

# Guide to the Ravi D. Goel Collection on Philip Dodson Sprouse

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 2114

**CREATOR:** Philip D. Sprouse

**TITLE:** Ravi D. Goel collection on Philip Dodson Sprouse

**DATES:** 1939–2019

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .25 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English; French

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of correspondence related to United States Ambassador to Cambodia Philip Dodson Sprouse, including letters from former secretary of state Dean Acheson and general George C. Marshall.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Ravi D. Goel (Yale College, 1993), 2019.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Philip Dodson Sprouse was born in 1906 in Tennessee. He graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1928. Sprouse became a Foreign Service officer in 1938 and served in China. In the 1940s he served as an advisor on China to the Harry Truman presidential administration, traveling to China on diplomatic missions with General George C. Marshall and General Albert C. Wedemeyer. In 1959 he was appointed a Foreign Service Inspector and later served as the United States Ambassador to Cambodia from 1962 to 1964. Sprouse retired in 1964 and died in San Francisco, California in 1977.

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## Content Description

The collection consists of correspondence related to United States Ambassador Philip Dodson Sprouse, including letters from former Secretary of State Dean Acheson and General George C. Marshall. Also includes letters from diplomatic colleagues and family, reactions to Sprouse's death, photographs of Sprouse, and research and biographical material relating to Sprouse compiled by Ravi D. Goel.

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## Arrangement

The materials are arranged in five groupings: Incoming correspondence; Outgoing correspondence; Third party correspondence; Photographs; and Research material. Materials within these groups are arranged in the order in which they were received from the donor by Manuscripts and Archives.

## Collection Contents

| Incoming correspondence |   |                                  |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| b. 1, f. 1              | Sprouse, Mrs. J. V. (mother)  | 1939 November 11                 |
| b. 1, f. 2              | Acheson, Dean   | 1951 June 12                     |
| b. 1, f. 3              | Allison, John M.  | 1952 December 2                  |
| b. 1, f. 4-5            | Robertson, Walter S.  | 1953 February 25–1953 April 4    |
| b. 1, f. 6              | Woodward, Robert F.   | 1953 May 14                      |
| b. 1, f. 7              | Macarthur, Douglas II   | 1953 August 27                   |
| b. 1, f. 8              | Marshall, George. C.  | 1956 January 16                  |
| b. 1, f. 9              | Elbrick, Burke  | 1958 January 29                  |
| b. 1, f. 10             | Acheson, Dean   | 1962 July 2–1962 July 26         |
| b. 1, f. 11             | White, Teddy  | 1962 September 3                 |
| b. 1, f. 12             | Washington and Lee University honorary degree<br>Also includes outgoing and third party correspondence re regarding Philip Sprouse receiving an honory degree from Washington and Lee University. | 1963 January 22–1963 May 22      |
| b. 1, f. 13             | Waste, William E.   | 1963 November 27                 |
| b. 1, f. 14             | Katsumoto, Toshiko  | 1963 December 12                 |
| b. 1, f. 15-16          | Katsumoto, M.   | 1963 December 30–1964 January 22 |
| b. 1, f. 17-19          | Katsumoto, Toshiko  | 1964 January 24–1964 April 24    |
| b. 1, f. 20-21          | Unidentified correspondents<br>French<br>Consists of two personal letters from unidentified authors, one possibly named Pierre Emanuelli.   | 1971 January 1–1972 July 27      |
| b. 1, f. 22             | Fairbank, Mrs. John K.  | 1977 May 1                       |
| b. 1, f. 23             | Fairbank, John  | 1977 May 1–1977 May 5            |
| b. 1, f. 24             | Eickhoff<br>French  | Circa 1970s                      |

Outgoing correspondence

|                            |  |  |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| b. 1, f. 25                | Allison, John  | 1952 November<br>27-1952<br>December 7 |
| b. 1, f. 26                | Elbrick, C. Burke  | 1958 January 29                        |
| b. 1, f. 27                | Waste, William E.  | 1963 December<br>9                     |
| Third party correspondence |  |  |
| b. 1, f. 28                | Robertson, Walter S., to Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.           | 1953 February 26                       |
| b. 1, f. 29                | Rasjid, Abdul Karim  | 1963 October 1                         |
| b. 1, f. 30                | Sheppard, William J., to William E. Waste                  | 1963 December<br>2                     |
| b. 1, f. 31                | Unidentified correspondent                                 | undated                                |
| b. 1, f. 32                | Photographs  | 1963                                   |
| b. 1, f. 33                | Ravi D. Goel research and biographical material on Sprouse | 2019                                   |

## **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.

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- Foreign relations -- Asia  
United States -- Foreign relations -- Cambodia

### **Subjects**

Ambassadors -- United States  
United States--Foreign relations--China