Overview of the Payson Dennis Carter papers

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Abstract: The papers of the American civil engineer in the Soviet Union include a diary, letters, printed matter, personal documents, and photographs, relating to telephone and telegraph line construction in the Soviet Union.
Location note: Hoover Institution Archives.
Creator: Carter, Payson Dennis, 1902-1990.
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Acquisition Information
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Biographical/Historical note
Payson Dennis Carter was an American engineer who worked in the USSR as a communications engineer between 1933 and 1937, helping lay telegraph and telephone lines between Moscow and Leningrad. As a member of the Friends of the Soviet Union in the mid-1930s, “Comrade Carter” was active in speaking church groups in the U.S., which caused him some difficulties during the McCarthy era.
Carter was married while in the Soviet Union, and divorced after leaving in 1939. After returning to the United States, he continued to work as an engineer, spending several years with the FCC and a Washington, DC area firm. Carter served in World War II, was a member of the President’s Soviet Protocol Committee, and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.
Scope and Contents note
The collection contains one audio tape, presumably of reminiscences by Carter, clippings, including an interview with him, identity papers, and numerous photographs and postcards, as well as an address book and a notebook kept while Carter was in the USSR, relating to his experience in telephone and telegraph line construction in the Soviet Union.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Americans--Soviet Union.
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Soviet Union--Economic conditions--1917-1945.

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