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Collection Summary

Title: John Randolph Papers  
Span Dates: 1903-1927  
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1926-1927)  
ID No.: MSS85973  
Creator: Randolph, John, 1878-1954  
Extent: 260 items ; 2 containers plus 1 classified ; .6 linear feet  
Language: Collection material in English  
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.  
Summary: U.S. consul. Consular dispatches, personal correspondence, and a photograph relating primarily to Randolph's service as the American consul in Baghdad, Iraq.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Randolph, John, 1878-1954.

Organizations
United States. Department of State.

Subjects
Americans--Iraq.  
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Iraq.  
Epidemics--Iraq.  
Epidemics--Middle East.  
Petroleum industry and trade--Iraq.  
Petroleum industry and trade--Middle East.

Places
Iraq--Commerce.  
Iraq--Foreign relations--United States.  
Iraq--History--1921-.  
Italy--Description and travel.  
Middle East--Commerce.  
Middle East--History--20th century.  
United States--Foreign relations--Iraq.

Occupations
Consuls.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of John Randolph, U.S. consul, were given to the Library of Congress by his grandson, Jeffrey Page, in 2014.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Randolph is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).
Access and Restrictions

The papers of John Randolph are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Security Classified Documents

Government regulations control the use of security classified material in this collection. Manuscript Division staff can furnish information concerning access to and use of classified materials.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, John Randolph Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

John Leffingwell Randolph was born on June 5, 1878 in Warsaw, New York. He was a clerk at the American consulate in Moscow, Russia, in 1916. Randolph later served as U.S. consul at American consulates around the world including those in Constantinople, Turkey; Baghdad, Iraq; and Bucharest, Romania. In 1927 he married Persis Schramm Lentz in Baghdad. He died in St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1954.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Leffingwell Randolph (1878-1954) span the years 1903-1927 with the bulk of the material dating from 1926 to 1927. They consist primarily of copies of dispatches sent by Randolph to the secretary of state in 1926-1927 while he was serving as United States consul in Baghdad, Iraq. Randolph reports on his consular activities and relates information on events and issues of concern in the region. Topics covered include political treaties, laws and regulations, trade, petroleum companies, disease outbreaks, and assistance to and information on Americans in Iraq. Among a few miscellaneous items are two letters that Randolph wrote to his parents while traveling in Italy in 1903.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.
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