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Title RAPHAEL LEMKIN. Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates 1947-1959; n.d.

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Received from Alexander Gabriel

Volume on arrival 17 envelopes

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Description Raphael Lemkin was an attorney and professor of law who coined the term "genocide" and was responsible for the creation of the United Nations genocide convention. He was born in Eastern Poland on June 24, 1901. He studied philology, mastered nine languages, served as Warsaw's public prosecutor, and practiced and taught law until 1939, when the Nazi invasion forced him to flee to Sweden. In 1941, Lemkin emigrated to the United States on the invitation of the Duke University School of Law and was later associated with the Yale Law School. During the 1940s and 1950s he devoted most of his energy to the cause for the international adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, which was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in 1948. He continued to lobby for unanimous ratification. Although the United States failed to ratify the convention, it became international law in January 1951. Lemkin never married and died of a heart attack in 1959.

The Papers largely document Lemkin's intense interest in the subject of genocide. With the exception of a draft of his autobiography, "Unofficial Man," the collection contains very little personal material. The papers are arranged into eight series: Correspondence, Photographs, Bio- and Autobiographical sketches; Public statements & Special Formats Photographs Maps Audio Tapes Films Graphics Artifacts Machine-readable records Other (list) _____

Temporary catalog card added entries

Genocide

International offences;

Refugees, Jewish

United Nations

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RAPHAEL LEMKIN. Papers. (cont'd.)

Interviews, Writings--Autobiography, Writings--Genocide, Clippings, and Printed material. The correspondence in English, Spanish, and some German, is both incoming and outgoing, with public officials, newspapers, academics, and religious groups and relates to Lemkin's struggle for support for the ratification of the genocide convention. Much of the correspondence is filed by country. The Writings--Autobiography consist of outlines and summaries of "Unofficial Man" as well as holograph and typescript drafts of several chapters. The Writings--Genocide contain descriptions of his projected three volume work on genocide, plus drafts of various chapters, and abundant notes, memoranda, reports, and other documents written by Lemkin and others on the subject of genocide, ^{and} the struggle for the ratification of the convention. Much of this material is fragmentary. The Printed material includes press releases and United Nations publications and reports.

RAPHAEL LEMKIN PAPERS

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7 Draft French pamphlet
8 Argentine domestic law

4 1 Notebooks
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8 U.N.--press releases
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5 1 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of
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2 Printed material, 1951-1959
3 Memorandum of the Italian Government on the Situation
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