

European Mission and Cooperative Acquisitions Project Series, Library of Congress Archives

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Collection Summary

Title: European Mission and Cooperative Acquisitions Project series, Library of Congress Archives

Span Dates: 1942-1957

ID No.: MSS86322

Creator: Library of Congress

Extent: 8,000 items

Extent: 36 containers

Extent: 13.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English, German, French, and Russian

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: The European Mission and Cooperative Acquisitions Project series of the Library of Congress Archives comprises the records of the Library's European Mission (Mission to Germany) and subsequent Cooperative Acquisitions Project to collect materials in Europe in the immediate post-World War II period. The files include correspondence, lists of publications, index cards, printed matter, and other records, and memoranda used to organize the collection, shipment, and distribution of materials to participating libraries in the United States.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

Organizations

Central Collecting Point (Munich, Germany)

Cooperative Acquisitions Project for Wartime Publications.

Germany (Territory under Allied occupation, 1945-1955 : U.S. Zone). Office of Military Government.

Jewish Restitution Commission.

Library of Congress European Mission.

Library of Congress Mission to Germany.

Library of Congress. Cooperative Acquisitions Project.

Library of Congress. Library of Congress archives.

Offenbach Archival Depot.

Subjects

Libraries--Destruction and pillage--Europe.

Libraries--International cooperation.

Libraries--United States.

Reconstruction (1939-1951)

World War, 1939-1945--Confiscations and contributions--Germany.

World War, 1939-1945--Libraries.

Titles

Library of Congress archives, European Mission and Cooperative Acquisitions Project series

Library of Congress. Cooperative Acquisitions Project records

Library of Congress. European Mission records

Provenance

The records of the Library's European Mission (1946-1947) and the subsequent Cooperative Acquisitions Project were transferred to the Library of Congress Archives from the Library of Congress Central Services Division in 1988.

Processing History

The collection was arranged and described in 1991 and the finding aid revised in 2019.

Additional Description

A finding aid for the Library of Congress Archives is available at <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadlca.lc017001>.

Related Material

The Library of Congress Archives Central File Series includes files on the Cooperative Acquisitions Project and the Farmington Plan. The Manuscript Division holds the [German captured documents collection, 1766-1945](#) that was acquired via the European Mission collaboration with U.S. military occupying forces. Most of this material is on microfilm, as the original documents were copied and returned to German repositories.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished records of the Library of Congress is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The European Mission and Cooperative Acquisitions Project Series of the Library of Congress Archives is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, European Mission and Cooperative Acquisitions Project Series, Library of Congress Archives, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The European Mission and Cooperative Acquisitions Project series is an alphabetically arranged group of files that document Library of Congress efforts to acquire publications in Europe during and after World War II. During the war, the Library asked agents in Europe to find and acquire books and other publications that had been ordered, but could not be shipped to the U.S. Immediately following the war, the European Mission was organized by the Library of Congress to acquire these materials, as well as material published during the war on behalf of 152 American libraries. Members of the Mission included librarians from various repositories on a cooperative basis. During the period of U.S. military occupation of the American sector of Germany, Office of the Military Government, U.S. (OMGUS) directed the European Mission's activities to collect, review, and acquire materials from vast stores of Nazi-looted items discovered in various hidden locations. The U.S. military shipped these materials to collecting points in Germany, according to the type of material. The Library's European Mission primarily worked at the Offenbach Archival Depot and the Munich Central Collecting Point.

The Agents files include individuals and publishers that acquired material for the Library of Congress and the Cooperative Acquisitions Project. Case files were created to document the various sources of material that the U.S. military confiscated and the European Mission reviewed and acquired. The Communications files contain the various communications between the Library of Congress and the European Mission. Ten containers comprise the records of the Cooperative Acquisitions Project. Representatives files document the participation of librarians and other professionals in the European Mission.

Restitution files describe efforts made to return materials to repositories in Germany and German occupied territories repositories and through the Jewish Restitution Commission.

Organization of the Papers

The files are alphabetically arranged by subject, repository, or name.

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BOX 5	Agents General Brockhaus, F. A. Duncher and Humboldt, Hans Broermann (2 folders) Fleischer, Carl Harrassowitz, Otto Korporation Lingerbrink, Georg
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Berlin, G2, confiscated material
Bibliographisches Institut, Bavaria
Braun, Eva, library
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Confiscated books
DAF diapositives
DAF Hauptamt fur Technik
DAF Heilbronn I
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Deutsche Akademie Auslands Liktorat
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DISCC, Nazi
Eher Verlag mss.
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	Nazi material
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	NSDAP, Hauptarchiv
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Stuttgart miscellany, including Voerath collection propaganda material (e)
Tibet, films on
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Troost, Gerdy, library
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UFA films
Ullstein photographic collection
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Vienna, confiscated material
Vienna Kreisleitung NSDAP
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