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Collection Summary

Title: Julius A. Krug Papers

Span Dates: 1936-1950

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1941-1949)

ID No.: MSS28993

Creator: Krug, Julius A. (Julius Albert), 1907-

Extent: 35,000 items

Extent: 119 containers plus 2 classified

Extent: 46.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: United States secretary of the interior and business executive. Chiefly subject files documenting Krug's service on the United States War Production Board and as United States secretary of the interior consisting of correspondence, memoranda, reports, speeches, articles, statements, photographs, newspaper clippings, and other printed matter.

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

Anderson, Clinton Presba, 1895-1975--Correspondence.

Bowles, Chester, 1901-1986--Correspondence.

Boyd, James, 1904-1987--Correspondence.

Chapman, Oscar L. (Oscar Littleton), 1896-1978--Correspondence.

Clark, Tom C. (Tom Campbell), 1899-1977--Correspondence.

Forrestal, James, 1892-1949--Correspondence.

Harriman, W. Averell (William Averell), 1891-1986--Correspondence.

Kefauver, Estes, 1903-1963--Correspondence.

Krug, Julius A. (Julius Albert), 1907-1970.

Lilienthal, David Eli, 1899-1981--Correspondence.

Marshall, George C. (George Catlett), 1880-1959--Correspondence.

Sawyer, Charles, 1887- --Correspondence.

Schwellenbach, Lewis B. (Lewis Baxter), 1894-1948--Correspondence.

Steelman, John Roy, 1900-1999--Correspondence.

Stettinius, Edward R., Jr. (Edward Reilly), 1900-1949--Correspondence.

Swope, Herbert Bayard, 1882-1958--Correspondence.

Symington, Stuart, 1901-1988--Correspondence.

Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Department of the Interior.

United States. War Production Board.

Occupations

Businessmen.

Cabinet officers.

Provenance

The papers of Julius A. Krug, United States secretary of the interior and business executive, were given to the Library of Congress by Krug in 1955.

Processing History

The papers of Julius A. Krug were arranged and described in 1963. The collection was revised in 1999 and the finding aid revised in 2009.

Additional Guides

Articles about the Krug Papers appeared in the Library's *Information Bulletin*, Vol. 15, No. 20 (14 May 1956), and the *Library of Congress Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions*, Vol. 13, No. 3 (May 1956), p. 151.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The papers of Julius A. Krug 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

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1907, Nov. 23	Born, Madison, Wis.
1926	Married Margaret Catherine Dean
1929	A.B., University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.
1930	A.M., University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.
1930-1931	Research statistician, Wisconsin Telephone Co.
1932-1935	Chief, Depreciation Section, Wisconsin Public Service Commission
1936-1937	Public utilities expert, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C.
1937	Technical director, Kentucky Public Service Commission
1938-1940	Chief power engineer, Tennessee Valley Authority
1940	Manager of power, Tennessee Valley Authority
1941	Chief power consultant, Office of Production Management
1942	Deputy director general for priorities, War Production Board
1943	Program vice chairman and director, Office of War Utilities, War Production Board
1944	Lieutenant commander, United States Naval Reserve Chairman, War Production Board

1946-1949	Secretary of the interior
1949	Chairman, Brookside Mills, Inc.
1955-1956	Leader, United Nations Flood Control Mission to Pakistan
1956	Chairman, Volunteer Asphalt Co., Knoxville, Tenn.
1970, Mar. 26	Died, Knoxville, Tenn.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Julius Albert Krug (1907-1970) span the years 1936-1950, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period of his service in the federal government, 1941-1949. The collection is comprised of five series: [Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), [Speech and Article File](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Classified](#).

The greater part of the [Correspondence](#) series consists of letters sent and received during the years 1946-1949 when Krug was secretary of the interior. There is a slightly smaller group of letters for the period when he served with the War Production Board, 1941-1945, directing the nation's output of munitions and during the early part of 1946 while supervising the conversion of wartime industry to the production of civilian commodities. Among the correspondents are Clinton Presba Anderson, Chester Bowles, James Boyd, Oscar L. Chapman, Tom C. Clark, James Forrestal, W. Averell Harriman, Estes Kefauver, David Eli Lilienthal, George C. Marshall, Charles Sawyer, Lewis B. Schwellenbach, John Roy Steelman, Edward R. Steptinius (1900-1949), Herbert Bayard Swope, Stuart Symington (1901-1988), and Harry S. Truman.

The bulk of the collection consists of a [Subject File](#) containing papers relating to some of Krug's major interests and activities from 1940 to 1953. The Interior Department file predominates and presents a detailed record of the operation of the department during the first half of the Truman administration. Typed notes, 1941-1949, summarize the subject matter of Krug's telephone calls. The Subject File also includes material relating to Congressional hearings involving the Interior Department, such as, correspondence and statements made by Krug and other officials before Congressional committees. Appointment schedules and records of trips by Krug cover his daily activities. Another segment of papers within the Subject File concerns his work in 1941 as chief power consultant to the Office of Production Management and as vice chairman when the agency was reconstituted as the War Production Board in 1942. Papers are missing for the few months in 1944 when Krug served as a lieutenant commander in the navy. They resume when he was recalled to Washington to act as chairman of the War Production Board.

Also in the collection are a number of Krug's [speeches and articles](#) and [miscellaneous](#) items such as invitations, photographs, and newspaper clippings.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

- [Correspondence, 1936-1949](#)
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- [Miscellany, 1939-1949](#)
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Description of Series

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BOX 5	25 Apr.-11 July 1945 (11 folders)
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Correspondence, 1936-1949

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Subject File, 1940-1953

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