Summary

Creator: Lawrence, A. F. R

Title: A.F.R. Lawrence collection of historical spoken word [sound recording]

Date: 1900-1970

Size: ca; 3400 sound recordings

Abstract: The collection contains both commercial and noncommercial discs and tapes. The commercial recordings include the complete set of Nation's Forum discs, Benito Mussolini's personal copy, bound and numbered, of his recorded speeches, Victor long play discs from the early 1930's including Stokowski conducting the Philadelphia Orchestra in Schoenberg's Gurrelieder and Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, and the Sistine Chapel Choir recordings of the pre-electric era, at least eight or nine sides of which feature Alessandro Moreschi, last of the known castrati.

Access: Access to original items by permission only. Some items may be available as service copies. Other items which need preservation work may require advance notification for use. Refer to item descriptions in individual catalog records for more information.

Conditions Governing Access:
Access to discs restricted.

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Creator History
A. F. R. Lawrence was an avid record collector and worked at Columbia Records.

Scope and Content Note
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**Arrangement:**  I. Noncommercial recordings; II. Commercial recordings arranged alphabetically

**Key Terms**

**Subjects**
Speeches, addresses, etc., American
Speeches, addresses, etc., English
Speeches, addresses, etc., French
Speeches, addresses, etc., German
Speeches, addresses, etc., Italian
Speeches, addresses, etc., Japanese
Speeches, addresses, etc., Russian
Speeches, addresses, etc., Spanish American

**Names**
Lawrence, A. F. R
Barnum, P. T. (Phineas Taylor), 1810-1891
Barymore, John, 1882-1942
Baukhage, Gerd, 1911-1998
Bell, Alexander Graham, 1847-1922
Berliner, Emile, 1851-1929
Bernhardt, Sarah, 1844-1923
Booth, Edwin, 1833-1893
Brice, Fanny
Browning, Robert, 1812-1889
Bryan, William Jennings, 1860-1925
Carol II, King of Romania, 1893-1953
Chaliapin, Fyodor Ivanovich, 1873-1938
Charles I, Emperor of Austria, 1887-1922
Clark, Champ
Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933
Coquelin, Constant, 1841-1909
Earhart, Amelia, 1897-1937
Edison, Thomas A. (Thomas Alva), 1847-1931
Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955
Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939
Gandhi, Mahatma, 1869-1948
Gaulle, Charles de, 1890-1970
George VI, King of Great Britain, 1895-1952
Gladstone, W. E. (William Ewart), 1809-1898
Goebbels, Joseph, 1897-1945
Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923
Hirohito, Emperor of Japan, 1901-1989
Hitler, Adolf, 1889-1945
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964
Hoover, J. Edgar (John Edgar), 1895-1972
Irving, Henry, Sir, 1838-1905
John XXIII, Pope, 1881-1963
Kipling, Rudyard, 1865-1936
Mussolini, Benito, 1883-1945
Nightingale, Florence, 1820-1910
Paul-Boncour, J. (Joseph), b. 1873
Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948