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SUMMARY: The papers consist of Henry Ashby Turner's correspondence with other historians about the controversy surrounding David Abraham's book, *The Collapse of the Weimar Republic*. A later accession comprises two databases, one containing information concerning foreign workers in the Adam Opel AG plant in Rüsselsheim, Germany, during the World War II era, and the other containing evaluative records concerning documents and articles relating to General Motors' acquisition, ownership, management, loss of effective control, write-off, and reacquisition of Adam Opel AG during the period from 1929 through the early 1950s.

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Preferred Citation

Henry Ashby Turner, Jr. Papers (MS 1691). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

Henry Ashby Turner, Jr., born in 1932, received his B.A. degree from Washington and Lee University in 1954, and his M.A. (1957) and Ph.D. (1960) from Princeton. He held the following positions at Yale University: instructor in history, 1958-1961; assistant professor, 1962-1964; associate professor, 1964-1970; professor, 1971-1989; Charles Seymour Professor of History, 1990-1991; and Bass Professor of History, 1991-. Turner was master of Davenport College from 1981-1991. He was a noted scholar of modern Europe, particularly Germany. Turner died on December 17, 2008, in New Haven, Connecticut.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

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Original accession

b. 1, f. 1	Abraham, David, general correspondence	1982 - 1987
b. 1, f. 2	Christmas exchange [copies of documents cited in Abraham's work]	
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b. 1, f. 4	Allen, William Sheridan	1983, 1985
b. 1, f. 5	American Historical Association, general correspondence	1984-1986
b. 1, f. 6	*Perspectives* ad	1985
b. 1, f. 7	*Perspectives* letter	1985
b. 1, f. 8	*American Historical Review* letters English	1983 - 1984
b. 1, f. 9	Bennett, Edward W.	1983 - 1985
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b. 1, f. 13	Brands, Maarten	1984
b. 1, f. 14	Catholic University	1984
b. 1, f. 15	Clifton, James A.	1984 - 1985
b. 1, f. 16	Craig, Gordon A.	1983 - 1985
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b. 1, f. 18	Feldman, Gerald D.	1983 - 1986, 1990
b. 1, f. 19	Geiss, Imanuel	1985
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b. 1, f. 21	Herzog, Bodo	1982 - 1984
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b. 1, f. 28	Lelyveld, Joseph	1985
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b. 2, f. 33	Mitchell, Allan	1984 - 1985
b. 2, f. 34	Mommsen, Hans	1983, 1985
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b. 2, f. 37	Neebe, Reinhard	1983 - 1984
b. 2, f. 38	*The New York Review of Books*	1985
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b. 2, f. 40	Pflanze, Otto	1983 - 1985
b. 2, f. 41	*Pravda*	1985
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b. 2, f. 46	Schuker, Stephen A.	1983 - 1985
b. 2, f. 47	Schulz, Gerhard	1983
b. 2, f. 48	Stern, Fritz	1985
b. 2, f. 49	Trexler, Richard C.	1983 - 1984
b. 2, f. 50	Unfug, Douglas	1984
b. 2, f. 51	Vierteljahrshefte für Zeitgeschichte	1989
b. 2, f. 52	Wehler, Hans-Ulrich	1983 - 1985
b. 2, f. 53	Weinberg, Gerhard L.	1983 - 1985, 1988
b. 2, f. 54	Winkler, Heinrich A.	1983
b. 2, f. 55	Woodward, C. Vann	1984 - 1985
b. 2, f. 56	Miscellaneous letters	1983 - 1985
b. 2, f. 57	References to publications - "Published Commentaries on the Abraham Affair"	undated

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See also: General Motors Documents Relating to World War II Corporate Activities in Europe (MS 1799). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Related Publication Note: The databases were created during the course of research that resulted in the following publication: Turner, Henry Ashby, Jr. *General Motors and the Nazis: The Struggle for Control of Opel, Europe's Biggest Carmaker*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005.

Arbeiter database *1 Computer File (Microsoft Access)* This database contains information on foreign workers at the Adam Opel AG plan in Rüsselsheim, Germany, during the early 1930s through World War II. This information was extracted from Ostarbeiter (Eastern worker) savings books and personnel records maintained by Opel. The computer files are unprocessed and are in a physical state that requires staff intervention before use. Researchers wishing to request access should email beinecke.library@yale.edu. The staff intervention may take up to 10 business days.	Circa 1998-circa 2000
Historical documentation database *1 Computer File (FileMaker)* This database contains evaluative information regarding significant documents and publications relating to General Motors' acquisition, ownership, management, loss of effective control, write-off, and reacquisition of Adam Opel AG from 1929 through the early 1950s. The computer files are unprocessed and are in a physical state that requires staff intervention before use. Researchers wishing to request access should email beinecke.library@yale.edu. The staff intervention may take up to 10 business days.	Circa 1998-circa 2000

Selected Search Terms

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Subjects

Automobile industry and trade -- Germany -- History
Historians -- United States

Geographic Names

Germany -- History -- 1918-1933
Rüsselsheim (Germany)

Names

Turner, Henry Ashby

Corporate Bodies

General Motors Corporation
Opel AG