Inventory of the Eliot Grinnell Mears papers

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Abstract: Correspondence, reports, and photographs relating to economic conditions in the Balkans and Near East, to American commerce with Turkey, and to the American war economy during World War II.
Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
Creator: Mears, Eliot Grinnell, 1889-1946.
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Biographical Note
Eliot Grinnell Mears was born in 1889 in Worcester, Massachusetts. He attended Harvard College, receiving his BA in 1910 and an MBA from the Harvard Graduate School of Business in 1912. From 1916 to 1920 Mears worked for the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, serving as the Chief of the Foreign Service Division, the American Trade Commissioner in the Near East, and the US Trade Commissioner in Turkey. During this time, he operated primarily out of Constantinople and Athens and focused on capital flow in the defeated Ottoman Empire, particularly the Mediterranean and the Balkans. In 1921, Mears came to Stanford University as a professor of geography and international trade, working at the Stanford Graduate School of Business when it was established in 1925 and remaining in that position until his death. He also served as the director of the Hoover Library on War, Revolution, and Peace starting in 1924. Mears died from a heart attack in 1946 while on sabbatical from the University.
Scope and Content of Collection
The Eliot Grinnell Mears papers consist of correspondence, reports, and photographs relating to economic conditions in the Balkans and Near East, to American commerce with Turkey, and to the American war economy during World War II. The papers consist chiefly of memoranda, reports, and correspondence regarding trade in the defeated Ottoman Empire during Mears' tenure as US Trade Commissioner in Constantinople from 1919 to 1920. Some documents are in Arabic or French, particularly those that deal with Turkish production and consumption of raw material. Others address the flow of capital and resources in the Mediterranean and the Balkans. Included in the first two boxes is a collection of photographs from Mears' years in Turkey.
Also of note is a collection of War Department training posters that were given to Mears by the US Naval Training Division. The 770 posters depict cartoon characters as naval mechanics and anti-submarine flight crews during World War II. They were designed to be displayed on ships to encourage discipline and enhance job performance.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Balkan Peninsula--Economic conditions.
Middle East--Economic conditions.
Turkey--Commerce--United States.
United States--Commerce--Turkey.
World War, 1939-1945--Economic aspects.
World War, 1939-1945--United States.

Box/Folder 1 : 1 Notes on Turkish Black Sea ports and US-Grecian commerce, 1919-1920
Box/Folder 1 : 2 US Trade Commissioner reports, Constantinople, 1920
Box/Folder 1 : 3 "Inland and Coastal Waterways and Shipping of Norway," 1944
Box/Folder 1 : 4 Shipping manifests and imports, Turkey, 1910-1920
Box/Folder 1 : 5 Report on Turkish provinces, undated
Box/Folder 1 : 6 Notes from a conversation with Douglas P. Miller, 1939
Box/Folder 1 : 7 Photographs documenting Mears' years in Turkey, undated
Box/Folder 1 : 8 Water consumption charts (in Arabic), Ottoman Rail annexes (in French), 1912-1914
Box/Folder 1 : 9 US Trade Commissioner reports, Constantinople, 1919-1920
Box/Folder 1 : 10 "Report on Oil-Wells in Mesopotamia," undated
Box/Folder 1 : 11 "Memorandum on the Bandholtz Incident," undated
Box/Folder 1 : 12 "General Bandholtz," 1925
Box/Folder 1 : 13 US Trade Commissioner reports, Constantinople, 1919-1920
Box/Folder 1 : 14 Correspondence, American Embassy in Constantinople, 1920-1923
Box/Folder 2 : 1 "Cost and Price Equalization, Especially With Equalization Funds ('The Flexible Price Policy')," 1942
Box/Folder 2 : 2 "The Effectiveness of Price Control in 1941," 1942
Box/Folder 2 : 3-4 "A Study of War Finance by a Committee of the Conference on Research in Fiscal Policy (Parts One and Two)," 1942
Box 3-5 World War II Navy training posters, undated