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COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: Justin O'BRIEN Papers

SOURCE: Bequest of Justin O'Brien - 1969

Gift of Mrs. Justin O'Brien, 1973; 1978; 1982

SUBJECT: Contemporary French literature; and
the works of André Gide

DATES COVERED: 1925 - 1968 NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca. 12,000

STATUS (check appropriate description)
Cataloged: Listed: Arranged: Not organized:

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxed, or shelves)
Bound: 15 Boxed: 55 Stored:

LOCATION: (Library) Rare Book & Manuscript CALL-NUMBER: Ms Coll/J. O'Brien

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: None: Croce, Benedito letters on microfilm

DESCRIPTION:

The papers of Justin O'Brien (1906-1969), Professor of French at Columbia and biographer and translator of André Gide, include his correspondence with Gide, the manuscripts and notes for his biography Portrait of André Gide, and for his translations of the Journals of André Gide, So be it, and Pretexts, and other notes and articles about André Gide.

There is also correspondence with many contemporary French writers, including: Albert Camus, Jean Cocteau, Julian Green, Valery Larbaud, Jean Malaquais, Roger Martin du Gard, André Maurois, Henry de Montherlant, and Georges Simenon. Prof. O'Brien translated works by Baidouy, Albert Camus, Jean Cocteau, Henry de Montherlant, Nathalie Sarraute, and Jean-Paul Sartre; the typescript of Camus' L'Exil et le Royaume is of special interest.

Prof. O'Brien's files cover a broad range of French culture, including correspondence with other French scholars, educational organizations, editors, publishers (notably Blanche Knopf), with members of the OSS in wartime France, and with other literary figures, such as Gilbert Highet, Dwight Macdonald, and Klaus Mann.

For a list of the collection, see the reverse.

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The Justin O'Brien papers:

Cataloged correspondence: A - Z	6 boxes
André Gide	1 box
Valery Larbaud	1 box
Roger Martin du Gard	1 box
Cataloged manuscripts (including O'Brien's diaries, <i>Uncataloged commonplace books & sketchbooks</i>)	3 boxes
General correspondence: A - Z	13 boxes
Mss. & subject file	2 boxes
Lectures	1 box
<u>The French Literary Horizon</u> typescript & proofs	2 boxes
<u>From the NRF</u> typescript & correspondence	1 box
André Gide: Misc. correspondence, articles & notes	1 box
<u>Journals of André Gide</u> notes & drafts correspondence, proofs, & typescripts	1 box
<u>Portrait of André Gide</u> notes & drafts	2 boxes
typescript	1 box
<u>So be it</u> typescript; <u>Pretexts</u> typescript	1 box
Photographs	1 box
Plays by Baudouy, Cocteau, Montherlant, and Sarraute; translated by Justin O'Brien	1 box
Camus' writings; translated by Justin O'Brien	1 box
Sartre - <u>The Condemned of Altona</u> (or, <u>The Family Cell</u>) correspondence, notes, and drafts	1 box
Printed miscellany	1 box
Books - by and about Gide and other French authors, many inscribed to Justin O'Brien	10 boxes
Gallimard edition of Gide's works, 15 volumes	
<u>Contemporary French Literature: Essays by Justin</u> O'Brien. (Manuscript)	1 box
<u>The Novel of Adolescence in France, 1890-1930.</u> (Ph.D. Thesis, Harvard Univ., typescript copy [carbon] and printed copy)	1 box
<u>Ecrits, 1930-1932</u> (Anthology of reprints by O'Brien, bound for his own use)	
Scrapbooks & photographs (personal & family): 1925-1967, 2 vols.	1 box