Guide to the Roland Arthur Paul Papers

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TITLE: Roland Arthur Paul papers

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LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of two, unpublished manuscripts by Roland Paul. Both manuscripts are based on Paul’s diaries and notes of his experiences with the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on U.S. Security Agreements, then chaired by Senator Stuart Symington and strongly influenced by Senator William Fulbright. The first, entitled “The Power of Arrogance: The Assault of the Senators on America’s Military Commitments, 1969-70,” was completed in 1982. It offers a Washington insider’s perspective on the attitudes, circumstances, and institutional structures that would later cause U.S. foreign policy and actions in Vietnam to fail. The manuscript includes several pages from an earlier, longer draft that give Paul’s personal reflections on the Vietnam War, as well as copies of letters from several scholars who reviewed the manuscript for publication. Paul’s second manuscript “A Million Elephants,” completed in 1983, is a shorter version of the first, written in the form of a screenplay.

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Subjects
International relations -- 1950-1980
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Vietnam War, 1961-1975 -- United States

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Names
Fulbright, J. William (James William), 1905-1995
Paul, Roland A., 1937-
Symington, Stuart, 1901-1988

Corporate Body
United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Foreign Relations