Finding Aid for the Leon Hoage collection of material about the Lindbergh kidnapping case, 1932-1950

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Leon Hoage collection of material about the Lindbergh kidnapping case,

Date (inclusive): 1932-1950

Collection number: 1066

Creator: Hoage, Leon

Extent: 4 boxes (2 linear ft.)

Abstract: Leon Hoage was hired by New Jersey Governor Harold Hoffman to help investigate the 1932 kidnapping of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr. The collection consists of photographs, clippings, and Photostats of evidence used in Bruno Richard Hauptmann's trial, and correspondence between Hoffman and Hoage regarding the case.

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Biography/History

Leon Hoage was hired by New Jersey Governor Harold Hoffman to help investigate the 1932 kidnapping of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr. His examination of evidence and testimonies led him to claim that the Lindbergh kidnapping was an "inside job" and that Bruno Richard Hauptmann was innocent of the crime for which he was convicted and executed.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of photographs, clippings, and Photostats of evidence used in Bruno Richard Hauptmann's trial, typescript drafts of analyses, as well as correspondence between New Jersey Governor Harold Hoffman and crime analyst Hoage regarding the case.

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Hoage, Leon--Archives.
Hoage, Leon --Correspondence.
Trials (Kidnapping)--New Jersey--Archival resources.
Box 1, Folder 1  **Police investigation files 1932.**
Scope and Content Note
Statements, reports including major initial report, telegrams, letters concerning evidence, notes from a meeting profiling the kidnapper (Photostats).

Box 1, Folder 2  **Police investigation files 1932-1934.**
Scope and Content Note
Investigations of Carl Oswin Giessler, Therese and Wilhelm Krippendorf, and Bruno Richard Hauptmann (Photostats). Includes information on Hauptmann's financial accounts, Hauptmann's fishing and hunting license, and a statement from Harry Eberhardt.

Box 1, Folder 3  **Police investigation files 1936.**
Scope and Content Note
Letters, reports and affidavits (primarily Photostats). Includes letters received from "JD" concerning Reverend Michael Kallok, letters regarding suggestion that Lindbergh ransom money appeared in Cuba, affidavits of Frederick and Anna Klein, and a claim that baby was seen in New Hampshire.

Box 1, Folder 4  **Police investigation files undated.**
Scope and Content Note
Reports, jury information (Photostats).

Box 1, Folder 5  **Handwriting files ca. 1932-1934.**
Scope and Content Note
Handwriting analysis reports (Photostats).

Box 1, Folder 6  **Correspondence and investigation notes 1935-1938.**
Scope and Content Note
Photostats, copies and typescript.

Box 1, Folder 7  **Letters and case reports sent to Governor Hoffman 1935-1936.**

Box 1, Folder 8  **Bruno Richard Hauptmann notes ca. 1937.**
Scope and Content Note
Typed notes on Hauptmann's background, testimony related to investigation.

Box 1, Folder 9  **Ransom notes, originals 1932.**
Scope and Content Note
Some of the original ransom notes received by Charles Lindbergh.

Box 1, Folder 10  **Ransom notes, Photostats 1932.**
Scope and Content Note
Copies of ransom notes received by Charles Lindbergh from police files.

Box 1, Folder 11  **Letters and notes ca. 1936-1937.**
Scope and Content Note
Analysis regarding "faked" postcard ransom note (typescript).

Box 2, Folder 1  **Paul Wendel statements 1936.**
Scope and Content Note
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Box 3, Folder 3  Investigation photographs 1932-1937.
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes photograph of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, suspects, Hauptmann's attic, ladder
   found at crime site, cemetery where ransom drop occurred, shipyard where baby was said to
   be held, Lindbergh employees including Violet Sharpe, ransom notes, investigators and
   consultants.

Box 3, Folder 4  Hoage report to Mark Kimberling undated.
   Physical Description: Annotated typescript draft, 41 pages (folder 1 of 2).

Box 3, Folder 5  Hoage report to Mark Kimberling undated.
   Physical Description: Annotated typescript draft, 267 pages (folder 2 of 2).

Box 3, Folder 6  Notes for Hoage's analysis ca. 1932-1940.
   Physical Description: Annotated typed notes and press clippings.

Box 4, Folder 1  Under the Lens of Truth: The Concealed Facts of the Lindbergh Case Laid Bare, analysis
   of Lindbergh case undated.
   Physical Description: Annotated typescript draft, 174 pages.

Box 4, Folder 2  Brief Partial Analysis of the Lindbergh Case, Part I undated.
   Physical Description: Annotated typescript draft, 79 pages.

Box 4, Folder 3  Copy of second installment "sent to Ken" 1938.
   Scope and Content Note
   Analysis of Hauptmann attic and nails, typescript draft, 22 pages.

Box 4, Folder 4  What 50 Million Americans Failed to See, Part I: Analysis of Evidence existing March
   1932 undated.
   Scope and Content Note
   Notes and research material, two annotated typescript drafts.

Box 4, Folder 5  What 50 Million Americans Failed to See, Part II: The Hauptmann Angle ca. 1944.
   Physical Description: Two annotated typescript drafts.

Box 4, Folder 6  Scapegoat, by Anthony Scaduto 1976.
   Scope and Content Note
   New York: Putnam, 1976