

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: JOINT COMMITTEE ON IMPORTATIONS Papers Shelved off-site

SOURCE: Gift of Thomas P. Fleming, 1982

SUBJECT: Importation of European Periodicals during World War II

DATES COVERED: 1939-1943 NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca. 300

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DESCRIPTION: Correspondence and reports of the Joint Committee on Importations, 1939-1943, of Thomas Paul Fleming, 1907- , Medical Librarian, Columbia University, 1937-1972. This committee was formed by the American Library Association, the Medical Library Association and several other national library organizations to foster the centralized acquisition of important European scholarly and scientific journals of vital interest to American scholars who were concerned that the journals would become unavailable as the war in Europe continued. Although the United States was still neutral in 1939, there were obstacles to the importation of German materials and materials from Nazi-occupied countries because of the British blockade of European ports and the U. S. government's increasingly restrictive policy against sending dollars to Nazi-occupied areas. The major correspondents are Thomas P. Fleming, Representative of the Medical Library Association, Harry M. Lydenberg, Chairman and Director of the New York Public Library, and Keyes D. Metcalf, Executive Board Member and Director of Harvard University Library.

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