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BIOGRAPHY

Dr. James R. Killian, Jr., became Chairman of the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on January 1, 1959, after serving as President since October 15, 1948. Upon his retirement as Chairman in 1971, he was appointed Honorary Chairman of the Corporation. The period of his presidency and chairmanship was marked by great expansion and building, by increase in graduate study and in research, and by expansion of the humanities and social sciences.

For a number of years Dr. Killian has been one of the leading spokesmen for educational innovation and curriculum reform, especially in pre-college schools; for the strengthening and broadening of engineering education; and for greater support of basic research.

From November 1957 to July 1959, Dr. Killian was on leave from MIT, serving as Special Assistant for Science and Technology to President Eisenhower. This was the first time a President of the United States had appointed a Science Adviser, and in this position Dr. Killian chaired the President's Science Advisory Committee, which was reconstituted to report directly to the President. As the President's Science Adviser, Dr. Killian assisted in reassuring the American public about our scientific and technological strength following Sputnik I.

Earlier (1954), President Eisenhower had asked Dr. Killian to head a special task force of about forty scientists, engineers and military officers, the Technological Capabilities Panel, which made important recommendations to the President and the National Security Council for advancing our military technology, especially our missiles program. It was this panel that recommended the development of the Polaris submarine and the U-2.

Dr. Killian was born in Blacksburg, S.C., on July 24, 1904, the son of the late James Robert and Jeannette (Rhyne) Killian and a descendant of Andreas Killian, who came from Germany to Pennsylvania in 1749 and emigrated to Catawba County, N.C. His father was a textile manufacturer.

After attending the McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tenn., he studied at Trinity College (now Duke University) from 1921 to 1923, when he transferred to MIT. He was a member of the Class of 1926 and received the degree of Bachelor of Science in business and engineering administration. He remained at the Institute to become assistant managing editor of Technology Review. He became managing editor in 1927 and served as editor from 1930 to 1939, when he was made executive assistant to the President of MIT, Dr. Karl Taylor Compton.

During World War II, when Dr. Compton was one of the nation's leaders in the application of science to the war effort, and when MIT was transformed into one of the nation's largest centers for weapons research and development, Dr. Killian carried heavy burdens in the administration of the Institute. He was appointed executive vice president in July 1943, and was elected vice president and member of the Corporation in December 1945. At the age of 44, in October 1948, Dr. Killian became President and Dr. Compton
became Chairman of the Corporation. Dr. Killian's inauguration as President in April 1949 was the concluding event in MIT's great Mid-Century Convocation, "The Social Implications of Scientific Progress," in which some of the world's most distinguished figures participated, led by Sir Winston Churchill.

Under Dr. Killian's presidency and chairmanship, MIT steadily increased its financial resources, not only to meet current needs but also, through long-range plans, to provide for continual advancement in education and research.

Early in his administration the Institute, in response to a recommendation of a Faculty Committee on Educational Survey formed at his suggestion, established a School of Humanities and Social Studies. The Institute program was further widened when in 1952 a School of Industrial Management was established at the initiative of Alfred P. Sloan through grants from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Inc. The Center for International Studies and the Lincoln Laboratory are other important units of MIT established during Dr. Killian's presidency. These extensions of the MIT program were all contributory to the creation of a new kind of institution which Dr. Killian has described as a "university polarized around science, engineering, and the arts."

Dr. Killian has an extensive record of service to the government. He was a member of President Truman's Science Advisory Committee appointed by President Truman in 1951, and in 1957, following Sputnik, President Eisenhower appointed him his Special Assistant for Science and Technology and in this post he served as the first Presidential science advisor until his return to MIT in July 1959. He was a member of President Truman's Communications Policy Board, 1950-51 and his Advisory Committee on Management, 1950-52; the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy, 1953-55; and was chairman of the Army Scientific Advisory Panel from 1951 to 1956. Dr. Killian retired in 1963 as Chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board after two years of service. During the Eisenhower administration he also served as chairman of this "watchdog" committee.

In addition to Dr. Killian’s participation in government advisory and study groups, he has been a member of commissions and groups studying national goals. In 1954-56 he was a member of the Committee for the White House Conference on Education. In 1960-61 he served on the President’s Commission on National Goals, which prepared the report, “Goals for Americans.” He was also a member of the Rockefeller Brothers Panel which had the overall responsibility for a series of six Special Studies issued during the period 1958-61 and published under the general title, “Prospect for America.” In 1962, at the request of President Kennedy, the National Academy of Sciences appointed a committee to make a report on the utilization of scientific and engineering manpower, and Dr. Killian chaired this group. In 1965 he was invited by the Carnegie Corporation to be Chairman of the Carnegie Commission on Educational Television, a commission which in 1967 made recommendations for extensive development of “public television,” which led Congress to pass and the President to approve the “Public Television Act of 1967.” In March 1968 Dr. Killian was nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate as a director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a six-year term. In 1969 he was appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate as a member of the General
Advisory Committee of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and served on the Committee until 1974. In 1974 he chaired an ad hoc committee of the National Academy of Sciences, whose charge was “to look into the question of scientific and technical advice to the government, including the advisory and coordinating functions previously carried out by the White House science advisory complex.” This report was influential in leading to the passage by Congress and approval by President Ford of the "Presidential Science and Technology Advisory Organization Act of 1976." In 1982 he was a member of the Panel on Scientific Communication and National Security appointed by the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine.

Dr. Killian was a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston from 1954 to 1957 and was a trustee of Mount Holyoke College from 1962 to 1972, of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation from 1954 to 1977, and of the MITRE Corporation from 1960 to 1982. He is a trustee of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and the Boston Museum of Science. He is a member of the board of the Polaroid Corporation, and he earlier served as a director of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, the Cabot Corporation, General Motors Corporation, the Ingersoll-Rand Co. and IBM. During the period of its existence he served as President of Atoms for Peace Awards, Inc. He was Moderator of the American Unitarian Association from 1960 to 1961.

His thirty nine honorary degrees include: LL.D., Union College, 1947; Bowdoin College, 1949; Northeastern University, 1949; Duke University, 1949; Boston University, 1950; Harvard University, 1950; Williams College, 1951; Lehigh University, 1951; University of Pennsylvania, 1951; University of Chattanooga, 1954; Tufts University, 1955; University of California, 1956; Amherst College, 1956; College of William and Mary, 1957; Brandeis University, 1958; New York University and Johns Hopkins, 1959; Providence College, 1960; Temple University, 1960; University of South Carolina, 1961; Meadville Theological School, 1962; Sc.D., Middlebury College, 1945; Bates College, 1950; University of Havana, Cuba, 1953; Notre Dame University, 1954; Lowell Technological Institute, 1954; Columbia University, 1958; College of Wooster, 1958; Oberlin College, 1958; University of Akron, 1959; Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1960; University of Maine, 1963; D.Eng., Drexel Institute of Technology, 1948; University of Illinois, 1960; University of Massachusetts, 1961; D. Appl. Sci., University of Montreal, 1958; Ed. D., Rhode Island College, 1962; H.H.D., Rollins College, 1964; D.P.S., Detroit Institute of Technology, 1972.

Dr. Killian received the President's Certificate of Merit in 1948; the Certificate of Appreciation, Department of the Army, 1953; and the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service, Department of the Army, 1957; French Legion of Honor, 1957; the Gold Medal of the National Institute of Social Sciences, 1958; World Brotherhood Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1958; Award of Merit of the American Institute of Consulting Engineers, 1958; Washington Award, Western Society of Engineers, 1959; Distinguished Achievement Award, Holland Society of New York, 1959; the Gold Medal of the International Benjamin Franklin Society, 1960; the Good Government Award, Crosscup-Pishon Post, American Legion, 1960; and the Hoover Medal, 1963. He was elected honorary member of the American Society for Engineering
Education in 1963. He was awarded the Public Welfare Medal of the National Academy of Sciences in 1957 and elected to membership in the National Academy of Engineering in 1967. In 1968 he received a George Foster Peabody Broadcasting Special Education Award for his service as Chairman of the Carnegie Commission on Educational Television, and in 1976 he received a second Peabody Award for "his outstanding contributions to Public Broadcasting in the United States." In 1969 he was named New England "Man of the Year" by the New England Council and received the Golden Omega Award of the Electrical Insulation Conference. In 1970 he received the Prometheus Award of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association. In 1978 Dr. Killian received the Sylvanus Thayer Award of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and in 1980 was the recipient of the first Vannevar Bush Award of the National Science Board. Dr. Killian is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of Sigma Chi and an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi. His clubs include the St. Botolph (Boston), the Century (New York City), and the University Club (New York City).


Dr. Killian was married in 1929 to Elizabeth Parks of Asheboro, N.C., a graduate of Wellesley College. Dr. Killian died on January 29, 1988.

The biographical note above was prepared by the MIT News Office in March 1988 and updated by the Institute Archives in 2008.
SUMMARY

Material received in 1980
The papers include correspondence, reports, financial data, publicity material and minutes of board meetings from the Carnegie Commission on Educational Television and from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; correspondence and speeches as Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, 1957-1959; background information, publicity and manuscript drafts for *Sputnik, Scientists and Eisenhower*; correspondence, financial data, notes, and photographs from the Atoms for Peace Awards and a manuscript draft of *Proceedings of the Atoms for Peace Awards*; and NATO Commission reports and correspondence.

Material received in 1984 (See also Series Descriptions)
The papers document Killian’s professional and personal life from 1923 to 1985. The bulk of the accession dates from 1957 to 1984 and deals primarily with his non-MIT professional activities.

Material received in 1988
The papers (1904, 1930-1988) consist of Killian's personal and business correspondence; biographical information; and correspondence, memos, and reports for the board of Directors of the Sharon (N.H.) Arts Center, Polaroid Corporation, and the Winston Churchill Foundation, of which he was a member. Also included are drafts and notes for *Education of a College President*; original poetry and literary excerpts from his readings for use in future writings and speeches; and private journals.

Material received in 1992
Cassette tape recording of an interview with Killian in 1982 in which he describes research at MIT, especially during World War II, including the MIT Radiation Laboratory. (Box 63)

Material received in 2000
Seven letters written by James Killian to Maude Barnes (Wells), sister of Speight Barnes, a friend of Killian's at Trinity College [now Duke University], between 1922 and 1927.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS (for materials received in 1984)

SERIES I. PERSONAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL FILES AND EARLY MIT POSITIONS, 1923 - 1984

Appointment books and calendars (boxes 19 - 21) include Killian’s desk and pocket calendars, and some 1950s desk calendars used by Elizabeth Pigott (Killian’s assistant) and other office staff. The earliest item in the accession is a 1923 letter written by the MIT registrar to Killian’s father concerning application procedures for transfer students (box 22). The biographical card index (box 22) serves as a very complete listing of all of Killian’s activities from 1926 on. The 1925 biographical sketch (box 22) indicates that “developing scientific methods in textile industry” was Killian’s career ambition upon his graduation from MIT. Material from his early MIT positions (box 23) includes lecture
material from writing courses he taught at MIT and Simmons College while he was editor of Technology Review; correspondence about the Radiation Laboratory in 1942; records of a trip through the West made by Killian as MIT vice president in 1946; and correspondence with Vannevar Bush. Additional biographical material can be found at the MIT Museum and Historical Collections.

SERIES II. CORRESPONDENCE FILES, 1928 - 1984

The series helps to document Killian’s non-MIT professional activities and provides information about his personal relationships with friends and colleagues. For the most part, the series is in alphabetical sequence.

The series contains a small amount of correspondence relating to MIT matters, such as the Class of 1926, Sigma Chi and MIT Clubs of various American cities. Additionally, there is correspondence with many MIT people including Vincent Fulmer, Howard Johnson, and Julius Stratton that concerns personal or non-MIT professional matters. Papers concerning some organizations or persons can be found in both Series II and Series III (e.g., the Museum of Science or the Nutrition Foundation).

Of particular interest are papers on a 1950 radio broadcast of America’s Town Meeting of the Air (box 24). In addition to Killian’s remarks are written statements submitted to Killian by Francis O. Schmitt, George Harrison, Arthur Cope, Harold Hazen, Jay Forrester, Julius Stratton, and Norbert Wiener concerning their opinions of what important scientific developments would take place during the second half of the century. U.S. Presidential correspondence (box 28) contains many letters acknowledging Killian’s appointment to and resignation from Presidential committees, boards, and panels. Also included are Christmas and birthday greetings, and an account by Elizabeth Killian of a 1962 White House dinner honoring Nobel Prize winners.

Most of the papers relating to Killian’s activities on the Carnegie Commission on Educational Television and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting are contained in the earlier accession (80-8) of his papers. There is, however, a transcript of a 1981 interview with Killian on the beginnings of public television (box 28), and two folders of papers concerning the relationship of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting with the U.S. General Accounting Office in the 1970s (box 33).

SERIES III. SUBJECT FILES, 1944 - 1985

The series presents a full record of Killian’s non-MIT professional, community service, and social activities, primarily after 1959.

Killian was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1944 and Fellow Emeritus in 1977. The papers reflect his activities on the 1946 and 1947 Commission on the Future of the Academy and include correspondence supporting nominations for membership (box 30).

Killian’s activities from 1959 to 1967 as chairman of the board of trustees of Educational
Services Incorporated (ESI) are well documented (boxes 33 - 34). Of particular interest are papers relating to the Physical Sciences Study Committee, the basis for the founding of ESI in 1958, which developed a new high school physics course textbook. In 1967 ESI merged with the Institute for Educational Innovation to form the Educational Development Center, New England’s regional education laboratory. The papers also document other laboratory projects such as curriculum development and teacher training.

Killian has been a member of the National Academy of Engineering since 1967. The papers offer some information on his activities as a member of the NAE Committee on Public Engineering Policy from 1967 to 1973. Correspondence files include Killian’s support of NAE Membership nominations and suggestions for fundraising activities. There is a small amount of material on the Energy Panel which Killian chaired from 1971 to 1972 (box 37).

Killian was chairman of several committees of the National Academy of Sciences and his activities are well represented in the papers (boxes 37 - 39). From 1973 to 1974 he was chair of the Committee on Science and Technology in Presidential Policy Making which studied how the federal government obtains and utilizes scientific and technical advice. Included are several remarks by Killian at Committee meetings, recalling his experiences with the President’s Science Advisory Committee and the mobilization of scientists and engineers for defense needs during World War II. A copy of the Committee’s 1974 final report is included. The papers also provide information on Killian’s position as chairman of the Committee on the Utilization of Scientific and Engineering Manpower from 1962 to 1967.

From 1967 to 1968 Killian was a member of the “Committee of Experts” of the Organization of American States’ Latin America Study (boxes 39 - 40). The Committee studied ways of strengthening science and technology in Latin America to assist in the economic development of that area. The papers document the activities of Herbert York, Killian’s “deputy,” and a copy of the final report is included.

Of special interest are papers documenting Killian’s activities on the 1960 President’s Commission on National Goals for Americans (box 40). The Commission addressed the perceived Sino-Soviet threat to the free world and concern for avoiding nuclear conflict. The Commission reported to President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1960; a copy of the report is included in the papers.

Also of interest are the papers relating to the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) and the President’s Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities (box 40). Killian chaired the Board of Consultants during its first year of operation from 1956 to 1957, and he remained a member until 1961 when the Board resigned. Following the Bay of Pigs invasion, President John F. Kennedy reinstated the Board under the new name, PRIAB, which Killian chaired until he resigned in 1963. Most of the records of the two Boards are housed in the Truman, Eisenhower, and Kennedy Presidential libraries. Included in Killian’s papers are a 1975 historical report of the Boards, handwritten notes by Killian, correspondence with other Board members and Allen Dulles, director of the C.I.A., and a survey of archival materials relating to the
PFIAB at the John F. Kennedy Library. Of special interest is an 8 December 1980 letter written by Killian to J. W. Middendorf outlining Killian’s activities on the two Boards and explaining his current concern for “… mobilizing first-rate scientific talent to strengthen our intelligence-gathering methods.”

Most of the records of the President’s Science Advisory Committee (PSAC), including papers created by Killian as Special Assistant to President Eisenhower from 1957 to 1959, are housed at the Eisenhower Library. But Killian’s collection contains a few papers from the Science Advisory Committee’s Technical Capabilities Panel, chaired by Killian, which reported to President Eisenhower and the National Security Council in 1955. Included is correspondence with National Security Council and Department of Defense administrators. Among the recommendations made by the panel for strengthening U.S. intelligence gathering was the building of the U-2 airplane (box 41).

Of special interest in this series are over 400 pages of typed transcripts of the 1960 - 1961 Columbia University Oral History Project’s interviews with Killian about his years as the President’s Science Advisor (box 33). Killian was a member of the PSAC from 1957 to 1961 and a consultant from 1961 to 1974. Also included in the papers are letters concerning Killian’s appointments to the PSAC, correspondence about candidates for membership, task group reports, and meeting materials. Records from the PSAC’s Panel on Arms Limitation and Control which Killian chaired from 1959 to 1960 include reports of and correspondence with panel members. Especially interesting are typed excerpts from Killian’s memorandum to President Eisenhower in March 1959 on “Some Technical Factors that Involved in Policy Decisions on Arms Limitation and Specifically on the Limitation of Nuclear Testing” (boxes 40 - 41).

In addition to his professional concerns, Killian had a continuing commitment to the welfare and progress of the cities of Boston and Cambridge. The collection offers a rich source of information on his numerous civic service activities including those at the Boston Lying-in Hospital (box 31), Boston Urban Foundation (box 31), Cambridge Corporation (boxes 31 - 32), Citizens Advisory Committee of Cambridge (box 32), the Museum of Fine Arts (box 36), the Museum of Science (box 37), and the Nutrition Foundation (box 39).

Also documented are Killian’s positions as a board member for various corporations and businesses. Included among these are American Telephone and Telegraph (box 30), Cabot Corporation (box 31), General Motors (box 35), and the MITRE Corporation (box 36).

SERIES IV. SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS, 1931 - 1984

The series is arranged in chronological order. Speeches date from 1931 to 1984 (boxes 43 - 56). Box 42 contains an index. For the most part, the subseries contain Killian’s addresses to non-MIT professional and civic organizations and related correspondence. Also included are addresses he gave at MIT for Corporation meetings, convocations, and dedications; testimonies to Congressional committees; and lectures to seminars at Harvard and MIT. Publications (boxes 56 - 64) date from 1934 to 1984, and box 56
contains the index. Included are journal articles and related correspondence pertaining to his non-MIT professional activities and topics of interest, particularly the training and education of scientists and engineers. Technology Review articles written by Killian were discarded as they are available in the Institute Archives. (Citations for these articles are available in the publications index in box 56.) “Back-up” material from his publications (box 59 - 64) contains those materials which Killian consulted in the preparation of the particular project. Of interest is the back-up material for the publication, The Education of a College President, Killian’s memoirs, which contains correspondence with individuals reflecting upon memorable events in Killian’s life.

SERIES V. TRAVEL RECORDS, 1951 - 1984

This series offers very little information about Killian’s activities. It contains a large amount of financial records such as bills and receipts, and correspondence about billing procedures. Of interest are itineraries and a small amount of correspondence. Information about a particular trip is located in the personal correspondence or subject files under the name of the organization which sponsored the trip or event.

SERIES VI. INFORMATION FILES, 1951 - 1984

This series contains primarily those papers which Killian collected or were sent to him for his information. Generally, they do not relate to any one particular person or organization. There is a small amount of correspondence, primarily letters of transmittal or acknowledgement.

RELATED COLLECTIONS

AC 125  MIT Corporation. Office of the Chairman, records of James R. Killian

AC 4    MIT Office of the President, records of Karl T. Compton and James R. Killian
Material Received in 1980

Carnegie Commission on Educational Television (ETV)

1 ETV: Final Report (list of organizations and individuals who acknowledged receiving the report – actual acknowledgement letters were sent to the office of the Carnegie Commission in Cambridge for inclusion in their Archives)

1 ETV – Finances – includes final accounting as submitted to the Carnegie Corporation of New York

1 ETV – “Technology & Television” – report of Dr. A.G. Hill and Charles Theodore

1 ETV – Publicity (includes folder on House Hearing 7/12/1967)

1 ETV – Correspondence 43: staff, 1966-

1 ETV – Meetings, 1965-1966

1 ETV – Miscellaneous correspondence (1966-1968)

1 ETV – Miscellaneous A-F

1 ETV – Miscellaneous G-L

2 ETV – Miscellaneous M-N

2 ETV – Miscellaneous O-Z

Corporation for Public Broadcasting

2 Corporation for Public Broadcasting interview with James Killian on beginnings of public television by Jim and Anabel Robertson

2 Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Lawsuits

2 Corporation for Public Broadcasting – PTV stations & licensees – Reports, lists, etc.

3 Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Publicity – News releases, clippings, booklets (1968-1974)

3 Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Board Meeting materials 1968-1972
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4 Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Board Meeting material 1968-1972

5 Corporation for Public Broadcasting– Basic documents re: its establishment, 1967-1968, including papers re: Senate Confirmation Hearing, 3/6/1968; Congressional Records; Presidential Document announcing on 2/17/1968 appointment of Chairman and Directors, as authorized by the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 (which has been signed by the President on 11/7/1967).

5 Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Instructional Television and Education Committee

5 Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Instructional Television and Education Committee

5 Corporation for Public Broadcasting Minutes of Board Meetings (1975)

6 Corporation for Public Broadcasting Minutes of Board Meetings (1974)

6 Corporation for Public Broadcasting Minutes of Board Meetings (1973)

6 Corporation for Public Broadcasting Minutes of Board Meetings (1973)

6 Corporation for Public Broadcasting Minutes of Board Meetings (1972)


6 Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Appointments to Board (correspondence and lists of names) (also contains a folder on the 1978 Corporation for Public Broadcasting Presidential Search)

6 Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Bylaws & Annual Reports

7 Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Carnegie Commission II

7 “Corporation for Public Broadcasting Reports” – “Corporation for Public Broadcasting Memo” – “Corporation for Public Broadcasting Newsletter”
Box 7
Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Corporate Policy, Goals, Missions, etc.

Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Development (Corporate Support, etc.)

Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Financial Statements & Budgets

Corporation for Public Broadcasting – J.R. Killian Public Statements

Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Long-range Planning

Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Long-range Planning

Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Miscellaneous Correspondence A-K

Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Miscellaneous Correspondence L-Z

Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Correspondence with Staff Members and Board Members

Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Miscellaneous Correspondence with PBS

Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Public radio

Interconnection, Station Program Cooperative, Partnership Agreement

Corporation for Public Broadcasting – Programming, including Minority Programming

Staff Matters and Fact Sheets

Box 10
J.R. Killian, Jr. Special Assistant to the President for Science & Technology (files Killian was permitted to bring back from Washington when he returned to MIT in July, 1959)

Killian: Personal Congratulatory Messages on leaving Washington, 1959

Killian – Washington Assignment (1957-1959) Background and Supporting Papers
Voice of America interview 7/15/1959

7/7/1959: Luncheon Talk, National Press Club, Washington D.C.

7/1959: Strong Thurmond Radio & TV Show

6/24/1959: U.S. House of Representatives SOS Club

6/9/1959: John Hopkins (commencement address)

6/7/1959: Hill School of Commencement


5/20/1959: NSF Conference speech re: importance of R&D in a dynamic economy

5/21/1959: Mus. of Science and Ind. Awards Banquet, L.A.

5/14/1959: Symposium on Basic Research, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Waldorf-Astoria, N.Y.C. (President Eisenhower also attended)


4/30/1959: MIT Sloan School dinner speech

4/29/1959: Conf. on Sci. and Eng. for Govt. (sponsored by Civil Service Commission and ONR)

4/15/1959: Republican Women’s Conf., Washington


3/23/1959: American Chemical Society film showing, brief remark

3/19-2/1959: NAS-NRC annual meeting

3/18/1959: MIT Faculty Club Speech, Cambridge

2/26/59: Inf. remarks to Congressional Assts., House Office Building, Wash.
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12/58: Article for the General Electric Defense Quarterly October-Dec. ’58 issue

12 5/12/58: Correspondence and article about Killian in Wellesley College newspaper

12 1/28/59: Robert Briber correspondence with MIT Public Relations Office re: article about Killian in MIT Observer

12 12/14/57: Saturday Review article (cover story) on Killian appointment as Special Assistant

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