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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: The papers consist of Paul Palmer's professional correspondence with prominent literary and political figures soliciting articles for publication. In some cases, drafts of articles are included with the letters.

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Administrative Information

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Gift of Paul Palmer in 1961.

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Biographical / Historical

Paul Palmer was born in 1900. His career in journalism began in 1922 when he became a reporter for the *Baltimore Sun*. Between 1923-1926 Palmer was first a reporter, and then Sunday editor of the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*. He was Sunday editor of the *New York World* from 1926-1930, and a free-lance writer from 1930-1935. In 1935 Palmer became editor of *The American Mercury*, a post he held until 1939. From 1939-1941, he was a reporter for *Reader's Digest*. Palmer was Washington correspondent for the McClure newspaper syndicate during 1941. In 1942 he returned to *Reader's Digest* and became a senior editor. Paul Palmer died on July 2, 1983.

Scope and Contents

This three box collection of approximately five hundred items consists of Paul Palmer's business correspondence, 1923-1960. The majority of the letters are to Palmer from such prominent literary and political figures as: Eli Culbertson, Clarence Darrow, Ford Maddox Ford, Joseph P. Kennedy, John F. Kennedy, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Charles A. Lindbergh, Henry L. Mencken, John O'Hara and Alexander Woollcott. In some cases drafts of articles were included with the letters, some of these were never published. The letters from Palmer requesting writers to pursue certain topics in articles for publication and the writers' responses to him are revealing. Many of the letters express intelligent opinions, or highly emotional reactions to the various political issues, and thus represent illuminating commentaries on the temper of the times. This collection of papers is a valuable source for research in political and literary thought of the 1930s, 40s and 50s.

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