

# Guide to the Robert P. Joyce Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1901

**CREATOR:** Joyce, Robert Prather

**TITLE:** Robert P. Joyce papers

**DATES:** 1947–1994

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection comprises the memoirs and related writings of Robert P. Joyce, documenting his personal life, as well as his career in the United States Foreign Service and the Office of Strategic Services. There is a minimal amount of correspondence with Max Hayward, authority on Russian literature, and Paul Nitze, expert on United States foreign policy.

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the American Heritage Center, 2007. Gift of Elizabeth W. Hazard, 2019.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Robert P. Joyce Papers (MS 1901). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Robert Prather Joyce was born on October 17, 1903, in Los Angeles. He received his B.A. degree from Yale in 1926, and then studied at the École Libre des Sciences Politiques in Paris. Joyce joined the United States Foreign Service in June 1928, and later held posts in Shanghai, China, and La Paz, Bolivia. During his time with the Foreign Service, he also held the posts of Third Secretary at the United States Embassy in Panama; the Third Secretary and Consul in Belgrade, 1938; and Second Secretary and then Consul in Havana, 1940. In November 1943, he resigned from the Foreign Service and joined the Office of Strategic Services. He rejoined the Foreign Service in 1947 as Consul General in Trieste, Italy. The next year he joined the State Department's Policy Planning Staff. Joyce later served as counselor at the United States Embassy in Paris, 1952, and at the American Embassy in Rio de Janeiro, 1956; special assistant and then acting director, 1958, in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research; and Consul General in Genoa, Italy, 1959. He retired from public service in 1962. Joyce died in London on February 8, 1984.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by type of material, with one addition.

## Collection Contents

### Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	Hayward, Max	1962, 1972, 1976
b. 1, f. 2	Nitze, Paul H.	1975, 1980
b. 1, f. 3	<i>Washington Post</i>	1970 March 17

### Memoirs

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b. 1, f. 4	Chapters 1-6 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.	
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b. 1, f. 7	Chapters 19-25	
b. 1, f. 8	Chapters 26-28 and appendices	

### Writings

Carbon copies of typescripts.

b. 1, f. 9	"Report on Eastern Europe" English	Circa 1964
b. 1, f. 9	"Tales From the American Foreign Service" English	undated
b. 1, f. 9	"The Foreign Service As a Career-Some Pluses and Minuses" English	undated
b. 1, f. 9	"This Year At Marienbad and Points East" English	undated
b. 1, f. 9	Untitled Deals with overstaffing of government agencies; presidential election between Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.	Circa 1980, undated

### Accession 2020-M-0027: Additional material, 1947–1994

This series comprises autobiographical writings by Robert Joyce on a variety of topics, including Panama; Ernest Hemingway; Havana in the 1940s; Max Hayward; foreign service; and life in Spetsai, Greece. Also

includes a page of a 1994 letter from Joyce to Wendy Hazard regarding Romania and the Volunteer Freedom Corps.

## Writings

b. 1, f. 1	Ernest Hemingway and Cuba	Undated
b. 1, f. 2	"Guy Fawkes Day in Spetsai" and fragment on life in Spetsai, Greece	Undated
b. 1, f. 3	Havana in the 1940s	Undated
b. 1, f. 4	"Panama"	Undated
b. 1, f. 5	"Remembering Max Hayward"	Undated
b. 1, f. 6	"Should I Join the American Foreign Service" fragment, "Tales from the American Foreign Service" fragment, and other manuscript fragments	Undated
b. 1, f. 7	Travel account and autobiographical fragments	Spring 1947, undated
b. 1, f. 8	Page of letter from Joyce to Wendy Hazard	1994

## **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.

### **Geographic Names**

Havana (Cuba)  
Paris (France)

### **Genres / Formats**

Memoirs

### **Names**

Hayward, Max, 1924-1979  
Joyce, Robert Prather  
Nitze, Paul Henry, 1907-2004

### **Corporate Bodies**

United States. Department of State  
United States. Foreign Service  
United States. Office of Strategic Services