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Collection Summary

Title: American Foreign Service Association Records

Span Dates: 1940-1964

ID No.: MSS21071

Creator: American Foreign Service Association

Extent: 4,000 items

Extent: 13 containers

Extent: 5.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Correspondence, articles, memoranda, editorials, essays, photographs, newspaper clippings, and printed matter pertaining to the publication of the *American Foreign Service Journal* issued in Washington, D.C., by the American Foreign Service Association, also known as the Foreign Service Association.

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

Briggs, Ellis, 1899-1976--Correspondence.

Craig, Gordon Alexander, 1913-2005--Correspondence.

De Wolf, Francis Colt, 1894- --Correspondence.

Estabrook, Robert H.--Correspondence.

Kennan, George F. (George Frost), 1904-2005.

Rubenstein, Lewis W. (Lewis William), 1908- --Correspondence.

Skinner, Robert Peet, 1866-1960--Correspondence.

Villard, Henry Serrano, 1900-1996--Correspondence.

Wiggins, James Russell, 1903-2000--Correspondence.

Wriston, Henry M. (Henry Merritt), 1889-1978--Correspondence.

Organizations

American Foreign Service Association.

Subjects

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Periodicals.

Diplomatic and consular service, American.

Titles

American foreign service journal.

Provenance

The records of American Foreign Service Association were given to the Library of Congress by the association in 1964.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1964. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of American Foreign Service Association is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The records of American Foreign Service Association 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, American Foreign Service Association Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the American Foreign Service Association span the years 1940-1964 and consist of editorial correspondence, articles, memoranda, editorials, essays, photographs, newspaper clippings, and printed matter pertaining to the publication of the *American Foreign Service Journal* issued in Washington, D.C., by the American Foreign Service Association, also known as the Foreign Service Association.

The [Correspondence](#) series features letters with foreign service officers of all ranks, State Department officials, publishing houses, advertisers, and contributors. Correspondents include Ellis Ormsbee Briggs, Gordon Alexander Craig, Francis Colt De Wolf, Robert H. Estabrook, George F. Kennan, Lewis Rubenstein, Robert Peet Skinner, Henry Serrano Villard, James Russell Wiggins, and Henry M. Wriston.

The [Essay Contests](#) series relates to writing contests sponsored by the association in 1940 and 1944. The contest in 1940 asked officers to describe unusual or amusing events and incidents they had witnessed or an experience of an extraordinary or dramatic character. Essays in 1944 were submitted under the title "Suggestions for Improving the Foreign Service and Its Administration to Meet Its War and Postwar Responsibilities."

Arrangement of the Records

This collection is arranged in two series:

- [Correspondence, 1950-1964](#)
- [Essay Contests, 1940-1944](#)

Description of Series

Container

Series

BOX 1-11

Correspondence, 1950-1964

Editorial correspondence including comments, essays, articles, editorials, memoranda, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and photographs.

Arranged in an alphabetical file for 1950-1962 and a chronological file for 1962-1964.

BOX 12-13

Essay Contests, 1940-1944

Essays submitted for publication by foreign service officers as part of writing contests in 1940 and 1944, together with correspondence, memoranda, editorial sheets, and other material.

Arranged by year of contest.

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BOX 1-11	Alphabetical, 1950-1962
BOX 1	A-B (14 folders)
BOX 2	C-E (11 folders)
BOX 3	E-H (11 folders)
BOX 4	H-L (14 folders)
BOX 5	L-N (14 folders)
BOX 6	O-R (11 folders)
BOX 7	R-S (11 folders)
BOX 8	S (8 folders)
BOX 9	(8 folders)
BOX 10	T-W (14 folders)
BOX 11	W-Z (6 folders)
BOX 11	Chronological, 1962-1964 (12 folders)
BOX 12-13	Essay Contests, 1940-1944 Essays submitted for publication by foreign service officers as part of writing contests in 1940 and 1944, together with correspondence, memoranda, editorial sheets, and other material. Arranged by year of contest.
BOX 12	1940 (4 folders)
BOX 12	1944 (7 folders)
BOX 13	(12 folders)