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f. folder

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

Moritz Schlesinger was born on September 19, 1886 in Magdeburg, Germany. During World War I, he was an import merchant. Toward the end of 1918, Schlesinger served as a representative of military and civilian prisoners. From 1918 until his emigration to the United States in 1933, he was the German Foreign Ministry's expert on trade and financial relations with the Soviet Union. He died on February 10, 1974 in Washington, D.C.

Scope and Contents

The papers of Moritz Schlesinger consist of correspondence, research materials, and writings of the former German Foreign Ministry expert on economic relations between Berlin and Moscow from 1918 to 1933. The papers document the preparation of his manuscript, *Erinnerungen eines Außenseiters im diplomatischen Dienst*, translated as *Reminiscences of an outsider in the Diplomatic Service*, (earlier entitled *Moritz Schlesinger: Pionier in Sowjetrußland*). These memoirs trace Schlesinger's career from approximately 1918 to 1922 and the Treaty of Rapallo. Shortly before his death in 1974, Schlesinger entrusted the editing and publishing of his manuscript to Hubert Schneider. *Erinnerungen* was published in 1977.

With very few exceptions, the entire collection is in German. No significant attempt has been made to translate the documents. Minimal rearrangement has taken place. Original folder and binder titles have been retained.

The correspondence, incoming and outgoing with enclosures, is with family, friends, researchers, historians, professors, authors, journalists, publishers, and editors. Although some of the correspondence dates from the 1920s (the majority with Paul Scheffer, the renowned German journalist), the bulk of the correspondence files spans the 1950s-1970s when Schlesinger was corresponding with his colleagues regarding their respective writings on German-Russian relations of the post World War I era.

The research files consist of general files arranged by year and month, followed by topical files pertaining to particular subjects. Most of the general files, which parallel the chapters of his book, had been arranged chronologically (1919-1922) by Schlesinger, and this arrangement was maintained. The files consist primarily of photocopies of correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, and like material of various organizations. Those organizations most frequently represented include: Reichszentralstelle für Kriegs- und Zivilgefangene (Berlin); Auswärtiges Amt des Deutschen Reichs; Kriegsministerium; Deutsch-Russische Verhandlungen zur Rückführung der Kriegsgefangenen; Zentralkomitee der Deutschen Vereine vom Roten Kreuz; Comité International de la Croix Rouge (Genève); and Russisches Volkskommissariat für Auswärtige Angelegenheiten. Some of these photocopies bear the stamp "hergestellt im Bundesarchiv" or "Deutsches Zentralarchiv, Potsdam." Some folders include Schlesinger's fragmentary notes. Printed materials, such as newspaper and magazine clippings, complete the files.

The writings files consist primarily of drafts of Schlesinger's *Erinnerungen*. Loose papers found in the writings were retained in these files even though they would probably be more appropriately placed in the research files. Writings of others consist of dissertations, articles, and books written by colleagues on German-Russian relations.

Photographs of Schlesinger and unidentified persons complete the papers which were the gift of Mrs. Lilly Waters, Schlesinger's daughter, in 1990.

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