

**Byron N. Scott Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Byron N. Scott Papers

**Span Dates:** 1957

**ID No.:** MSS83735

**Creator:** Scott, Byron N. (Byron Nicholson), 1903-1991

**Extent:** 75 items

**Extent:** 1 container

**Extent:** 0.2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm96083735>

**Summary:** United States representative from California and lawyer. Correspondence, memoranda, court brief, newspaper clippings, and magazine articles relating to Scott's legal defense of William H. Taylor, who was accused of espionage.

## 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

Bentley, Elizabeth, 1908-1963.

Scott, Byron N. (Byron Nicholson), 1903-1991.

Taylor, William H. (William Henry), 1906-

### Organizations

International Monetary Fund--Employees and officials.

International Organizations Employee Loyalty Board.

United States. Department of the Treasury--Employees and officials.

### Subjects

Defectors.

Espionage, Soviet.

Spies.

Trials (Espionage)--United States.

### Titles

*Byron Nicholson Scott papers*

### Occupations

Lawyers.

Representatives, U.S. Congress--California.

## Provenance

The papers of Byron N. Scott, United States representative from California and lawyer, were given to the Library of Congress in 1973 by his wife.

## Processing History

The papers of Byron N. Scott were arranged and described in 1997. The collection was revised in 2009.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Byron N. Scott is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Byron N. Scott 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, Byron N. Scott Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1903, Mar. 21	Born, Council Grove, Kans.
1924	Graduated from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans.
1924-1926	Taught school, Tucson, Ariz.
1926-1934	Taught school, Long Beach, Calif.
1930	Graduated from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif.
1935-1939	Served as United States Representative from California
1939-1940	Secretary of the California State Highway Commission
1941-1942	Engaged in the construction business
1942-1945	Served with the War Production Board, Washington, D.C.
1949	Graduated from the National University School of Law, San Diego, Calif. Admitted to the District of Columbia Bar and practiced law there until his retirement in 1979
1991, Dec. 21	Died, Riverside, Calif.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Byron Nicholson Scott (1903-1991) consist of a case file of correspondence, memoranda, an abridged court brief, newspaper clippings, and magazine articles, all dated 1957. His papers concern his defense of William Taylor, Treasury Department and International Monetary Fund specialist, accused of espionage by former Soviet spy turned defector Elizabeth Bentley. Taylor's position and the effect of Bentley's accusations on his employment are described in "for the record" and personal memoranda by him. Details of Scott's defense strategy, pursued primarily before the International Organizations Employee Loyalty Board, are described in newspaper clippings and articles, especially in an article Scott published in the January 1957 issue of *The Nation* titled "The Letter That Nobody Wrote."

The papers are from one of fifteen binders that constituted Scott's file on the Taylor case. Scott placed one binder with the Library of Congress in 1973. The remaining fourteen binders were never sent.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically.

# Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Taylor, William H., case file, 1957, undated (4 folders)