



MG 543: Carlyle Allison fonds

Dates: 1948-1970.

Extent: 3 cm of textual records; 10 black & white photographs; 23 scanned photographs and documents; one box.

Biography: Carlyle Allison was a journalist, and close friend and advisor of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker. Born in Staynor, Ontario in 1907, his family moved to Winnipeg when he was a child. He attended the University of Manitoba (B.A., 1926). His journalism career started immediately after graduation: starting as a reporter and editor with the Winnipeg Tribune, 1926-1928; and reporter, bureau chief and editor with the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix, 1928-1935. After a brief stint with the Montreal Gazette, he returned to the Winnipeg Tribune, progressing through the ranks as managing editor (1944), editor (1946), and editor-in-chief (1951). In 1958, he was appointed by Prime Minister Diefenbaker as a full-time (and founding) member of the Board of Broadcast Governors, the precursor to the CRTC. He served as Vice-Chairman between December 1960 and 1965, but his term was not renewed by the new Liberal government. Subsequently he worked for CJAY-TV in Winnipeg, until his retirement in 1971. He died in February 1972.

Scope and Content: The collection consists primarily of correspondence, photographs and memorabilia documenting Allison's friendship and political association with John Diefenbaker – starting with Allison's advice to Diefenbaker about his leadership convention in 1948. In addition to correspondence, there are a few detailed notes to file documenting conversations between Allison and Diefenbaker, including a 19-page document entitled "Notes on the Election of the Diefenbaker Government" (1957), which also covers the appointment of Diefenbaker's first cabinet.

Arrangement: The originals of some material have been retained by the family, with digital copies donated to University Archives & Special Collections. The annotated list below was prepared by the family.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on access.

1. Copy of The Corner Cupboard, a Harlequin 50 cent book. **Not included in collection; copy available in Diefenbaker Library (P Section #65)**
2. Original #10 envelope from Winnipeg Tribune, typed words Confidential – Diefenbaker file.
3. Original telegram from W. L. Mackenzie King, to Allison, a thank you for Allison's announcement of the death of Colonel Garnet Clay Porter. Includes telegram envelope. **Original retained by family; scanned version available**
4. Typed letter on onion skin from Carlyle Allison to M.P. John Diefenbaker, Sept. 29, 1948, giving Diefenbaker pointers on what he should say during a nomination. Off the record. No original signature. One pen edit.
5. Typed letter from Carlyle Allison to John Diefenbaker on onion skin paper. "Enclosed is editorial... I have had a proof pulled and am rushing it by airmail to catch you on Friday." Sept. 30, 1948. No original signature.
6. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, April 19, 1948. No original signature. A thank you for assistance for information from John Bird. Suggestion that Diefenbaker drop by next time he comes west.
7. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, April 26, 1950. No original signature. Note on awaiting judgment about Mr. C. Missed seeing his train, not happy about Conservative convention, mention editorial rapping Mr. Drew on price control.
8. Handwritten letter from John Diefenbaker to Carlyle Allison, July 11, 1950. Signed "Sincerely Yours, John". On House of Commons letterhead, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, 2 pages double-sided writing. "Drew is coming here on the 19th and will spend one-and-a-half days here doing a "Dale Carnegie." It's a good idea for him to get around – St. Laurent has set the course for future leaders."
9. Typed letter to Constituent (mentioned as enclosure in previous letter), House of Commons letterhead, June 29, 1950. A letter meant to be a "Sessional Report in regard to matters of particular interest to the people of Lake Centre."
10. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, July 21, 1950. On onionskin paper, no original signature. A thank you for letter to Constituents. Thank you for invitation for Carlyle and Reita to visit "you and Edna in Prince Albert." Note: Edna died in 1951.

11. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from someone, Nov. 5, 1951. On onionskin, no original signature. Thank you for putting person in touch with Major-general Pearkes, says Carlyle Allison is home with a cold. Cc Mr. Allison
12. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, Dec. 17, 1951, on onionskin, no original signature. Delighted to hear about upcoming one-day stopover after Christmas adjournment. "When should I expect you?" "I suggested you speak to Institute of International Affairs, when would this work for you?"
13. Handwritten note from John Diefenbaker to Carlyle Allison, 4/9/53. On Trans-Canada Air Lines letterhead. "Dear Carlyle," "Before deplaning in Toronto..." Thank you for having me as your guest at the Canadian Club Luncheon. Signed "John." Includes original envelope addressed by John Diefenbaker and stamps.
14. Typed letter on House of Commons, Canada letterhead. Signed "John." May 1, 1953. Kind of you and Solly to come out to see at the airport, attaching a copy of Prince Albert Herald. Hope to spend an hour with you after meeting with Winnipeg P.C. Association on May 11. Best to you and Mrs. Allison and your son in his new field of endeavour. (Hand-written notation on letter about note and return.)
15. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, May 30, 1953, on onionskin, no original signature. Sorry to have missed you on recent visit to Winnipeg, but loved the beach. "the rumor about which you told me about at the airport is still nothing more than that. No one has asked me to run for anything." Please see tear sheet from the Free Press re Drew. If true it makes me cooler than ever to George and his whole entourage – not including you.
16. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, June 5, 1953, on onionskin, no original signature. Enclosing a clipping of a Tribune editorial, hope it delights you, just as sincere an editorial as I ever wrote. Suggest your people send it around to dailies and weeklies in Saskatchewan to help along your cause. I don't think I will run for parliament but do approach me with the idea of becoming a Senator for life. Did I see you smile?
17. Original clipping of above noted editorial written by John Bird. No date.
18. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, Aug. 26, 1953, on onionskin, no original signature. Happy to hear you are coming to Winnipeg. Invitation to Canadian Club (this pre-dates entry # 13). Beverley Baxter will be there. After the lunch I will drive you to the airport to catch your plane.

19. Handwritten letter on Chateau Frontenac letterhead, Sept. 18, 1953. From Beverley Baxter to Carlyle Allison. A thank you for an article in the newspaper. Raises a criticism of the article – wondering why you speak of namedropping as a foible – “you cannot be a harlot in a brothel without knowing the other girls.”
20. Typed letter from John Diefenbaker to Carlyle Allison, Feb. 1, 1954, House of Commons letterhead, original “John” signature. Enclosing a letter from Rev. Matthews regarding Mr. Rickey. Remarks quiet in the House and only warmth exhibited so far has been by the Liberal members when the question of the increase in Members salaries is opposed and haste is cautioned against.”
21. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, no date, on onionskin, no original signature. Commenting on letter from Rev. Matthews says mostly untrue and wheels are now in motion to consider an award to Rickey. I wrote suggesting the award so I want to stay out of this.
22. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, Sept. 14, 1954, on onionskin, no original signature. Thank you for flattering letter about The Tribune, back from being sick. Good to see you and Olive, and Reita and I both enjoyed your visit very much. Despite the fact he is a liberal, I like Tommy Davis.
23. Typed letter from John Diefenbaker to Carlyle Allison, Jan. 21, 1955, House of Commons letterhead, original “John” signature. Kind of you to write the editorial, comments on Mr. Kent’s condemnation. Will ask what happens to Bob Pitt, question regarding air incident will go on the Order Paper today.
24. Typed letter from John Diefenbaker to Carlyle Allison, June 20, 1955, House of Commons letterhead, original “John” signature. Handwritten “Dear Carlyle and Rita (sic).” Thank you for wonderful time Olive and I had in Winnipeg. “Both of us are always made happier after meeting with you.” Please come to Prince Albert.
25. Typed letter from private secretary of Sir Winston Churchill to Carlyle Allison, July 30, 1955. Letterhead 28, Hyde Park Gate. Thank you for a copy of an article in Tribune.
26. Original brochure Churchill In Ottawa, Monday, Dec. 29. (Prob. 1941)
27. Three 5x7 black and white photos of Churchill in Ottawa. One has CBC mike flag.
28. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, June 25, 1955, on onionskin, no original signature. Thanks for note which he says he will save for memoirs. Met admirers of yours. Mentions reference in Corner Cupboard, which appears tomorrow.

29. Typed letter from Paul Martin to Carlyle Allison, March 15, 1956, Minister of National Health and Welfare letterhead. Original Paul Martin signature. Thank you for the lunch “the matter we discussed will be dealt with responsibly and prudently.”
30. Typed letter from George Drew? to Carlyle Allison, March 27, 1956, House of Commons Leader of the Opposition letterhead, original “George” signature. Enjoyed dinner at your house and delightful supper, which your wife had prepared. Thanks for the book, I remember your father well.
31. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, Oct. 9, 1956, on onionskin, no original signature. Wonderful to see you and Olive. Enclosing proof of framework of an address. Sorry about dinner but we were in blue jeans and working in the garden.
32. Handwritten letter on Royal York Hotel letterhead, from John Diefenbaker to Carlyle Allison, 20/4/56. Liked editorial, discusses party policy on floor prices (farm?) Passing through Winnipeg on the CNR Super Continental. Regards to Rita (sic) and my favourite editor. Includes original envelope and 5-cent stamp.
33. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, Dec. 28, 1956, on onionskin, no original signature. 2.5 pages, single space. Appears Diefenbaker asked for suggestions for his speech and Carlyle Allison did a long letter outlining some points for Diefenbaker to make for his maiden speech as Leader of the opposition. (Be interesting to compare these suggestions with the speech that Diefenbaker actually made.)
34. Typed letter from John Diefenbaker to Carlyle Allison, Jan. 7, 1957, House of Commons letterhead, Leader of the Opposition, original “John” signature. Olive and I sorry not to see you at the train last Thursday. Looking forward to seeing you both soon as I find it most profitable to discuss matters of state with you.
35. Typed letter from John Diefenbaker to Carlyle Allison, Feb. 13, 1957, House of Commons letterhead, original “John” signature. Original “My dear Carlyle.” Thank you about an editorial and sorry missed seeing your invitation to speak at the Canadian Club. Probably next in Winnipeg for election campaign.
36. Typed double-space original document titled “Notes on Election of The Diefenbaker government.” (to be kept secret and confidential for possible use in memoirs 20 years from now.) Not dated but written after the June election, 1957. Includes notes on Allison helping to make decisions about John Diefenbaker’s first cabinet, comments on George Hees as a lightweight; wanted to know if Stanley Knowles wife would be good if Knowles made Speaker; Ellen

- Fairclough named first female to cabinet; annoyed that Hees might get trade and commerce and tried to stop it; Diefenbaker did not like Earl Rowe; Diefenbaker said Carlyle Allison's grandchild prettiest baby he had ever seen; they have lunch together in cafeteria on Hill; talk about pressure on Diefenbaker to appoint ministers; describes altercation with Diefenbaker over Senator John T. Haig's possible appointment to cabinet but then Diefenbaker said no and wanted Allison to tell Haig.
37. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, July 4, 1957, on onionskin, no original signature. Welcome home to Canada after Diefenbaker's trip to London, tells Diefenbaker how he handled Haig by tapping him on the shoulder at church; enclosed photo for Diefenbaker to sign.
 38. Handwritten letter on 24 Sussex Drive letterhead, from John Diefenbaker to Carlyle Allison, July 7, 1957. I'll take you fishing when you visit, promise to open Parliament in Sept., press favourable in the UK. Includes original envelope with PM stamp.
 39. Typed letter on Office of the Prime Minister letterhead, July 8 1957. Sending photo of Carlyle Allison with John Diefenbaker, look forward to seeing you soon. Original signature, Derek Bedson.
 40. Typed letter on Office of the Prime Minister letterhead, July 9 1957. Personal. Thank you for congratulations on my appointment as Private Secretary. Diefenbaker stopping in Winnipeg next week. Prime Minister plans to go fishing. Original signature, Derek Bedson.
 41. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, July 9, 1957, on onionskin, no original signature. Allison's thoughts on a delay in opening Parliament; suggests short session; happy to hear you and Olive have moved into Sussex Drive, enjoy your fishing.
 42. Handwritten letter on 24 Sussex Drive letterhead, from John Diefenbaker to Carlyle Allison, July?, 1957. Details of his flight to Calgary with a stopover in Winnipeg.
 43. Typed letter to John Diefenbaker from Gordon Chown, Barrister at Law, July 23, 1957. Confidential. Chown's recommendation to Diefenbaker that Carlyle Allison be named a senator from Manitoba.
 44. Typed letter on Office of the Prime Minister letterhead, July 31, 1957. Thank you for clipping from London Observer. Asking him to join the group of people who will write him about provincial affairs. Details on his travels, passing through Winnipeg. Original signature, "John."

45. Typed 3 page letter to John Diefenbaker from Carlyle Allison, Aug. 2, 1957 on onion skin, no original signature. Carlyle Allison accepts invitation to join the group and pledges to be honest and frank recounting King and St. Laurent whom Allison thought "were surrounded by sycophants". Allison mentions some grumbling in the press, impatient for Diefenbaker to form the balance of cabinet. Allison encloses the Free Press editorial that touches on conservative policies. He also suggests Diefenbaker arrange a general election next spring or summer. Closes hoping to connect with Diefenbaker during his stopover Aug 9th. Page 3: P.S. Allison obtained advice and recommends Diefenbaker not to appoint Dr. Vivian as minister of National health. P.P.S. Allison sends the photo of Reita and Olive at the airport.
46. Typed "Personal" envelope with John Diefenbaker stamp & seal, and typed letter on Office of the Prime Minister letterhead, Aug.26, 1957, original salutation and signature from Diefenbaker. Diefenbaker met with Alan Rogers on his last trip to the House. Diefenbaker also thought favorably about Jim Nelson. Diefenbaker describes his heavy workload and long hours.
47. Typed envelope with John Diefenbaker stamp and seal, typed letter on Office of the Prime Minister notepaper, (width 5"x length 8") original salutation and signature. Diefenbaker thanks Allison for his telegram of congratulations re: Diefenbaker's appointment as a member of Her Majesty's Imperial Privy Council.
48. Typed two-page letter from Geo. Johnston on Johnston, Everson & Charlesworth, (Public Relations) letterhead, to Carlyle Allison Oct. 18, 1957. Original signature Geo would like to see Allison appointed as a senator. He also mentions a Royal commission on the Trans -Canada Pipe lines and that Henry Borden is on the commission. Geo is wondering the outcome and which side Borden will support. He will meet with "the big Boss" next week and will keep Allison updated.
49. Typed letter, original signature, from Geo. Johnston on J, E&C letterhead to Carlyle Allison dated Nov. 12, 1957. Geo commented negatively on John Diefenbaker's TV speech and felt as a result of his positions he would not be made a senator. Geo was preparing to go to England on a trade junket. Leonard Brockington and Jim Ducan were also going.
50. Typed three page letter on onion skin from Carlyle Allison to John Diefenbaker, Feb. 7, 1958 no signature. Allison offers his recommendations for the upcoming speech in Winnipeg: (Feb12?) "anticipate the points to be raised by the opposition and cut the ground from under their feet". "Pearson was a tiger at the convention and a mouse in the house" "Their trade resolution at the liberal convention was a weaseling dishonest thing...drawn up by Tom Kent of the Free

Press. "An imaginative visionary speech will contrast with the "tired old men of the liberals' 22 years. (enclosed editorials)

51. Typed envelope with John Diefenbaker stamp and seal & two page typed letter on Office of Prime Minister letterhead with original personal salutation & signature dated Feb 21st, 1958 "Enroute Newfoundland to Three Rivers, Quebec," two ink corrections. Diefenbaker updates Allison on the campaign in Newfoundland "Mr. Smallwood wrote me a letter which he gave to the press. Confidentially, it was obviously intended to embarrass me". "Joey doesn't often make a mistake but he did on that one". Diefenbaker also mentions Dave Decker, Pickersgill, and a Mr. Winter.
52. Small Typed envelope (5.25 x4.25inches) Personal & Confidential, Office of Prime Minister seal, 5-cent stamp. Typed on Office of Prime Minister letterhead, Sherbrooke, Quebec, March 23rd, 1958. Original signature. John Diefenbaker is finishing his campaign in Quebec and is going to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Olive is not well and Diefenbaker wishes she would return to Ottawa but she will not leave him. He plans to then go to Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Prince Albert. "The CBC has arranged for the leaders to give television messages on election night so I will go down to Saskatoon as the Prince Albert station is not in a position as yet to transmit live programmes."
53. Typed five page letter on onion skin from Carlyle Allison to John Diefenbaker, April 7, 1958. Page 1 starts with personal notes about John and Olive's holiday in Bermuda and the stopover airport visit with Carlyle and Reita when they (John & Olive) were enroute to Saskatoon. Allison "The news just came through about Mitchell Sharp's resignation." "As a next one, I am looking for word of Jimmy Coyne." The next four pages talk candidly about Diefenbaker's cabinet reshuffle, the Senate vacancies, political gossip, and mention many people by name including; J.M. Macdonnell, George Pearkes, Solly, Monette, Asseltine, Knowles and Coldwell. He made negative comments about Clifford Sifton, publisher of the Regina Leader Post & the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix but not his brother Victor, who owned the Winnipeg Free Press, also Fred Auger Arthur Moscarella were noted as supportive publishers. Also Gordon Churchill re the Commonwealth Trade Conference. Diefenbaker would be making a speech to the Publishers and Allison gave him a very interesting perspective on Canadian Dailies and Canadian Media as preparation.
54. Typed six page original letter and five pages of onion skin copy (pg 6 missing) written sometime after April 19th, 1958. Carlyle Allison's account of two visits he had with Diefenbaker in Ottawa. One correction. Saturday April 19th, Allison was invited to John Diefenbaker's office at 8:30 am and stayed with Diefenbaker until 12:30. During that time they were interrupted twice by cabinet ministers, Hon. W.J. Browne of Newfoundland whom John Diefenbaker liked, and Hon. J.M.

Macdonnell from Toronto, whom he did not care for as much. When they were alone, Diefenbaker talked freely and shared a number of letters he had written. Subjects included External Affairs, Canadian Labor Congress and ideas for a speech Diefenbaker would give. Diefenbaker also talked about government appointments mentioning a need for a new Ambassador to Washington replacing Norman Robertson. Allison spoke for the first time about his desire for a government appointment and how much he enjoyed being the unofficial advisor and helping with speeches etc. Later, Allison had conversations about a Senatorship or possible Foreign service post with Hon. Sidney Smith the Secretary of State, and Hon. Gordon Churchill the minister of Trade and Commerce. The second conversation between John Diefenbaker and Carlyle Allison was about the cabinet reshuffle and how Diefenbaker was "having troubles about it." Quebec was problem and mentioned were Tasse of Quebec East, Premier Duplessis and Col. Sevigny whom was rumored to want a senate rather than cabinet post. The conversation continued and covered his decision on the railway rate, and then, External Affairs and a scheme Diefenbaker had for "showing up Soviet Russia". The idea was rejected by the USA who turned around and used it anyway. The final subject was London High Commissioner, George Drew and his wife Fiorenza.

55. Typed envelope, VIA DIPLOMATIC BAG, John Diefenbaker stamp and seal, The London High Commissioner for Canada stamp plus special instructions. Also readdressed in ink and postmarked May 27, 1958. Two page typed personal letter on Office of Prime Minister letterhead with original signature, dated May 19, 1958. The rail strike has ended but Diefenbaker is not impressed with the terms and final outcome. "Stanley Knowles was positively pestiferous"... John Diefenbaker and Olive spent the weekend at the 200 acre estate owned by the Federal District Commission..."Mr St Laurent had his own country home near Quebec City and didn't use it. I think we will."
56. Typed note envelope with John Diefenbaker stamp and seal. Typed thank you note dated Aug. 22, 1958, for a copy of the "Spectator" with ink salutation closing line and Diefenbaker signature.
57. Typed note envelope with John Diefenbaker stamp and seal. Typed thank you note dated Dec. 17, 1958, for the copy of "The Corner Cupboard", a book written by Carlyle Allison that mentions Diefenbaker. Christmas greetings from John and Olive. Ink salutation, plus several additional personal comments and signature. Note: Carlyle Allison was appointed vice-chairman, Board of Broadcast Governors in 1960 and moved to Ottawa.
58. Typed note envelope with John Diefenbaker stamp and seal. Addressed to
 - a. Carlyle Allison, Board of Broadcast Governors, 48 Rideau St, Ottawa. Thank you note on Office of Prime Minister letterhead, dated

July 13, 1960, "for your kind references to my speech on The Bill of Rights."

59. CN Telecommunications dated 1963 Apr. 8 am 11:37. Stamped received Apr 8, 1963, BBG Ottawa. To Carlyle Allison from John Diefenbaker. "On this Election Day I want to thank you for your many acts of helpfulness and kindly interest both before and after the campaign."
60. Typed one page memoir dated Ottawa, 31st October, 1963. Carlyle Allison writes: John Diefenbaker phoned Carlyle Allison to say thank you and give Allison his unlisted number as he wanted to talk privately. People mentioned include Harkness, McCutcheon, Grattan O'Leary and Alf Brooks.
61. Typed 7-page memoir dated Nov. 3rd 1963. Carlyle Allison writes about visiting John Diefenbaker at the residence of the Leader of the Opposition, with his wife Reita.
 - a. p.1) Describes in detail the appearance of the home, the art on display, and the food being passed by the maid. They spoke about the Pearson Government and Robert N. Thompson of the Social Creditors.
 - b. p.2) He mentions Caouette and his Quebec motion, and Leon Balcer's speech. They then talked about relations between Canada and USA. Olive Diefenbaker thought JFK "was extremely arrogant" and told a story of how JFK treated his wife rudely. Using "a high pitched school girl voice" Diefenbaker summed up JFK saying "he doesn't care anymore about Canada than he does about Andora". Eisenhower and Dulles were also mentioned.
 - c. p.3) John Diefenbaker talked candidly about the dialogue in the House and his verbal collisions with Pearson. The PC's were looking for a new candidate in Winnipeg South and Chown stepping down was mentioned. Diefenbaker and Olive both looked the picture of health.
 - d. p.4) John Diefenbaker showed Carlyle Allison numerous letters Diefenbaker had collected from Sir John A Macdonald, Bowell, and Dr. JTM Anderson, the former premier of Saskatchewan. Carlyle Allison asked Diefenbaker if he had trouble with Davie Fulton and Diefenbaker told several stories of Fulton, inebriated, and belligerent on the phone.
 - e. p.5) Diefenbaker complained about absenteeism in the house mentioning Jean Richard, and Tardiff. He told stories about Paul Comtois, Pierre Sevigny, and referred to Edward Asselin and a land scandal. The conversation went back to JTM Anderson and Diefenbaker recounted several drunken episodes.
 - f. p.6) Diefenbaker continued with stories of Anderson and went on to talk of Joey Smallwood and how he could have ruined him years before and thought Joey had been up to some "nefarious business"
 - g. p.7) Diefenbaker reminisced about tricky cases in Saskatchewan that

might have involved Jim Gardner and a witness named Burgess who went missing. Peter Newman's book on Diefenbaker was mentioned and Diefenbaker said there were a number of mistakes but that Newman had checked with him only once and that was after the book was already at the printers. Eugene Forsey of the CBC had just reviewed the book on TV.

62. Typed one page memoir entitled "Conversation with The Rt. Hon. John Diefenbaker February 4, 1964" Carlyle Allison phoned John Diefenbaker to congratulate him on his victory. They chatted about family. Diefenbaker mentioned the vote was 1300 in favor, to 35 against.
63. Typed "Personal" note envelope on "Leader of the opposition" stationary with John Diefenbaker signature stamp, now underlined with "Leader of the Opposition" addressed to Carlyle Allison at Channel Seven Television Ltd., Television Centre, Polo Park, Winnipeg 10, Manitoba.
 - a. Typed thank you note for the phone call, from Diefenbaker to Allison, with ink salutation and signature, dated February, 11th 1964
64. Typed "Personal" letter from John Diefenbaker to Carlyle Allison on Leader of the Opposition letterhead with ink signature dated March 23rd, 1966. Diefenbaker and Olive are passing through Winnipeg, on the way to Saskatoon. Diefenbaker provides Allison with their flight itinerary.
65. Typed "Personal and Confidential" envelope On Leader of the Opposition stationary with John Diefenbaker stamp. Typed letter from John Diefenbaker to Carlyle Allison on Leader of the Opposition letterhead with ink signature, dated April 7th, 1967. Diefenbaker writes, "As promised when I saw you in Winnipeg, I am enclosing "personal and confidential" letter I received from George Johnston and would ask you to return it after your perusal."
66. Typed envelope on House of Commons stationary with John Diefenbaker plain stamp. Typed letter with a unique ink signature from John Diefenbaker to Mr. Carlyle Allison, M.A., Station CJAY TV, Winnipeg, Manitoba, dated Ottawa, September 30, 1968.
 - a. Diefenbaker mentions a cartoon sent by Carlyle Allison and hopes to see him when visiting Winnipeg in October.
67. Typed envelope on House of Commons stationary. Typed invitation with ink salutation, to a surprise party honoring The Rt. Hon. John G. Diefenbaker on September 18, 1970
68. Typed ten page Draft on 7"x8.25" tan colored paper. No date. (Family believed that Carlyle Allison was writing about John Diefenbaker and this is the first chapter of the book.) Ink corrections and notations were made on Pages 5, 7, 8,

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- a. Page 1.) John Diefenbaker's family moved to Saskatoon so that John and his brother could complete their education. Diefenbaker sold newspapers and worked on farms and entered University of Saskatchewan in the fall of 1912.
- b. Page 2.) Diefenbaker completed his BA in 1915 and his MA in 1916. His summers were spent working various jobs including farm laborer, teacher, and traveling book seller. He was drafted to serve in the war, returning in 1917 to resume his studies in Law.
- c. Page 3.) John Diefenbaker began practicing law in 1919 in the town of Wakaw.
- d. Page 4.) In 1922 Diefenbaker moved to Prince Albert and in 1925 he first tried to win a parliamentary seat. He was the leader of the Conservative Party in Saskatchewan from 1936-1940.
- e. Page 5.) Recounts how John Diefenbaker entered the Federal Political arena. He was asked to speak at the Conservative convention in Humbolt Saskatchewan, but was actually nominated.
- f. Page 6.) John Diefenbaker won the seat when the other candidates retired in favor of him taking the position.
- g. Page 7.) Covers John Diefenbaker's years as an opposition M.P. and his success in the Conservative Party.
- h. Page 8.) Mentions John Diefenbaker as a specialist in International affairs and lists a number of the Boards and Associations he chaired and was involved with from 1939-1950.
- i. Page 9.) Lists the countries John Diefenbaker visited as a NATO delegate and recounts his first session of Parliament as Prime Minister with a minority government.
- j. Page 10.) John Diefenbaker was married twice, first to Edna May Brower, who passed in 1951, and then married Olive in 1953.

69. Undated 7x7.5 photo of Carlyle Allison on the left side with Roland F. McWilliams, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba in the center and Douglas Lloyd Campbell, Manitoba Premier.
- a. (references Manitoba Historical Society website, MHS.Mb.ca, Memorable Manitobans, Legislative Assemblies, Photo Gallery
70. Undated 8x10 photo with a 1953 calendar in the background, of Carlyle Allison, his wife Reita, and another couple, all in formal attire. The gentleman on the left resembles Errick French Willis who was the leader of the Manitoba Conservatives. His wife was Louise Isabel Trimble Willis. A photo of Mr. Willis bearing a resemblance was found in the MHS website but he appears to be much younger and had black hair so a 100% positive ID has not been made. No photo could be found of Louise.

71. Undated 8x10 photo of Carlyle Allison, Reita and another couple thought to be Errick French Willis and his wife Louise, all in formal attire, with fur stoles and top hats. The back of the photo has a salutation in pencil "Complements of Ron Ayers of: "over the stamp with Portigal & Wardle Photographers, Winnipeg.
72. Undated 8x10 photo of five men and one woman, all looking very happy. Carlyle Allison is third from the right, in the middle facing the camera. The back is stamped with "photo by Tsin Van, Ottawa" and in pencil 2460/17.
- a. The woman could be Mabel Connell – and therefore the group may be members of the Board of Broadcast Governors (see photo #73)
73. Undated 8x10 photo mounted on grey cardboard of eleven men seated and one woman standing, appearing to be addressing the group in attendance. A large painting of a king in full regalia is prominent on the back wall. BBG is noted in blue ink on the back of the photo.
- a. [Hearing of the Board of Broadcast Governors.
 - b. Left to right, front:
 - c. Dr. Emlyn Davies, Carlyle Allison (Vice Chairman), Dr. Andrew Stewart (Chairman), Roger Duhamel, Dr. Mabel G. Connell
 - d. Back: unidentified, likely media.
 - e. Location appears to be Speaker's Reception Room, Manitoba Legislature (portrait is of George V)
 - f. Photo taken between 1958 and 1965, when Carlyle Allison was on the board. Could be 1960, when hearings in Winnipeg are known to have taken place.
 - g. Identification based on *Canadian Television Policy and the Board of Broadcast Governors* (Andrew Stewart and William Hull, 1994)
74. Undated 8x 10 photo of John Diefenbaker (center left), Carlyle Allison (center right) and two unknown men leaning on a fence, possibly at an airport.
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THE FAMILY RETAINS THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, PHOTOS AND LETTERS IN THIS SECTION IDENTIFIED AS FAM. 1-15. **Digital copies in collection**

FAM 1. Undated 8 x 10 black and white photo of Carlyle Allison at his typewriter with his sleeves rolled up.

FAM 2. Undated 8 x 10.5 black and white photo of Carlyle Allison and John Diefenbaker with an ink salutation from Diefenbaker "With warmest regards to a wonderful friend Carlyle Allison signed John Diefenbaker ". This photo, taken in Diefenbaker's office by Fred Davis was referred to in a letter from Allison to Diefenbaker dated July 4th 1957. Please refer to document # 37.

FAM 3. 1 of 4: Undated 8x10 black and white photo of Olive Diefenbaker and Reita Allison taken in 1957 and mentioned in a letter from Carlyle Allison to John Diefenbaker dated Aug. 2, 1957. Please refer to document #45 page 3, last paragraph.

FAM 3.) 2 of 4: Color 8x10 photo of Reita at age 99 taken in 2006 in preparation for her 100th Birthday Party. She is holding the original framed photo of her and Olive.

FAM 3. 3 of 4: A 4 x 6 color photo of Reita's 100th Birthday cake decorated with a copy of the photo in FAM 3 page 2/4. A printed 8.5x5.25 invitation to Reita's 100th Celebration.

FAM 3. 4 of 4: When Family took the frame apart we found this letter hidden in the back. A hand addressed note envelope on "Prime Ministers House, 24 Sussex Street, Ottawa" stationary with Reita's notation in red ink on the back. "From Olive Diefenbaker to me. The picture taken at the airport of the two of us is why she wrote the letter." Hand written 4 page folded note on Prime Ministers House stationary dated Aug 13, 1957 from Olive Diefenbaker to Reita. Olive writes a very personal letter, first commenting on the photo and the style of the time then describing her life at 24 Sussex. "This is a very strange life Reita". She goes on mentioning her demanding "desk Job" as the Prime Minister's wife and finishes with news of her family.

FAM 4. Undated 8x10 black & white photo of Carlyle Allison and Reita in Allison's office with streamers and welcome home banners. See notation on FAM 14 page 2 of 3 where Carlyle Allison indicated extensive travel in 1952 and 1954 in his biographical notes.

FAM 5. Undated 8 x10 black & white photo of Carlyle Allison (right), Reita (middle), and Mr Ab Issa, Chairman of the Jamaica Tourist Board taken at the Myrtle Bank Hotel in Scotland.

FAM 6. Undated newspaper clipping photo of Carlyle Allison, Reita, Mr. E.D. Loughney, president of British American Oil, and his wife.

FAM 7. Black & white 8x10 photo of Carlyle Allison and Reita. On top of the back, pencil notation says: 68-0736, April 6, 1968

Canadian Vickers Shipping and Launching Bow Section Ralph W. Misener
J.M.P. 15/4/68. There is a blue Hayward Studios Inc. stamp at the bottom, containing the NGO. No. 68/0736

FAM 8. Typed blue folded Air letter, dated 29th Nov. 1954 with ink signature. From The Archbishop of Canterbury to Carlyle Allison. Geoffrey Cantuar begins by thanking Allison for his letter and articles and finishes promising to write Allison's son Gordon who had recently moved to London, GB.

FAM 9. Typed blue folded Air letter dated 9th May 1958 with ink signature from Sir Beverley Baxter to Carlyle Allison. His flight to the Far East was delayed and he will get in touch with Mrs. Taylor and her Daughter.

FAM 10. Typed 3.75x7.5 envelope from Harry S. Truman, Independence Missouri, addressed to Carlyle Allison, Editor in Chief, Winnipeg Tribune. Typed 7.25 x 10.5 letter dated May 12, 1958 on Harry S. Truman, Independence, Missouri stationary with Ink Signature. Truman thanks Allison for an Editorial.

FAM 11. Typed 3.75x7.5 envelope from Harry S. Truman, Independence, Missouri, addressed to Carlyle Allison. Typed 7.25 x 10.5 letter dated May 21, 1958 on Harry S. Truman stationary with ink signature. Truman thanks Allison for his letter and makes a personal comment about his middle initial S and why his parents made it that way.

FAM 12. Black and white 5x7 photo of Carlyle Allison being presented a plaque dated June 7, 8, 9, 1965, from the Western Association of Broadcasters designating him an Honorary Member. It might be Knowlton Nash presenting the plaque. Refer to a newspaper photo of Knowlton dated May 26, 2014.

FAM 13. Undated typed carbon copy biography or resume of Carlyle Allison focusing on his work career from 1922 to 1951.

FAM 14. page 1 of 4 Typed carbon copy dated March 4, 1955. Two pages: Biographical Notes -- Gerald Carlyle Allison. Notes include his education, family, work history, sporting activities, and his record of public organizations and clubs. Page 2 of 4) Continues with love of books and learning and closes with mention of his extensive travels with Reita in 1952 and 1954. Page 3 and 4) Undated copy of Carlyle Allison's biographical notes that is similar to page 1&2.

FAM 15. Five newspaper clippings of Carlyle Allison's obituary mounted on the original file folder that held all the documents. This file was found by Carlyle Allison's granddaughter when she had to move Reita to a nursing home. It was in a large plain brown envelope that had been stashed under the kitchen sink.