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John Cooper Wiley was born in 1893 in Bordeaux, France where his father was the American Consul. He was educated by private tutors until he enrolled in Union College for one year. He also attended the Georgetown University Law School. In 1915 Wiley was appointed clerk at the American Embassy in Paris. Thereafter he held a number of diplomatic posts in Europe and Latin America. After serving as a technical advisor to the American delegation to the World Economic Conference in 1933, he was appointed Counselor of Embassy in Moscow when the United States recognized the Soviet Union. He was Counselor of Embassy in Vienna when Germany took over Austria in 1938 and Minister to Estonia and Latvia when the Baltic countries were absorbed by the Soviet Union in 1940. Wiley also served as Ambassador to Colombia, Portugal, Iran, and Panama and American representative in lend lease negotiations with the Soviet Union before retiring from the foreign service in 1954. Ambassador Wiley died in 1967.

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1. Diplomatic Files: The diplomatic files contain copies of correspondence with the head of the Division of Eastern European Affairs in the State Department, telegrams and dispatches sent to the Department, memoranda and correspondence exchanged with embassy personnel, subject files, and miscellaneous materials such as background information, post reports, diplomatic lists, invitations, clippings, and pamphlets relating to the country in which Wiley was stationed. The files are arranged by country in the order of Wiley's assignment to each post.
2. General Correspondence: The general correspondence is essentially personal in nature. However, much of it is with other foreign service officers and frequently discusses official matters. The series is arranged alphabetically. At the end is a small file of letters from unidentified individuals.
3. Personal Files: This series consists of files relating to bills, insurance, moving and storage, servants, and other personal affairs and is arranged by subject.
4. Writings: The writings include articles, memoranda, and notes on possible projects. Among the topics are State Department and foreign service reorganization, American foreign policy, the Soviet Union, Great Britain, France and Latin America. The series is arranged roughly by topic.

5. Clippings: This series is a small file of newspaper and magazine clippings about Wiley or on topics of interest to him. The clippings are unarranged.
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7. Commissions: Certificates of appointment to foreign service posts. These are filed in the audiovisual department.

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Diplomatic Posts Held by John C. Wiley

July 30, 1915	Appointed clerk, American Embassy, Paris
May 1916	Appointed Secretary of Embassy, Paris
January 30, 1918	Assigned to The Hague
December 12, 1919	Assigned to Santiago
April 10, 1920	Assigned to Buenos Aires
July 24, 1920	Assigned to Caracas
February 17, 1921	Assigned to Department of State
October 20, 1921	Assigned to Copenhagen
September 7, 1922	Assigned to Madrid
September 1, 1923	Assigned to Lima
July 1, 1924	Appointed First Secretary, Lima
January 7, 1926	Assigned to Berlin
May 1, 1926	Assigned to Copenhagen (Temporary)
July 22, 1926	Returned to Berlin
April 10, 1930	Assigned to Warsaw
May 26, 1930	Appointed Counselor of Embassy, Warsaw
December 22, 1931	Assigned to Berlin (Temporary)
May 26, 1932	Returned to Warsaw
June 1, 1932	Assigned to Madrid
February 16, 1933	Assigned to Department of State, served as technical advisor to the American delegation to the World Economic Conference
February 10, 1934	Appointed Counselor of Embassy, Moscow
March 9, 1934	Appointed Consul General, Moscow
August 26, 1936	Appointed Consul General, Antwerp
July 13, 1937	Appointed Consul General and Counselor of Embassy, Vienna

Diplomatic Posts Held by John C. Wiley (continued)

July 18, 1938	Appointed Minister to Estonia and Latvia
April 4, 1941	Assigned to Department of State
September 21, 1944	Appointed Ambassador to Colombia
April 10, 1947	Appointed Ambassador to Portugal
February 26, 1948	Appointed Ambassador to Iran
October 1, 1950	Assigned to Department of State
January 1951	Appointed to conduct lend lease negotiations with the Soviet Union
June 20, 1951	Appointed Ambassador to Panama
January 1954	Retired from the foreign service

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                 Correspondence with the Division of Eastern  
                 European Affairs, 1928-1931  
                 Correspondence with the Division of Eastern  
                 European Affairs, 1932-1933  
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                 Department of State, 1933-1934  
                 Department of State, 1933-1934: World Economic  
                 Conference
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                 Russia, 1934-1935: Official Miscellaneous  
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                 Riga
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                 Estonia and Latvia, 1938-1941: Telegrams from  
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                 Estonia and Latvia, 1938-1941: Background Infor-  
                 mation on Latvia  
                 Estonia and Latvia, 1938-1941: Dispatches from  
                 Tallinn  
                 Estonia and Latvia, 1938-1941: Telegrams from  
                 Tallinn  
                 Estonia and Latvia, 1938-1941: Report on the  
                 Czechoslovak Crisis  
                 Estonia and Latvia, 1938-1941: Official Miscel-  
                 laneous  
                 State Dept, 1941-1944

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                 ~~State Department, 1941-1944~~  
                 Colombia, 1944-1947  
                 Colombia, 1944-1947: Naval Attaché  
                 Portugal, 1947-1948  
                 Iran, 1948-1951  
                 Lend Lease Negotiations, 1950-1951  
                 Lend Lease Negotiations, 1950-1951: Chronological  
                 File  
                 Lend Lease Negotiations, 1950-1951: Russia,  
                 Miscellaneous  
                 Panama, 1951-1954  
                 Panama, 1951-1954: Chronological File, 1953  
                 Panama, 1951-1954: Communism File  
                 Panama, 1951-1954: Economic Program  
                 Panama, 1951-1954: Treaty Revision  
                 Panama, 1951-1954: Press Releases and Clippings

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                 Armour, Norman  
                 B General  
                 Boal, Pierre deL.  
                 Bullitt, William C.  
                 C General  
                 D General  
                 Duranty, Walter

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                 E General  
                 Edwards, Paul L.  
                 F General  
                 Feis, Herbert  
                 Flack, Joseph  
                 G General  
                 H General  
                 Henderson, Loy W.  
                 Hopper, Bruce  
                 I-K General  
                 Kennan, George F.

Box 8            General Correspondence  
                 L General  
                 M General  
                 Messersmith, George S.  
                 Moffat, J. Pierrepont  
                 N-P General  
                 Packer, Earl L.  
                 People to People Program  
                 Pinchot, Cornelia B.  
                 R General

Box 9            General Correspondence  
                 S General  
                 Scott Radio Laboratories  
                 Sucherstein, Carl M.  
                 T-V General  
                 Tabouis, Genevieve  
                 Teodorescu, E.C.  
                 University of the Americas  
                 W-Z General  
                 Unidentified

Box 10           Personal Files  
                 Wiley, Irena  
                 Wiley, John C.  
                 Bills  
                 Insurance  
                 Servants  
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                 Writings  
                 "A Permanent Civil Service or the Merit System"  
                 on the foreign service  
                 "The Foreign Service"  
                 on the foreign service (1928)  
                 "The Foreign Service," 1937  
                 "1955 - The Foreign Service"  
                 "Foreign Service Reorganization - Morale and  
                 Public Confidence"  
                 Department of State"  
                 "Reorganization of the Department of State"  
                 "Reorganization of the Department of State," 1961  
                 "Reorganization of the Department of State and  
                 the Foreign Service"  
                 "Department of State: Accretion of Functions;  
                 Loss of Efficiency"

Box 11           Writings  
                 "The Quest for Peace"  
                 "Diplomacy"  
                 "Diplomatic Gap"  
                 "Diplomacy: Neglected Weapon of the Cold War,"  
                 1952  
                 "The Next War Discussed; With Malice Towards All"  
                 "Foreign Policy"  
                 "The Pattern of the Future or How to Bring the War  
                 Successfully to an Unsatisfactory Conclusion," 1943  
                 on foreign affairs, 1943  
                 on foreign policy, 1957  
                 on foreign policy, January 1958  
                 "Foreign Policy," 1958



Box 11(con't)Writings

"American Foreign Policy: A Little Finger Nail  
Sketch by Upsilon," 1958  
on foreign policy, 1962  
on foreign policy, 1964  
on foreign policy (from 1965 letter to Washington  
Post)  
"League of Nations"  
on United Nations and Collective Security  
on Berlin and United Nations, 1958  
on China  
"Castro"  
"The Soviet Military Presence in Cuba - Why?" 1963  
on France  
"France," 1960  
on France, "Rift and Schism," 1962

Box 12 Writings

on Nazism  
"Germany"  
Statement on fall of Germany  
"Berlin, Prestige Point of No Return"  
on Great Britain, 1954  
on Great Britain, 1958  
on British Prime Ministers  
"Will Great Britain Learn?"  
"A History of the British-American Debt Negotia-  
tions of 1933"  
"Latin America and the Middle East"  
"Questions for Espectador"  
"Latin America 1945"  
"Economic Problem of Latin America," 1950  
on Latin America, 1952  
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on Latin America, 1963  
"Latin America and We"  
on the Middle East  
"Petroleum, Focal Point of Policy"  
"Panama, 1951"  
"Soviet Designs, 1951"  
"A Meeting in the Valley," 1957  
"The Big Threat," 1958  
"Missile Gap"  
"Foreign Mishmash," 1965  
"Ignorance of the Obvious (Rise of Communism)"  
"Civil Defense"  
"I Knew Sinclair Lewis Suddenly"  
"Premillennial Scholia"  
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Writings

Notes (book) 1962  
Notes on Communism  
Notes on European Governments  
Notes on foreign affairs  
Notes on History of Mexico (and other Latin American  
Countries)  
Notes on Major Lincoln  
Notes on "Unfamiliar Communist Quotations"  
Notes on World Conferences

Clippings

Miscellaneous Publications

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Commissions

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