

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: James Lawrence FLY PapersSOURCE: Gift of Sally Fly Connell, 1967 &Karl Kim Connell & Lawrence Fly Connell, 1982SUBJECT: Federal Communications Commission; American Civil LibertiesUnion; Freedom of Speech; Tennessee Valley AuthorityDATES COVERED: 1920 - 1977 NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca. 17,000

STATUS: (check appropriate description)

Cataloged: Listed: Arranged: Not organized:

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxes, or shelves)

Bound: Boxed: 55 & Stored: 1 vol.LOCATION: (Library) Rare Book & Manuscript CALL-NUMBER Ms Coll/FlyRESTRICTIONS ON USE None

DESCRIPTION:

Correspondence, manuscripts, drafts, notes, reports, legal briefs and other documents, books, clippings, and other printed materials of James Lawrence Fly, 1898-1966, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission from 1939 until 1944. Fly was General Counsel of the Tennessee Valley Authority from 1934 until 1939, at the F.C.C. from 1939 to 1944, and later in private practice as an attorney before the F.C.C., a member of the board of the American Civil Liberties Union, and a frequent lecturer about radio, television, and freedom of speech. The collection deals with Fly's professional activities and relationships in all three phases of his career. Among the cataloged correspondents are: Roger N. Baldwin, Felix Frankfurter, Cordell Hull, Elmer Rice, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Harry Truman.

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 Letters recommending J.L.F. for the position of The Assistant
 to the Attorney General of the U.S. (Antitrust Division) to
 which he was not appointed.
- 1934-1939 - Tennessee Valley Authority Box 3
 J.L.F. was General Solicitor and General Counsel.
 Subject file:
 Appointment & set-up of legal department
 Barr, James A.
 Congratulatory messages on TEP vs. TVA (Tennessee Electric
 Power Company)
 General correspondence
 Hoffman, Charles E.
 Misc. opinions
 O'Brien, John Lord
 Opinion - Circuit Court of Appeals: Letters of congratulations
 Personal correspondence
 Phosphate
 Photographs (of J.L.F.)
 Relationship between Authority and Comptroller General
 Towsley, Frank Hathaway
 Travel expenses
- Digest of cases (5 looseleaf notebooks) Box 4
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- 1938 - Department of Justice Box 15
 Letters recommending J.L.F. as in 1933 and clippings
- 1939-1944 - Federal Communications Commission Box 15
 J.L.F. was Chairman of the F.C.C.
 Subject file:
 Appointments to F.C.C. and resignation
 Attorney General
 Bar admissions
 Baruch, Bernard M.
 Board of War Communications: Orders
Collier's article re. television
 Congratulations on F.C.C. appointment, Sept. 1, 1939
 Congratulations on reappointment to F.C.C., July 1, 1942
 Dodd & Watson vs. the U.S.
 Ethridge, Mark
 Friedrich, C.J.
 General correspondence
 Kudos to J.L.F.
 Milestones in F.C.C. history since 1939 Box 16
 Misc.
 O'Brien, John Lord
 Olds, Irving

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1944-1966 - Private practice

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Passport control

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Policy on filming ... courtroom proceedings ...

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Book by J.L.F. on radio - Chicago University Press

Fly, J.L. - trip abroad, 1950

Fly, J.L., Jr.

Fly, Fitts and Shubruk, Attorneys: Office papers & accounts

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Lawrence, Ruddick C.

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Navy - Official

Outerbridge, Jospehine

Peck, Mr. & Mrs Carson C. (sister of J.L.F.)

Photographs

Publicity - clippings, 1944-1951

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Quotations, notes, etc.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Foundation

Say, Miss St. John Cannon

Variety

Senate Resolution 241 - Morton Salt & Cement Institute

Westinghouse Electric Corp.; The Associated Broadcasters, Inc.; &

Wesley J. Dunn: agreement and plan of reorganization

Swidler, Joseph C.

White House

Whitehair, Francis P.

F.C.C. Allocation hearings, 1945

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"Bug thy neighbor" by S.F.C.

Bridges, Harry R.

Bucknell-Rosenberg

Cohn, Marcus

Cox Investigation of F.C.C.

Correspondence

Corwin, Norman

Denny, Charles

Durr, Clifford

F.B.I. - accusations

Uncataloged files:

Materials assembled by Sally Fly Connell (cont.):

F.C.C. censorship

Fly - biography

Friendley, Fred W.

Misc.

Monopolies

"The most dangerous man" by S.F.C.

Norris, George W.

O'Brien, John Lord

Plotkin, Harry M.

Paley, William

Porter, Paul

Rauh, Joseph L., Jr.

"The red and the blue" by S.F.C.

Roosevelt, F.D. - memos

Rowe, James

Schlesinger, Arthur M., jr.

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"TVA: first five years" by S.F.C.

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Battle, George Gordon	McWilliams, Carey
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Black, Hugo La Fayette	Morgenthau, Henry, Jr.
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Buck, Gene	Nevins, Allan
Butler, Nicholas Murray	Paley, William S.
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Corwin, Norman	Randolph, Asa Philip
Cummings, Homer Stillé	Rayburn, Sam
Davies, Joseph Edward	Reed, Stanley Forman
De Forest, Lee	Reid, Helen Rogers (Mrs Ogden M.)
Dulles, John Foster	Rice, Elmer
Eaton, Cyrus Stephen	Roosevelt, Eleanor
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