

**Wallace Carroll Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Wallace Carroll Papers

**Span Dates:** 1941-1989

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1941-1953)

**ID No.:** MSS61931

**Creator:** Carroll, Wallace, 1906-

**Extent:** 2,500 items

**Extent:** 7 containers plus 2 classified

**Extent:** 3.2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm85061931>

**Summary:** Journalist and psychological warfare strategist. Correspondence, memoranda, reports, and propaganda leaflets documenting primarily Carroll's work for the United States Office of War Information and the Psychological Strategy Board.

## 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

Benedict, Ruth, 1887-1948.

Carroll, Wallace, 1906-2002.

Langer, William L. (William Leonard), 1896-1977.

Stalin, Joseph, 1878-1953.

Stark, Harold R. (Harold Raynsford), 1880-1972--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Psychological Strategy Board (U.S.)

United States. Army.

United States. Department of State.

United States. Navy.

United States. Office of War Information.

### Subjects

Cold War--Psychological aspects.

Psychological warfare.

World War, 1939-1945--Africa, North.

World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Soviet Union.

World War, 1939-1945--Diplomatic history.

World War, 1939-1945--England--London.

World War, 1939-1945--Europe.

World War, 1939-1945--France.

World War, 1939-1945--Germany.

World War, 1939-1945--Governments in exile.

World War, 1939-1945--Propaganda.

World War, 1939-1945--Psychological aspects.

World War, 1939-1945--Public opinion.

World War, 1939-1945--Washington (D.C.)

### Places

France--Foreign relations--United States.

United States--Foreign relations--France.

## Occupations

Journalists.

## Provenance

The papers of Wallace Carroll, journalist and psychological warfare strategist, were given to the Library of Congress by Carroll from 1985 to 1990.

## Processing History

The papers of Wallace Carroll were arranged and described in 1997. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

## Transfers

A videotaped interview conducted by German television with Carroll in 1989 on psychological warfare has been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where it is identified as part of the Wallace Carroll Papers.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Wallace Carroll is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Wallace Carroll 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, Wallace Carroll Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1906, Dec. 15	Born, Milwaukee, Wis.
1927-1941	Correspondent, United Press International, stationed primarily in London, England; Paris, France; and Geneva, Switzerland
1928	Graduated, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.
1938	Covered civil war in Spain for United Press International Married Margaret Sawyer
1939-1940	Manager, United Press International bureau, London, England

1941	Reported from the Soviet Union for United Press International
1942	Published <i>Inside Warring Russia: An Eye-Witness Report on the Soviet Union's Battle</i> . New York: United Press Associations
1942-1944	Director, United States Office of War Information, London, England
1944-1945	Deputy director for European operations, Overseas Branch, Office of War Information
1947-1952	Consultant, State Department and United States Army
1948	Published <i>Persuade or Perish</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co.
1949-1955	Executive news editor, <i>Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel</i>
1951-1952	Head, Office of Plans and Policy, Psychological Strategy Board
1955-1963	News editor, <i>New York Times</i> bureau, Washington, D.C.
1963-1974	Editor and publisher, <i>Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel</i>

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Wallace Carroll (1906- ) span the years 1941-circa 1989, with the bulk of material dating from 1941 to 1953. The collection documents Carroll's role in developing and implementing American psychological warfare operations during World War II, first as director of the London office of the United States Office of War Information and later as deputy director for European operations, and subsequently through his work for the Psychological Strategy Board, the State Department, and the United State Army from 1947 to 1952. The papers also contain material pertaining to Franco-American relations during World War II and research files on disaffection toward Joseph Stalin's regime in 1941. The papers have been maintained in subject groupings and numbered folders created by Carroll. Each topical grouping is accompanied by narrative histories and inventories of files written by him.

Carroll's work for the Office of War Information (OWI) is documented through memoranda, correspondence, reports, and a large collection of propaganda leaflets. The papers contain relatively little material from Carroll's year and a half as director of the OWI's London office. Notable exceptions include a report on the office's activities written for a Senate committee in August 1943, directives for American leaflet operations in May 1943, and an analysis of German defeatism by anthropologist Ruth Benedict in December 1943.

The bulk of OWI material concerns Carroll's duties as deputy director for European operations in Washington, D.C. An extensive day file consisting of memoranda and correspondence reflects the broad range of psychological warfare operations directed at Europe from January 1944 to July 1945. Also featured is a substantial compilation of propaganda leaflets written in French, German, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Czech, and Polish, among other languages, accompanied by translations and memoranda.

After the war, Carroll served as a consultant for the Army, the State Department, and the Psychological Strategy Board. The collection includes speeches and reports presented by Carroll on development and use of psychological warfare during the early years of the Cold War.

The collection contains drafts and research material for "It Takes a Russian to Beat a Russian," an article written by Carroll for *Life* magazine in 1949 exploring Germany's failure to exploit anti-Stalin disaffection during the German invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941. Carroll based his article in part on information provided by Ernest Koestring, a German military attaché in Moscow before the war, and Hans von Herwarth, an official in Germany's Foreign Ministry. The collection contains a lengthy memorandum written by Koestring and Herwarth as well as their answers to Carroll's follow-up questions. Also included are briefings on and translations of German psychological warfare documents aimed at the Soviet Union. Letters and documents received by Carroll from Soviet and Ukrainian exiles who read his article are also included.

Franco-American relations during World War II are documented through copies of letters written by Harold R. Stark, commander of United States naval forces in Europe and liaison to exiled French forces in London. The letters were originally appended to a report written by Stark's aide, T. B. Kittredge. Also included is a report written by William L. Langer titled "Our Vichy Policy and North African Venture." The report, commissioned by Cordell Hull, served as the basis for Langer's *Our Vichy Gamble*, published in 1947.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by subject groupings and numbered folders created by Carroll.

# Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Franco-American relations during World War II, 1942-1943, circa 1985, undated <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 1	Psychological warfare
BOX 1	Section I, World War II operations
BOX 1	Inventory and narrative history, circa 1985
BOX 1	Day files
BOX 1	1944, Jan.-Sept. <i>See also Classified</i> (8 folders)
BOX 2	1944, Oct.-1945, Mar. (8 folders)
BOX 3	1945, Apr.-July (5 folders)
BOX 3	Personal file, 1944-1945
BOX 3	Section II, World War II operations
BOX 3	Inventory and narrative history, circa 1989
BOX 3	No. 1, report on the activities of the London office of the Office of War Information, 1943
BOX 3	No. 2, directives for American leaflet operations, 1943
BOX 3	No. 3, British report on German propaganda re secret weapon, 1943 <i>See Classified</i>
BOX 3	No. 4, Ruth Benedict's analysis of German defeatism, 1943
BOX 3	No. 5, notes re trip to inspect Office of War Information offices and operations in Europe, 1945
BOX 3	No. 6, British report on political warfare uses and methods, undated <i>See Classified</i>
BOX 3	No. 7, "Anglo-American Propaganda to Germany," by Robert Garnett, 1947
BOX 3	No. 8, memorandum to W. Averell Harriman re postwar propaganda to the Soviet Army in Germany, 1945
BOX 3	No. 9, miscellaneous publications, 1943-1964
BOX 3	No. 10, propaganda leaflets
BOX 3	1941, Dec.-1943, Dec.
BOX 4	1944, Feb.-Sept. (8 folders)
BOX 5	1944, Oct.-1945, Apr., undated (3 folders)
BOX 5	Section III, Cold War papers
BOX 5	Inventory and narrative history, circa 1989
BOX 5	No. 1, speeches at National War College, Washington, D.C., 1949-1951
BOX 5	No. 2, "The Army's Role in Current Psychological Warfare," report, 1949
BOX 5	No. 3, papers written for the Public Affairs Division, State Department, 1950 <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 5	No. 4, reports on the Psychological Strategy Board, 1951-1952 <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 5	No. 5, reports on the United States Information Agency and selection of a director, 1960
BOX 5	No. 6, article on Soviet defectors, 1970

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BOX 5	No. 7, "The Mind and Will," memorandum to President's Commission on International Information Activities, 1953 <i>See Classified</i>
BOX 5	No. 8, article by Edward P. Lilly on the Psychological Strategy Board, undated
BOX 5	Soviets against Joseph Stalin, <i>Life</i> magazine article
BOX 5	Inventory and narrative history, circa 1986
BOX 5	Drafts, published text, and notes, 1949 (2 folders)
BOX 5	Reactions to article
BOX 5	American, 1949-1955
BOX 5	British, 1950
BOX 6	Soviet exiles, 1948-1953 (2 folders)
BOX 6	Ukrainian exiles, 1940-1950
BOX 6	Sources
BOX 6	Fischer, George, articles on Andrei Vlasov, 1949-1951
BOX 6	German Army psychological warfare documents, translations and briefings, 1941-1945
BOX 6	Vol. 1 (3 folders)
BOX 7	Vol. 2 (2 folders)
BOX 7	Memorandum by Ernest Koestring and Hans von Herwarth, undated
BOX 7	Questionnaires and replies, 1949
BOX 7	United States planning paper on effective use of Soviet prisoners of war, undated
BOX CL 1	Classified
BOX CL 1	Franco-American relations during World War II, 1942-1943, undated (Container 1) (2 folders)
BOX CL 2	(1 folder)
BOX CL 2	Psychological warfare
BOX CL 2	Section I, World War II operations
BOX CL 2	Day files, 1944, Feb. (Container 1)
BOX CL 2	Section II, World War II operations
BOX CL 2	No. 3, British report on German propaganda re secret weapon, 1943 (Container 3)
BOX CL 2	No. 6, British report on political warfare uses and methods, undated (Container 3)
BOX CL 2	Section III, Cold War papers
BOX CL 2	No. 3, papers written for the Public Affairs Division, State Department, 1950 (Container 5)
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