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Summary Information

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Abstract:	<p>The Schneider collection holds the work of Henry Schneider (1910-1998) who served as a Deputy Chief under Colonel Bernard Bernstein, Director, Finance Division, Individuals' External Assets Branch, Division of Investigation of Cartels and External Assets (DICEA). As a deputy chief, Schneider was primarily engaged in identifying the economic assets of, accumulating evidence about and conducting interrogations against Nazi organizations and war criminals. The one box collection (0.5 linear feet) holds interrogation transcripts of Nazi officers (including Hermann Goering and Joachim von Ribbentrop), the testimony of Orvis A. Schmidt, Director of Foreign Funds Control, U.S. Treasury Department, before Senator Harley M. Kilgore's Subcommittee on German Espionage of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, and many of the reports produced by DICEA for the Military Tribunals in Nuremberg.</p>

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Biographical / Historical

Henry Schneider (1910-1998) served in the United States Army from September 1942 to October 1945. The Henry Schneider Collection documents his service as an U.S. Army officer immediately after World War II. Schneider served as a Deputy Chief under Colonel Bernard Bernstein (1908-1990), Director, Finance Division, Individuals' External Assets Branch, Division of Investigation of Cartels and External Assets (DICEA). As a deputy chief, Schneider was primarily engaged in identifying the economic assets of, accumulating evidence about and conducting interrogations against Nazi organizations and war criminals.

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Biographical / Historical

Henry Schneider was born in Brooklyn, New York on April 18, 1910. He pursued his undergraduate education at the College of the City of New York (A.B. 1931). Schneider attended the Columbia University Law School, where he served as a distinguished member of the Board of Editors of the Columbia Law Review (1932-1934) and received his J.D. degree with honors in 1934.

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Biographical / Historical

After his army service, Henry Schneider rejoined the firm of Moses & Singer LLP, where he had begun his legal career in 1934. At Moses & Singer, Schneider specialized in tax, trust and estate law, and corporate law. Schneider was known to his partners and legal colleagues as an exemplar of the attorney as counselor bringing a rare combination of uncommon good sense and extraordinary legal acumen to all who were fortunate enough to receive his counsel.

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Biographical / Historical

Throughout his life, Henry Schneider remained active in philanthropy. As President of the Henry and Lucy Moses Fund (1942-1998) and as a long-time advisor to the noted philanthropist Lucy G. Moses, he made matchless contributions to the welfare of New York City and its residents. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Elaine Kaufman Cultural Center and played a major role in the creation of the Lucy Moses School for Music and Dance. Schneider was also a Trustee of the Central Park Conservancy and a pioneer in efforts to improve Central Park. He was a lifelong supporter of Columbia University and instrumental in the creation of the Chairs now held by the Deans of Columbia College and the Columbia Law School. Many other organizations also benefited from his charitable efforts such as the Montefiore Medical Center, Mount Sinai Medical Center, UJA-Federation and AIDS charities.

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- Nuremberg Trial of Major German War Criminals, Nuremberg, Germany, 1945-1946
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Confiscations and contributions -- Germany
- Reports
- Göring, Hermann, 1893-1946
- Ribbentrop, Joachim von, 1893-1946
- Rohm and Haas Company
- United States. Army -- Lawyers

Collection Inventory

Series I: Schmidt Testimony, 1945

Title/Description	Instances	
Statement of Orvis A. Schmidt, Director of Foreign Funds Control, U.S. Treasury Department before U.S. Senator (Dem., W.Va.), Harley M. Kilgore's Subcommittee on German Espionage of the Senate Military Affairs Committee., Jul 2, 1945	box 1	folder 1

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Some Leads on German Foreign Exchange Agencies, Headquarters, U.S. Forces, European Theater, Office of Military Government (U.S. Zone), Individuals' External Assets Branch, Finance Division., Undated	box 1	folder 2
Interim Report on the investigation of Rahm & Haas, GmbH, Darmstadt, Headquarters, U.S. Forces, European Theater, G-5 Division, Financial Branch., Aug 31, 1945	box 1	folder 3
Report on Ford Werke Aktiengesellschaft. Headquarters, U.S. Forces, European Theater, G-5 Division, Financial Branch., Sep 5, 1945	box 1	folder 4
Interim Report and Recommendations. Office of Military Government (Germany) U.S. Division of Investigation of Cartels and External Assets. Zone., Nov 28, 1945	box 1	folder 5
Transcript of Record of Interrogation of Hermann Goering, Palace of Justice, Nuremberg., Dec 22, 1945	box 1	folder 6
Report on External Assets of Hermann Goering. Headquarters, U.S. Forces, European Theater, Office of Military Government (U.S Zone), Finance Division, Individuals' External Assets Branch., Undated	box 1	folder 7
Transcript of Record of Interrogation of Joachim von Ribbentrop, Palace of Justice, Nuremberg., Dec 27, 1945	box 1	folder 8
Preliminary Report on the Ribbentrop External Assets Investigation. Headquarters, U.S. Forces, European Theater, Office of Military Government (U.S Zone), Finance Division, Individuals' External Assets Branch., Undated	box 1	folder 9
Preliminary Report on the External Assets of Heinrich Himmler. Headquarters, U.S. Forces, European Theater, Office of Military Government (U.S Zone), Finance Division, Individuals' External Assets Branch. XX, Undated	box 1	folder 10
Preliminary Report on External Assets of Ernst Kaltenbrunner. Headquarters, U.S. Forces, European Theater, Office of Military Government (U.S Zone), Individuals' External Assets Branch., Undated	box 1	folder 11
Preliminary Report on External Assets of Walter Schellenberg. Headquarters, U.S. Forces, European Theater, Office of Military Government (U.S Zone), Finance Division, Individuals' External Assets Branch., Undated	box 1	folder 12
Preliminary Report on External Assets of RSHA [Reichssicherheitshauptamt - Reich Security Office]. Plus Appendices A-HH. Headquarters, U.S. Forces, European Theater, Office of Military Government (U.S. Zone), Finance Division, Individuals' External Assets Branch., Undated	box 1	folder 13

Final Report and Recommendations. Headquarters, U.S.
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Branch., Feb 8, 1946

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