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Originals in possession of: K. H. De Courcy.
1909
November 6
Born, Oldham, Lancashire, Great Britain
1933
Honorary Secretary, unofficial committee on Conservative Party policy, chairman Sir Reginald Banks
1934-1942
Honorary Secretary, Imperial Policy Group
1938-1976
Editor, proprietor of Intelligence Digest
1976
Chairman Ridgeway Courcy and Company
Married Rosemary Catherine Baker
1951-1976 Editor, proprietor of Weekly Review
1953-1964 Member of the committee of the Evangelical Alliance which organized "crusades" by Billy Graham in Great Britain
1967 Chairman, Overseas Land Purchasing Trust
1963-1964 Trial and conviction for forgery and other offences
1968 Released from prison
1969-1972 Editor, Banker's Digest
1973 Marriage dissolved
1973- Editor, Special Office Brief
1977 Chairman, Order of the Three Orders

Scope and Content of Collection
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Arrangement

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Imperial Policy Group (London)
Espionage, Russian--Great Britain.
World politics.
Great Britain--Foreign relations.

Imperial Policy Group 1934-1942
Scope and Content Note
Minutes of National Citizens' Union, and later Imperial Policy Group, committees and sub-committees with related reports and correspondence and other papers.

Correspondence, 1936-1983
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence of Kenneth De Courcy, arranged alphabetically by correspondent

Scope and Content Note
Subjects include: British military strategy and preparedness; USSR strategy
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<td>Subjects include: possibility of recruiting opposition leaders to the Conservative Government (Clement Davies and Walter Citrine are named); Persia (Iran)</td>
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<td>Subjects include: Afghanistan; British defense policy; British domestic politics; Near East; Poland; Rhodesia (Zimbabwe); South Africa; USSR. Also contains correspondence from Colonel R. Butler, &quot;Chief of Staff&quot; to General Walter Walker. (See also box 2 folder 6)</td>
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<td>Concerns Roy De Groot, former circulation agent for Intelligence Digest in the USA</td>
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<td>Subjects include: Czechoslovakia crisis, 1938; France, preparedness for war in late 1930s; Great Britain preparedness for war in late 1930s; Imperial Policy Group overseas propaganda; Kenneth De Courcy's complaints about M.I.5 interference with his mail and telephone; Kenneth De Courcy's attempts to become a conservative party candidate; Kenneth De Courcy's attempts to obtain exemption from &quot;directed employment&quot; under war-time regulations, World War, 1939-1945, possibility of a negotiated peace; World War, 1939-1945, Norway campaign</td>
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<td>Concerning war-time foreign policy and strategy, particularly in respect of air-power</td>
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**Londonderry, Lord and Lady, 1946-1953**  
Scope and Content Note  
Subjects include: Conservative Party organization and finance; evangelism as an anti-dote to socialism

Reel 2, Box 2, Folder 4  
**Salisbury, Lord, 1951-1952**  
Scope and Content Note  
Concerns infiltration of the Civil Service in Great Britain by Soviet sympathizers

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**Vansittart, Lord Robert, 1951-1953**  
Scope and Content Note  
Concerns infiltration of the Civil Service in Great Britain by Soviet sympathizers

Reel 2, Box 2, Folder 6  
**Walker, General Walter, and Burnand, P., 1973-1976**  
Scope and Content Note  
Subjects include: Civil Assistance, an organization founded by General Walter to oppose subversion; attempts by the Ministry of Defense to restrict General Walter in the expression of his views on defense policy

Reel 2, Box 2, Folder 7  
**War Office, Great Britain, 1946**  
Scope and Content Note  
Concerns Kenneth De Courcy's complaints regarding obstruction of his activities as a publicist

Reel 2, Box 2, Folder 8  
**War Office, Great Britain, 1951**  
Scope and Content Note  
Concerns Kenneth De Courcy's complaints regarding harassment of *Intelligence Digest* by M.I.5

Reel 2, Box 2, Folder 9  
**Windsor, Duke of (King Edward VIII) and Duchess of (Mrs. Simpson), 1946-1987**  
Scope and Content Note  
Subjects include: abdication crisis; British domestic politics; British foreign policy; relations between the Duke of Windsor and his brother King George VI

**Correspondence of F. Roy Cattell, 1953-1957**  
Scope and Content Note  
Correspondence of Rev. F. Roy Cattell, Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance

Reel 2, Box 2, Folder 10-11  
**Correspondence of F. Roy Cattell as Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance, 1953-1957.**  
Scope and Content Note  
Subjects include: Billy Graham's 1954 and 1955 British "Crusades"; politically accented reporting of the "Crusades" in Kenneth De Courcy's publications; suspected Communist sympathies of a member of the Evangelical Alliance committee

**Subject File, (1936?)-1984**  
Scope and Content Note  
Notes, Correspondence, memoranda, reports and memoirs, arranged alphabetically by subject.

Reel 2, Box 2, Folder 12  
**Abuse of administrative power by civil and military authorities of Great Britain, complained of by Kenneth De Courcy's, 1946-1984**  
Scope and Content Note  
Correspondents include Lord Vansittart and Sir Anthony Eden
Subject File, (1936?)-1984

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Reel 3, Box 2, Folder 14
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Current Affairs, 1974
Current Affairs, 1983
Current Affairs, 1984

De Courcy, Michael, 1950-1984
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence and other papers re Michael De Courcy and alleged attempts by M.I.5 to penetrate Intelligence Digest through him

Reel 3, Box 2, Folder 1
Reel 3, Box 2, Folder 14
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Reel 3, Box 2, Folder 16

France, foreign relations and military preparedness in 1938, (1983?)

Prison memoirs of Kenneth De Courcy relating to Wormwood Scrubs Prison, London, Great Britain, (1968?)
Scope and Content Note
Contains reference to the escape of George Blake

Reel 3, Box 3, Folder 1
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Reel 3, Box 3, Folder 3
Reel 3, Box 3, Folder 4

Subversive activities of Soviet sympathizers in the Civil Service of Great Britain, 1947-1983

Windsor, Duke of (King Edward VIII), aides-memoirs written by Kenneth De Courcy, dated 1936-1949 and apparently re-copied later

Reel 3, Box 3, Folder 5
Reel 3, Box 3, Folder 6

Windsor, Duke of (King Edward VIII), copies of correspondence and various notes 1946-1949, 1979-(1983?)
Windsor, Duke of (King Edward VIII), correspondence and other papers, 1978-1982
Scope and Content Note
Concerns allegations that the Duke considered committing treason by becoming a party to peace negotiations with Nazi Germany

Reel 3, Box 3, Folder 7
Reel 3, Box 3, Folder 8
Reel 3, Box 3, Folder 9
Reel 3, Box 3, Folder 10

World Politics, 1938-1940,
Scope and Content Note
Concerns many aspects of European and Near Eastern affairs including: Czechoslovakia crisis, 1938; Russo-German relations; World War, 1939-1945, Norway campaign; World War, 1939-1945, possibility of a negotiated pace. Correspondents include: General Brecard (France); H. A. Butler; Sir Eric Geddes; M. Leger (France); H. Lemery (France)

World Politics, 1938-1940
Scope and Content Note
Consists almost entirely of copies of items in Folder 7 above, also contains a detailed report on the equipment and strength of the USSR Air Force, 1939

World Politics, 1939
Scope and Content Note
Intelligence reports concerning the foreign policy and military capacity of Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland and Sweden, prepared by Alastair Campbell on the basis of interviews, written materials, and travel in the countries named

World War, 1939-1945,
Scope and Content Note
diplomatic history, possibility of a negotiated peace, 1939-1940
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<td>1946-1963</td>
<td>Correspondence, memoranda, affidavits, company stock applications, contracts, powers of attorney, trust deeds, and related papers concerning Kenneth De Courcy's 1963-1964 trial and conviction and subsequent attempts to appeal against the conviction and to obtain publicity in respect of the case, also concerning property transitions in Canada and Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), arranged chronologically</td>
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<td>4, 3, 12-13</td>
<td>1956-(1983?)</td>
<td>Subversive activities of Soviet sympathizers in Great Britain, Kenneth De Courcy's opposition to subversion, and the circumstance of Kenneth De Courcy's trial</td>
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<td>4, 4, 1-2</td>
<td>1957-1972</td>
<td>Trial counts 8 and 9: forgery in the form of issuing ante-dated documents. Other subjects include: Nassau anti-Communist conference organized by Kenneth De Courcy, 1962; proposed Art Digest and Bankers' Digest magazines; Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) property dealings</td>
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<td>Trial count 4: falsification of Overseas Land Purchasing Trust records. Other subjects include: Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), politics and business, Salisbury, Rhodesia (Harare, Zimbabwe), housing construction</td>
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<td>5, 4, 3</td>
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<td>Stock application in respect of Sarsden Consolidated Properties Ltd. Of Toronto, Canada with related papers</td>
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<td>5, 5, 1-2</td>
<td>1958-(1983?)</td>
<td>Kenneth De Courcy's campaign to prove the complicity of the Police in a conspiracy to obtain a conviction against him, particularly by means of concealing documentary evidence. Other subjects include Sarsden Consolidated Properties of Toronto, Canada</td>
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<td>5, 5, 3</td>
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<td>Trial count 3: (improper relations between Overseas Land Purchasing Trust and Sarsden Properties Ltd.?)</td>
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Reel 5, Box 5, Folder 4
1960
Scope and Content Note
Fraud involving Dollar Land Holdings Ltd.

Reel 5, Box 5, Folder 5
1960-1971
Scope and Content Note
Trial Count 9: forgery in the form of issuing ante-dating documents, concerns complex relations between Dollar Land Holdings Ltd.; Overseas Land Purchasing Trust, Reserved Property Trust, Peter Von Dumreicher and Kenneth De Courcy

Reel 6, Box 5, Folder 6
1960-1972
Scope and Content Note
Trial counts 13, 14, and 16: perjury and contempt of court, concerns control of New Townships Ltd.

Reel 6, Box 5, Folder 7
1960-1984
Scope and Content Note
Forgery in the form of issuing ante-dated documents in respect of the Reserved Property Trust

Reel 6, Box 5, Folder 8
1964-1981
Scope and Content Note
Kenneth De Courcy’s attempts to appeal against conviction and to obtain publicity in respect of his case

Reel 6, Box 5, Folder 9
1978-1983
Scope and Content Note
Evidence submitted to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure by Kenneth De Courcy

Reel 6, Box 5, Folder 10
1983
Scope and Content Note
Questions submitted to Kenneth De Courcy by the Archivist of the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace with the former’s replies

Reel 6, Box 5, Folder 11
1984
Scope and Content Note
Memorandum by Kenneth De Courcy

Speeches and Writings, 1983-1984
Scope and Content Note
Printed copies of a news-sheet and a booklet by Kenneth De Courcy

Reel 7, Box 5, Folder 13
A Watcher on the Threshold (Kenneth De Courcy?) The Carolingian Crown of France Kilbrittain Newspapers Ltd., Dublin, Ireland 1984
Increment, October 1984
Scope and Content Note
Two letters to De Courcy

Increment, May 1985 1980-1984
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<td>Letters from John Straker to Sir Carl Aarvold, David Parsons, Nicholas Ridley, Margaret Thatcher, Sir Michael Havers, 1980-1984</td>
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<td>Correspondence between John Straker and the Lord Chancellor's Department, 1985-1986, relating to the trial; the Lord Chancellor's speech of welcome to the American Bar Association in Westminster on July 15, 1985; and a clipping relating to Lord Halisham, 1985</td>
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<td>Carbon copy of John Straker's letter to the Private Secretary to the Lord Chancellor, dated 19 July 1986; and the 31 May 1986 issue of <em>News of the World</em> containing an article on the Jeremy Thorpe scandal</td>
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<td>Correspondence, 1987, relating to the Duke of Windsor and to various aspects of British politics and society</td>
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<td>Correspondence and writings, 1991, relating to Kenneth De Courcy's trial in 1963-1964</td>
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