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Collection Summary
Title: Harold Sunde Papers
Span Dates: 1925-1948
ID No.: MSS82200
Creator: Sunde, Harold, 1900-1990
Extent: 440 items
Extent: 4 containers plus 4 oversize
Extent: 5 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mms93082200
Summary: Engineer. Correspondence, legal documents, reports, blueprints, articles, speeches, and printed matter pertaining to Sunde's work as an engineer for the Radio Corporation of America.

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
Sunde, Harold, 1900-1990.

Organizations
Radio Corporation of America.

Subjects
Acoustical engineering.
Sound motion pictures.
Sound--Recording and reproducing--Equipment and supplies--England.
Sound--Recording and reproducing--Equipment and supplies--Soviet Union.
Sound--Recording and reproducing--Equipment and supplies.

Occupations
Engineers.

Provenance

Processing History
The papers of Harold Sunde were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Harold Sunde is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

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

Scope and Content Note
The papers of Harold Sunde (1900-1990) span the years 1925-1948 and consist of correspondence, memoranda, legal documents, reports, blueprints, articles, speeches, notes, and printed matter pertaining to Sunde's work as an engineer for Radio Corporation of America, especially the promotion of the RCA Photophone. The collection documents Sunde's role in the introduction of the first film sound reproducing equipment in England and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Arrangement of the Papers
This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein by subject or name of organization.
## Container List

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|           | (3 folders)  
| BOX 1     | Catalogs and price lists, 1928-1937, undated  
| BOX 1     | Correspondence, membranda, and notes, 1928-1941, undated  
| BOX 1     | Legal documents, 1930-1931, 1939  
|           | (1 folder)  
| BOX 2     | (2 folders)  
| BOX 2     | Miscellaneous printed matter, 1929-1934, undated  
| BOX 2     | Operating instructions  
| BOX 2     | Amplifiers, 1935  
| BOX 2     | Bearings and Morse chains, undated  
| BOX 2     | Cathode ray oscillograph, 1943  
| BOX 2     | Film stock, 1933-1935  
| BOX 2     | General, 1932  
|           | (4 folders)  
| BOX 2     | Printers, 1935-1936  
| BOX 2     | Projectors, 1928-1932, undated  
| BOX 3     | Radios and Photophone turntables, 1929, 1934, undated  
| BOX 3     | Recording equipment, 1929-1934, 1946 *See also Oversize*  
| BOX 3     | Sound and picture reproducing equipment, 1929  
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| BOX 3     | Theremin musical instrument, 1929  
| BOX 3     | Vibrators and vibration meters, undated *See also Oversize*  
| BOX 3     | Reports  
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| BOX 4     | *Harrison's Reports*, 1928-1929  
| BOX 4     | Journal reprints, 1925-1941  
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| BOX 4     | Marconi-Stille recording and reproducing equipment, undated  
| BOX 4     | Miscellaneous, 1929-1947, undated  
| BOX 4     | *Orpheus*, Installation and Service Department newsletter, 1929  
| BOX 4     | Radio Corporation of America, 1928, 1946, undated  
| BOX 4     | RCA Manufacturing Co., 1935, undated  
| BOX 4     | RCA Photophone, 1929-1932, undated  
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