Inventory of the Li Rui papers

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Abstract: Correspondence, diaries, other writings, printed matter and photographs relating to government policy in the
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Creator: Li, Rui, 1917-2019
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Redactions
Li Rui’s daughter, Li Nanyang (also known as Nanyang Li), has reviewed the diaries and has chosen to keep some passages
private until 2044. Redactions from the digital use copies are annotated with the year of redaction.
Biographical Note
Li Rui was born in Hunan Province, China in 1917. He joined the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in 1937, when he was a
mechanical engineering student at Wuhan University. Between 1937 and 1940, he held several positions in the CCP. In 1940, Li
Rui went to Yan’an and worked for the Liberation Daily. After the Japanese surrender in 1945, Li served as secretary for Gao
Gang and Chen Yun. Between 1949 and 1952 he was appointed propaganda minister of the CCP Hunan Provincial Headquarters. He
also served in the Ministry of Water Conservation beginning in 1955. In 1958, he became Mao Zedong’s personal aide and was
also the youngest deputy minister in the People’s Republic of China. One year later, Li was expelled from the inner circle
after he severely criticized Mao’s Great Leap Forward, a policy that resulted in widespread famine across the country.
Between 1967 and 1975 he was imprisoned in Beijing. After Deng Xiaoping came to power in 1978, Li was rehabilitated and
allowed back into the party, where he served as Vice Minister of Water Conservation (1979-1982) and then Deputy Head of the
Central Organization Department (1982-1984), one of the most powerful and secretive organs of the Communist Party and
responsible for controlling personnel assignments and keeping detailed data on potential future party leaders. In his later
years, Li became a keen advocate for political reform and a strong critic of the party and its top leaders. He died on
February 16, 2019, at the age of 101.
Scope and Content of Collection
Correspondence, diaries, other writings, printed matter, and photographs relating to government policy in the People’s
Republic of China.
Related Published Works
Fu Mu Zuo Ri shu: Li Rui, Fan Yuanzhen 1938 Nian-1960 Nian Tong Xin, Ri Ji Ji 父母昨日書 : 李銳, 范元甄1938年-1960年通信,
日記集 (Correspondence between Li Rui and Fan Yuanzhen) https://searchworks.stanford.edu/view/6760749
Li Rui Kou Shu Wang Shi 李銳口述往事 (Li Rui Oral History) https://searchworks.stanford.edu/view/10474220
notes about Li Rui’s travels abroad) https://searchworks.stanford.edu/view/4316751
Lu Shan Hui Yi Shi 廬山會議實錄 (Record of the Lushan Conference) https://searchworks.stanford.edu/view/8487135
Yun Tian Gu Yan Dai Chun Huan: Li Rui 1975-1979 Jia Xin Ji 雲天孤雁待春還 : 李銳1975-1979家信集 (Family correspondence,
Subjects and Indexing Terms
China -- Politics and government -- 1949-
Correspondence 1939-1988

Correspondence from Li Rui to Fan Yuanzhen 1939-1960

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Correspondence from Li Rui to Fan Yuanzhen 1939-1960

第一本：李锐写给范元甄信（Volume 1: Correspondence from Li Rui to Fan Yuanzhen）1939-1942
第二本：李锐写给范元甄信（Volume 2: Correspondence from Li Rui to Fan Yuanzhen）1942-1946
第三本：李锐写给范元甄信（Volume 3: Correspondence from Li Rui to Fan Yuanzhen）1946
第四本：李锐写给范元甄信（Volume 4: Correspondence from Li Rui to Fan Yuanzhen）1946-1947
第五本：李锐写给范元甄信（Volume 5: Correspondence from Li Rui to Fan Yuanzhen）1947
第六本：李锐写给范元甄信（Volume 6: Correspondence from Li Rui to Fan Yuanzhen）1947-1949
第七本：李锐写给范元甄信（Volume 7: Correspondence from Li Rui to Fan Yuanzhen）1949-1952
第八本：李锐写给范元甄信（Volume 8: Correspondence from Li Rui to Fan Yuanzhen）1952
第九本：李锐写给范元甄信（Volume 9: Correspondence from Li Rui to Fan Yuanzhen）1952
第十本：李锐写给范元甄信（Volume 10: Correspondence from Li Rui to Fan Yuanzhen）1952-1953
第十一本：李锐写给范元甄信（Volume 11: Correspondence from Li Rui to Fan Yuanzhen）1954-1957
第十二本：李锐写给范元甄信（Volume 12: Correspondence from Li Rui to Fan Yuanzhen）1957-1960

Correspondence from Fan Yuanzhen to Li Rui 1939-1959

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Correspondence from Fan Yuanzhen to Li Rui 1939-1959

第一本：范元甄写给李锐信（Volume 1: Correspondence from Fan Yuanzhen to Li Rui）1939-1941
第二本：范元甄写给李锐信（Volume 2: Correspondence from Fan Yuanzhen to Li Rui）1941-1942
第三本：范元甄写给李锐信（Volume 3: Correspondence from Fan Yuanzhen to Li Rui）1942-1946
第四本：范元甄写给李锐信（Volume 4: Correspondence from Fan Yuanzhen to Li Rui）1946-1947
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Correspondence 1939-1988

Correspondence from Fan Yuanzhen to Li Rui 1939-1959

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  - Volume 5: Correspondence from Fan Yuanzhen to Li Rui (1947)

- box 9, folder 17-32, onsite digital
  - Volume 6: Correspondence from Fan Yuanzhen to Li Rui (1947-1950)

- box 10, folder 1-16, onsite digital
  - Volume 7: Correspondence from Fan Yuanzhen to Li Rui (1950-1952)

- box 10, folder 17-24, onsite digital
  - Volume 8: Correspondence from Fan Yuanzhen to Li Rui (1952-1959)

Li Rui Family Correspondence 1975-1988

- box 12, folder 2, onsite digital

- box 13, folder 1, onsite digital
  - Volume 2: Li Rui family correspondence - Letters sent to/from Li Rui, Li Yinghua, Wanghua, Li Nanyang, Ba Tiezhong (1976-1978)

- box 13, folder 2, onsite digital

- box 13, folder 3, onsite digital

Diaries 1938-2018

- box 11, folder 1, onsite digital
  - Volume 1: Li Rui diary (1938)

- box 11, folder 2, onsite digital
  - Volume 2: Li Rui diary (1939-1940)

- box 11, folder 3, onsite digital
  - Volume 3: Li Rui diary (1940)

- box 11, folder 4, onsite digital
  - Volume 4: Li Rui diary (1941)

- box 11, folder 5, onsite digital
  - Volume 5: Li Rui diary (1942-1943)

- box 11, folder 6, onsite digital
  - Volume 6: Li Rui diary (1943-1944)

- box 11, folder 7, onsite digital
  - Volume 7: Li Rui diary (1947)

Li Rui Diaries 1946-2018

Scope and Contents note

For the years 2004-2006, only photographic reprints of the diaries exist; they are grouped together at the end of the Li Rui Diaries series. For diary transcriptions, see Born Digital Files.
Li Rui Diaries 1946-1957
box 14, folder 11, onsite digital

Li Rui Diaries 1948
box 11, folder 8, onsite digital

Li Rui Diaries 1948 January 1 - March 7
box 23, folder 6, onsite digital

Li Rui Diaries 1948 September - 1949 January
box 15, folder 1, onsite digital

Li Rui Diaries 1950 December 19 - 1952 October 15
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Li Rui Diaries 1952 November 1 - 1954 July 1
box 15, folder 3, onsite digital

Li Rui diary - Soviet Union visit 1953 December - 1954 March
box 13, folder 4, onsite digital

Li Rui diary 1960 February 7-21
Scope and Contents note
Includes poems.
box 15, folder 5, onsite digital

Li Rui diary 1960 February 24 - 1964 February 28
box 16, folder 1, onsite digital

Li Rui diary 1964 March 1 - 1965 June 16
box 16, folder 2, onsite digital

Li Rui diary 1965 June 17 - 1966 May 23
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Li Rui diary 1966 May 24 - 1976 March 5
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Li Rui diary 1967 January 1 - November 10
box 16, folder 5, onsite digital

Li Rui diary 1977 January 1 - 1979 January 19
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Li Rui diary 1981 December 27 - 1982 December 17
box 16, folder 7, onsite digital

Li Rui diary 1982 December 18 - 1983 August 6
box 17, folder 1, onsite digital

Li Rui diary 1983 August 8 - 1984 February 28
box 17, folder 2, onsite digital

Li Rui diary 1984 March 1 - August 10
box 17, folder 3, onsite digital

Li Rui diary 1984 August 11 - December 31
box 17, folder 4, onsite digital

Li Rui diary 1985 January 1 - August 25
box 17, folder 5, onsite digital

Li Rui diary 1985 August 26 - 1986 April 11
box 17, folder 6, onsite digital

Li Rui diary 1986 April 12 - December 31
box 18, folder 1, onsite digital

Li Rui diary 1987 January - September 27
box 18, folder 2, onsite digital

Li Rui diary 1987 September 28 - 1988 September 25
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Li Rui diary 1988 September 26 - 1989 December 31
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Li Rui diary 1990
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Photographic reprints

Scope and Contents note
Contains bound photographic reprints of Li Rui’s diaries from 2004-2009.

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<td>李锐记录本：三月会议 (Li Rui notebook: Meeting minutes) 1948 March</td>
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<td>李锐笔记帐：杂记 (Li Rui notebook: Miscellaneous) 1948-1949</td>
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<td>李锐笔记本：长沙 (Li Rui notebook: Changsha) 1949 September</td>
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<td>李锐笔记本 (1) (Li Rui notebook: Hunan Provincial Party Committee - Volume 1) 1950-1951</td>
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<td>李锐中组部记录本 (Li Rui notebook: Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee) 1983 July</td>
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<td>李锐笔记帐 (Li Rui notebook: Discussion Minutes for Editing and Reviewing History Material of CPC Organization) 1994 April</td>
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Photographic reprints
Scope and Contents note
Contains bound photographic reprints of Li Rui's notebooks from 1946-1994
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Other Writings by Li Rui 1959, 1973-1987

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<td>李锐秦城监狱龙胆紫诗（马克思书）(Li Rui’s gentian violet poems, Marx book) 1973-1975</td>
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<td>李锐秦城监狱龙胆紫诗（列宁书）(Li Rui’s gentian violet poems, Lenin book) 1973-1975</td>
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國家機關討論歷史決議草案簡報：李銳同志談廬山會議 (Li Rui talk) 1980 November 7

box 14, folder 6, onsite digital
关于廬山會議兩次常委會記錄的說明 (Li Rui transcription) 1986 December

box 14, folder 10, onsite digital
李銳至趙紫陽並鄧小平關於對鄧力群任總書記的信 (Copy of letter that Li Rui wrote to Zhao Ziyang & Deng Xiaoping) 1987 July 10

box 14, folder 4.1, onsite digital
范元甄手抄記錄 “一九四五年一月三十一日中直學委會對大會討論的總結 ， 杨尚昆同志講” 1945 January 31

box 14, folder 4.7, onsite digital
徐特立致李銳便條 (Note from Xu Teli to Li Rui) 1947 August 2

box 14, folder 4.9, onsite digital
陈雲致李銳便條 (Note from Chen Yun to Li Rui) 1982 March 12

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蕭克致李銳便條 (Note from General Xiao Ke to Li Rui) 1997 December 12

box 14, folder 7, onsite digital
陳友群發言 (Chen Youqun speech) 1980 November 17

box 14, folder 8, onsite digital
批判斗争李銳反党集團 (Speeches Collection, Criticizing & Disputes with Li Rui) 1960 February

box 24, folder 5, onsite digital

box 14, folder 6, onsite digital
李銳履歷表 (Li Rui resume sheet) 1950

Born Digital Files
Scope and Contents note
Contains copies of Li Rui’s diaries transcribed by his daughter, Li Nanyang, and digitized photo albums. Transcriptions include annotations by Li Nanyang.
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Li Rui Diary Transcriptions

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Li Rui diary transcription: Volume 6: Poems
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Li Rui diary transcription: Volumes 5 & 7: 1964
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Li Rui diary transcription: Volumes 7 & 8: 1965
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Li Rui diary transcription: Volume 8: 1966
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Li Rui diary transcription: Volume 9: January 1, 1967 to November 10, 1967
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Li Rui diary transcription: Volume 8: May 30, 1975 to March 5, 1976
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Li Rui diary transcription: Volume: 10: 1977
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Li Rui diary transcription: Volumes 11-12: 1981-1982
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Li Rui diary transcription: Volumes 12-13: 1983
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Li Rui photo album 7: Visiting Soviet Union 1954-1958
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Li Rui photo album 8: Work at Hydroelectric Power Plant 1953-1980
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Li Rui photo album 9: Exiled at Mozitan 1975-2001
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Li Rui photo album 10: Overseas Trip After Rehabilitation 1979-1993

Printed Matter

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Long Dan Zi Ji, published by Macau Scholars Publishing 2005
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box 26, folder 5  父母昨日書 : 李銳, 范元甄1938年-1960年通信, 日記集 (下) ( Fu Mu Zuo Ri Shu: Li Rui, Fan Yuanzhen 1938 nian - 1960 Nian Tong Xin, Ri Ji Ji, Vol. 2) 2005
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