Preliminary Inventory to the Willys Ruggles Peck papers

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Physical Description: 7 manuscript boxes, 2 oversize boxes, 1 envelope (5.5 linear feet)
Abstract: Diary and other writings, correspondence, memoranda, biography, and clippings, relating to Chinese foreign relations, domestic politics in China, and the Japanese occupation in Bangkok, Thailand, during World War II.
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Scope and Content of Collection
The Willys Ruggles Peck papers include correspondence and writings related to the life and career of Willys Peck in China as American Consul General in Nanking. Included are many family letters, but also letters between Peck and fellow diplomats, including John V.A. MacMurray, Stanley Hornbeck, and Nelson T. Johnson, spanning a time period basically from 1900 to the end of World War II.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
United States. Department of State.
China--Foreign relations--United States.
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World War, 1914-1918--Campaigns--East Asia.
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World War, 1939-1945--Thailand.
World War, 1939-1945.

Box 1
Notebook containing informal observations made by Willys R. Peck, while Consul General and Counselor of the Legation at Nanking, China in the 1930’s
Box 1

Typescript of a biography of Willys R. Peck, co-authored by the surviving “Peck children,” Willys, Llewellyn, and Mary Peck Read
Box 1

Original draft copies, with corrections, of the biography of W. R. Peck
Box 1

One typewritten letter between the Peck relatives concerning Willys Peck’s biography, 1952 August 1
Box 1

One handwritten letter from one of the Peck relatives to another (mother to daughter), Peking, 1952 January 4
Box 2

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Box 2

Diary of events in the American Legation, Bangkok, Thailand, 1941 December 8 - 1942 August 19
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Printed material
Box 2

Newspaper clippings, 1940-1945
Box 2

Maps of China and the Philippine Islands
Box 3

File of material on Tsingtao, China, 1917-1919
Box 3

Handwritten manuscript entitled “Life of a Prisoner at the Present Time” (former Civil Commissioner M. G. R. Gunther), 1916 July 26
Box 3

Handwritten manuscript entitled “Wives of Prisoners,” ca. 1916
Box 3

News Bulletin, Tsingtao, 1914 September 20
Box 3

Newspaper clipping from Peking and Tientsin Times, 1913 May 3
Box 3

Correspondence, 1926-1943
Box 3

Miscellaneous memoranda, newspaper clippings, copies of speeches, notes, correspondence, etc., 1911-1943

Box 3

Chinese language materials (phrase book, flash cards, note cards, anagram game, etc.)

Box 4

Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, 1937-1938

Envelope A


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Box 5

Correspondence, notes, clippings 1902-1918
Scope and Contents note
Includes family correspondence and material related to the Jehol trip and Indochina-Tsingtao

Box 6

Correspondence 1918-1931
Scope and Contents note
Includes family correspondence and material related to the transfer to Washington, State Department, and Berkeley

Box 7

Correspondence, clippings, photographs, lists 1931-1942
Scope and Contents note
Includes material related to Nanking, Miami, Chungking, Marjory Mills, Chungking, and Bangkok

Box 8

Correspondence, notes, writings 1906-1950
Scope and Contents note
Includes material related to Bangkok, Washington, Cairo "Mena" Conference, retirement, Tsingtau, and LCR's "A Trip to the Sino-Japanese War Front, March 12-15, 1932"

Box 9

Photograph album 1932
Scope and Contents note
Includes material related to LCR's "A Trip to the Sino-Japanese War Front, March 12-15, 1932"