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Collection Summary

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Summary: Conservationist, jurist, and administrator. Diaries, correspondence, speeches and writings, governmental and organizational records, topical files, photographs, and miscellaneous papers relating to Train's work in public and private sectors on national and international environmental issues and policy.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Bradley, Tom, 1917-1998--Correspondence.

Bush, George, 1924- --Correspondence.

Butz, Earl L. (Earl Lauer), 1909-2008--Correspondence.

Ehrlichman, John--Correspondence.

Ford, Gerald R., 1913-2006.

Gibbons, Boyd--Correspondence.

Godfrey, Arthur, 1903-1983--Correspondence.

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

Holton, A. Linwood (Abner Linwood), 1923- --Correspondence.

Izrael', IŮ. A. (IŮrii Antonievich)

Johnson, Lady Bird, 1912-2007--Correspondence.

Kissinger, Henry, 1923- --Correspondence.

Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974--Correspondence.

Lugar, Richard--Correspondence.

McNamara, Robert S., 1916-2009--Correspondence.

Moynihan, Daniel P. (Daniel Patrick), 1927-2003--Correspondence.

Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994.

Osborn, Fairfield, 1887-1969.

Reilly, William K. (William Kane), 1940- --Correspondence.

Richardson, Elliot L., 1920-1999--Correspondence.

Ripley, Sidney Dillon, 1913-2001--Correspondence.

Rockefeller, Laurance Spelman--Correspondence.

Rogers, William P. (William Pierce), 1913-2001--Correspondence.

Ruckelshaus, William Doyle, 1932- --Correspondence.

Rumsfeld, Donald, 1932- --Correspondence.

Stans, Maurice H., 1908-1998--Correspondence.

Temple, Shirley, 1928-2014--Correspondence.

Train, Russell E., 1920-2012.

Trudeau, Pierre Elliott--Correspondence.

Walker, Peter, 1932-2010--Correspondence.

Wallace, George C. (George Corley), 1919-1998--Correspondence.

Ward, Barbara, 1914-1981--Correspondence.

Weinberger, Caspar W.--Correspondence.

Organizations

African Wildlife Foundation.
African Wildlife Leadership Foundation.
Conservation Foundation.
Council on Environmental Quality (U.S.)
Joint US-USSR Committee on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection.
North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society.
United States. Department of the Interior.
United States. Environmental Protection Agency.
World Wildlife Fund (U.S.)

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Conservation of natural resources.
Environmental policy--Canada.
Environmental policy--China.
Environmental policy--Germany.
Environmental policy--Great Lakes Region (North America)
Environmental policy--Soviet Union.
Environmental policy--Spain.
Environmental policy--United States.
Environmental policy.
Nature conservation.
Safaris.
Water quality.
Wildlife conservation--Africa.
Wildlife conservation.

Titles

Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 1972.

Occupations

Administrators.
Conservationists.
Jurists.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Russell E. Train, conservationist, jurist, and government official, were given to the Library of Congress by Train in 2005.

Transfers

Two videotapes, a DVD, and an audiocassette have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of the Russell E. Train Papers.

Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the papers of Charles Jackson Train and of Charles Russell Train, Russell E. Train's father and grandfather, which form part of the Library's Naval Historical Foundation Collection, and the papers of Fairfield Osborne.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Russell E. Train 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.

Digital Format

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1920, June 4	Born, Jamestown, R.I.
1941	B.A., Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.
1941-1946	World War II service, army field artillery
1948	LL.B, Columbia University Law School, New York, N.Y.
1948-1953	Counsel, Congressional Joint Committee on Revenue and Taxation, Washington, D.C.
1953-1955	Clerk and minority advisor, House Committee on Ways and Means
1954	Married Aileen Bowdoin
1956-1957	Head, Legal Advisory Staff, Treasury Department
1957-1965	Judge, Tax Court of the United States
1961-1965	Founded and served as president of the African Wildlife Leadership Foundation
1965-1969	President, Conservation Foundation
1969-1970	Under secretary, Department of the Interior
1970-1973	Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality
1970-1979	Representative to North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society
1973-1977	Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency

1978-1994	President and chairman of the board, World Wildlife Fund (US)
1994-	Chairman emeritus, World Wildlife Fund (US)
2012, Sept. 17	Died, Bozman, Md.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Russell Errol Train (1920-2012) span the years 1898-2005, with the bulk of the collection concentrated between 1957 and 2005. The papers include diaries, correspondence, judicial opinions, governmental and organizational records, speeches and writings files, biographical material, news clippings, photographs, and topical files. The collection is organized in ten series: [Diaries, Field Notes, and Appointment Books](#); [General Correspondence](#); [Government File](#); [Organizations](#); [Speeches, Statements and Writings File](#); [Miscellany](#); [Classified](#); [North Atlantic Treaty Organization Classified](#); [Oversize](#); and [Digital File](#).

Train's early career in tax policy and law culminated in his service as a judge on the Tax Court of the United States from 1957 to 1965. His judicial opinions comprise a grouping in the [Government File](#) series. However, most of the papers focus on his second career as an environmentalist.

The first glimmerings of Train's environmental career are documented in the [Diaries, Field Notes, and Appointment Books](#) series. He became interested in wildlife conservation while on safari in Kenya during 1956. This safari and others he took over the years, as well as other private and official travel, are documented in the chronological file of the series, as are daily journals Train kept between 1969 and 1983. Also in the series are field notes Train kept on other trips from which he derived diary entries and reports, particularly for the World Wildlife Fund (US) that Train served successively as president and chairman during 1978-1994.

The [General Correspondence](#) series reflects Train's activities as a government official, an officer of several public interest organizations, and as a private citizen communicating with family, colleagues, governors, cabinet members, White House officials, foreign environmental leaders, heads of state, academics, and others. Correspondents include Tom Bradley (1917-1998), George Bush (1924-), Earl L. Butz, John Ehrlichman, Boyd Gibbons, Arthur Godfrey, W. Averell Harriman, Linwood Holton, Lady Bird Johnson, Henry Kissinger, Charles A. Lindbergh, Richard Lugar, Robert S. McNamara, Daniel P. Moynihan, Sidney Dillon Ripley, Laurance Spelman Rockefeller, William K. Reilly, Elliot L. Richardson, William P. Rogers, William Doyle Ruckelshaus, Donald Rumsfeld, Maurice H. Stans, Shirley Temple, Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Peter Edward Walker, George C. Wallace, Barbara Ward (1914-1981), and Caspar W. Weinberger.

Train's service as undersecretary of the Department of the Interior, chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, chairman of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society, and administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency during the Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford administrations is documented in the [Government File](#). There are extensive chronological files with memoranda and correspondence arranged in reverse chronological order covering Train's daily activities in the Department of the Interior, the Council on Environmental Quality, and the NATO Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society files.

Train was the first chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality where he defined its roles of coordinating national environmental policy and negotiating with foreign governments on environmental matters. There is material in the Council of Environmental Quality file on Train's diplomacy with Canada leading to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 1972 and with Spain, China, and Germany. However, most of the material related to foreign affairs in this file focuses on the Soviet Union and the establishment by treaty of the Joint US-USSR Committee on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection. Train's Soviet counterpart was academician Yuri A. Izrael', and Train's negotiations with Izrael' and other Soviet scientists and officials is documented in the file relating to United States-Soviet Union environmental treaties and agreements.

Moved by the fragility of the African ecosystem he observed while on safari, Train founded the African Wildlife Leadership Foundation, later the African Wildlife Foundation, in 1959. He expanded his interest in environmental issues beyond wildlife conservation, becoming president of the Conservation Foundation in 1965. One of Train's mentors in this process was Fairfield Osborn, longtime president of the New York Zoological Society and a pioneering environmentalist

whose papers are also in the Library of Congress. Files on the African Wildlife Foundation and the Conservation Foundation, including correspondence with Osborn and other environmental and public interest organizations, comprise the Organization series. The preponderance of the series relates to the World Wildlife Fund (US), which Train served as president and chairman of the board after his government career.

The [Speeches, Statements, and Writings File](#) covers most of Train's public career as a conservationist and environmentalist from 1965 to his emeritus years after his retirement from the active chairmanship of the World Wildlife Fund (US). Most of his oral presentations, including statements and congressional testimony as a government official or public interest organization leader, are in the [Speeches, Statements, and Writings File](#) rather than the [Government File](#) or [Organizations](#) series. Included is contextual and background material and some correspondence. Similar material is in the trips and events file of the [Miscellany](#) series. The [Digital File](#) is comprised of diaries and a scrapbook.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in nine series:

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