Partial inventory of the Peter Mellini papers

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Abstract: Correspondence, writings, and notes relating to Sir Eldon Gorst, British consul general in Egypt, used as research material for the book by Peter Mellini, *Sir Eldon Gorst: The Overshadowed Proconsul* (Stanford, 1977); and sound recordings of interviews of Theodore "Dutch" J. Van Kirk and Bernie Badler, American airmen during World War II, relating to American aerial operations in Europe and to the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima in 1945. Includes ration books and other World War II miscellanea.
Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
Creator: Mellini, Peter.
Contributor: Van Kirk, Theodore J.
Contributor: Badler, Bernie.
Access
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Biographical Note
American historian.
Scope and Content of Collection
Correspondence, writings, and notes relating to Sir Eldon Gorst, British consul general in Egypt, used as research material for the book by Peter Mellini, *Sir Eldon Gorst: The Overshadowed Proconsul* (Stanford, 1977); and sound recordings of interviews of Theodore "Dutch" J. Van Kirk and Bernie Badler, American airmen during World War II, relating to American aerial operations in Europe and to the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima in 1945. Includes ration books and other World War II miscellanea.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Gorst, Eldon, Sir, 1861-1911.
Diplomats--Great Britain.
Egypt--History--British occupation, 1882-1936.
World War, 1939-1945--Aerial operations.
World War, 1939-1945--Japan.
Atomic bomb.
United States. Army Air Forces.
Audiotapes.
Sound Recordings, 2000-2005

Scope and Contents note
Bernard (Bernie) Badler was a B-24 Liberator pilot in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk was a navigator in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II and was the navigator for the *Enola Gay* when it dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

Interview of Bernie Badler by Mellini, 2005 March 17
General Physical Description note: 1 sound cassette
Access
Use copy reference number: 2010c2_a_0013283

Interview of Bernie Badler by Mellini, 2005 May 16-17
General Physical Description note: 1 sound cassette
Access
Use copy reference number: 2010c2_a_0013287
Scope and Contents note
At the beginning of the recording, Mellini notes it is the second tape in a continuing interview. It is not clear if this recording is a continuation of the 17 March 2005 interview noted above, or if this recording is missing its first part.

Interview of "Dutch" Van Kirk by Mellini, 2005 January 31-February 5
General Physical Description note: 1 sound cassette
Access
Use copy reference number: 2010c2_a_0013282
Scope and Contents note
This recording is a one-on-one interview with Van Kirk about the dropping of the atomic bomb.

"Dutch" Van Kirk recounting the dropping of the atomic bomb over Hiroshima, 2000 October 4
General Physical Description note: 2 sound cassettes
Access
Use copy reference number: 2010c2_a_0013266
Scope and Contents note
The navigator of the *Enola Gay* speaks to Mellini's class about the dropping of the atomic bomb.

"Dutch" Van Kirk recounting the dropping of the atomic bomb over Hiroshima, 2001 October 3
General Physical Description note: 2 sound cassettes
Access
Use copy reference number: 2010c2_a_0013275
Scope and Contents note
The navigator of the *Enola Gay* speaks to Mellini's class about the dropping of the atomic bomb.

Ration books and other World War II collected materials

Incremental materials
Scope and Contents note
Not yet described.