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**INVENTORY OF RECORDS OF THE
OF THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, 1938-1944
(THE DIES COMMITTEE)**

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(DIES COMMITTEE)
1938-1945

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RECORDS OF THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
(1938-1945)

The special committee was created on May 26, 1938, with the approval of House Resolution 282, which authorized the Speaker of the House to appoint a special committee of seven members to investigate un-American activities in the United States, domestic diffusion of such propaganda, and all other questions relating thereto.

The special committee was continued under the following resolutions: H. Res. 26 on Feb. 3, 1939; H. Res. 321 on Jan. 23, 1940; H. Res. 90 on Feb. 11, 1941; H. Res. 420 on Mar. 11, 1942; and, H. Res. 65 on Feb. 10, 1943. Under an amendment to House Rules contained in H. Res. 5 on Jan. 3, 1945, a standing Committee on Un-American Activities was created to replace the special committee.

During the entire period of its existence, the special committee chairman was Martin Dies (D-Texas) and the committee was and is often referred to as the "Dies Committee."

The committee had no direct predecessor. However, two earlier special committees had been created in the House to deal with much the same program area: the Special Committee to Investigate Communist Activities, created in 1930 with Hamilton Fish as chairman; and the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, created in 1934 under the chairmanship of John McCormack and Samuel Dickstein. The successor of the Special Committee was the standing Committee on Un-American Activities created in 1945.

1. MEMBER AND STAFF CORRESPONDENCE. 1938-1944. 4 ft. 7 in.

Arrangement Statement: The records in this series are arranged alphabetically by name of committee members and staff and thereunder chronologically.

Records Unit Description: The series contains correspondence, telegrams, news releases, reports, and memoranda written by or addressed to the Member or staff member.

2. CORRESPONDENCE WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR OFFICIALS. 1938-1944.
2 ft. 6 in.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

Records Unit Description: The series consists of correspondence between the Members or staff of the committee and officials of government agencies and is filed under either the name of the official correspondent or the name of the agency represented by the correspondent. The file is arranged alphabetically with the names of agencies and officials intermixed. In some cases there are cross references between an official and the agency at which he or she was employed. Most of the correspondence is investigative in nature, relating to the exchange of information or documents about persons or ongoing investigations.

3. 1940 CORRESPONDENCE FILE. 1/1/1940-12/31/1940. 1 ft. 8 in.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged in two subseries: by agency or organization sending or referring the correspondence, but not alphabetically; and alphabetically by name of correspondent (for letters X, Y, Z only).

Records Unit Description: This series includes committee correspondence from 1940 arranged in two subseries: correspondence from various organizations or individuals associated with organizations; and correspondence with individuals for names beginning with X, Y, and Z only.

One-third of the correspondence filed by organization is under "House of Representatives" and consists of letters sent to Congressmen and referred by them to the committee for answer. Other major categories include the U.S. Senate and various patriotic organizations, particularly the American Legion.

4. LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS RECEIVED. 1/1/1944-12/31/1944. 2 ft.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged alphabetically by surname of correspondent.

Records Unit Description: This series consists of letters and telegrams sent from the public to Representative Dies during 1944. They express public opinion, protesting committee behavior or offering encouragement and support. Some offer information on suspicious persons or organizations and advice on how the committee should proceed with its work.

5. UNPUBLISHED EXECUTIVE SESSION TRANSCRIPTS. 1/30/1940-10/26/1944. 10 in.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged in chronological order.

Records Unit Description: The records consist of transcripts of executive session hearings before the full committee or a subcommittee thereof.

The committee was authorized to hold investigative hearings and to require, through the use of subpoena, the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, and documents as needed. The testimony taken in executive session was secret and was not released to the public without the approval of a majority of the full committee.

The committee published a substantial portion of the testimony taken in executive session between 1939 and 1944 in seven volumes (3399 pages). A list of the contents of each volume of executive testimony is contained in Senate Document 148, 84th Congress, 2d Session, "Congressional Investigations of Communism and Subversive Activities." The witnesses and subjects discussed in the printed executive session testimony are indexed in the Committee Print "Cumulative Index to Publications of the Committee on Un-American Activities, 1938-1954" [Y4.Un 1/2:In 2/938-54].

The executive session transcripts from the period between January 30 and March 1, 1940, relate to a 1940 incident in which Chairman Dies was accused of connections with subversive elements based on evidence contained in forged letters from William Dudley Pelley to David D. Mayne. Most of the exhibits related to the hearings are filed in the series "Special File" of Investigative Exhibit Material under the heading William D. Pelley, although some exhibits are filed under the names of other principals in the incident.

No comprehensive list of executive session hearings before the Dies Committee exists among the committee's records, and the witnesses and dates of all executive sessions conducted by the committee are not known. Twenty-one unprinted transcripts of executive session

testimony have, however, been located among the records of the committee. These transcripts are included in this series as follows:

Jan. 30, 1940 David DuBois Mayne
Jan. 31, 1940 John M. Henshaw, Harold Weisberg, Gardner Jackson
Feb. 1, 1940 Merwin K. Hart
Feb. 2, 1940 Charles A. Appel, James Stedman, David D. Mayne, Wayne Birdsell,
Rep. Robert Ramspeck, Rep. William H. Larrabee, Rep. John Main
Coffee,
Feb. 3, 1940 David DuBois Mayne
Feb. 6, 1940 William Dudley Pelley
Feb. 10, 1940 William Dudley Pelley
Feb. 20, 1940 John M. Henshaw, David DuBois Mayne
Feb. 28, 1940 John M. Henshaw, David DuBois Mayne
Mar. 1, 1940 Gardner Jackson, Harold Weisberg
Mar. 23, 1940 James Hulse Dolsen
Nov. 21, 1940 Eugene Geissler
Mar. 4, 1941 Interview transcripts: William N. Dunstan, Lee Edward Barton,
George J. Shillito, Robert E. Rutledge, Thomas Abbott, Henry Stratton
June 7, 1943 Gene Owen Hagberg
June 24, 1943 Thomas Cavett
July 9, 1943 D. M. Ladd, Col. William P. Scobey, Capt. John M. Hall,
John M. Burling
Nov. 30, 1943 John M. Hall
Dec. 9, 1943 Bernard Gufler, H. M. Benninghof
Oct. 18, 1944 Bernard A. Doman
Oct. 24, 1944 Julian Larabie Pinkerton
Oct. 26, 1944 Julian Larabie Pinkerton

6. PRINTED TESTIMONY FROM PUBLIC AND EXECUTIVE SESSION HEARINGS.
1938-1944 12 ft.

Arrangement Statement: Public then executive sessions are each arranged chronologically

Records Unit Description: Most or all of the testimony taken in public session was printed by the committee in seventeen volumes (10,387 pages). A large portion of the testimony taken in executive session was printed in seven volumes of "executive hearings made public" (3609 pages), however, no record has yet been found that documents the dates and subjects of all the executive sessions held by the committee. A small number of unpublished executive session transcripts can be found in the series of EXHIBITS FROM PUBLIC AND EXECUTIVE SESSION HEARINGS.

The printed hearings should be available through the Government Depository Library system or on microfilm from the Congressional Information Service. There are several published indexes to testimony before this committee.

In addition to the general indexes to the hearings of Congressional committees, there are two specialized indexes which provide access to testimony given in the committee's public and executive sessions.

- 1) Senate Document 148, 84th Congress, 2d session, titled Congressional Investigations of Communism and Subversive Activities: Summary-Index, 1918-1956. This Senate

document lists the publications produced by the Senate and House committees and subcommittees which investigated communist or other subversive activities between 1918 and 1956. It lists the hearings, reports, and committee prints produced by each of these committees and includes alphabetical lists of all witnesses whose testimony is included in each volume. It includes a general name index to all the persons who testified before the committees included in the volume. This volume provides a detailed list of the witnesses to appear at each public and executive session hearing before the Special Committee.

- 2) House Un-American Activities Committee print titled Cumulative Index to Publications of the Committee on Un-American Activities, 1938-1954 (Y4.Un 1/2: In 2/938-54). This volume indexes the publications of the Special and standing Committees on Un-American Activities between 1938 and 1955. It is arranged in separate indexes for the individuals, publications, and organizations mentioned in testimony before the committee, and the "Individuals" index includes both individuals who testified before the committee and individuals mentioned in testimony. [A supplementary volume, the Supplement to Cumulative Index to Publications of the Committee on Un-American Activities, 1955-1968, (Y4.In8/15:Un1/955-68) covers the later period of HUAC].

7. SUBPOENA FILE. 1938-1944.

5 in.

Arrangement Statement: Unarranged

Records Unit Description: Original subpoenas and red copies of subpoenas signed by the Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the House, summoning witnesses to appear before the Special Committee on Un-American Activities. Some of the documents contain a U.S. Marshal's signature that indicates that the subpoena was served, while others are accompanied by letters or carbons providing details regarding service of the subpoena.

8. REPORTS, EXHIBITS, AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS FILED BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS. 1939-1944.

27 ft. 10 in.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged in two subseries: the first subseries is arranged alphabetically by investigator's name and thereunder by date; and the second subseries is arranged in numerical order by an identification number assigned to reports prepared by the investigators at the Los Angeles office.

Records Unit Description: The first subseries consists of weekly reports and special reports submitted by the committee's investigators, accompanied by a variety of supporting documentation, including memoranda, correspondence, newspaper and magazine clippings, membership lists, affidavits, transcribed testimony and other types of statements, court documents, photographs, flyers, and a variety of other exhibit material.

The reports are arranged by the creating investigator's name in alphabetical order and thereunder chronologically by date of report. Some reports are identified by a unique number identifying the investigator and the specific report in addition to date, title, and investigator's name. The three-digit identification numbers (between 300 and 310) were assigned to nine of the investigators and some of their reports were identified by the identification number followed by a decimal number identifying the specific report. The reports identified by this numbering scheme are indexed in the Dies Committee Individuals and the Dies Committee Organizations card files. The numerical designations of the investigators in this numbering scheme are as follows: 300. William Dunstan; 301.

Harry Pfaltzgraff; 302. unknown; 303. Steven W. Birmingham; 304. Charles A. Russell; 305. Raymond E. Ruckerfeller; 306. James H. Steedman; 307. George H. Shillito; 308. Wick Fowler; 309. Robert Barker; 310. Frank Jackson.

The second subseries consists of exhibit documents submitted to accompany reports prepared between February and September 1941 by a selected group of the committee's investigators who were identified by a numerical designation. Each exhibit is foldered and labeled with a brief description of the exhibit, the investigator's name, the date of the report, and the number of the report. The exhibits consist of a wide variety of material including affidavits, minutes or transcripts of various types of meetings, newspaper clippings, flyers, pamphlets, membership lists, various legal and court documents, invitations, notices, registration forms and membership cards, photographs, correspondence, biographical sketches, and various other types of documents.

The exhibits are arranged in numerical order according to a decimal number assigned to the report, which consisted of two parts: a three-digit whole number assigned to the investigator (between 300 and 310) followed by a decimal number assigned to the specific report. The reports arranged by these numbers are not in chronological order. The numerical designations of the investigators were as follows: 300 William Dunstan; 301 Harry Pfaltzgraff; 302 unknown; 303 Steven W. Birmingham; 304 Charles A. Russell; 305 Raymond E. Ruckerfeller; 306 James H. Steedman; 307 George H. Shillito; 308 Wick Fowler; 309 Robert Barker; 310 Frank Jackson.

9. EXHIBITS FROM PUBLIC AND EXECUTIVE SESSION HEARINGS. 1938-1944.
7 ft. 6 in.

Arrangement Statement: Alphabetical by name of witness.

Records Unit Description: This series consists of exhibit material from public and executive session hearings, part of which was published in printed committee hearings. It includes original documents submitted as exhibits or used for questioning in hearings, a large portion of which is marked up by the printer. Some original documents are missing from this series, but they are reproduced here in galley proofs or photostatic copies of exhibits. Almost all the exhibit material is filed under the name of the witness who submitted it.

10. "SPECIAL FILE" OF INVESTIGATIVE EXHIBIT MATERIAL. 1938-1942. 23 ft.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged alphabetically by individual, organization, or subject.

Records Unit Description: This series was called the "Special Files" and contained a variety of investigative material. It consists of folders on individuals, organizations, and subjects which contain correspondence, memoranda, flyers, books, reports, and a wide variety of exhibit type material related to the subjects investigated by the committee. The material was obtained as exhibits at committee hearings, or it was obtained in a variety of ways by committee investigators.

Many of the files relate directly to testimony in public and executive session hearings before the committee. A large part of the material relates to investigations of Communist organizations and various activities of the German-American Bund.

The records may be filed under the name of the testifying witness, the organization in question, the individual in question, or the principle individual in a complex case. For example, most of the material in the 1940 forgery case involving David D. Mayne, William Dudley Pelley, Representative Hook, Chairman Dies, and several other

individuals is filed under W.D. Pelley. The last two boxes contain photographs related to committee hearings.

11. EXHIBITS, EVIDENCE AND OTHER RECORDS RELATED TO VARIOUS COMMITTEE INVESTIGATIONS. 1938-1945. 81 ft.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged by subject of investigation as listed in the Records Unit Description field below.

Records Unit Description: This file contains documents collected during various committee investigations. The documents were brought into the committee files through various routes and include documents confiscated by committee investigators and police officers from various jurisdictions, documents introduced as exhibits at committee hearings, documents brought to committee hearings under subpoena, documents submitted to committee staff from concerned citizens, and documents collected or created by committee investigators through investigative work.

The records in this series include material relating to the following subjects:

Allis-Chalmers Union Strikes 1941	box 128-129	10 in.
American Civil Liberties Union	box 142	1 in.
America First Committee	box 51-54	1 ft. 8 in.
American League for Peace and Democracy	box 55-61	3 ft.
Axis powers activity (Germany and Japan, (1936-38)	box 145	4 in.
Bridges, Harry. (Labor Dept. Deportation Hearings)	box 37-40	1 ft. 8 in.
Chicago Police Industrial Squad, 1930 case files	box 194	(3) microfilm
CIO PAC	box 63-69	3 ft.
Civil Service Commission Loyalty Cases	box 188-192	2 ft. 1 in.
Communist Party Accounts	box 132	2 in.
Communist Party, petitions to state governments to enter candidates on election ballots	box 151-188	16 ft. 5 in.
Communist Party, Workers School, Daily Worker, American Youth Congress	box 143	3 in.
Communist Subject Files, 1930-45	box 84-97	6 ft. 1 in.
Communist World organization	box 146	1 in.
Consumer Movement	box 81-82	10 in.
Crowe, Helen O'Lochlainn	box 143	1 in.
Federal Theatre Project	box 33-35	1 ft. 3 in.
Federal Union, Inc.	box 142	1 in.
Federal Writers Project	box 36	5 in.
Fifth Column exhibits	box 133-135	1 ft. 3 in.
Fly, James L., Chairman of F.C.C.	box 141	5 in.
Gruenwald, Henry W.	box 75	5 in.
Henry, Donald E.	box 31-32	10 in.
Hollywood Actors Laboratory	box 70-74	3 ft.
Hotel & Restaurant Employees Union meeting	box 145	1 in.
HUAC Appendix I: Nature & Aims of Communist Party	box 136-139	1 ft. 8 in.
I.G. Farben Patents	box 142	1 in.
International Labor Defense	box 62	5 in.
International Worker's Order	box 14-26	6 ft.

Joy, Dr. Charles, Exec. Dir. Unitarian Service Comm.	box 132	1 in.
Ku Klux Klan Investigation, 1942	box 1-13	5 ft. 3 in.
Los Angeles Police Dept. Radical Squad	box 43-50	3 ft. 5 in.
Madison Square Garden Socialist Meeting	box 143	1 in.
Market Analysts: Harold Calhoun, Sanford Griffith	box 76	10 in.
Navy Department Bureau of Aeronautics	box 147	1 in.
Nazi Subject Files	box 98-127	12 ft.10 in.
Peoples Educational Center	box 144	5 in.
Posner, Dr. John J., and the Spanish Civil War	box 130	5 in.
Radical negro publications; Radical Press in U.S.	box 143	1 in.
Reed, Nancy	box 27-30	1 ft. 8 in.
Russian News Organization and the Daily Worker	box 131	4 in.
Sound View Foundation	box 83	10 in.
Union for Democratic Action	box 80	2 in.
War Relocation Authority / Camps	box 193	5 in.
Washington Committee to Aid China	box 77-80	1 ft. 2 in.
Washington Cooperative Bookstore	box 41-42	10 in.
Winchell, Walter	box 140	5 in.
Miscellaneous publications, flyers, reports, etc.	box 148-150	1 ft. 6 in.

12. LOS ANGELES OFFICE NUMBERED CASE FILES. 1938-1944 20 ft.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged by a file numbering scheme.

Records Unit Description: The records consist of numbered case files; however, the records do not contain a key to the numbering scheme. The files relate to subversive activities in the Los Angeles area, including Fascist and Communist activities, and war related subjects such as the Japanese relocation camps. The files contain correspondence, telegrams, newspaper and magazine clippings, hearing transcripts, legal briefs, reports, lists, dossiers, flyers, and other types of documentation.

13. DIES COMMITTEE INDIVIDUAL NAME CARD FILE. 1938-1944. 27 ft.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged alphabetically by surname.

Records Unit Description: This card file is the result of combining or interfiling two pre-existing card files which are easily distinguishable from each other: a central office card file similar to the Dies Committee Organizations Card File and a card file from the Los Angeles Office. The cards from the Los Angeles Office card file bear a stamp across the bottom reading "L.A. office files Dies Com." and most of them bear an additional stamp reading either "Signer of C.P. Election Petition" or "Bund List." Some of these cards refer to the reports written by Dies Committee investigators.

The cards from the central office card file contain a single piece of information about the indexed individual's name and a reference to a numbered staff investigator's report to which the citation refers.

The card file indexes at least one series of records, the Reports Filed by Special Committee Investigators. The cards relating to the Communist Party Election Petitions are related to the massive collection of Petitions to State Governments to enter Communist candidates on election ballots (16 ft. 5 in.) in the series EXHIBITS, EVIDENCE AND OTHER RECORDS RELATED TO VARIOUS COMMITTEE INVESTIGATIONS, and the Bund List cards are probably related to the special reports and exhibits filed by

Investigator Barker (or Pfaltgraff) in the series REPORTS, EXHIBITS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS FILED BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS.

These cards may also index individuals in the records relating to the Communist Party Election Petitions to State Governments and the lists of attendees at German-American Bund meetings.

14. DIES COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONS CARD FILE. 1938-1944. 10 ft.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged alphabetically by organization name.

Records Unit Description: This card file was probably maintained in the Washington central office. It indexes organizations mentioned in the numbered reports filed by Special Committee investigators and found in the series "Reports Filed by Special Committee Investigators and Associated Documents." Each card contains a single piece of information about the organization and a reference to the numbered investigator's report in which the citation is made. The report numbers are in the upper right-hand corner and are prefaced by an "f-"; the notation "f-300.10" refers to report #10 by William Dunstan.

This card file was constructed without the use of standardized naming conventions so cards relating to the same organization are filed at more than one location. For example, there are cards filed under N.L.R.B. as well as under National Labor Relations Board.

15. CHICAGO OFFICE INDIVIDUAL NAME CARD FILE. 1938-1942 21 ft.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged alphabetically by surname.

Records Unit Description: This card file appears to have been created during the period between 1938 and 1942, with most of the citations from 1941. Many, if not all, of the cards relate to the committee's investigation of Bund activities in the Chicago area in 1940-41. Most of the cards contain very little documentation. The indexed individual's name and a hyphenated number that appears to represent a page number in a document numbered 215 appear on most of the cards. Some of the cards also contain the individual's address. Some of the cards bear notations that indicate various activities related to the American Bund such as attendance at a Bund meeting or the notation "Bund Mailing List."

16. COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND LISTS. 1935-1938. 54 ft.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged in three subseries: 1937-38 Communist Party membership books and associated material in alphabetical order (51 ft.); 1938 CP Registration Blanks in alphabetical order (1 ft. 8 in.); and data-sheets on 1937 CP registrants (5 in.).

Records Unit Description: These membership records are mostly from west coast Communist Party offices, and they consist of 3"x5" envelopes containing membership stamp books, control cards, and receipts documenting membership and payment of dues for 1937 and '38. On the front of each envelope is the member's name, Party number, age, race, occupation, and address.

The 5"x8" 1938 Registration Blanks contain more information about the individuals that completed them, including the Unit, Branch, and Section of the Communist Party affiliation, the individual's real name and party name, correct address, year joined, book number, nationality, occupation, age, sex, race, employment, number of children, W.P.A. Project, place of employment, number of workers in shop, union membership, function in

union, other mass organizations affiliations or memberships, function in party, party schooling, and more.

The 18"x27" data sheets on 1937 registrants contain the same information that was captured on the 1938 Registration Blanks, but the data is combined on large spread sheets, each containing data on 35 persons.

17. SPECIAL Un-American ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE RESEARCHER (INVESTIGATOR) LOG BOOKS. 3/16/1943-12/20/1944. 2 in.

Arrangement Statement: Researchers are listed chronologically from March 16, 1943 to January 27, 1944, in volume 1 and from January 28, 1944 to December 20, 1944 in volume 2.

Records Unit Description: The log books contain information about the researchers or investigators from other government agencies who came to the committee offices to consult the records of the Special Committee. At the end of volume 2 a summary sheet shows a tabulation of the total number of agents who had checked the files of the Special Committee between 3/16/43 and 1/25/44. The summary sheet breaks down the 3,026 total agents by the twenty-seven agencies they represent. The Civil Service Commission (500), Office of Naval Officer Procurement (354), Treasury Department (289), and Military Intelligence Department (287) were highest on the list.

In volume 1 the date, time-in, time-out, agent's name, government agency, office head, number of names checked, and number of organizations checked are recorded, and a running total of the number of researchers and the number of searches were kept. In volume 2 the date, agent's name, agency, and number of names searched were kept, along with a running total of the number of researchers and the number of names searched.

During the period covered in these log books - less than two years - the committee counted 201,932 names searched by 7,727 researchers.

18. WASHINGTON, D.C., INVESTIGATORS CARD FILE. 1938-1944. 2 in.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged alphabetically by surname.

Records Unit Description: This two inch file consists of cards on investigators working for various military and civilian government agencies in the Washington, D.C., area. Each card includes the name of the investigator along with the employing agency and office, and a phone number.

19. FINANCIAL RECORDS. 1938-1944. 1 ft. 3 in.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged by record type: nine cash books (1938-1944) followed by voucher files.

Records Unit Description: The cash books provide a chronological record of the appropriations and expenditures of the committee. Some of the vouchers and billing forms contain more detailed information regarding the committee's expenditures. For example, C and P Telephone vouchers contain a record of long distance calls billed to the committee during that period, and Western Union voucher files contain copies of telegrams transmitted each month and charged to the committee.

20. PRESS RELEASES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, 1938-1945. 1 ft. 8 in.

Arrangement Statement: Arranged in chronological order by year.

Records Unit Description: This file consists primarily of copies of press releases and statements from the Congressional Record relating to the work of the committee. It also contains a small amount of newspaper clippings and transcripts of Chairman Dies radio addresses over the CBS and NBC networks. Most of the press releases are dated and were released under the name of a committee member, usually the chairman, but some are simply releases by the committee or one of its subcommittees.

21. NEWSPAPER CLIPPING SCRAP BOOKS. 8/13/1938-12/22/1938. 3 ft. (2 vol.)

Arrangement Statement: Clippings are arranged in chronological order in each volume.

Records Unit Description: Two scrap-books, approximately 11" x 14.5", which contain newspaper clippings about the Special Committee and its chairman Martin Dies and about subversive activity in the United States during the first months of the committee's existence. The clippings are from a variety of newspapers such as the New York Times, San Antonio Express, Washington Times, Lufkin Daily News, Port Arthur News, Philadelphia Enquirer, Alameda Times-Star, Waco News-Tribune, New York Journal American, and the Beaumont Enterprise.