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**Biographical Sketch**

George Sumner Albee was born in Wisconsin, May 12, 1905. After the death of his father, he was taken by his mother to
California. He graduated from the University of California in 1927 and then traveled in France, North Africa, China and
Japan. He returned to Los Angeles, writing for the motion picture studios and fan magazines. In the mid-thirties he moved
to New York City to concentrate on a writing career. Failing to find a publisher immediately, he worked for an advertising
agency and wrote commercials for the DuPont radio program, *Cavalcade of America*. During the war, he worked for the
Treasury Department, writing bond-selling speeches.

Mr. Albee has written a number of short stories, published in such magazines as *Saturday Evening Post*, *McCall's*,
*Cosmopolitan* and *Collier's*. His novels include *Not In a Day* (1935), *Young Robert* (1937), *Girl on the Beach* (1953), and *The

**Scope and Content**

Mr. Albee presented his papers to Bancroft Library in September-October 1960. Covering the period 1929 to 1958, they
consist mainly of letters written to him, carbon copies of some of his outgoing correspondence and manuscripts of short
stories and novels. Included also are some royalty statements, contracts, clippings, and miscellaneous financial Papers.

**Boxes 1 & 2**

**Letters written to Albee.**

Scope and Content Note

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by name of individual or organization. Single letters have been
placed in miscellanies preceding each letter of the alphabet. Miscellaneous fan letters &
unidentified correspondents are at the end of the file. A list of the more important
 correspondents is appended to this report.

**Box 3**

**Letters written by Albee.**

Additional Note

Carbon copies, arranged chronologically, 1929-1958. The file is obviously incomplete.

**Personalia**

Royalty statements

Reviews, clippings, etc.

Contracts and leases

Financial records, etc.

**Ctn. 1 & vols.**

Mss. of short stories, novels, novellas, radio scripts, etc., including *The Boys*, *By the
Sea*, *The Honorables*, *The Sunday Past*, *Waste Products*, *Young Robert*, *The Old Fool*.

A - Miscellany

Acheson, Barclay

Letter, June 9, 1938

Adams, James Truslow

Letter, May 17, 1931

American Mercury

3 letters, 1930

Scope and Content Note

Signed by Charles Angoff and H. L. Mencken.

Ballantine Books, Inc.

4 letters, 1958

Scope and Content Note

Written mainly by Joan Seidenman.
Partial Index to Correspondents

**Boodin, John Elof**
9 letters, 1940-1942

**The Bookman**
5 letters, 1930-1932

Scope and Content Note
Written by Seward Collins and Dorothea Brande.

**C - Miscellany**
Clair, Rene
Letter, Aug. 26, 1931

Dakers, Andrew Herbert, 1887-
14 letters, 1937-1942

**E - Miscellany**
Edman, Irwin
Letter, Dec. 10, 1940

Eunson, Dale
13 letters, 1932-1952

Scope and Content Note
Include letters written by his wife, Katherine (Katherine Albert).

**Freeman, Joseph**
2 letters, 1940-1951

**G - Miscellany**
Grayson, Charles
Letter, Mar. 28, 1941

Guinness, Alec
Letter, May 23, 1955

**Good Housekeeping**
2 letters, 1957-1958

**H - Miscellany**
Hardwicke, Cedric Webster, Sir
Letter, June 10, 1955

Hearst, William Randolph, (1908-)
Letter, Sept. 23, 1952

**Hemingway, Ernest**
5 letters, 1931-1932

**K - Miscellany**
Knopf (Alfred A.) Inc.
Letter, Apr. 29, 1935

Scope and Content Note
Signed by Blanche Knopf.

**Kronenberger, Louis**
5 letters, 1933-1935

Scope and Content Note
Some written for Alfred A. Knopf Inc.

**L - Miscellany**
Lerner, Alan Jay
[ca. July 1949]

Lowry, Malcolm
Letter, Mar. 17, 1957

Lehman, Benjamin Harrison
11 letters, 1929-1940

Lowry, Margerie (Mrs. Malcolm Lowry)
2 letters, 1958
M - Miscellany
MacLeish, Archibald
Letter, May 20, 1937
Morganthau, Henry
Letter, Nov. 24, 1943
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures
5 letters, 1949-1950
Scope and Content Note
Many signed by Dore Schary.

N - Miscellany
Nathan, Robert
Letter, Aug. 1, 1948
New Yorker
3 letters, 1952
Scope and Content Note
Written by Robert Henderson.

O - Miscellany
O’Brien, Edward Joseph Harrington
Letter, Dec. 22, 1932
R - Miscellany
Raine, Norman Reilly
Letter, Aug. 12, 1949
Reynal and Hitchcock, Inc.
Letter, Aug. 19, 1937
Scope and Content Note
Signed by Curtice Hitchcock.

Robinson, Edward G.
Letter, May 2, 1935
Roosevelt, Eleanor (Roosevelt)
Letter, Aug. 6, 1957
Rosenman, Samuel Irving
Letter, Oct. 16, 1943
Rukeyser, Muriel
Letter, Mar. 31, 1943
S - Miscellany
Saroyan, William
Letter, Mar. 30, 1934
Sinclair, Upton Beall
Letter, Nov. 1, 1933
Stegner, Wallace Earle
Letter, Mar. 16, 1951
Scribner’s (Charles) Sons
10 letters, 1930-1937
Scope and Content Note
Several written by Kyle S. Crichton.

Steinbeck, John
51 letters, 1930-1950
Scope and Content Note
T - Miscellany
   Thompson, Dorothy
      Letter, Jan. 12, 1937
Tully, Jim
      2 letters, Oct. 17, 1930 & n.d.
V Miscellany
   Vanity Fair
      Letter, Oct. 9, 1930
         Scope and Content Note
         Signed by Clare Boothe Brokaw.

Villard, Oswald Garrison
      Letter, Dec. 14, 1937
W Miscellany
   Wood, Grant
      Letter, Feb. 10, 1940
   Wright, Richard
      Letter, Apr. 30, 1940