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Abstract: Transcripts of letters from A. and Rosalind Toynbee to relatives and friends in England, 1921-1923, relating to their observations of conditions in Greece and Turkey during the Greco-Turkish War; and sound recordings of speeches by A. Toynbee in San Francisco and at Stanford University, 1950, relating to the prospects for Western civilization. Digital version of sound recordings available.
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Biographical/Historical Note
British historian.
Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
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Record cabinet  Sound recordings (phonorecords) 1950

Record cabinet  Sound recording of Toynbee speech made in Memorial Auditorium, Stanford University, Stanford, California 1950 October 19
Access Information
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Scope and Content Note
Toynbee states his ancestors would say history makes sense because one can see the will of God in history. However, other events challenge this Christian assumption. The study of natural law has produced a philosophy of this law existing on its own, not as handed down from God. Cycles play an important role in life. Wars occur in a cycle, business goes through booms and busts, and the generational cycle is important to changes of nationalities. (3 discs)

Record cabinet  Sound recording of Toynbee speech made in Memorial Auditorium, Stanford University, Stanford, California 1950 October 20
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Scope and Content Note
On how the West sees itself as a cohesive body; it's not "we" Americans, "we" Briton, or "we" Germans, but "we" Westerners. Toynbee on the path toward a world government, formalizing this new identity. He sees the Christian tradition as a tying bond. He also compares the world to the Roman Empire. (2 discs)

Record cabinet  Sound recording of Toynbee speech to the Commonwealth Club: Is Our Civilization on the Way Out? 1950 October 20
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Scope and Content Note
Toynbee speaks about the changes Western society needs to make in order to stay relevant and resist communism. He believes the West needs to be both (a) more than national-minded and (b) more religious minded. He believes countries should submit its sovereignty to a world power, no matter how terrible, if it can prevent another world war. He relates Islam to communism and how both are rooted in Western civilization and a continuation of institutions gone wrong. He concludes by pondering the rights of the individual vs. society, saying the Western stance is a paradox as the communist view is more noble and selfless. (2 discs)

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