Descriptive Summary

Title: Rosemary Biles collection about Ralph J. Bunche
Date (inclusive): 1948-2003
Collection number: 1853
Creator: Rosemary Biles
Extent: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)
Abstract: Clippings and ephemera related to the career of Ralph J. Bunche.
Language: Finding aid is written in English.
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.
Los Angeles, California 90095-1575
Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.

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Biography
Rosemary Biles served as a nurse to Ralph J. Bunche, Undersecretary General of the United Nations, during his final illness in 1971. She remained friendly with his family after Bunche's death.

Scope and Content
The Rosemary Biles Collection about Ralph J. Bunche consists primarily of newspaper and magazine clippings, publications, ephemera and photographs of and relating to the career and death of Bunche. Included are clippings about Bunche's retirement from the United Nations, ephemera from the opening of Ralph J. Bunche Memorial Park, official United Nations photographs of Bunche, and first day covers of commemorative stamps. The bulk of the material is dated 1971.

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

Subjects
Biles, Rosemary.
Bunche, Ralph J. (Ralph Johnson), 1904-1971--Archives.
Statesmen--United States--Archival resources.

Genres and Forms of Material
Clippings and ephemera.

Related Material
Ralph J. Bunche Papers (Collection 2051). Available at the UCLA Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library.
Finding Aid for the Rosemary Biles collection about Ralph J. Bunche, 1948-2003

Box 1, Folder 1  Letters and invitations received  
Scope and Content Note  
Letters and invitations sent to Rosemary Biles from Sir Brian Urquhart, Ruth Bunche and others.

Box 1, Folder 2  Clippings, biographical information re: Bunche  
Scope and Content Note  
Clippings, copies from encyclopedias, typescript and reprint of "My Most Unforgettable Character" by Ralph J. Bunche from Reader's Digest.

Box 1, Folder 3  Photographs of Ralph Bunche 1948-1968  
Scope and Content Note  
Photographs issued by the United Nations showing Ralph Bunche at work. Includes photographs taken with Dag Hammarskjold, Richard Nixon and others.

Box 1, Folder 4  Clippings re: Bunche's retirement 1971  
Scope and Content Note  
Newspaper clippings announcing Bunche's retirement from the United Nations.

Box 1, Folder 5  Statement and program  
Scope and Content Note  
United Nations Press Section statement on the death of Ralph Bunche, and a program from Bunche's funeral.

Box 1, Folder 6  Clippings re: Bunche's death  
Scope and Content Note  
Newspaper and magazine clippings of news of Bunche's death and obituaries.

Box 1, Folder 7  Clippings and ephemera re: Bunche memorials  
Scope and Content Note  
Newspaper clippings, form letters and ephemera relating to memorial funds and events, especially the opening of Peace Form One, a monument to Bunche at the United Nations.

Box 1, Folder 8  Ralph Bunche Institute of the United Nations programs 1986  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes "Ralph Bunche: The Man and His Times" conference programs.

Box 1, Folder 9  Postage stamps  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes first day covers and an uncut sheet of commemorative stamps in a folder embossed with Rosemary Biles's name.

Box 1, Folder 10  Anniversary and centenary ephemera and postage stamps  
Scope and Content Note  
United Nations press release on the 25th anniversary of Bunche's death (1991), and ephemera related to the centenary celebration of his birth (2003), including first day covers and commemorative stamps.
| Box 1, Folder 11 | **Clippings and ephemera re: Bunche family 1972, 1988**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Newspaper clippings about the marriage of Ralph Bunche, Jr. and a program from Ruth Bunche's memorial service. |
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| Box 1, Folder 12 | **Clippings re: others 1955, 1982, 2003 and undated**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Newspapers clippings including obituaries. |