

# Guide to the Allen Grover Records of the Committee on War Information

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1678

**CREATOR:** Grover, Allen, 1900-1993

**TITLE:** Allen Grover records of the Committee on War Information

**DATES:** 1941-1942

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Records documenting the service of Allen Grover as Associate Director of the federal Office of Facts and Figures (OFF) in 1941-1942. The records consist of memoranda, minutes, public opinion surveys, and reports created by the OFF, which was established in October 1941 by Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) in order to disseminate information to the American public regarding the war effort. The OFF was subsumed into the newly created Office of War Information on 13 June 1942. The records notably document the U.S. Government's policy during World War II on information dissemination, propaganda, public opinion, and the concerns for the "post-war world order."

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Robinson Grover, 1994.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Documents in this collection originally classified by the U.S. Government have been declassified per E.O. 12958 (as amended), Project # NW 29376, JS/HR-M, 18 Oct 2007.

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## Biographical / Historical

Allen Grover (James Allen Grover) was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 4, 1900. He graduated from Yale in 1922. He held positions at United American Steamship Lines, and at the brokerage firms of J. G. White & Company and Pynchon & Company. In 1931, Grover became a contributing editor for business and finance at *Time* magazine. The following year he transferred to *Fortune* and eventually rose to assistant managing editor. In 1936, Grover became personal assistant to Henry Luce, the head of Time, Inc., and in 1939 was promoted to vice president. In December 1941 Grover joined the U.S. Government Office of Facts and Figures, which became the Office of War Information in June 1942, with a six-month contract as Associate Director under Archibald MacLeish. He left in early July 1942 and returned to Time. Grover retired in 1962 from Time, and died in New York City on May 3, 1993.

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## Scope and Contents

The records consist of memoranda, minutes, public opinion surveys, and reports documenting Allen Grover's role as Associate Director in the Office of Facts and Figures (OFF). The OFF was established in October 1941 by Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) in order to disseminate information to the American public regarding the war effort. On 13 June 1942 FDR established the Office of War Information, which subsumed the OFF and included the Committee on War Information Policy, of which Grover was a member.

The records notably document the U.S. Government's policy during World War II on information dissemination, propaganda, public opinion, and the concerns for the "post-war world order." A small

amount of subject files contains organizational charts, printed ephemera, and materials on topics including rubber production and press monitoring.

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## **General note**

The records were previously known as the Allen Grover Papers.

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## **Arrangement**

The records are arranged by type of material and within folders are arranged in reverse chronological order, as received.

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b. 1, f. 1-4	Agendas, Committee on War Information Policy A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1942
b. 2, f. 1	Executive orders A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1941-1942
Memoranda		
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b. 1, f. 15	State, Army, Navy meetings	1942
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b. 1, f. 29	Press monitoring A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1942
b. 1, f. 30	Printed ephemera -map of the Russian front	194-

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Rubber

1942

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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.

### **Names**

Grover, Allen, 1900-1993

### **Corporate Body**

United States. Office of Facts and Figures