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Location Annex 26-1-3 (R)

Title David J. Dallin. Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates 1948-1959

Date of receipt May 24, 1972; March 16, 1984 Received from Lilia Dallin and Alexander Dallin

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 2AB, 2 RC

Condition typescripts - excellent
holograph notes - fair to poor, aging newsprint

Restrictions

Description David J. Dallin, writer and lecturer on Soviet affairs, was born in Rogachev, White Russia, in 1889. He attended the University of St. Petersburg from 1907 to 1909, when he was arrested for anti-tsarist activity. After a two year imprisonment, he fled to Germany. There, he finished his studies, first at the University of Berlin and then at the University of Heidelberg, where he received a doctorate in economics in 1913. Following the February Revolution of 1917, Dallin returned to Russia. He was elected to the Central Committee of the Menshevik Party and represented this opposition party in the Moscow City Soviet between 1918 and 1921. Arrested briefly by the Bolshevik government in 1920, he avoided a second arrest in 1922 by fleeing to Germany for the second time. He remained there until forced to leave in 1935, settled in Poland until the outbreak of war, and finally came to the United States. Dallin joined the staff of the left-wing anti-communist paper, The New Leader, in New York and wrote numerous newspaper and magazine articles on economic and political subjects. He is best known as a specialist on Soviet affairs. Among his many works on this topic are Forced Labor in Soviet Russia (1947), Soviet Espionage (1955) and Soviet Foreign Policy After Stalin (1961). Dallin died in 1962.

The collection consists of Dallin's research files used in the preparation of his writings on the Soviet Union. Among these notes are some of the "D Papers" or footnote documentation for two of his books, Soviet Espionage and Soviet Foreign Policy After Stalin. Rather than reveal his sources publicly, Dallin used the footnotes in both books to refer readers to further information contained in his research notes. For each book, the collection contains a "key file" arranged by page and footnote number which

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Espionage

Intelligence service

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Description (cont'd)

provides such preliminary details as date and location of an interview and pseudonym of interviewee and refers the reader to a particular file of notes containing fuller information, often the real name of the interviewee and a summary of the interview. Also among Dallin's notes are summaries of interviews held between 1948 and 1951 with over fifty former Soviet political prisoners and notes on primary and secondary sources relevant to the study of Soviet espionage and the NKVD.

David J. Dallin Papers, 1948-1959

- Box 1 Notes on interviews with former Soviet political prisoners, 1948-1951. Typescripts with carbon copies and one holograph notebook. In Russian.
- D Papers for Soviet Espionage:
- Key file in English
 Interviews b 1 - b 944 (also called File L or Lola's notes), 1953-1955. Typescripts in Russian and German.
- Box 2 Name index to the D Papers for Soviet Espionage. Three trays of 4 x 6 index cards.
- Box 3 NKVD files. Holograph notes and press clippings in Russian. Four folders: Walter Krivitsky
 General Miller
 General Koutiepoff
 Reiss and Sedov
- Three issues of Narodnaya Pravda containing articles by Dallin, 1948-49.
- Auch ich wahlte die Freiheit by Franz Burkard, 1949.
- Two typescripts of articles in German
- Box 4 D Papers for Soviet Foreign Policy After Stalin
- Key file in English
 Typescripts of interviews from Files/Notebooks/Volumes I-VI, 1956-1957 and additional notes, 1959. In Russian and English.
 Typescript of File XYZ
 File CH
 File P
 File XYZ/MP