

Aileen Moore Topping Collection Concerning a Spanish Diplomatic Mission to the United States

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Collection Summary

Title: Aileen Moore Topping collection concerning a Spanish diplomatic mission to the United States

Span Dates: 1777-1785

ID No.: MSS83055

Creator: Topping, Aileen Moore

Extent: 450 items

Extent: 2 containers

Extent: .6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: English translation by Topping of Spanish reports on the U.S. Continental Congress during the American Revolution from originals in the Archivo General de Indias and the Archivo Histórico Nacional, Spain.

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

Miralles, Juan de.

Rendón, Francisco.

Topping, Aileen Moore.

Organizations

United States. Continental Congress.

Subjects

Diplomatic and consular service, Spanish--United States.

Places

Spain--Foreign relations--United States.

United States--Foreign relations--Spain.

United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.

Provenance

The principal portion of the Aileen Moore Topping Collection Concerning a Spanish Diplomatic Mission to the United States was sent by Topping to Paul Smith of the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress beginning in 1980 for use in preparation of volumes 10-20 of *Letters of Delegates to Congress* (Washington, DC: Library of Congress, 1976-94). Topping's daughter, Anne Topping Weed, sent the remainder of the items following her mother's death.

Processing History

The Aileen Moore Topping Collection was arranged and described in 1995.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The Aileen Moore Topping Collection is 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.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Content Note

The Aileen Moore Topping Collection Concerning a Spanish Diplomatic Mission to the United States contains typewritten English translations of reports of Spanish agents sent to the United States during the American Revolution to observe the Continental Congress. These reports span the years 1777-1785 and relate to missions led by Juan de Miralles (1777-1780) and Francisco Rendon (1780-1785). The translations were made by Topping from originals located in the Archivo Histórico Nacional and the Archivo General de Indias.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Translations of Spanish reports
BOX 1	Mission of Juan de Miralles, Aug. 1777-May 1780 (4 folders)
BOX 1	Mission of Francisco Rendón
BOX 1	May 1780-Aug. 1781 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Sept. 1781-June 1785 (4 folders)