally for their friendship and co-operation over the years they have served as colleagues; asks him to convey his warm appreciation to all other members of the staff of the Department; and refers to his wish not to accept any presentation. 'While I decided, for reasons which I explained to you, not to accept any presentation, this decision implies no lack of appreciation on my part. I am most grateful for the kindness which prompted the proposal, and the memory that such a desire was expressed will be as enduring as any gift could have been'.            1p

- 73            December 1968–  
March 1969            File of letters of congratulation and appreciation on the occasion of Moynihan's retirement as Governor of the Central bank. Correspondents include Dudley Allen and Leslie O'Brien, Bank of England; Charles J. Haughey; Gabriel Ferras, Bank for International Settlements; A. Beejadhur, Governor, Bank of Mauritius; Puey Ungphakorn, Governor, Bank of Thailand; and the executives of many commercial banks, Irish, British and American. Includes a menu, autographed by the Directors of the Central Bank, for a [lunch?] in Moynihan's honour in the Shelbourne Hotel, 26 February 1969; and a copy typescript letter from Moynihan to C.A. Carroll, Secretary, Central Bank (28 February 1969, 1p), expressing his appreciation for Carroll's help and co-operation during their years together in the Central Bank. He asks Carroll to convey to everyone concerned his thanks for the presentation made to him, and his best wishes for the future.  
30 items
- 74            1986                    Biographical entry for Maurice Moynihan from *The International Year Book and Statesmen's Who's Who* (1985 ed.).

## 2.2. Diaries and notebooks

- 75            1925–7                Notebook containing handwritten notes mainly on financial matters, labelled 'Maurice Moynihan E. & A. Dept. 27 August 1925'. Notes initially concern the statutory authority and functions of the Treasury and related concerns such as Dáil control in financial matters. Also contains some material on categories of civil servant, conditions of public service and specific matters such as Private Secretary's allowances. Includes file reference numbers and some inserted typescript papers relevant to subjects under consideration.  
19 x 12 x 1 cms

- 76                    1937                    Small desk diary with terse entries for January and February only.  
*Examples given are intended only to give a general impression of the range and format of entries.*
- Tuesday 5 January**  
 President left for Zurich on Mailboat from Dun Laoghaire 9.15 a.m.
- Wednesday 6 January**  
 Further letter from E.P. McCarron [Secretary of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, removed from his post by the Executive Council]  
 Information re. proposed mobilisation of volunteers for Spain at Passage East.
- Thursday 7 January**  
 Meeting of Ex.[ecutive] C[ouncil].  
 Dispersal of volunteers for Spain at Passage East, apparently as a result of hitch re. Ship for transport.
- Monday 11 January**  
 P. left Zurich
- Wednesday 13 January**  
 P. left Paris – arrived London
- Thursday 14 January**  
 Conversations in London between P. and Malcolm MacDonald.
- Friday 15 January**  
 President returned to Dublin.
- Tuesday 19 January**  
 President informed Ex. Cl. Of his conversation with Mr Malcolm MacDonald, Dominions Secretary, on 14<sup>th</sup>.  
 Statement by MacDonald in House of Commons.
- Friday 22 January**  
 President discussed Bill re. A.G.'s Office (Legal Secretaries) with Mr P. O'Donoghue, Mr McDunphy & self.  
 Afternoon – discussed Bill with A.G.
- Saturday 23 January**  
 President discussed A.G.'s Office Bill with M/Finance.
- Monday 25 January**  
 MacDonald's statement in H/C re. Reference to Irish unity in recent conversations with Pres.
- Wednesday 3 February**  
 Deputy Costello's motion re. Removal of Mr. [E.P.] McCarron's removal [by the Executive Council from his post as Secretary of the Department of Local Government and Public Health], in Dáil.
- Friday 5 February**  
 Second Chamber discussed E.C.

20 x 13 x 1 cms



- 77                    1938                    Small desk diary labelled 'Diary of Negotiations with British Government. M. Ó Muímhneacháin'. Entries concentrated between March and May 1938.
- Saturday 19 February**  
Delegation returned to London to resume talks.
- Saturday 26 February**  
Delegation returned from 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to London.
- Wednesday 2 March**  
Delegation returned to London to resume discussions with representatives of the British Government. Taoiseach and Ministers for Industry and Commerce, Finance and Agriculture. J.J. McElligott, Secretary, Dept of Finance, M Ó Muímhneacháin, Secretary to the Government, A.W. Bayne, Dept of Finance and Denis Devlin, Dept of External Affairs.  
Mr Malcolm MacDonald, Dominions Secretary and Sir Donald Somerville, Attorney General, arrived at the Piccadilly Hotel about 7.30 a.m. & stayed with Taoiseach for some hours.
- Thursday 3 March**  
From about 10.30 a.m. to about 1 p.m. there was a trade conference between the M/Industry & Commerce and the M/Agriculture, on the Irish side, and Mr Malcolm MacDonald, Doms. Sec., & Mr W.S. Morrison, M/A&F, on the British side. From 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Taoiseach with Prime Minister at House of Commons. 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. full conference. 9 p.m. to about 11.25 p.m. MacDonald with Taoiseach at Hotel.
- Saturday 5 March**  
Andrews, Northern Ireland M. of Finance, & Sir Charles Blackmore, Sec. To N.I. Cabinet called at the Home Office where they saw Sir Samuel Hoare, Home Secretary.
- Sunday 6 March**  
Taoiseach the guest of Mr MacDonald at MacD's country house at Little Waltham (?Essex).  
Andrews left for Belfast.
- Tuesday 8 March**  
Taoiseach & Prime Minister conferred at Downing St. from 12 noon to about 1 p.m. Taoiseach had first conferred with the 3 other Irish Ministers and, then, with the five Heads of Depts (Finance, Agric., Ind. & Comm., External Affairs & Dept. of the Taoiseach)  
Lord Londonderry called on Taoiseach at the Hotel about 6.30 p.m. and stayed until 7.30 p.m.
- Wednesday 9 March**  
Taoiseach conferred with 3 other Irish Ministers 11 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Taoiseach with Dulanty, High Comm. Saw Sir Samuel Hoare at House of Commons, 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.  
Debate in N.I. House of Commons on Andrew's visits to London.  
Trade Conference (Lemass & Ryan, MacDonald & Morrison) 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.  
MacDonald visited Taoiseach at Hotel shortly after 7 p.m. and stayed until 12.30 a.m.

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**Thursday 10 March**

Andrews arrived in London with Sir Charles Blackmore, Sir Wilfred Spender (Sec., N.I. Ministry of Finance) & Dr. Scott Robertson (Sec. N.I. Ministry of Agriculture). Andrews saw Hoare at Home Office.

**Friday 11 March**

Taoiseach conferred with Prime Minister at 10 Downing St. 11 a.m. to about 12.15. Taoiseach afterwards conferred with M/Agric. (Dr. Ryan) and M/Ind. & Comm. (Mr Lemass) 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. & with M/Finance (Mr McEntee) & M/Ind. & Comm. 2 to about 3 p.m. MacDonald came to Taoiseach about 5.50 p.m. & stayed to about 8.50 p.m. Official statement issued.

Mr Andrews and Sir C. Blackmore left for Belfast.

**Saturday 12 March**

Trade Conference Dominions Office 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Lemass, Ryan, MacDonald, Morrison & officials). Sir H. Batterbee called on Taoiseach about 3.30 p.m. to inform him re. International situation. MacDonald saw Taoiseach at Hotel 7 p.m. to about 8.15. Delegation (all except J.P. Walshe) left Euston on return journey 8.50 p.m.

**Sunday 13 March**

Arrived in Dublin. Meeting of Govt. 11.30 a.m. to 2.15 p.m. Press communiqué. Phone message from Dulanty about 11 a.m. Taoiseach again spoke to Dulanty in afternoon.

**Monday 14 March**

Meeting of Govt. 11 a.m. to 1.40 p.m. Taoiseach stated his considered attitude to British proposals (unacceptable with concessions to N.I.) Further meeting 4 p.m. M/Ind. & Comm. Puts up alternative suggestions re. N.I.

Taoiseach spoke Dulanty about 3.15 p.m. and again about 5.15 p.m.

**Monday 4 April**

Taoiseach informed that a further visit to London was in contemplation, but that the British did not expect to be ready to meet the delegation before a date early in May.

18 copies of a draft Trade Agreement dated 29/3/38 received from London via D/E.A.

Handing over of Ports: Morning conference Taoiseach, S. Murphy, J. Hearne & self re. Draft declaration by British P.M. Afternoon P. O'Donoghue, Murphy, Hearne & self draft agreement. Taoiseach appd. & sent to Walshe in London.

**Tuesday 5 April**

Intimation from J. Walshe that draft Agreement would not be acceptable to British in respect of certain points.

Conference with Taoiseach.

Conference with P. O'D. & J.H.

**Wednesday 6 April**

Further conferences with P. O'D. & J.H. and all three of us with Taoiseach. Revised draft agreement prepared, approved by T. & sent to J. Walshe with instruction that Agreement was still preferred to Unilateral Declaration. Draft declaration by British P.M. also prepared & reserved for further consideration.

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Draft statement to be made by Taoiseach in Dáil on Thursday, 7/4/38, also sent to J. Walshe.

**Thursday 7 April**

Message from J.P. Walshe conveying substance of a revised draft agreement re ports etc proposed by British instead of ours. Would be implemented by legislation to be introduced on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Text to arrive by bag tomorrow.

Draft statement agreed to by British with change proposed to make reference to anticipated date of conclusion of negotiations less definite.

**Friday 8 April**

Statement by Taoiseach in Dáil at 12 noon. Conference 4 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. in T.'s room, T., M/I&C, M/F & M/Agric. & self. Position reviewed. Draft "Protocol of Signatures" (British) and British draft Agreement re Articles 6 & 7 considered.

Conference T.'s room, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., T., S. Murphy, P. O'Donoghue, J. Hearne & self. T. 'phoned J.P.W. at 6 conveying obs.[ervations] on draft Protocol & draft Agreement re 6 & 7. Also re dates in Finance Agreement.

**Monday 11 April**

'Irish Times' & 'Daily Mail' report Lord Craigavon left Belfast for London last night with Andrews, Milne Barbour (Commerce), Blackmore, Spender & Scott. Sir B. Brooke unable [to] travel. Scott Robertson who is in Scotland, telephoned to go direct to London. Suggested that N.I. wants defence situation clarified re negotiations.

**Tuesday 12 April**

Telegram from T. to MacDonald asking him to convey to Chancellor of Exchequer views of M/F in favour of 31<sup>st</sup> December instead of 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1938, as final date for payment of capital sum.

'Irish Times' reports that yesterday Lord Craigavon with Andrews & Milne Barbour, saw Sir Samuel Hoare, with Morrison & MacDonald at the House of Commons. Interview lasted "well over an hour", Afterwards Lord C. had private conversation with Premier.

**Wednesday 13 April**

'Irish Times' reports Craigavon & Andrews conferred with Hoare & Inskip (M/Co-od. Of Def.) last evening at the H/C. craigavon, & Blackmore left London for Belfast last night. "Highly meritorious" progress.

Matteson gives copies of draft "Protocol of Signatures" and draft Agreements on Articles 6 & 7, Finance & Trade for examination. Made certain comments on all except Trade – none important enough (in his view) to be worth pressing. No comment on Trade.

**Thursday 14 April**

T. received from J.P. Walshe through D/E.A. draft of "Protocol of Signatures" & draft Agreements on Articles 6 & 7 on Finance in up-to-date form.

Craigavon reported in 'Irish Times' as having said on return to Belfast that he does not anticipate an early settlement.

**Saturday 16 April**

J.P. Walshe returned from London. Saw Taoiseach.

**Monday 18 April**

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Had talk with J.P. Walshe re position.

Taoiseach saw J.P.W.

Taoiseach wishes consideration to be given to question of having all consequential legislation in one Bill.

Meeting of Govt. called for 12 noon on Tuesday.

**Tuesday 19 April**

Meeting of Government 12 noon to 2 [a.m. sic]p.m. All present. Draft Agreements approved subject to discussion of certain minor points between Leydon & B. of Trade & to certain representations being made through J. Walshe to Dominions Office re £250,000 annuity. J. Walshe returned London, leaving Baldonnel 2.30 p.m.

**Wednesday 20 April**

4 p.m. to 5.25 p.m. Conference between Taoiseach, M/I&C, M/F & M/A re steps necessary in connection with securing Parliamentary confirmation of Agreements.

**Thursday 21 April**

Conference in Mr McE.'s room. See file re Consequential Legislation.

**Friday 22 April**

Statements issued to Press in Dublin & London for publication on Saturday morning, that agreement has been reached & that T. & colleagues will go to London for signature which is to take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

**Saturday 23 April**

Statements published in Press.

Delegation left North Wall for London, via Liverpool, about 11 p.m. Taoiseach, I&C, F., & Agric with Miss K. O'Connell, Messers McElligott, Twomey, Devlin & Capt. Brennan.

Taoiseach had conversation with M. MacDonald.

**Monday 25 April**

Agreements signed at 3.15 p.m.

**Tuesday 26 April**

Delegation returned to Dublin by Holyhead & Dún Laoghaire.

Statement to Press by Taoiseach.

Statement by Craigavon in Belfast Parliament & by Chamberlain in House of Commons.

**Wednesday 27 April**

Resolution of approval of Agreements moved by Taoiseach in Dáil. Deputy Cosgrave spoke indicating that he would vote for the Agreements. Deputy Norton also spoke. Debate adjourned. 6 implementing Bills introduced.

20 x 13 x 0.75 cms

Series of 5 notebooks used as diaries/memoranda/informal minute-books. The later notebooks cover much shorter periods, of two or three months, and are rather more concentrated in terms of content. Entries tend consistently to be dated and to be scored through when the subject is finalised. Entries vary from one-line *aides-mémoire* to more extensive notes on matters under consideration.

Notes may relate to meetings of government, cabinet decisions, speeches by de Valera, parliamentary questions and meetings with deputations.

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Notebooks are soft cover public service shorthand notebooks. Each notebook contains c.200pp.

20 x 15 x 1 cms

- 78      1939–42  
**13/8/40**  
 T. to be reminded to speak to J.P.W. re. Necessity for bringing to his personal attention matters intended for submission to the Govt. which are forwarded for E.A. obs.  
**2/9/40**  
 Institute – letter to Hackett & D/E.  
**5/9/40]**  
 Action by Taoiseach in various matters arising out of meetings of Emergency Problems Cttee.  
**26/11/40**  
 Emergency Broadcast  
 Ask W. Browne should the 60 days in Art 12.3.3<sup>o</sup> of the Constit<sup>n</sup>. be extended to 90 days.  
 City Manager’s report to the Taoiseach on Dublin employment schemes to be sent “personally” to the M/L.G.P.H. i.e. not for file. M. to be told T. wishes to discuss the whole subject with him.  
**4/12/40**  
 What did G.B.S. say about the Constitution? Did he criticise the Articles dealing with the status of women? Did he call it “medieval”?  
**25/3/41**  
 Letter of some time ago from Dr Conway about finances of U.C.D. Finance proposed reply very harsh in its terms. What is the position? (? Miss O’C. or de V.)  
**6/1/42**  
 T. wishes position regarding extradition between this country and N.I. and G.B. to be examined.
- 79      1942–43  
 Also contains rough minutes of meetings of an Economic Planning Committee  
**28/9/42**  
 Mr L. Duffy’s letter in today’s Irish Press. T. instructed me to speak to Mr Duffy to following effect –

- 79 contd. I have seen your letter in today's Irish press in which you refer to proposals submitted by the Labour Party to the Taoiseach in September 1939. I am anxious to bring the matter to the Taoiseach's attention and I should be obliged if you could help me to trace the proposals and any relevant documents. For example, were the proposals submitted orally or in writing? On what date?  
**22/3/43**  
Dudley Edwards's scheme.
- 80 1947-48  
Includes 'The I.F.S., 1922-37. Preliminary notes (14pp) dealing mainly with the status of the 'Provisional Parliament' and the preparation of the Free State Constitution.  
**17/12/47**  
T. has asked F. Boland to examine in consultation with other Depts the question of emigration.  
Theological view on question of State's right to restrict.
- 81 1950  
Consists exclusively of material relating to proceedings of the Interdepartmental Emergency Preparation Committee, established after the outbreak of the Korean War.  
First meeting, Wednesday, 16/8/50, in the Council Chamber, Govt Buildings. Taoiseach made short opening statement and then left. Also present - P. McMahon (Defence), Redmond (Finance), Coyne (Justice), Ó Broin (Agric.), Williams (Ind.&Comm.), Nunan (Ext. Affairs), Kennedy (Health), Moynihan (D. of the Taoiseach). Foley D/T., in attendance.  
Taoiseach Cabinet Committee set up in October 1948. Situation has deteriorated. Something more concrete required. Two contingencies: (1) what we should do if major emergency or war now or in immediate future - defence, supply, generally legislation and administrative orders, (2) more important --- .
- 82 1953  
Entries are usually preceded by an initial T.[aoiseach] or G.[overnment].  
**T. 20/5/53**  
Letter from Archbishop Duhig, Brisbane. T. to acknowledge. External Affairs to be consulted as to any further action.  
**T. 22/5/53**  
Deputation about imported literature. Was one of the members a son of M.J. Lennon D.J.?  
**G. 22/5/53** Tánaiste raised informally the question of the personnel of the Fair Trade Comm<sup>n</sup>. He has in mind J.C.B. McCarthy as Chairman,

82 contd. Vaughan Buckley and Walsh(e) of the Industrial Development Authority. There may be five, but he proposes to appoint only three. W<sup>d</sup> like his colleagues to consider before next meeting.

**T. Ó Raifeartaigh 2/6/53**

Did the T. promise Mons. Browne at end of March that proposals for married and children's allowances for the Institute would be favourably considered?

**T. 3/6/53**

He does recollect a conversation with Mons Browne about married and children's allowances for Institute staff. He thinks he was non-committal and rather suggested that if the salaries are sufficient there should be no need for such allowances. Now, however, he feels there is something to be said for the proposal, since such allowances are given by U.C.D. and the college might attract staff from the Institute.

**8/6/53**

M/Finance, Mr MacEntee rang to inform T. that his doctor forbids him to leave the house this week and orders him to remain very quiet until at least 18<sup>th</sup> inst. When the doctor is due back from holiday.

**G. 7/7/53**

Unemployed demonstrations

Let them go for a while, but presently ---. Give notice before taking action. M/J should consult with the Sec., D/J and the C<sup>r</sup> of the G.S. ascertain the legal powers at disposal to deal with the matter and plan his campaign with a view to taking effective action on second next occasion. Proposed letter from sec., D/J to C<sup>r</sup> not to be issued in present terms.

83 September 1947; August 1950– January 1951 Notebook containing two sequences of entries, the first relating to proceedings of the Inter-Ministerial conferences in London concerning co-operation on the question of supplies, and the conference in Paris immediately following, on Marshall Plan proposals (7pp); the second relating to proceedings of the Inter-Departmental Emergency Preparation Committee (29pp).

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The first sequence consists mainly of a list of travel arrangements and meetings:

**Monday 22/9:**

Signature of Report of Report of Committee of European Economic Co-operation at the Quai D'Orsay. Proceedings started at 3.30 p.m. Ended about 5 p.m. T. had had lunch with acting Foreign Minister ([Pierre-Henri] Teitgen).

The second sequence contains much more narrative concerning meetings of the Inter-Departmental Committee and related meetings and discussions:

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**Thursday 17 August 1950**

The Taoiseach approved the recommendations of the Inter-Departmental Emergency Preparation Committee. Record of meeting circulated to members, including J. Garvin, Sec., D/L.G., newly-appointed member, with intimation of Taoiseach's approval of recommendations. Asked Geary, Director, Central Statistics Office, to come to see me tomorrow at 11 a.m. for discussion of man-power statistics. Had preliminary talk with Philip O'Donoghue, Attorney General's Office, about preparation of proposals for emergency legislation.

**Tuesday 5 Sept. 1950**

Government postponed consideration of Departmental responsibility for regional administration and proposed designation of J.J. Purcell as Controller of Censorship.

Drafted explanatory memorandum on National Security Bill.

17 x 11 x 1 cms

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Quarto desk diary with occasional entries, early ones being concerned exclusively with meetings of the Mansion House All-Party Anti-Partition Conference. Regular notes of Dáil questions to the Taoiseach. Contains virtually no entries for June–August. Also contains detailed notations on the times of the rising and setting of the Sun and Moon.

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**Monday 14 February**

Conference between Taoiseach, M/Agriculture and Parliamentary Secretary to the Taoiseach on issues between M/Agric. And Deputy Martin Corry.

**Thursday 24 February**

Dáil questions to Taoiseach by Deputy Frank Aiken about (1) T's statement at Fine Gael Ard-Fheis regarding Military Tribunal and executions (2) arms held by an illegal organisation and (3) King's Counsel and Senior Counsel. Exchanges regarding (1).

Dáil question to M/Justice about arms and "I.R.A." manifesto.

**Wednesday 23 March**

Debate on motion for a judicial inquiry regarding statements by the M/Agric. Affecting Deputy Barry.

**Thursday 24 March**

Conference with Taoiseach, M/Defence and M/Health about Local Appointments Commissioners' procedures in respect of certain appointments and particularly about the operation of preferences and extra credit for Irish.

**Monday 28 March**

Representatives of ten nations, including Ireland (Dulanty), begin secret conference in London on the question of a Council of Europe.



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**Thursday 31 March**

Dáil. Question to M/J and adjournment debate on allegations of corruption on part of F.F. re petrol rationing and Govt. contracts.

**Saturday 2 April**

Minister for External Affairs leaves Cobh for U.S.A. Will discuss Atlantic Pact and Western Union with Dean Acheson, Sec.[retary] of State.

**Monday 4 April**

Atlantic Pact signed at Washington by the Foreign Ministers of the following 12 nations: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

**Thursday 7 April**

Dáil questions to the Taoiseach: (a) by Deputy Seán Keane about Army service preference in L.A.C. & C.S.C. competitions; (b) by Deputy P. Cowan about covering the 32 counties in publications such as the Telephone Directory; and (c) by Deputy John McCann about the Lane Pictures.

**Wednesday 13 April**

Joint meeting of Civil Service and Local Appointments Comm[issioner]s to review, at the request of the Taoiseach, the existing systems of preferences and extra marks for knowledge of Irish in C.S.C. & L.A.C. competitions for professional, technical and scientific posts.

**Wednesday 27 April**

T. to be reminded of question of visiting the President on 2/5/49.  
Dáil questions to the Taoiseach (a) by Deputy Seán Dunne about broadcasting Dáil proceedings, (b) by Deputy G. Boland about Mr MacBride's statement regarding danger of civil war in certain circumstances, (c) by Deputy Lemass about a statement by the American Minister on the utilisation of the E.C.A. counterpart Fund and (d) by Deputy Aiken about the Taoiseach's message to the United Irish Societies in Montreal.

**Friday 29 April**

Sudden death of Mr T.J. Murphy, Minister for Local Government, while speaking at an Inter-Party public meeting in Fermoy.

**Tuesday 3 May**

Government meeting.

Dáil questions to the Taoiseach by Deputy Cormac Breslin about Irish citizens in Britain and compulsory military service.

Departure of Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Ireland Bill introduced in British House of Commons.

Meeting of Foreign Ministers in London to establish a Council of Europe, attended by Mr MacBride.

Dept. of L. G. assigned to Mr Norton, Tán.[aiste] & M/S.W. as a temporary measure.

**Thursday 8 September**

The Taoiseach mentioned to me today that it is the President's intention to visit Rome next year (Holy Year) at Easter. The Taoiseach himself also proposes to visit Rome next year, possibly in January or February or, alternatively, in September or October.

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**Saturday 17 September**

Sir Gilbert Laidwaite handed the Taoiseach at 10.15 a.m. , a communication from Mr Attlee, British prime Minister, informing the Taoiseach that the British Government had decided to devalue the £ sterling to \$2.80 (from \$4.03) with effect immediately [after] a broadcast announcement to be made by Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, at 9.15 p.m. on Sunday 18/9/49.

**Sunday 18 September**

Government meeting 6.30 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. in room of M/E.A., Iveagh House. Statement issued for publication announcing decision to allow reduction in value of Irish £ in U.S. dollars equivalent to reduction in value of £ sterling.

**Monday 19 September**

Government meeting.

Broadcast by M/Finance at 10.10 p.m. on devaluation.

**Thursday 27 October**

Ecclesiastical reception in the Pro-Cathedral of the new Apolostic Nuncio designate.

Questions to Taoiseach in Dáil by Deputy Seán Dunn about (1) issue of a statement on Partition and (2) reports re. American Army air bases in Ireland.

20 x 13 x 2.5 cms

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1955

Pocket diary with very few entries, mainly April–June.

*Examples given are intended only to give a general impression of the range and format of entries.*

**Monday 18 April**

T.[aoiseach, John A. Costello] informed me he is to see a group of 6 Co.[unty] Nationalists on Friday 22/4. Expects they will be looking for money for coming General Election to W[est]minster.

After speaking [to] T., informed [John] Garvin [Secretary General, Local Government] we w[oul]d arrange meeting of Cab.[inet] C[ommi]ttee on voting by blind and incapacitated persons.

**Tuesday 19 April**

Informed T. of position about financing anti-Partition activities [re?] Irish Anti-P.[artition] League (Belfast) as shown on A.P. 74.

Dr [John] Larchet [professor of music, U.C.D.] rang to say Friday 13/5/55 would suit for T. and party to see Lucia di Lammermoor.

T. saw [Seán?] MacBride about elections in Six Co[untie]s. for Westminster.

**Thursday 21 April**

Saw K.[athleen] O'C.[onnell, private secretary to Eamon de Valera] Concerned about her affairs. K. O'C. asked about Mr. De Valera's car: is it at his disposal on same basis as when in office or for protection only?

85 contd.

**Friday 22 April**

T. saw group of 6 Co.[unty] Nationalists about contesting seats in 6 Cos. In General Election 26/5/55. Sinn Féin will not co-operate. T. reported to Govt. MacBride agrees with his view about S.F. but he and Fianna Uladh could not oppose 'the boys in jail'.

**Saturday 23 April**

Saw K.O'C. Informed her, as advised by T., that Mr. DeV.'s car remains at his disposal on same basis as when he was in office.

**Sunday 24 April**

T. raised question of Building Society for Nationalists in 6 Cos. / discussed with Mr Murray. He would examine.

Asked Joe Barry for copy of Mr deV.'s Income Tax return for 1954-55 to help in making one for 1955-56.

**Wednesday 27 April**

M/F saw Prof T.A. Smiddy & told him not proposed re-appoint him on C.[entral] B.[ank] on expiration of term of office on 29/4/55.

Meeting of All-Party C[ommis]ttee. Decided to defer action re. Financing of candidates in Six Cos. In British General Election (26/5/55) until after Nationalist conventions.

Meeting of Govt. in Leinster House 8.30-10.50. M/F to appoint James Davy to replace T.A. Smiddy.

**Tuesday 3 May**

Budget proposals of M/F approved at Govt meeting.

Clarke, one of the men in jail for the Omagh raid, a Civil Servant, selected as candidate at Fermanagh-South Tyrone Convention.

'Iris Oifigiuil' carries note of appointment of James J. Davy as Director of Central Bank with effect from 1/5/55.

**Wednesday 4 May**

Budget day.

Denis [his brother] comes from Cork.

**Thursday 5 May**

Han [Johanna, his sister] comes from Glasgow.

**Wednesday 1 June**

T. tells me he desires P. O'Donoghue and me to try to settle difficulties in Forestry Division - difference between administrative and technical staffs. T. has been in consultation with Ministers for Lands and Finance.

**Monday 6 June**

P. O'Donoghue and I discuss Forestry Division with T. O'Brien 4p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Saturday 18 June**

1955. Mr P.P. O'Donoghue and I discuss Forestry Division with Mr H.J. Grey, Principal Officer in the Division, 11 a.m. to 2.15 p.m.

13 x 9 x 2 cms

- 86            1950s–60s            Alphabetically indexed pocket notebook used for notes on subjects related predominantly to public finance and administration. Notes range from a list of British bank rates, 1939–67; definitions of technical terms such as ‘bank liquidity’, ‘surplus income’, and ‘sterling area’; and elaboration of matters such as ‘general election procedures’ The majority of entries simply consist of a subject and a reference to a file number.
- 17 x 11 x 1 cms

### 2.3. Research and writing

#### 2.3.1. *Currency and Central Banking in Ireland, 1922–60 (1975)*

- 87            1971–77            Material relating to a succession of interviews with Joseph Brennan as research for *Currency and Central Banking in Ireland, 1922–60 (1975)*. Includes:
- Notes for interview with Dr J. Brennan, 1923–31 (3pp);  
 Interview with Mr Joseph Brennan, 3 June 1971 (8pp);  
 Notes for interview with Dr J. Brennan (No. 2), 1931 and later years (5pp);  
 Second Interview with Mr Joseph Brennan, 8 July 1971 (9pp);  
 Notes for interview with Dr J. Brennan (No. 3);  
 Third Interview with Mr Joseph Brennan, 21 July 1971 (10pp);  
 Fourth Interview with Dr Joseph Brennan, 19 August 1971 (8pp);  
 Correspondence between the two elaborating and clarifying matters in discussion (July 1971–May 1972, 6 items);  
 Some copies of documents from official sources such as a copy of a Finance memorandum by Brennan entitled ‘Notes on the currency situation in Saorstát Éireann (15 August 1924, 9pp);  
 An appreciation of Joseph Brennan by J.F.M. [Prof James Meenan] in the *Irish Times*, (10 March 1976);  
 Photocopy of an article by Leon Ó Broin, ‘Joseph Brennan, Civil Servant Extraordinary’ from *Studies* Spring 1977.  
 The notes consist largely of a set of questions to be addressed at their meetings, though the meetings range over much broader territory and touch on all aspects of Irish banking regulation since independence. Occasional glosses are added by Moynihan to the narrative of their conversations.
- 25 items

- 88            1972–78                            Spiral notebook used by Maurice Moynihan for a variety of purposes, mainly notes for *Currency and Central Banking in Ireland, 1922–60* (1975). Notes include points to be checked on Moynihan’s next visits to the National Library and the Royal Dublin Society as well as points of fact. Also used as an *aide-mémoire* for meetings; memorandum on matters requiring his attention, mainly routine; and some notes on research work at the Franciscan Library Killiney [preliminary work on *Speeches and Statements?*] ‘Notes of interview with Dr J. Brennan, Thursday 3/8/72, removed from this notebook and placed on file on 5/8/72’. 9/9/74 At Dún Mhuire today ... I got a general idea of the layout of the papers (of which only a small part has been sorted since they were received at Dún Mhuire a week or two before Mr de V. left office as P. I picked out one document, a press cutting, apparently from the Daily Mail and dating from after 20/1/23 and probably not later than Feb. This contained a report of an interview by Mr de V. I have left this on top – inside – of bundle of clippings in envelope marked “1922–1923” & may borrow later to get copy’  
c.40pp
- 89            Not dated                            Typescript list headed ‘Central Bank’. List is of S. files related to Central Bank subjects such as the establishment of the Bank itself, the link with sterling, devaluation in September 1949, and general files on banking and financial matters.  
1p
- 90            January–February 1974    Typescript appreciation of J.J. McElligott (d.21 January 1974) by T.K. Whitaker, Governor of the Central Bank, published in the *Irish Times* (3pp). Correspondence between Whitaker, Moynihan and Hubert Mahony, Gill and Macmillan, concerning Moynihan’s wish to have the appreciation included in his book, a wish strenuously resisted by Mahony 2 items). Four press cuttings from the *Irish Times* concerning aspects of McElligott’s career. Letter from Ann McElligott [daughter] thanking Moynihan for his kind letter and commenting on the forthcoming book (22 February 1974, 4pp).        8 items

- 91 February–  
August 1975 File of cuttings reporting the publication of *Currency and Central Banking in Ireland, 1922–60*, mainly supplied by an agency and relating to the launch of the book by Richie Ryan, Minister for Finance on 28 July 1975. Many of the cuttings contain press photographs of the occasion. 16pp
- 92 August 1975–  
February 1976 Letters of congratulation on the publication of the book, received mainly from those to whom complimentary copies had been sent at Moynihan's suggestion. Correspondents include Joseph Brennan, James Meenan ('one of the most amusing books I've read for ages'), John A. Costello, and Paddy Lynch. 6 items
- 93 1975–77 Copies of reviews of *Currency and Central Banking in Ireland, 1922–60* from journals including the *TLS*, *Economic History Review*, *Irish Historical Studies*, and *Irish Economic and Social History Review*. Includes a copy of the *Irish Banking Review* March 1976, containing a review article by David O'Mahony, Professor of Economics, University College Cork (7pp). Most of the reviews are supplied by the Central Bank. 27 items

**2.3.2. Speeches and statements by Eamon de Valera,  
1917–73 (1980)**

- 94 1926 *A National Policy outlined by Eamon de Valera. Speech delivered at the inaugural meeting of Fianna Fáil, May 1926.*  
Pamphlet published by Fianna Fáil, autographed by de Valera, with corrections to the text initialled and dated by Maurice Moynihan. 24pp

- 95            1928                            *Fianna Fáil and its economic policy. A speech delivered by Eamon de Valera in the Free State Parliament.*  
Very heavily edited and annotated by Maurice Moynihan for *Speeches and statements ...* .                            16pp
- 96            1936                            *National discipline and majority rule. Three speeches delivered by Eamon de Valera, August 1936. Fianna Fáil Pamphlet No. 1*  
32pp
- 97            1939                            *The unity of Ireland. Partition debated in Seanad Éireann. Mr de Valera's speech.*  
Published by the Stationery Office. With corrections and annotations by Maurice Moynihan, for *Speeches and statements ...* .  
16pp
- 98            1945                            Autographed copy of *Taoiseach's broadcast to the nation*. Reprinted from the *Irish Press*, 17 May 1945. Broadcast to the nation on the conclusion of the war in Europe.                            8pp
- 99            [1953]                            *Current questions. Extracts from recent speeches by Eamon de Valera.*  
Published by Fianna Fáil, Upper Mount Street, Dublin. Contains extracts from twelve speeches touching subjects such as external assets, unemployment and a national development fund.                            52pp
- 100           1965-79                            Correspondence concerning Mr de Valera's wish to have the royalties from the proposed edition of his speeches and statements paid to the Irish Red Cross Society. Correspondence is mainly with Michael Gill of Gill & Macmillan. Contains some earlier material concerning the payment of royalties from other publications, such as a reprint of *Ireland's case against conscription*, originally published in 1918, paid to the Society.                            12 items

- 101 February–October 1974 Correspondence between Maurice Moynihan, Michael Gill of Gill & Macmillan Ltd, and Brian Farrell, Department of Politics, University College Dublin, concerning the prospective publication of *Speeches and Statements*. Includes letter from Michael Gill to Moynihan (6 February 1974) enclosing a copy of a report by Farrell on the project (3pp). Handwritten notes by Moynihan on Farrell's report (4pp). Minute by Moynihan of a discussion with Gill and Farrell (12 June 1974). Letter from Gill (13 June 1974) enclosing a photocopy of Farrell's detailed working notes on Moynihan's text (13pp), subsequently annotated by Moynihan. Further correspondence and related notes concern both *Speeches and Statements* and points raised by Farrell in his *Chairman or Chief?*  
40pp
- 102 September 1980– March 1981 File of correspondence and reviews concerning *Speeches and Statements of Eamon de Valera, 1917–73*. Includes correspondence with publishers Gill & Macmillan; letters of congratulation and appreciation; and copies of reviews, mainly from Irish newspapers and journals. Includes two photographs of Maurice Moynihan with President Patrick Hillery, on the occasion of the presentation of a copy of the book to the President, 23 October 1980.  
30 items

### 2.3.3. Research on the Constitution

- 103 1937 *Irish language version of the Constitution:* Documents relating mainly to the work of preparing the Irish version of the draft Constitution, including a typescript copy of the Report of the Committee on the Spelling of Irish in the Draft Constitution/Coiste Litrighthe na Gaedhilge sa Dréacht-Bhunreacht (10pp) annotated by Moynihan as being a spare copy removed from Department of the Taoiseach file S9859 on 4 March 1963; and typescript copies of documents relating to the preparation of the Irish text including list of personnel, their contributions, and the subsequent question of remuneration (9pp).  
9pp



- 104 Not dated Handwritten notes by Maurice Moynihan, summarising the content of two Department of the Taoiseach files, S9965A (44pp) and S9859 (9pp), dealing with the Irish language version of the 1937 Constitution. Consists of a précis of the contents of the files on a document by document basis.  
**5/5/37** Letter from P. of E.C. to Father P. de Brún, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, forwarding a copy of the Draft Constitution, thanking him for having prepared the Preamble in Irish and explaining that the P. had accepted a version prepared by another author who was at hand and with whom the President had had an opportunity of discussing the matter. 2 items
- 105 [1949–] 1961–67 Papers relating to an undefined project undertaken by Moynihan at the request of President de Valera, to write an account of the origins of the 1937 Constitution. Includes lists of revisions to the Free State Constitution (9 July 1945, 6pp) and of relevant Dáil Éireann debates; together with copies of debates and extracts from speeches. Also includes:  
Typescript note initialled by Moynihan, entitled 'Draft History of the Constitution of 1937' together with dated and initialled revisions, all written by Moynihan (January 1949, 18pp);  
Typescript copy note initialled by Moynihan concerning the circumstances of the Governorship General being offered to Domhnall Ua Buachalla in 1932 and the alternative considered by the Executive Council of abolishing the position, from Department of the Taoiseach file S.8540 (4 January 1950, 6pp), subsequently annotated by Moynihan 'Only copy in papers received from Dr Ó Nualláin' (12 January 1962);  
Correspondence between Moynihan and N.S. Ó Nualláin, Secretary to the Government concerning access to relevant papers in the Department of the Taoiseach (25 items, 1961–67);  
Correspondence between Moynihan and John J. Hearne, Legal Adviser to the Department of External Affairs at the time of the framing of the Constitution, and now Consultant on Statute Law Revision, Ministry of Justice, P.O. Box M.60, Accra, Ghana, concerning documentation of conversations between Hearne and the Taoiseach at the time of the framing, and any relevant material likely to be found in the Department (October 1963–November 1966, 6 items); and correspondence between Ó Nualláin and Hugh McCann, Secretary, External Affairs, concerning External Affairs files and their availability to Moynihan (3 items, 1963–66). 133pp

- 106            22 September 1975            Handwritten notes by Maurice Moynihan, headed 'Discussed today with Maurice Hearne (son of John Hearne) of the *Irish Independent*, who is collecting material for an article or articles on the preparation of the draft Constitution'. Notes consist of a sequence of the main developments from February 1932, mainly public statements by Mr de Valera, of his intentions in this regard.  
3pp
- 107            10 February 1981            Letter from H.J. Dowd, Department of the Taoiseach, to Maurice Moynihan, Castle Avenue, Clontarf, enclosing, as arranged by telephone, a list of the Department's files concerning the Constitution of 1922. He indicates those transferred to the State Paper Office and those retained in the Department.  
2pp
- 108            13 February 1981            Letter from H.J. Dowd, Department of the Taoiseach, to Maurice Moynihan, Castle Avenue, Clontarf, enclosing, as arranged, copies of a series of three articles by Brian Farrell on 'The drafting of the Irish Free State Constitution' from *The Irish Jurist* (1970-71) and of an article by D.H. Akenson and J.F. Fallin on 'The Irish Civil War and the drafting of the Free State Constitution' from *Eire-Ireland* (1970).  
5 items
- 109            [1981]                            Three foolscap notebooks containing handwritten notes by Maurice Moynihan on the 1922 Constitution. References are mainly to Dáil Debates and Department of the Taoiseach files with commentary and analysis by Moynihan.  
43pp
- 110            April-June 1987            3 letters from Seán Faughnan, Templeogue, Dublin. A master's student in UCD, he is researching the 1937 Constitution and requests a meeting. The final letter poses supplementary questions concerning the Social Order Summer School in 1936, attended by both Maurice and Seán Moynihan.  
7pp

- 111            30 July 1987            Letter from Seán Faughnan, Templeogue, Dublin 16, to Maurice Moynihan (2pp), enclosing a copy of his article 'The Jesuits and the drafting of the 1937 Constitution' (33pp) in which he draws on and cites interviews with Dr Moynihan. Handwritten draft letter from Moynihan commenting on the article (3pp).            3 items

#### **2.3.4. Documents concerning Eamon de Valera**

- 112            February 1949            Handwritten notes by de Valera headed 'Notes as basis of account of my connection with the Volunteers: begun 12.3.49'.
- Notes consist of a series of points rather than a narrative and cover his enrolment, early training, appointment as an officer, Howth gun running, the split with Redmond and subsequent reorganisation, his appointment as Brigade Commandant on Pearse's instruction, preparations for Easter Week.
- 'Meeting at HQ (Dawson St) Pearse in Chair. (Summer or Spring 1915) Possibility of rising discussed. Sept mentioned as possible. Pearse showed us letter on grey note paper to be given to us as signal. Messenger would give password Howth. We settled "reply" to password each commander his own. Mine was "Bruree". Pearse (or Connolly) outlined general strategic plan. . . . Those at meeting were: Pearse, McDonagh, Daly, Kent. I am not sure if Connolly [was] there. Think not. Told to contact Connolly who would be in charge of City.
- N.B. I was only one at that meeting who did not expect to survive. My age was abv [above] average of the others.'
- Describes subsequent meetings with Connolly, planning and training, and initial events of the Easter Rising.
- Notes written on pages from a small notebook.            15pp
- 113            22 February 1950            Handwritten notes by de Valera on his earliest involvement with the Volunteers.
- 'The private meetings and the art.[icle] in the Claidheamh Soluis by Eoin MacNeill which led to the Pub.[lic] Meeting on Nov. 25, 1913 at the Rotunda are known. I read the art. in the C.S. and went to the meeting. Enrolment forms were handed out and after the speeches I considered whether I should

- 113 contd. join. I was married and my wife and children were dependent on me. I had no doubt that the formation of the Volunteers meant that there wd. be an armed insurrection. The question was – was I justified in entering into an engagement to take part in an insurrection with its likely consequences. I decided that our manpower was such that if the movement was confined to unmarried men it would not be numerous enough to succeed. So I crossed the Rubicon and joined. From the moment I signed my name I regarded myself as a soldier with battle inevitably in the offing’.  
Describes his early training and his meeting Batt O’Connor who, he was unaware, was a member of the I.R.B.  
4pp
- 114 13 June 1950 Typescript note, signed and dated by Eamon de Valera, on the adoption of the title *Óglaigh na hÉireann* as the Irish language equivalent for the Irish Volunteers, the use of *Fianna Fáil* as an alternative, particularly in the cap badge of the Dublin Brigade and later in the crest for the whole movement.  
1p
- 115 Not dated Pencil notes by de Valera headed ‘Personal’, concerning his family background.  
‘Father told Mother he was born in Spain, that his mother died young & his father traded with Cuba (Sugar) (Spain, Cuba): He learned his languages in Europe, studied to be a sculptor, had one eye injured, then took to bookkeeping & his health declining he taught music ...’  
Includes a list of birthdays of his mother’s siblings.  
Page is from a small notebook. 2pp
- 116 Not dated Notes handwritten by de Valera, in ink and pencil, on his genealogy, mainly concerning his parents and especially his mother.  
‘Was married at Greenville, “Father Hennessy’s” Church, Sept 19, 1881.  
Lived in New York from Nov 1881 – at 61 East 41<sup>st</sup> (apartment)  
I was born at Nursery & Childs Hospital, Lexington Ave & (59<sup>th</sup>St?)’.  
Page is from a small notebook. 2pp

- 117 Not dated Photocopy of a handwritten statement by de Valera, with a handwritten note by Maurice Moynihan explaining its provenance.  
 'Photographed (*sic*) from what appeared to be an original written by the President himself, which I propose to return to Marie [Ní Cheallaigh] with other papers. MM 8/8/81'.  
 'I have had a wonderful life. At the outset I want to thank God for it. I have not achieved the things I would have wished to achieve but I have achieved more than I would ever have dreamed of – dared to dream of as a boy or as a youth.  
 I have had all the things that in a human way make for happiness. Good health, strength, the best woman in the world as wife, children of whom I can be justly proud and grand children a daily source of joy in my advancing years and a firm belief in the life to come – what more can man desire except that there where await the deserving what "eye hath not seen["] etc. the hope that he might be numbered amongst those that will find their place on the right hand of the Lord. In my life I have had as co-workers some of the finest people that God has made – noble, devoted, loyal'.  
 Handwritten copy in Moynihan's hand with additional exegesis.  
 'Eamon de Valera looking back on his life. The following is a faithful copy of a document which was among some personal papers of Eamon de Valera lent to me by Marie O'Kelly on 30 September 1975. (He died on 29 August 1975). It is - the original document of which the following is a copy – in his own writing but is unsigned and also undated. I would guess that it was written within, say, the last ten years of his life, not earlier:  
 Moynihan's copy signed and dated 6 November 1975  
 8pp
- 118 Not dated Two handwritten notes by Moynihan on aspects of de Valera's character and career, one concerning 'Dev and diplomacy, the other, Dev and Blackrock [College].  
 'Dev and diplomacy. His was simple honesty. Have I a note of a statement by him to some such effect?'  
 The Blackrock note is taken from the College Annual.  
 2pp
- 119 25 February 1963 Typescript copy of a letter from Mr de Valera to Frank Pakenham, concerning the reasons for his not going to London with the Delegation of Plenipotentiaries (6pp). The copy is annotated by Maurice Moynihan to the effect that he was present when President de Valera reviewed the draft of the letter in Áras an Uachtaráin. Letter from Dr Deirdre McMahon to Dr Moynihan (2 October 1982, 1p)

- 119 contd. enclosing a typescript text of an additional letter from de Valera to Pakenham (27 February 1963, 1p), in the Childers Papers in T.C.D MSS Department. Letter from Con Cremin, Killarney, to Moynihan (30 September 1982, 2pp), on the same subject, referring to Moynihan's letter published in the *Sunday Independent*. Cremin refers to contacts between de Valera and Pakenham in 1963, when he, Cremin, was in the London Embassy. 5 items
- 120 31 October 1964 Typescript list of 44 questions addressed or to be addressed to President de Valera at a meeting between himself and a number of historians in Áras an Uachtaráin. Annotated by Maurice Moynihan to the effect that he and Tom O'Neill were present at the meeting. The first two questions ask what can be done, from a Presidential level, to ensure that the material in the custody of the Bureau of Military History will be made available to historians; and what categories of documents he intends making available. The majority of questions relate to the period before 1927; the questions concerning events after 1932 relating mainly to the relationship between Fianna Fáil and the I.R.A. 5pp
- 121 November– December 1970 Cutting from the *Daily Telegraph* containing a review by Patrick Cosgrave of the Longford/O'Neill biography of de Valera. Letter from Maurice Moynihan to the editor of the *Telegraph* dealing at length with 'so mean a personal attack' (9 November 1970, 5pp). Letter from Colin Welch, Deputy Editor, *Daily Telegraph*, to Maurice Moynihan, regretting that his letter is 'far too long' (12 November 1970, 1p). Three cuttings from the newspaper containing a revised and published version of Moynihan's rebuttal of points in the review; Patrick Cosgrave's response; and Moynihan's further rejoinder (28 November–21 December 1970). 9 items
- 122 [August 1975] Unidentified typescript memorandum on foreign press coverage of the death of Eamon de Valera (4pp). The memo analyses and quotes from print media coverage of the death in the European press, particularly British, French, German and Italian newspapers. 2 press cuttings containing appreciations of de Valera at the time of his death; by Patrick O'Donovan from *The Observer*, and Owen Dudley Edwards from the *Glasgow Herald* 3 items

- 123 July 1982 Note from J.P. Duggan, Registrar, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, concerning Moynihan's contribution to a commemorative pamphlet on the centenary of Mr de Valera's birth. Handwritten and typescript drafts of the article on 'Eamon de Valera and the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies' (6pp, 4pp). Offprint of 'Eamon de Valera' by J.L. Synge F.R.S., reprinted from *Biographical Memoirs of Fellows of the Royal Society* (November 1976, 20pp), and including a contribution from Rev James R. McConnell, Senior Professor in the School of Theoretical Physics, D.I.A.S.
- 6 items

### 2.3.5. General research and writing

- 124 1960 Pamphlet *The Functions of the Department of the Taoiseach* by M. Ó Muimhneacháin. Institute of Public Administration Departments of State Series 1  
20pp
- 125 1963, 1974, 1976 Copies of correspondence between Eamon de Valera, Talbot Lodge, Blackrock, County Dublin, and Fr Cathal Ó Gibealláin OFM, Dún Mhuire, County Dublin, concerning the provision of access for Dr Maurice Moynihan to the de Valera papers deposited in Killiney (May–September 1974, 3 items); copy of an earlier letter of permission from de Valera for Miss Máire Ní Cheallaigh, his personal secretary, to consult the papers (24 September 1963, 1p). Copies supplied to Maurice Moynihan by Marie O'Kelly (21 September 1976, 1p).
- 5 items
- 126 1984 Three pages of notes by Moynihan, written on the back of corrected galley, concerning W.T. Cosgrave. Consists of a list of twenty four points, many consisting of questions or people whom it would be worthwhile to consult. Concerns mainly Cosgrave's involvement in the 1916 Rising, his role in the Civil War, and possible personal antagonism between him and de Valera.  
2. W.T.'s papers – in [UCD] Archives? or Nat. Library? Or in Liam's possession?  
10. Is there hard evidence to show that he firmly rejected a suggestion (by Blythe, certain Army officers?) that Fianna Fáil shd. be prevented





- 130            March 1983                            Letter from Brendan Mullins, a teacher at Cross & Passion College, Kilcullen, County Kildare (8 March 1983, 1p), enclosing material (8pp) relating to an interview between Mullins and Maurice Moynihan. The interview arose from Moynihan's participation in the television series 'The age of de Valera' and was directed towards the preparation of an article on the economic development of independent Ireland for the school magazine. Moynihan's grand-daughter, Nicola, was a student of the school at the time. The typescript draft text of the article is heavily annotated by Moynihan.                            9pp
- 131            August 1986–  
April 1987                            Correspondence with Dr Dermot Keogh, Department of Modern History, University College Cork. Keogh raises specific questions, mainly concerning points in his just published, *The Vatican, The Bishops and Irish Politics, 1919–39* (1986) and ongoing research, mainly related to Irish neutrality and foreign policy. Includes four lengthy handwritten copy or draft letters from Moynihan to Keogh.                            9 Items
- 132            9 January 1987                            Letter from Brian P. Kennedy, Foxrock, Dublin 18, outlining research he is doing on Fr Senan Moynihan, editor of the *Capuchin Annual*, and J.J. Hearne. His interest in Hearne arises from his involvement in the framing of the 1937 Constitution. He would be delighted if he could talk to Moynihan (9 January 1987 3pp). Further letter from Kennedy (25 March 1987, 1p) enclosing a copy of his article on Hearne which is to be published in the *Irish Times*, 'John Hearne – the man behind the Irish Constitution?' (10pp) and which draws heavily on Kennedy's interview with Maurice Moynihan.                            15pp

**2.4. Photographs**

- 133            [3 June 1957]            Photograph taken in the Fellow's Garden, Trinity College Dublin, on the occasion of [the opening of the new Manuscripts Room in the former magnetic observatory]. Mr de Valera is standing before a microphone with the College Mace Bearer behind him. The Provost, Dr A.J. McConnell, is seated to de Valera's left. Maurice Moynihan is seated to the Provost's left.            23x17cms
- 134            23 June 1959            Eamon de Valera photographed with Maurice Moynihan seated at a desk in conversation. Photograph taken shortly after Mr de Valera's election as President.            21x15cms
- 135            [c.1960]            Studio portrait of Maurice Moynihan. Head and shoulders in formal attire. Lafayette, Dublin.            17x10cms