Inventory of the Peters Z. Olins Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Peters Z. Olins Papers
Dates: 1927-1962
Collection number: 83010
Collection Size: 4 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize box (2 linear feet)
Repository: Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace
Stanford, California 94305-6010
Abstract: Correspondence, dispatches, writings, financial records, printed matter, photographs, and memorabilia, relating to Latvian foreign relations and émigré affairs.
Physical location: Hoover Institution Archives
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: LatvianEnglish
Access
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Acquisition Information
Acquired by the Hoover Institution Archives in 1997.

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1890 Born, Valmiera, Latvia
1919 Enters Latvian diplomatic service
1927 Awarded Ph.D. in history, American University, Washington, D.C.
1928 Author, The Teutonic Knights in Latvia. Promoted to rank of Minister Plenipotentiary.
1962 Died
1910-1914 Student at the University of St. Petersburg
1935-1962 Latvian minister to Argentina and Brazil

Scope and Content of Collection
Acquired in 1997, the Peters Z. Olins papers in the Hoover Institution Archives comprise materials relating to this Latvian diplomat, who served most of his career in posts in Argentina and Brazil. Of perhaps most historical interest in the collection is the official correspondence exchanged between Olins and other Latvian representatives in London, Washington, and elsewhere, and especially his correspondence with Alfreds Bilmanis, Latvian ambassador to the United States. This series also includes copies of letters sent between the Foreign Ministry of Latvia and various Latvian legations, and covers the period before and during World War II. From this correspondence, it is possible to reconstruct the Latvian state's evaluation of its situation in the years immediately before its loss of independence in 1940. These materials also document the unsuccessful efforts of Latvian diplomats abroad to restore Latvian sovereignty after the end of the war. Following the annexation of Latvia by the Soviet Union, many Latvian diplomats in the West, including Olins, retained their official status as representatives of Latvia and continued to exercise their duties. In this regard, the collection contains both correspondence as well as a number of reports written by Olins and sent to the Latvian Legation in the United States. There is also an album of photographs in the collection relating to Olins' life and career, including his early years as a student and a soldier in World War I, when Latvia was a province of the Russian empire.

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

Subjects
Latvians in foreign countries.
Argentina--Foreign relations--Latvia.
Brazil--Foreign relations--Latvia.
Latvia--Foreign relations--Argentina.
Latvia--Foreign relations--Brazil.

Occupations
Diplomats--Latvia.

Correspondence 1935-1962
Bilmanis, Alfreds. 1941-1948
Scope and Content Note
Includes letters neither addressed to nor written by Peters Z. Olins

Box 1, Folder 1 1941-1943
Box 1, Folder 2 1945-1948
Box 1, Folder 3 Foreign Ministry of Brazil, 1961
Foreign Ministry of Latvia.
Scope and Content Note
Includes correspondence between this ministry and Latvian legations in other countries

Box 1, Folder 4 1935-1938
Box 1, Folder 5-7 1939
Box 2, Folder 1 1940
Box 2, Folder 2 1942-1945
Latvian Legation (London) 1950-1962
Box 2, Folder 3 1950-1951
Box 2, Folder 4 1952-1953
Box 2, Folder 5 1954-1957
Box 2, Folder 6 1958-1962
Box 2, Folder 7 Latvian Legation (Washington, D.C.), 1955-1962
Box 3, Folder 1 Émigré publications, 1950-1960
Scope and Content Note
Letters, with some transcripts of interviews and clippings

Box 3, Folder 2 Naturalization requests, 1959-1960
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One print depicting Vilhelms Munters and others

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One account book

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