Notebook Fifty-Three (1964-65) continued: of remarks on civil rights (1964); "Of Frogs and Freedom"; remarks to Republican State Convention, Springfield (5/23/64); "Is the Direction of this Administration Healthy?"; "Definition of Freedom"; "The Atheist Amendment" to the civil rights bill; remarks accepting the Good Government Award from the American Good Government Society (4/30/64); notes on the Morse motion on civil rights; "Negative Brake on Progress" to the Meat Institute Board of Directors (5/4/64); remarks to Pekin High School's class of 1914 (4/25/64).

Contents include following radio-t.v. programs: "Final Report on the 80th Congress" (7/5/64); "The Significance of Independence Day" for Voice of America (6/22/64); "June 30--Significant Day" (6/28/64); "That was the Year that Was" (6/21/64); "The Cloak Room" (6/14/64); "The Long Hard Furrow" (6/6/64); "We Remember, Or Do We?" (5/30/64); untitled handwritten notes; "Change is Eternal" (5/23/64); "The 59th Day" (5/16/64); untitled on jury trials (5/9/64); "Rice and Human Destiny" (5/2/64); "Civil Rights and the Legislative Process" (4/25/64); "The President and the Republican Minority" (4/18/64); "What is Cloture?" (4/11/64); "Are We Becoming a Dumping Ground?" (4/4/64); "The Vexing Question of Federal Salaries" (3/15/64); "The World We Live In Today" (2/29/64) and assorted notes, including Republican Leadership releases; "Tax Cuts, Jobs, and Overtime" (2/22/64); "The Problem of Presidential Inability and Succession" (2/1/64); "The Making of a Tax Bill" (1/26/64); "Panama: First 1964 Issue" (1/19/64).

Other contents: "The 88th Congress": clippings; political remarks; remarks to Waukegan Masons; "Telephone Convention"; remarks to businessmen; untitled remarks.

Notebook Fifty-Four (1965). Presidential messages printed in the Congressional Record are indicated by CR. Contents: "International Balance of Payments" CR (2/10/65); remarks at 39th Washington birthday dinner, Pekin (3/6/65); "Crime" CR (3/8/65); remarks to fundraising dinner, Barre, Vermont; "Right to Vote" CR (3/15/65); "Cities" CR (3/2/65); "Operations Under Public Law 480" CR (3/31/65); "The District of Columbia" CR (2/15/65); "National Wilderness Preservation" CR (2/8/65); "Natural Beauty" CR (2/8/65); "Constitutional Provision Assuring the Orderly Discharge of the Powers and Duties of the President" CR (2/1/65); "Rural America" (2/4/65); "Home Rule for the District of Columbia" CR (2/2/65); "Succession to the Presidency and Vice Presidency, and Presidential Inability" CR (1/28/65); "Budget of the U.S., F.Y. 1966" CR (1/25/65); "Budget for the District of Columbia" CR (1/21/65); "National Defense" CR (1/18/65); "Laws Dealing with Immigration" CR (1/13/65); "Foreign Aid" CR (1/14/65); "State of the Union" CR (1/4/65); "The Nation's Health" CR (1/7/65); "Full Educational Opportunity" CR (1/12/65); clipping on foreign aid; Primer on Ulcer; clipping, "Dirksen Confident of G.O.P. Resurgence" (4/22/65).