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WRONG, Hume (1894-1954). Public Servant.

Originals, 1922-1953. 80 cm. Finding Aid No. 715.

Born in Toronto, Hume Wrong served in World War I as a Captain with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. From 1921 to 1927 he was professor of history at the University of Toronto. In 1927 he joined the Department of External Affairs and was posted in Washington as first secretary in the Canadian legation. Wrong was promoted to counsellor in 1930. In 1937 he left Washington for Geneva to become Canada's resident representative to the League of Nations. In 1939 he went to London as the special economic advisor to the Canadian High Commissioner. Wrong became minister to Washington in 1941 and chief assistant to Ambassador Leighton McCarthy. In 1942 he returned to Ottawa as assistant Under Secretary of State for External Affairs. From 1946 to 1953 he was Canadian Ambassador to the United States. In 1953 he was appointed Under Secretary of State for External Affairs, a position which he held until his death.

The finding aid No. 715 consists of a descriptive file list.

Correspondence, 1922-1926. 2.5 cm (volume 1).

Letters relating to Canadian relations with Great Britain, the King-Byng Controversy and contemporary Canadian politics. Most of this correspondence is with John Dove, John W. Daffoe, John Stevenson and Sir Robert Borden. Arranged chronologically. Presented in 1963 by John Stevenson of Ottawa, Ont.

Subject files, 1927-1953. 77.5 cm (volumes 1-8).

Correspondence, memoranda, despatches, speeches and notes collected by Wrong during his diplomatic career in Washington, Geneva, London and Ottawa. Transferred in 1970 from the Department of External Affairs.

HUME WRONG

<u>Volume</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1	1	Correspondence 1922-1926
2		Folder marked "Notes on Relations Between Canada and the United States, Canadian Legation, 1927." Included are the following papers: A copy of a speech, not otherwise identified. A marginal note reads "Sent to W.D.H. Aug. 13th, 1931. Copy of "Outline of General Memorandum on relations between Canada and the United States", 1927. Copy of a memorandum "What has the Good Neighbour Policy Accomplished in the Case of Canada", marked "Rough Draft, July 6, 1935."
3		Folder marked "Memorandum - The St. Lawrence Waterway. Canadian Legation, November 1927." Included is a memorandum under the quoted heading, a review of the physical conditions and a short historical summary of the discussions between Canada and the U.S. regarding the St. Lawrence Waterway. In addition there is a series of memoranda on conversations held between members of the Canadian Legation, Washington, and the U.S. State Department, for the period November 14, 1931 - July 12, 1932.
4		One copy of memorandum on "Certain Aspects of the Enforcement by the United States on the Convention of January 23rd, 1924, respecting the regulations of the Liquor Traffic". (Undated but not earlier than 21 November 1928).
5.		One copy of the memorandum "Some Observations on the Operation of Certain Clauses of the Canadian Immigration Act." Signed and dated November 20, 1929.
6		This folder holds two memorandums: (1) "Confidential Memorandum. The Canadian Legation at Washington." Signed and dated May 29, 1931. (2) "The Representation of the United States in Foreign Countries." (Undated, but not earlier than October, 1930).

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1 (cont'd)	7	One copy of Memorandum "The Policy of the Government of the United States in regard to the Deportation of Aliens to Canada. Canadian Legation," April 2, 1932.
	8	One copy of memorandum "A summary of Concessions which may be sought by the United States in Trade Negotiations with Canada. Canadian Legation, Washington," March 13, 1935.
2	9	One copy of memorandum "A General Review of Canadian Export Trade to the United States, Washington," April 10, 1935.
	10	Folder marked "Spare Copies of miscellaneous despatches 1929-30." Various despatches from Washington on the cruiser bill debates in the U.S. Senate; recodification of the rules of Maritime Welfare; naval disarmament and prohibition.
	11	Folder marked "Spare copies of miscellaneous despatches 1931-32." Various despatches from Washington re a possible resumption of negotiations over the St. Lawrence Waterway; inter-governmental debts; conversations between President Hoover and M. Laval; Grandi's visit to the United States; U.S. economic conditions and a review of U.S. legislative prospects.
	12	Folder marked "Spare copies. Miscellaneous Despatches 1933, Jan.-July." Various despatches from Washington dealing with such subjects as: World Economic Conference, political prospects in the U.S., Cabinet appointments, British embargo on export of munitions, the banking crisis, Roosevelt's legislative programme, etc.
	13	Folder marked "Spare Copies Miscellaneous Despatches, August-December 1933." Despatches from Washington regarding U.S. developments in the filed of monetary and financial policy, economic recovery, agricultural and relief measures, employment, reciprocal trade agreement, repeal of prohibition and importation of alcoholic beverages.

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3	14	Folder marked "Misc. Despatches and memorandum 1934-36". Despatches from Washington on the budget, winter wheat acreage, relief, the St. Lawrence Waterway Treaty, national recovery, financial policy war debts, silver policy, Italo-Ethiopian dispute and domestic policy.
		Included are copies of the following memoranda: "Current Economic Conditions in Canada", July 18, 1935; "Balance of Payments, Canada and the United States," August 1, 1935; "A suggestion with respect to payment in kind of the British War debt", June, 1934.
		Letter to Dr. Skelton marked "never sent", December 18, 1935, respecting Canada's position as a result of British naval action in the Mediterranean, and the effect of the Hoare-Laval proposals on opinion in the United States.
	15	Folder marked "Misc. Despatches 1936-1937." Copies of despatches from Washington on neutrality legislation, domestic politics, monetary policy, claims against Canadian distillers, pending legislation, electoral campaign, international trade, Trade Agreement with Canada, Inter-American Peace Conference - effect of the United States of the trade agreement between Canada and the United Kingdom, neutrality laws and Far Eastern policy.
	16	Folder marked "Spare copies of Despatches, Memoranda, etc., Geneva, November 1937 - December 1938". (Written while Mr. Wrong was Canadian Advisory Officer, League of Nations, Geneva.) Copies of despatches, memoranda, etc., on some of the following subjects: Effect of the League of Nations on Italy's resignation from that body; European political situation after the German annexation of Austria; the Ethiopian problem; Report concerning the meeting at Evian, France, re settlement of political refugees from Germany; report of the 19th Assembly and 103rd Session of the League of Nations Council (re Civil War in Spain); Proposals concerning Canada and the International Labour Organization; Report addressed to Dr. Skelton on the Brussels Conference, November, 1937, (re the Chinese-Japanese war).

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3 (cont'd)	17	Folder marked "The Canadian Position in the Light of the September Crisis. Geneva, December 1938." Exchange of correspondence and memoranda between Dr. Skelton and Mr. Wrong on Canada's constitutional position in the event Great Britain should go to war. Included is a copy of Mr. Wrong's memorandum "The Canadian Position in the Light of the September Crisis", and a copy of Dr. Skelton's "Memorandum on Automatic Belligerency", December, 1938 - March, 1939.
	18	Folder marked Spare Copies of Despatches, Memoranda, etc., Geneva, January-October, 1939". Included are copies of reports on the conversations between Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Halifax, and Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano in Rome; on food supplies for refugees in Spain; International Labour Organization: German coup in Czechoslovakia; The Political situation in Switzerland after the Czechoslovakian coup; Anglo-Soviet negotiations; beginning of the hostilities of the League of Nations.
4	19	Folder marked "21st and 22nd League Assemblies, 1939 and 1946." The folder holds the following material: Copy of a letter to Dr. Skelton "giving a summary of some of the more interesting phases of the discussions in Geneva," 19 December, 1939; attached to it is a copy of the Report of the Canadian Delegates to the Twentieth Ordinary Assembly of the League of Nations", January 4, 1940. Copy of a confidential memorandum "The Twenty-second Assembly of the League of Nations", 28 March, 1946. This Memorandum was written prior to the League of Nations Assembly and deals with various points likely to arise during the meetings. Copy of a Confidential Memorandum "The Final Assembly of the League of Nations", April 30, 1946. Pages 23-29 of the Provisional Record of the Third Meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations, April 10, 1946. Delegates and Members of Delegates (Revised List) 1946. Covenant of the League of Nations.
20		Folder marked "Memos, etc., by H.W." Copies of four memoranda on the following subjects: "Some notes on Canadian publicity in the United States." Initialed and dated August 12, 1941. "U.S. Opinion on the Canadian War Effort in April, 1942." Confidential. Signed and dated, April 7, 1942. "Canada, the United Nations, and the Combined Boards". Secret. August 8, 1942. "The possibility of War with the Soviet Union (in

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4 (cont'd)	20	connection with the Joint Appreciation of the Requirements for Canadian-United States Security and Joint Basic Security Plan)." Top Secret, June 28, 1946.
	21	Folder marked "McNaughton, Gen'l. A.G.L.: Report on Washington visit, March 8-11 1942." Top secret, 11 March 1942. This report was prepared by Gen. M. Pope. The file also holds a copy of a secret report prepared by Gen. McNaughton on his (McNaughton's) conversations with President Roosevelt in Washington, March 9, 1940.
	22	Folder with copies of "Notes of Fortnightly Meetings with British Chiefs of Mission at British Embassy", Washington, D.C., February 15, 1942 - May 13, 1942. Top Secret. The continuation of these notes beginning with August 7, 1942 - March 17, 1943, were prepared and signed by L.B. Pearson, and are in letter form addressed to the Under-Secretary. Mostly Top Secret.
	23	Folder marked "London, 1942". The following material can be found in the folder. (all papers are originals): Handwritten diary, covering the period October 19 - November 27, 1942. (First entry dated October 24 and covering the period October 19-24). The diary has been transcribed and three copies, each in a separate cover, can be found in the folder. Memorandum of October 29, 1942, on interview of Mr. Wrong and Mr. Rasminsky with United States Ambassador in the United Kingdom (Mr. Winant), October 28, 1942. Note concerning War Cabinet Secretariat, November 4, 1942. Allied Relief Organization (conversations with Sir Frederick Leith Ross, November 1 and 4, 1942. Two copies). Combined Boards, November 5, 1942, (Talks with various persons on Canadian request for membership). Memorandum, November 7, 1942, on interdepartmental organization in the United Kingdom. Memorandum on talk with Sir Stafford Cripps, November 10, 1942. (2 copies).

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4 (cont'd)	23	Memorandum, November 10, 1942, on talk with Sir F. Phillips and Sir W. Eady on proposed discussion with United States of post-war economic problems. Memorandum on Reconstruction Work under the Foreign Office, November 11, 1942, (interview with Mr. Gladwyn Jebb). Memorandum on Interview with Sir Alfred Hurst by W.A. Mackintosh, November 11, 1942. (Description of organization and operation of United Kingdom reconstruction work). Memorandum on questions to be taken up in Ottawa, November 12, 1942, (with attached list of questions for possible discussion in London).
	24	Folders marked "Hume Wrong papers, miscellaneous memorandum, 1943-46". The following memoranda can be found here: "Probable Expansion of Canadian Missions Abroad and Department of External Affairs", February 5, 1943. "Secret. Memorandum for the Under-Secretary" 19 March 1943. The memorandum deals with a suggestion "to develop our views on the organization of the United Nations before Mr. Eden comes to Ottawa". "Draft for Prime Minister's Speech on May 6th, United Nations Organization and Planning" May 3, 1943. "Some Comments on Intra-Commonwealth Relations", August 17, 1943. Covering note for Mr. Robertson is attached to it. "Memorandum. Notes on some questions of international organization which may arise during the meeting of the Relief Council at Atlantic City", November 3, 1943. Two drafts of a "Note sent to P.M. on January 29, 1944, embodied in his speech in House of Commons (except for 1st paragraph) on January 31, almost unchanged. "Draft Intra-Commonwealth Relations", January 24, 1944. This seems to be a draft of a speech for the Prime Minister. Copy of a memorandum "Advantages and disadvantages for Canada of the regional organization of security and defence", April 18, 1944. Copy of Confidential Memorandum "Present Position of the League of Nations", April 19, 1944.

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4 (cont'd)	24	A copy of "Memorandum for the Under-Secretary. Representation of smaller countries on World Security Council", April 25, 1944.
		A copy of a "Memorandum for the Under-Secretary", July 21, 1944. This is a very brief analysis of the German political situation right after the attempt on Hitler's life and is based on the speeches of Hitler, Goering and Doenitz.
		Copy of a "Draft Statement for Possible use by Prime Minister as part of speech in House of Commons on External Affairs. Re Post-War World Organization". A marginal note reads "Used verbatim by P.M., August 4, 1944.
		Copy of a "Memorandum for the Under-Secretary. Organization of the Under-Secretary's Office. Personal and Confidential", May 8, 1946.
	25	Folder Marked "Ambassador's File. Security Pact, March and April, 1948." Copies of teletype messages, memoranda, letters, etc., dealing mostly with the preliminary and official talks of the formation of NATO. (Interspersed is a number of notes for file on minute sheets commenting on the development as it continued to progress.
	26	Folder marked "Ambassador's File. Security Pact. May, June and July, 1948". (Chronological continuation of above.)
	27	Folder marked "Ambassador's File. Security Pact. August, 1948". Top Secret. (Chronological continuation of above).
	28	Folder marked "Ambassador's File. Security Pact. September, 1948". Top Secret. (Chronological continuation of above).
	29	Folder marked "Ambassador's File. North Atlantic Security Pact. October, 1948". Top Secret. (Chronological continuation of above).
	30	Folder marked "Ambassador's File. North Atlantic

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	31	Folder marked "Ambassador's File. North Atlantic Security Pact. December, 1948". Top Secret. (Chronological continuation of above).
	6 32	Folder marked "Ambassador's File. North Atlantic Security Pact. January, 1949". Top Secret. (Chronological continuation of above).
	33	Folder marked "Ambassador's File. North Atlantic Treaty. February, 1949". Top Secret. (Chronological continuation a above).
	34	Folder marked "Ambassador's File, North Atlantic Treaty. March 1st - 5th, 1949". Top Secret. (Chronological continuation of above).
	35	Folder marked "Ambassador's File. North Atlantic Treaty, March 16th-31st, 1949". Top Secret. (Chronological continuation of above).
	7 36	Folder marked "Ambassador's File. North Atlantic Treaty. April 1st-15th, 1949". Top Secret. (Chronological continuation of above.)
	37	Folder marked "Ambassador's File. North Atlantic Treaty Supplemental File. Transcript of Proceedings: Ambassadors' Meetings". Top Secret. December 10, 1948 - April 2, 1949. (These are verbatim transcripts of proceedings).
	38	Folder marked "Ambassador's File. North Atlantic Treaty Supplemental File. 1949. Appreciations of the military value of : Italy, Portugal as signatories to the Treaty." Top Secret.
	39	Folder marked "Ambassador's File. Foulkes, Lieut. General Charles". November 9, 1949. Top Secret.

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7 (cont'd)	40	Folder marked "Appendix to File - Security Pact. Tentative Draft of a Collective Defence Agreement for the North Atlantic Area - Escott Reid". Top Secret. June 26, 1948. Included are two copies of a memorandum on "Canadian Attitude towards a North Atlantic Defence Agreement". June 26, 1948. Top Secret.
	41	Accopress binder marked "Security Talks. Minutes of Meetings". July 6, 1948 - March 15, 1949. Top Secret. (Copies of Washington Exploratory Talks on Security).
	42	Folder marked "Top Secret. Ambassador's File. Foreign Policy". Memoranda, telegrams, letters, etc., (some material is original copy) dealing with the arrangement and eventual "private" meeting of L.B. Pearson, Hume Wrong, and R.G. Riddell with Dr. Ph. C. Jessup, Dean Rusk and F. Gross, in April, 1950. Included are two draft copies of "Memorandum from Mr. Pearson to the Prime Minister concerning talks with Mr. Jessup, Mr. Rusk and Mr. Gross; and one copy of this memorandum in "final form" which included the discussions of Mr. Pearson had with Mr. Gordier and Mr. Munche, February, 1950 - May, 1950. Mostly Top Secret.
8	43	Folder marked "Some personal notes". Included is the following material: Handwritten "Notes for Speeches", June, 1941 Handwritten notes under the date line "Washington, September 13th, 1941", and "December 14" These are notes on events which took place in Washington, D.C., on or about the mentioned dates. Under December 14, Mr. Wrong describes the activity which took place after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour. Notes on State of relations between Canada and the United States, May 14, 1951. Comments on Canadian criticisms of the Foreign Policy of the United States, October 16, 1951.
	44	Addresses by Mr. H.N. Wrong. December 14, 1946, to November 21, 1949. Index included. Corrections and marginal notes by Mr. H. Wrong.
	45	Extra copies of above address. A number of copies in mimeo forms.
	46	Addresses by Mr. H.N. Wrong, March 2, 1950, to July 3, 1953. Index included.

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8 (cont'd)	47	List of messages of sympathy received and acknowledged after Hume Wrong's death, 1954.