

# Guide to the Miller-Auchincloss Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 825

**CREATOR:** Miller, David Hunter, 1875-1961

**TITLE:** Miller-Auchincloss papers

**DATES:** 1917-1918

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2 linear feet (6 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence and memoranda related to the work of David Miller and Gordon Auchincloss (who were law partners) as special representatives of the State Department. Their task was to gather information about commercial and financial activities based in the United States that might benefit Germany and her allies.

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f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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## Biographical / Historical

David Hunter Miller (1875-1954): lawyer; admitted to New York Bar, 1911; special assistant in the State Department, 1917; served on the Inquiry under Col. House, 1917-1918, and at the Peace Conference, 1919; active in League of Nations; editor of the *Treaties*, State Department, 1929; author of numerous books on history, international law, etc.

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## Scope and Contents

The Miller & Auchincloss Papers consist of two linear feet of correspondence and memoranda related to the work of law partners David Hunter Miller (1875-1954) and Gordon Auchincloss (1886-1943) as special representatives of the State Department in New York City between March 1917 and August 1918. The appointment went first to Auchincloss, but Miller took over the position shortly after 24 May 1917, when Auchincloss became assistant to the Counselor in the State Department. Miller served in various diplomatic capacities in Paris and London between October 1918 and June 1919, and then continued as representative of the State Department until he resigned the following October.

The duty of the special representative was to gather information at government request about activities with roots in the United States that might be intended to benefit Germany and her allies. Most of the inquiries had to do with transactions between American banks and those in neutral countries in Europe and South America on behalf of their respective clients. These transactions came to the attention of the government mainly through censorship of cables. There were also inquiries about shipments to neutral countries, enemy aliens in the United States, and representatives of American businesses abroad. The government officials with whom Auchincloss and Miller most often corresponded were Leland Harrison (State Department), Frank E. Carstarphen (Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York), Arthur Woods (New York City Police Commissioner), Dudley Field Malone (Collector of the Port of New York), A.B. Hoff (Naval Communication Service, Office of the Cable Censor), and William J. Flynn (Secret Service). Most of the other correspondents were lawyers or officers of banks and businesses.

The diaries of Auchincloss (1917 Mar-May) and Miller (1917 May-Jun) as special representatives of the State Department are part of the Gordon Auchincloss Papers, Manuscript Group No. 580.

## Collection Contents

### Inventory, 1917-1918

*2.25 linear feet (6 boxes)*

The arrangement is alphabetical. Most papers are filed under the name of a person or company under investigation, but since most matters involved several parties, the choice of file headings was necessarily somewhat arbitrary. Papers about banking transactions are usually filed under the name of the American bank that attempted to cable the transfer, and papers about German-connected businesses are filed under the name of the firm or one of its representatives. Correspondence is usually filed under the name of the correspondent (usually a government official) only when it is not related to any particular investigation, but Leland Harrison is an important exception to this generalization. There are also a few topical files: "Gold exports," "Mexico," "South America," "Trading with the enemy."

b. 1, f. 1	A
b. 1, f. 2	American Exchange National Bank
b. 1, f. 3	American Express Company (1917 Jun-Jul)
b. 1, f. 4	American Express Company (1917 Aug-Sep)
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b. 1, f. 6	American Smelting and Refining Company
b. 1, f. 7	Auchincloss, Gordon
b. 1, f. 8	B
b. 1, f. 9	Becker Steel Company of America
b. 1, f. 10	Bell, Gordon Knox
b. 1, f. 11	Boissevain and Co.
b. 1, f. 12	Browne, Edward B.M.
b. 1, f. 13	C
b. 1, f. 14	Carstarphen, Frank E.
b. 1, f. 15	Chapeaurouge, Alfred de
b. 1, f. 16	Crampton, Henry E.
b. 1, f. 16	Culbertson, William S.
b. 1, f. 17	D
b. 1, f. 18	E
	Equitable Trust Company of New York

## Equitable Trust Company of New York (continued)

b. 1, f. 19-22	1917 March – July 14, July 16 – August 18, August 20 – November	1917 March – July 14, July 16 – August 18, August 20 – November
b. 2, f. 23	F	
b. 2, f. 24	Farmer's Loan and Trust Company	
b. 2, f. 25	Fearon Brown Company	
b. 2, f. 26	Flynn, William J.	
b. 2, f. 26	France and Canada Steamship Company	
b. 2, f. 27	G	
b. 2, f. 28	General Electric Company	
b. 2, f. 29	German banks in South America and Mexico, referred messages to and from	
b. 2, f. 30	Gold exports	
b. 2, f. 31	Goldman, Sachs and Co.	
	Guaranty Trust Company of New York	
b. 2, f. 32-37	1917 January-October	1917 January- October
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b. 3, f. 39	Hamburg American Line	
b. 3, f. 40	Hanover National Bank of the City of New York	
	Harrison, Leland	
b. 3, f. 41-44	1917 April – August 27, 1917 September – 1918 June	1917 April – August 27, 1917 September – 1918 June
b. 3, f. 45	Helmolt, Charles von	
b. 3, f. 46	Horst, George D.	
b. 3, f. 47	Hülfsaktion für Deutsche and Osterr.-Ungar.	
b. 3, f. 47	Gefangene in Siberien, Tientsin	
b. 3, f. 48	I	
b. 3, f. 49	Irving National Bank	
b. 3, f. 50	Iselin (A.) and Co.	
b. 3, f. 51	Isthmian Pacific Railway Company	

b. 3, f. 52	J		
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b. 3, f. 54	Knauth, Nachod and Kuhne		
b. 3, f. 55	Kuhn, Loeb and Co.: holdings of property for German account		
b. 3, f. 56	L		
b. 3, f. 57	Ladenburg, Thalmann and Co.		
b. 4, f. 58	Lippmann, Rosenthal and Co.		
b. 4, f. 59	M		
b. 4, f. 60	Malone, Dudley Field		
b. 4, f. 61	Marshall, H. Snowden		
b. 4, f. 62	Merchants' Loan and Trust Company		
b. 4, f. 63	Mexico		
b. 4, f. 64	Miller, David Hunter: memorandum and covering letter re: supervision of payments to neutral countries		
	Müller, Schall and Co.		
b. 4, f. 65-66	1917 April-November		1917 April-November
b. 4, f. 67	N		
	National Bank of Commerce in New York		
b. 4, f. 68-69	1917 June – September 12, September 15 – October		1917 June – September 12, September 15 – October
	National City Bank		
b. 4, f. 70-72	1917 March-December		1917 March-December
b. 5, f. 73	National Park Bank of New York		
	Naval Communication Service, Office of the Cable Censor:		
b. 5, f. 74	correspondence		
b. 5, f. 75	memorandum re: press associations, newspapers, and correspondents		
b. 5, f. 76	Neutral countries, merchandise held for: circular inquiries		
b. 5, f. 77	Neutral countries, remittances to		
b. 5, f. 78	O-P		

b. 5, f. 79	Paige, Eva C.
b. 5, f. 80	Phillips, William
b. 5, f. 80	Polk, Frank Lyon
b. 5, f. 81	Q
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b. 5, f. 83	Sa - Sm
b. 5, f. 84	Sp - Sz
b. 5, f. 85	Schmidt, Hugo
b. 5, f. 86	Schroeder, Hans
b. 5, f. 87	Schultz and Ruckgaber
b. 5, f. 88	Solvay Process Company
b. 5, f. 89	South America
b. 5, f. 90	Sveriges Privata Centralbank
b. 6, f. 91	T
	Trading with the enemy:
b. 6, f. 92	inquiries
b. 6, f. 93	replies
b. 6, f. 94	miscellaneous
b. 6, f. 95	Trone, S. A.
b. 6, f. 96	U-V
b. 6, f. 97	W
b. 6, f. 98	Wätjen, Toel and Company
b. 6, f. 99	Winslow, Lanier
b. 6, f. 99	Wiseman, William
b. 6, f. 99	Woods, Arthur
b. 6, f. 100	Y - Z



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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Business  
Law  
Lawyers  
Trading with the enemy  
World War, 1914-1918

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- Foreign relations

### **Names**

Auchincloss, Gordon, 1886-1943  
Carstarphen, Frank E. (Frank Ellice), 1871-1952  
Flynn, William J., 1924-  
Harrison, Leland, 1883-1951  
Hoff, A. B.  
Malone, Dudley Field  
Miller, David Hunter, 1875-1961  
Polk, Frank Lyon, 1871-1943  
Wiseman, William, Sir, 1885-  
Woods, Arthur, 1870-1942

### **Corporate Body**

United States. Department of State