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**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, diplomatic papers, writings, publications, and other documents detailing the political career of T'ang Wu, a Chinese diplomat and ambassador.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Victor T'ang, 1985.

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## Brief Vita of T'ang Wu, 1906-1977

T'ang Wu was born in Hupeh, China, in 1906. He attended Yale High School in China, received the B.A. from the University of Washington (1930), and the J.D. from the University of Oregon (1932). He was a career diplomat, holding positions at Chinese embassies in Egypt, Chile, Korea, Ecuador, and Liberia. T'ang also taught at the Chinese Military Academy (1932), was a professor of international law at Soochow University in Taiwan (1953), and was director of the Chinese Foreign Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He died in 1977.

### Key events in T'ang Wu's life:

- 1906                      ○ Born in Hupeh, China
- 1930                      ○ Received B. A. from the University of Washington.
- 1932                      ○ Received J. D. from the University of Oregon
- 1932                      ○ Worked in the Chinese Ministry of Justice under Chu Chen, one of the founders of the Chinese Republic with Sun Yat-sen
- 1932                      ○ Instructor of political science at the Chinese Military Academy by appointment of Chiang Kai-shek
- 1939                      ○ Deputy Director of European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs under Dr. Hsu Mo, later Justice in the International Court of Justice, Hague/\*Negotiated China-Burma boundary with the United Kingdom
- 1941                      ○ Chargé d'Affaires of the Chinese Legation, Cairo, Egypt/\*Established first diplomatic mission in Egypt/\*Was a participant in the Cairo Conference/  
\*Established diplomatic relations with Greece
- 1944                      ○ Chargé d'Affaires of the Chinese Legation, Santiago, Chile

**Key events in T'ang Wu's life:**

- 1953                   ○ Member of Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan, China/Member of China-U. S. defense treaty negotiations/Professor of International Law, Soochow University, Taiwan
- 1955                   ○ Minister-Counsellor at the Chinese Embassy, Seoul, Korea
- 1956                   ○ *China and International Law* (in Chinese) published
- 1958                   ○ Envoy Extraordinary and Ambassador Plenipotentiary to Liberia/\*Established first diplomatic mission in Liberia/\*Special envoy to numerous African countries to establish diplomatic relations with China/\*Established first Agricultural Assistance Program in Africa
- 1962                   ○ Envoy Extraordinary and Ambassador plenipotentiary to Chile
- 1963 and 1965       ○ Delegate/Ambassador to the United Nations General Assembly
- 1966                   ○ Director of North American Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs/\*Responsible for China relations with the United States and Canada/\*Broke diplomatic relations with Canada
- 1969                   ○ Envoy Extraordinary and Ambassador Plenipotentiary to Ecuador/\*Negotiated agricultural and commercial assistance programs/\*Broke diplomatic relations with Canada
- 1972                   ○ Director, Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Information provided by Victor T'ang

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## **Scope and Contents**

The papers consist of correspondence, diplomatic papers, writings, publications, and other documents detailing the political career of T'ang Wu, a Chinese diplomat and ambassador.

## Collection Contents

### Inventory, 1932-1975, undated

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Received from: Victor T'ang, 1985

<u>Ecuador</u>		
b. 1	China to Ecuador Agricultural Assistance Program	1969-1971
b. 1	China economic trade visit to Ecuador	1971
b. 1	China/Ecuador: United Nations China representation question	1969-1971
b. 1	Diplomatic correspondence	1969-1971
b. 1	Diplomatic cables	1969-1971
b. 1	China/Ecuador diplomatic papers	1969-1971
b. 1	Ecuador overseas Chinese cases and issues	1970-1971
<u>Chile</u>		
b. 2	Chinese Communist activities in Chile	1963-1966
b. 2	Commercial Chinese Communist activities in Chile	1964
b. 2	Diplomatic papers: China/Chile relations	1944-1949, 1964-1966
<u>United States</u>		
b. 3	United States/China defense treaty	1954-1955
b. 3	Diplomatic papers: China/United States relations	1963-1968
b. 3	United States military bases in China	1966-1969, 1973-1974
<u>Liberia</u>		
b. 4	Diplomatic papers: China/Liberia relations	1956-1965
b. 4	Diplomatic cables	1960-1962
b. 4	China to Liberia Agricultural Assistance Program	1959-1961
b. 4	Liberia University centennial speech	1960
<u>Other Countries</u>		
b. 4	China/Canada relations	1969
b. 4	China/Belgium relations	1969
b. 4	Okinawa (Ryukyus Islands) issues	1943-1944, 1962, 1967-1968

## Other Countries (continued)

b. 4	"Source of the Chien Tao [island] Problems" by Shen, Chishuo English	undated
b. 4	Foreign Technical Assistance Program	1962, 1965-1969, 1971
<u>United Nations: China representation issue</u>		
b. 5	General	1958, 1966-1969
b. 5	Legal status of Taiwan	1960, 1967, 1969
b. 5	United Nations General Assembly speeches	1963-1965
<u>Chinese Foreign Service Institute</u>		
b. 5	Records and publications	1962, 1965-1967 1970-1975
<u>Miscellaneous topical materials</u>		
b. 6, f. 1	Chinese Agricultural Assistance Program (agricultural cooperation with foreign countries)	1958
b. 6, f. 2	Chinese Nationalist Party (Kuo Min Tang)	1970-1971
b. 6, f. 3-4	Yeh, Kung-ch'ao: notes	1957, 1972-1974
b. 6, f. 5	Cairo Conference	1944
<u>Reference and research materials</u>		
b. 6, f. 6	Chinese international relations	1966-1969
b. 6, f. 7	Foreign Service Institute of Language and Area Studies [in Taichung]	1968-1969
b. 6, f. 8	Treaties	1932-1955
b. 6, f. 9	Miscellaneous	1952, 1958, 1962-1964, 1967-1971
<u>Writings</u>		
b. 6, f. 10-12	Diaries	1970-1974
b. 6, f. 13	Speeches and articles	1958, 1961, 1969-1971
b. 6, f. 14	Publications	1943-1970

## **Selected Search Terms**

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### **Geographic Names**

Chile -- Foreign relations -- China  
China -- Foreign relations -- Chile  
China -- Foreign relations -- Ecuador  
China -- Foreign relations -- Liberia  
China -- Foreign relations -- United States  
Ecuador -- Foreign relations -- China  
Liberia -- Foreign relations -- China  
United States -- Foreign relations -- China

### **Names**

T'ang, Wu, 1906-1977