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Collection Summary

Title: Roland S. Morris Papers

Span Dates: 1910-1943

ID No.: MSS33613

Creator: Morris, Roland S. (Roland Sletor), 1874-1945

Extent: 5,000 items

Extent: 15 containers

Extent: 6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Lawyer, diplomat, and educator. Correspondence, memoranda, speeches, reports, newspaper clippings, photographs, and other papers relating primarily to Morris's service as U.S. ambassador to Japan and to his special missions to Siberia.

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

Bryan, William Jennings, 1860-1925--Correspondence.

Lansing, Robert, 1864-1928--Correspondence.

Long, Breckinridge, 1881-1958--Correspondence.

McCormick, Vance Criswell, 1872-1946--Correspondence.

Morris, Roland S. (Roland Sletor), 1874-1945.

Rowe, L. S. (Leo Stanton), 1871-1946--Correspondence.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924--Correspondence.

Organizations

University of Pennsylvania.

Subjects

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Japan.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Soviet Union.

International law.

Universities and colleges--Pennsylvania.

Places

Japan--Foreign relations--United States.

Siberia (Russia)--History--Revolution, 1917-1921.

Soviet Union--Foreign relations--United States.

Soviet Union--History--Allied intervention, 1918-1920.

United States--Foreign relations--Japan.

United States--Foreign relations--Soviet Union.

Occupations

Diplomats.

Educators.

Lawyers.

Provenance

The papers of Roland S. Morris, lawyer, diplomat, and educator, were given to the Library of Congress by his children, Edward Shippen Morris and Sarah Morris Machold, in 1950.

Processing History

The papers of Roland S. Morris were processed in 1952. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Roland S. Morris is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Roland S. Morris 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, Roland S. Morris Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1874	Born, Olympia, Wash.
1892	Graduated high school, Lawrenceville, N. J.
1896	A.B., Princeton University, Princeton, N. Y.
1899	L.L.B., University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. Began practice of law, Philadelphia, Pa.
1904	Member, firm of Duane, Morris and Heckscher
1908-1916	Chairman, Democratic Finance Committee of Pennsylvania
1913-1916	State chairman, Democratic Party in Pennsylvania
1917-1921	Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Japan
1918-1919	Special mission to Siberia
1920-1921	Acting assistant secretary of state
1924	Professor of international law, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
1928-1933	Pennsylvania State Board of Law Examiners

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Roland Sletor Morris (1874-1945) span the years 1910-1943. The collection contains correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, intelligence reports, speeches, newspaper clippings, photographs, and other papers relating primarily to Morris's service as ambassador to Japan (1917-1921) and to his special missions to Siberia (1918-1919). Included are typewritten copies of a translation of a diary of a Japanese mission to the United States (1860) and official telegrams exchanged with Secretary of State Robert Lansing, as well as material pertaining to the Allied intervention in Siberia, 1918-1920. Also in the collection are papers pertaining to Morris's work as a professor of international law at the

University of Pennsylvania. Correspondents include William Jennings Bryan, Robert Lansing, Breckinridge Long, Vance McCormick, Leo S. Rowe, and Woodrow Wilson.

Arrangement of the Papers

The papers are organized by type of material.

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BOX 3	1920, Feb.-1938, Feb., undated
BOX 4	Official telegrams
BOX 4	Secretary of state to United States Embassy, Tokyo, Japan
BOX 4	1918, June 16-1919, Dec.
BOX 5	1920, Jan.-1920, Apr. 30
BOX 5	Exchanges by Morris and Robert Lansing regarding shipping, 1918, Feb.1-May 13
BOX 5	Mainly from Morris to secretary of state, Washington, D.C.
BOX 5	1918, May 2-Sept. 23
BOX 5	1919, July 10-1920, Apr. 27
BOX 6	Data on Japan
BOX 6	Reports, memoranda, diplomatic lists, printed matter, etc., including typescript copies of a translation of a diary of a Japanese mission to the United States (1860), with translator's preface.
BOX 7	Data on Siberia
BOX 7	Letters from commercial and banking firms; letters from Red Cross and YMCA; report on Proceedings of the Second Congress, Third Communist Internationale, Petrograd-Moscow, Russia, July-Aug. 1920 (from <i>Pravda</i> and <i>Isvestia</i>); material regarding Stevens Railway Commission; etc.
BOX 8	Reports mainly from Asiatic Squadron of United States Fleet and from American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia, to Morris
BOX 9	Reports and memoranda regarding friction between forces of the United States and Japan in Siberia; atrocity photographs; etc.
BOX 10	University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
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