

War Communications Research Unit Series, Library of Congress Archives

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Collection Summary

Title: War Communications Research Unit Series, Library of Congress Archives

Span Dates: 1941-1942

ID no.: MSS86409

Creator: Library of Congress

Extent: 3000 items

Extent: 28 containers

Extent: 11 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Research unit for the study of wartime communications. Reports, surveys, press clippings, and publications documenting the unit's work under director Harold D. Lasswell, 1941-1942.

Acquisition Information

The records of the War Communications Research Unit were transferred to the Library of Congress Archives from the Library's Central Services Division in two shipments in 1987 and 1988.

Processing History

The records of the War Communications Research Unit were arranged and described by John D. Knowlton in 1991.

Additional Description

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

Other Repositories

Other records of the War Communications Research Unit can be found in the Harold Dwight Lasswell Papers in the Yale University Library.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The War Communications Research Unit Series, Library of Congress Archives, is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Division prior to visiting in order to determine whether the desired materials will be available at that time.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, War Communications Research Unit Series, Library of Congress Archives, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Administrative History

Date	Event
1940, Dec. 1	Project for the study of wartime communications established in the Library of Congress Reference Department
1941, Jul. 23	Project for the study of wartime communication renamed Experimental Division for the Study of Wartime Communications
1943, Aug. 31	Experimental Division for the Study of Wartime Communications terminated

Scope and Content Note

The records of the War Communications Research Unit Series, Library of Congress Archives, span the years 1941-1942. The collection documents the work of the research unit, sometimes referred to as the Experimental Division for the Study of Wartime Communications, a special project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and directed by Harold D. Lasswell. The records are in English and arranged in a single series.

Materials include reports, surveys, press clippings, and publications documenting the unit's work under director Harold D. Lasswell, 1941-1942.

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material.

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.

People

Lasswell, Harold D. (Harold Dwight), 1902-1978.

Organizations

Library of Congress. Library of Congress archives.

Library of Congress. War Communications Research Unit.

Subjects

World War, 1939-1945--Communications.

World War, 1939-1945--United States.

Titles

Library of Congress archives, War Communications Research Unit series

Library of Congress. War Communications Research Unit records

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