Laurence A. Steinhardt Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Laurence A. Steinhardt Papers

Span Dates: 1929-1950 **ID No.:** MSS41301

Creator: Steinhardt, Laurence A. (Laurence Adolph), 1892-1950 **Extent:** 42,500 items; 99 containers plus 1 classified; 42.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Lawyer, economist, and diplomat. Correspondence, letterbooks, articles, speeches, financial papers, business records, legal papers, and other papers relating to Steinhardt's career as ambassador to Sweden, Peru, the Soviet Union,

Turkey, Czechoslovakia, and Canada.

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

Allen, George V. (George Venable), 1903-1970.

Biddle, Anthony Joseph Drexel, 1896-1961.

Davies, Joseph Edward.

Farley, James A. (James Aloysius), 1888-1976.

Henderson, Loy W. (Loy Wesley), 1892-1986.

Hull, Cordell, 1871-1955.

Jackson, C. D.

Knopf, Alfred A., 1892-1984.

Owen, Ruth Bryan, 1885-1954.

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945.

Steinhardt, Laurence A. (Laurence Adolph), 1892-1950.

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

Sulzberger, Arthur Hays, 1891-1968.

Welles, Sumner, 1892-1961.

Subjects

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Canada.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Czechoslovakia.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Peru.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Soviet Union.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Turkey.

Places

Canada--Foreign relations--United States.

Czechoslovakia--Foreign relations--United States.

Peru--Foreign relations--United States.

Soviet Union--Foreign relations--United States.

Turkey--Foreign relations--United States.

United States--Foreign relations--Canada.

United States--Foreign relations--Czechoslovakia.

United States--Foreign relations--Soviet Union.

United States--Foreign relations--Turkey.

Occupations

Diplomats.

Economists.

Lawyers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Laurence A. Steinhardt, lawyer, economist, and diplomat, were given to the Library of Congress by his widow, Dulcie Steinhardt Beau, in 1963. Additional material was given by the American Jewish Archives in 1983.

Processing History

The Steinhardt Papers were processed in 1963. An addition was made circa 1983 and the finding aid was revised in 2005 and 2012.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The papers of Laurence A. Steinhardt 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.

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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

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Laurence A. Steinhardt Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1892, Oct. 6	Born, New York, N.Y.
1913	A.B., Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1915	M.A. and LL.B., Columbia University, New York, N.Y. Admitted to New York bar
1915-1916	Accountant
1916	Counsel to Waslaw Nijinsky
1920-1933	Member, Guggenheimer, Untermyer and Marshall law firm
1933	Member, Executive Finance Committee, Democratic National Committee and Franklin D. Roosevelt's pre-convention campaign committee
1933-1937	Ambassador to Sweden

1937-1939 Ambassador to Peru

1938 Delegate, Eighth Conference of the Pan-American Union, Lima, Peru

1939-1941 Ambassador to USSR

1942-1945 Ambassador to Turkey

1945-1948 Ambassador to Czechoslovakia

1948-1950 Ambassador to Canada

1950, Mar. 28 Killed in an airplane accident

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Laurence Adolph Steinhardt (1892-1950) span the years 1929-1950, with the bulk of the material focused on his career in the State Department from 1933 until his death in an airplane crash in 1950. Included are correspondence, memoranda, reports, legal and financial records, speeches and writings, printed matter, and miscellaneous material relating to his positions as ambassador to Sweden, Peru, the Soviet Union, Turkey, Czechoslovakia, and Canada.. The papers are organized into five series: General File; Subject and Legal Files; Letterbooks; Addition; and Classified.

The <u>General File</u> (formerly titled Miscellaneous) constitutes the bulk of the collection and consists largely of incoming correspondence, embassy reports, writings, and personal material organized by year. The papers also contain personal financial material, files relating to the day-to-day operation of the various embassies to which Steinhardt was assigned, and a small number of articles and speeches.

Included among the many notable correspondents in the collection are George V. Allen, Anthony Joseph Drexel Biddle, Joseph Edward Davies, James A. Farley, Loy W. Henderson, Cordell Hull, C. D. Jackson, Alfred A. Knopf, Ruth Bryan Owen, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Edward R. Stettinius, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, and Sumner Welles.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

- General File, 1932-1950
- Subject and Legal Files, 1933-1945
- <u>Letterbooks</u>, 1929-1950
- Addition, 1930-1948
- Classified, 1947

Description of Series

Container Series

BOX 1-66 General File, 1932-1950

Correspondence (largely incoming), memoranda, reports, financial papers, drafts and printed copies of articles and speeches, clippings, cards and invitations, and printed matter.

Arranged by year and therein alphabetically.

BOX 67-70 Subject and Legal Files, 1933-1945

Memoranda, reports, legal and financial records.

Arranged by topic.

BOX 71-88 Letterbooks, 1929-1950

Bound volumes of carbon copies of outgoing letters.

Arranged chronologically.

BOX 89-99 Addition, 1930-1948

BOX 89-95 Correspondence, 1933-1948

Family, personal, and general correspondence.

Family letters are arranged chronologically; general correspondence is arranged

alphabetically.

BOX 95 <u>Embassy Papers, 1934-1948</u>

Correspondence, speeches, writings, clippings, and miscellany.

Arranged chronologically.

BOX 96 Speeches and Statements, 1933-1946

Speeches, statements, and related correspondence.

Arranged chronologically.

BOX 96-99 **Financial Papers, 1930-1948**

Business, financial, and legal papers.

Arranged chronologically.

BOX 99 Miscellany

Newspaper articles, clippings, and unidentified and undated material.

No arrangement.

BOX CL 1 Classified, 1947

Correspondence.

Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items were removed.

Container List

Container	Contents
вох 1-66	General File, 1932-1950
	Correspondence (largely incoming), memoranda, reports, financial papers, drafts and printed copies of articles and speeches, clippings, cards and invitations, and printed matter.
	Arranged by year and therein alphabetically.
30x 1	1932
BOX 1	General correspondence
sox 2	Articles
sox 2	Financial papers
sox 3	Financial papers
ox 4	1933
ox 4	General correspondence
ox 4	A-M
BOX 5	N-Z
sox 5	Speeches and articles
sox 5	Embassy papers
30x 6-7	Financial papers
sox 8	1934
sox 8	General correspondence
ox 8	A-L
ox 9	M-Z
30X 9	Speeches and articles
ox 9	Miscellany
sox 10-11	Financial papers
ox 12	1935
sox 12	General correspondence
30X 12	A-R
30X 13	S-Z
30X 13	Speeches and articles
BOX 13	Financial papers
30X 14	Financial papers
30X 15	1936
BOX 15	General correspondence
30X 15	A-O
30X 16	P-Z
30X 17-18	Financial papers
30X 17 10	1937
30x 19	General correspondence
30x 19	A-S
30x 19 30x 20	T-Z
BOX 20	Financial papers
BOX 20 BOX 21-22	Financial papers Financial papers
30x 21-22 30x 23	1938

General File, 1932-1950

Container	Contents
вох 23	General correspondence
вох 23	A-R
вох 24	S-Z
BOX 24	Speeches and articles
BOX 24	Financial papers
BOX 25-26	Financial papers
BOX 27	1939
BOX 27	General correspondence, A-Z
BOX 27	Financial papers
30x 27 30x 28	1940
30x 28	General correspondence
30x 28	A-O
BOX 28	P-Z
BOX 29 BOX 29	
30x 29 30x 30-31	Financial papers
	Financial papers
BOX 32	1941
32 32 32	General correspondence
32 32	A-R
BOX 33	S-Z
34-35	Financial papers
36 sox 36	1942
36 ac	General correspondence
36 sox	A-M
37 sox 37	M-Z
37 sox	Newspaper clippings
38-39 sox	Financial papers
30x 40	1943
30x 40	General correspondence, A-Z
30x 41	Papers regarding
30x 41	U. S. embassy in Turkey
30x 41	Alice Leone Moats
30x 41	Medical information regarding Steinhardt
30x 42	Financial papers
3 ac san ac	1944
3 ac san an a	General correspondence, A-Z
30 x 44	Articles and other material, regarding Middle East reports on War Refugee Board and evacuation of Jews from Europe
BOX 44	Embassy papers
BOX 45	Financial papers
30x 46	1945
30x 46	General correspondence, A-Z
30x 47	News reports
BOX 47	Embassy papers
BOX 47	Cards and invitations
BOX 48	Financial papers
30x 49	1946

General File, 1932-1950

Container	Contents
BOX 49	General correspondence
BOX 49	A-O
BOX 50	P-Z
BOX 50	Speeches and articles
BOX 50	Cards and invitations
BOX 50	Embassy papers
BOX 51-52	Financial papers
BOX 53	1947
BOX 53	General correspondence
BOX 53	A-P
BOX 54	Q-Z <u>See also Classified</u>
BOX 54	Cards and invitations
BOX 54	Speeches
BOX 54	Embassy papers <u>See also Classified</u>
BOX 54	Financial papers
BOX 55	Financial papers
BOX 56	1948
BOX 56	General correspondence
BOX 56	A-K
BOX 57	L-Z
BOX 58	Speeches and interviews
BOX 58	Embassy papers
BOX 59	Financial papers
BOX 60	1949
BOX 60	General correspondence
BOX 60	A-I
BOX 61	J-R
BOX 62	S-Z
BOX 63	Speeches and articles
BOX 63	Embassy papers
BOX 63	Financial papers
BOX 64	Financial papers
BOX 65	1950
BOX 65	General correspondence, A-Z
BOX 65	Embassy papers
BOX 66	Financial papers
вох 67-70	Subject and Legal Files, 1933-1945
BOX 07 70	Memoranda, reports, legal and financial records.
	Arranged by topic.
вох 67	Russian conditions, 1933
BOX 67	Madeleine S. Partridge will, 1934
BOX 67	Kreuger affairs, 1934-1935
BOX 67	Sweden, 1937
BOX 67	Czechoslovakia, 1945
BOX 67	Czechoslovakia and Poland, reports and clippings, 1947
BOX 68	Richard Hofmann estate

Subject and Legal Files, 1933-1945

BOX 69	Marguerite Herczeg estate Martha M. Hall estate Elliott and Dowling trusts
	Martha M. Hall estate
BOX 69	
BOX 70	Stockholm Enskilda Bank, correspondence and cancelled checks, 1933-1937
вох 71-88	Letterbooks, 1929-1950
	Bound volumes of carbon copies of outgoing letters.
	Arranged chronologically.
BOX 71	1929-1930
BOX 72	1931
BOX 73	1932
BOX 74	1933
BOX 75	6 July 1933-1 Apr. 1936
BOX 76	12 Feb. 1936-29 July 1938
BOX 77	14 July 1938-3 Feb. 1940
BOX 78	5 Feb. 1940-29 Dec. 1941
BOX 79	20 Jan. 1942-31 Dec. 1942
BOX 80	8 Dec. 1942-30 Mar. 1945
BOX 81	12 Nov. 1943-26 June 1944
BOX 82	2 Apr. 1945-30 Dec. 1946
BOX 83	2 Jan. 1947-20 Nov. 1947
BOX 84	1 Jan. 1947-31 Jan. 1949
	1 Jan. 1948-31 31 Jan. 1950
BOX 85	
BOX 86	1 Feb. 1949-21 July 1949
BOX 87	6 Aug. 1949-31 Oct. 1949
BOX 88	1 Nov. 1949-5 Apr. 1950
BOX 89-99	Addition, 1930-1948
вох 89-95	Correspondence, 1933-1948
	Family, personal, and general correspondence.
	Family letters are arranged chronologically; general correspondence is arranged
00	alphabetically.
BOX 89	Family, 1933-1946, undated
BOX 89	General
BOX 89	A-By
- o 00	(5 folders)
BOX 90	C-G
- o- 01	(5 folders)
BOX 91	H-L
nov 02	(5 folders)
BOX 92	L-Q (5 f-14-m)
nov 02	(5 folders)
BOX 93	R-St
now 04	(5 folders)
BOX 94	Sm-W
	(6 folders)

Container	Contents
вох 95	W-Z
DUA /J	(2 folders)
вох 95	Unidentified
вох 95	Embassy Papers, 1934-1948
	Correspondence, speeches, writings, clippings, and miscellany.
вох 95	Arranged chronologically.
	1934-1948, undated <u>See also Classified</u>
	(3 folders)
BOX 96	Speeches and Statements, 1933-1946
	Speeches, statements, and related correspondence.
	Arranged chronologically.
BOX 96	1933-1948
	(3 folders)
вох 96-99	Financial Papers, 1930-1948
	Business, financial, and legal papers.
	Arranged chronologically.
BOX 96	1930-1934
	(4 folders)
BOX 97	1935-1938
	(6 folders)
BOX 98	1939-1947
	(8 folders)
BOX 99	1948, undated
	(2 folders)
BOX 99	Miscellany
	Newspaper articles, clippings, and unidentified and undated material.
	No arrangement.
BOX 99	Miscellany
вох 99	Newspaper articles, clippings, and unidentified and undated material
	(4 folders)
BOX CL 1	Classified, 1947
	Correspondence.
	Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items
	were removed.
BOX CL 1	General File
BOX CL 1	1947
BOX CL 1	General correspondence (Container 54)
BOX CL 1	Embassy papers (Container 54)
BOX CL 1	Addition
BOX CL 1	Correspondence
BOX CL 1	Embassy papers, 1947 (Container 95)
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