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## **Finding Aid of the John R. Hubbard papers 5009**

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**Abstract:** John R. Hubbard served as the eighth president of the University of Southern California from 1970 to 1980, during which time the university rose from 33rd to 19th in National Science Foundation rankings for federally sponsored research. During that decade, applications for admission to USC rose from 4,100 in 1970 to more than 11,000 in 1979, and the mean grade point average for admitted freshmen vaulted to 3.4 on a 4.0 scale. Prior to joining USC, Hubbard served as President of Newcomb College, chief education advisor for the U.S. Agency for International Development in India (where he later served as US Ambassador). While President of USC, Hubbard established the Office of International Alumni and the Emeriti Center. Hubbard passed away in 2011. The collection documents more than fifty years of Dr. John Hubbard's life from his life as a naval aviator during World War II through his many years as an educator, dean, and university president at several universities. A good portion of his papers consists of correspondence, both personal and business, the bulk of it from the 1940s and 1950s. Hubbard's multi-faceted career at USC is represented through over twenty years of speeches, recommendations, Board of Trustees files, and ephemera pertaining to the many organizations with which he was associated in his capacity as Provost, Vice-President, and President of USC.

#### **Biographical Note**

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A graduate of the University of Texas with a Ph.D. in history, Hubbard began his career as a naval aviator during World War II and attained the rank of lieutenant commander. Following his military service, Hubbard held a variety of academic posts, including faculty appointments at Louisiana State University, Tulane University, and Yale University. In 1953, he returned to New Orleans to accept a deanship at H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College, an historic women's college that is part of Tulane University.

In 1965, Hubbard and his family left for India where he served as chief education advisor for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Four years later, they returned to the United States where Hubbard accepted the position of vice-president and provost at USC. He then succeeded Norman Topping as president, and established the Office of International Alumni and the Emeriti Center. In the late 1980s, Hubbard returned to India as U.S. Ambassador and was awarded the Alben W. Barkley Medal for Distinguished Service.

When he returned to USC, Hubbard continued to support the USC Emeriti Center as a senior advisor and served as a trustee emeritus on the USC Board of Trustees, and continued to teach history until failing health at age 91 forced him to stop. Hubbard passed away in 2011 at his home in Rancho Mirage, California.

#### **Scope and Contents**

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Aeronautics, Military -- Archival resources  
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Speeches, addresses, etc., American -- 20th century -- Archival resources  
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Printed ephemera  
Hubbard, John R. (John Randolph), 1918-2011 -- Archives  
University of Southern California -- Archives  
Newcomb College -- Archives  
Tulane University -- Archives

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Box 5, Box 6	<b>Correspondence 1939-1960s</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> Correspondence to and from John Hubbard from his days with the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D.C. in the late 1930s; in the Navy during World War II; his years at Tulane University including letters from his wife, Lucille; banking notices and utility bills; greeting cards; and much business correspondence.
Box 5	<b>Ephemera 1940s-1960s</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> Travel brochures, pamphlets on Great Britain's Labour Party, college brochures and calendars, a class record book for a 1951-52 history class at Tulane University.
Box 1	<b>Hubbard's Recommendations 1981-1988</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> This series contains handwritten and typed letters of recommendation from Dr. Hubbard for applicants to law schools, graduate schools, scholarships, and various academic faculty positions. Included also are many thank-you notes from the applicants.
Box 2	<b>Personal Papers 1941-1987</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> Dr. Hubbard's personal papers include documents from his time as a naval cadet during World War II, travel papers and itineraries, club membership papers, passports, and three framed photographs of a woman (presumably his wife), and miscellaneous ephemera.
Box 7	<b>Publications 1935-1945</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> American Air Almanac, Instrument Flight Instructor's Manuals, <i>A Memorable Press Conference</i> by Ellery C. Stowell, Gregg typing manual, Delta Kappa Epsilon handbook, aeronautical maps and radio guides, pilot's guide.
Box 1	<b>Speeches, Remarks, and Addresses 1969-1979</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> The series is comprised of speeches that Hubbard presented during his tenure as USC's president, during which time he addressed many universities and organizations on various topics such as the role of the private university, international relations, etc.

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Box 3

**USC Board of Trustees 1981-1988**

**Scope and Contents**

This series includes Dr. Hubbard's files dating to the years he served as a trustee emeritus on the USC Board of Trustees. The papers include agendas, correspondence, directories, and a few non-Board-related files of correspondence from the same time period.

Box 4

**Vice-President and Provost Files 1969-1970**

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence and publications related to the School of Public Administration, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (for which Hubbard served on the Executive Committee), College and University Reports (newsletter), Institute of Aerospace Safety and Management materials, School of Social Work, agendas and correspondence related to a Deans' Retreat in 1969, the Von Kleinsmid Center for International and Public Affairs (including the Delinquency Control Institute), Boys Republic California, and the American Council on Education.