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Abstract: Correspondence, memoirs, lectures, reports, surveys, patents, clippings, sketches, and photographs, relating to economic, scientific, and technological developments in the mining and metallurgical industries of China, Japan, and the Far East, with emphasis on nickel alloys, China labor and dockyard projects, cultivation of rice in Japan, and related governmental policies of China and Japan.

Creator: Rabbitt, James Aloysius, 1877-1969

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Correspondence, re China chemical industries and nickel agency in Manchuria. Also some Japanese agency correspondence. 1933,
Correspondence, American European trip 1934
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Correspondence, - Chronological commercial file. 1936
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Correspondence, - Commercial chronological file. 1937
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