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Location Room 319 / case 39

Title Conant, Carlos Everett. Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates 1888-1917

Date of receipt

Received from Williams College
(gift)

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 2 BB

Condition Fair

Restrictions none

Description American philologist and scholar. Born in Cabot, Vermont on November 27, 1870, Conant lived a life dedicated to the study of languages. He attended Lawrence College in Wisconsin for his A.B. (1892) and his A.M. (1899), and the University of Chicago for his doctoral studies (1911). He worked as a government translator and interpreter of Spanish and Philippine languages in Manila from 1904 to 1907. Consequently, he traveled throughout Asia, Africa and Europe (1907-1908). Conant became a professor of Modern Languages at the University of Chattanooga (1908) and at the same time a lecturer in Indonesian philology at the University of Chicago. From 1911 to 1912, he served as the head of the department for Comparative Philology at Indiana University. He died on January 27, 1925.

The collection deals with Conant's study of the Malayo-Polynesian languages particularly the 43 languages of the Philippines. His writings, speeches and notes make up the bulk of his papers together with a few dictionaries in manuscript form. Comparative word lists showing the relation between the Malayo-Polynesian languages and the Philippine languages are present. Correspondence (1904-1917) dealing with the translation of English material into the Philippine languages are also present. There are translations of two three-act ^{ENGLISH} Bisayan dramas as well as untranslated indigenous poetical works (c. 1901). The collection also contains some miscellaneous items such as religious essays in Spanish, a couple of photographs and printed ephemera.

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BOX LISTING

Box 1 Writings, speeches, miscellaneous manuscripts, notes relating
 to the study of the Malayo-Polynesian languages.

Box 2 Dictionaries