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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Kung, H. H. (Hsiang-hsi), 1880-1967
Title:	H. H. Kung papers
ID:	13527768
ID:	MS#1952
Date [inclusive]:	1936-1958
Date [bulk]:	1936-1944
Physical Description:	0.4 Linear Feet 1 manuscript box (10 microfilm reels); 1 half manuscript box
Language of the Material:	ChineseEnglish
Abstract:	The H. H. Kung papers document Dr. Kung's political career from 1936 to 1944. The bulk of the papers consist of correspondence and political documents during the time when he was serving as the Minister of Finance, the Governor of the Central Bank of China, and the Vice Premier of the Executive Yuan. Materials in the collection include correspondence, writings, speeches, documents, reports, and telegrams relating to the Xi'an Incident, Sino-Japanese War, financial situation in China during the war year, his involvement in foreign diplomacy, Executive Yuan, the KMT Central committee, etc.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); H.H. Kung papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical/Historical

H. H. Kung (pinyin: Kong, Xiangxi; Wade-Giles: Kung, Hsiang-hsi, Kung, H. H.; Chinese: 孔祥熙; courtesy name: Yongzhi, 庸之) was born in Shanxi province, 1881. He was a banker and a politician in the early 20th century. He received his B.A from Oberlin College in 1906 and

his master's degree in economics from Yale University in 1907. After returning to China, he supported Yan Xishan (閻錫山) to overthrow the Qing imperial government in Shanxi. He married Soong Ailing in 1914. In 1928, he served as the Minister of Industry and Commerce and then later elected to the KMT Central Executive Committee and served from 1929 to 1932. He later served as the commissioner to Europe and assigned to secure foreign aid for China. After returning to China in 1933, he served as the Minister of Finance, the Governor of the Central Bank of China, and the Vice Premier (and Premier from 1938 to 1939) of the Executive Yuan until 1945. In 1944, he resigned from his positions. He later moved to New York in 1948, where he resided till his death in 1967.

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Content Description

The H. H. Kung papers contain an estimate of 21 items in paper format and 10 reels of microfilms in 2 manuscript boxes consist of correspondence, political documents, and chronological event records. The items in paper format consist of correspondence, reports, poems, documents related to various topics such as the Xi'an Incident, agricultural development in China, Sino-Japanese War, loan agreements, and financial matters, etc. Materials in microfilm are correspondence and files relating to the Xi'an Incident, documents on foreign diplomacy, Executive Yuan, KMT Central Standing Committee meeting and plenums, intelligence reports, correspondence and documents relating to the developments in some province such as Fujian, Jiangxi, Anhui, Gansu, Qinghai, and Ningxia. There are also seven reels of chronological records of events prepared by the Ministry of Finance documenting the events of H. H. Kung when he was the Premier and the Vice Premier of the Executive Yuan during the Sino-Japanese War, dating from 1938 to 1943.

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Arrangement

Arranged in original order.

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Administrative Information

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is located on site.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Given to the Chinese oral history project by H. H. Kung between 1958 and 1961 during interview with Julie How. Materials later microfilmed with Dr. Kung's permission. Transfer from the East Asian Institute Chinese oral history project collection in 1980.

Processing Information

Separated from the Chinese oral history project collection due to the papers' historical and research value and to allow better discovery and access. Processed in September 2018 by Yingwen Huang.

Conditions Governing Use

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Restrictions on Access

This collection has no restrictions.

Accruals

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Related Materials

Related Material

Chinese oral history project collection, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University. [Finding Aid](#). This collection contains administrative information related to the project, including the interviewee files relating to H. H. Kung's interviews.

Related Material

[Reminiscences of H. H. Kung, 孔祥熙口述回憶錄.](#)

Related Material

H. H. Kung papers, 1917-1949, Hoover Institution Archives. [Finding aid.](#)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Announcements
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- China -- History -- Xi'an Incident, 1936
- China -- Politics and government

- China -- Politics and government -- 1912-1949
- China -- Politics and government -- 20th century
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- Zhang, Xueliang, 1901-2001
- Yang, Hucheng, 1893-1949
- Song, Zheyuan, -1940
- Yan, Xishan, 1883-1960
- Han, Fujun, 1890-1938
- He, Yingqin, 1890-1987
- Zhongguo guo min dang
- China. Xing zheng yuan

Other Finding Aids

H. H. Kung papers, 1917-1949, Hoover Institution Archives. [Finding aid.](#)

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Xi'an Incident announcement and writings, 西安事件與戡亂, 西安事件本末, 1936, 1953	box 1	folder 1
Development of agricultural and animal husbandary documents, 規定林業建設時期並設立模範墾區以謀林業事業之發展案, 發展畜牧事業案, circa 1937	box 1	folder 2
Sino-Japanese War intelligence report by Wang Yusheng (4 items), 王芃生情報報告 (4份), circa 1937	box 1	folder 3
Letter from H. H. Kung to Chiang Kai-shek (photocopy), circa 1938	box 1	folder 4

60th birthday tribute written in calligraphy by Chiang Kai-shek to H. H. Kung (copy), 1941	box 1	folder 5
60th birthday tribute written in calligraphy by various Republican figures to H. H. Kung (copy), 1941	box 1	folder 6
Political documents, 國家總動員設計委員會組織大綱, 國防最高委員會第十七次常務會議決議案, circa 1937, 1940	box 1	folder 7
China-US Loan agreement, handwritten copy, 中美五萬萬元美金借款協定正本譯文抄件, circa 1942	box 1	folder 8
China-US Loan resolutions, handwritten copy, 關於清算美軍墊欵一案抄本, 1944	box 1	folder 9
A General Survey of the Financial Administration of the Republic of China, circa 1944	box 1	folder 10
Truth about US aid to China after victory over Japan day, 1947	box 1	folder 11
Correspondence, 1950, 1956	box 1	folder 12
Oberlin Shansi Fiftieth Anniversary, 1958	box 1	folder 13
Index to microfilmed materials, 1958	box 1	folder 14
Microfilm Reel 1: Xi'an Incident files, 西安事件, 1936-1937	box 2	reel 1

Scope and Contents

More than 600 telegrams originals, copies, or drafts dating from December 12 onward between Dr. Kung and Zhang Xueliang (張學良), Yang Hucheng (楊虎城), Song Zheyuan (宋哲元), Yan Xishan (閻錫山), Han Fujun (韓復榘), He Yingqin (何應欵), and other important Chinese political or military figures at the time. Some are copies of communications between them, or are circular telegrams from regional leader such as the Guangxi clique or from elder statesmen.

Microfilm Reel 2: Documents on foreign diplomacy, Executive Yuan, KMT Central Standing Committee meeting records, CEC Plenums, 外交, 行政院, 中央執行委員會會議紀錄, 1936-1944	box 2	reel 2
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Scope and Contents

Telegrams to and from Chinese diplomatic missions abroad, records of Dr. Kung's conversation with foreign diplomats in Nanking, as well as his activities, letters, reports, and his resolutions on the Xi'an Incident. There are also telegrams from Chinese diplomats abroad to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to Dr. Kung dating from 1936 to 1944; three work reports of the Executive Yuan between 1938 and 1939 and meeting records from 1941 and 1943; records of three meetings of the KMT Central Standing Committee in November 1939 and

resolutions proposed by Dr. Kung to the CEC Plenums
from November 1938 to December 1941.

Microfilm Reel 3: Intelligence reports, correspondence and documents relating to the developments in various province, 情報報告和省份發展文件, 1933-1938	box 2	reel 3
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Scope and Contents

Documents relating to the developments in some province: Fujian from 1934 to 1935, Jiangxi in 1933 and 1938, and undated reports and letters on Anhui, Gansu, Qinghai, and Ningxia. 省份發展的文件: 福建1934年至1935年, 江西1933年和1938年, 有關安徽, 甘肅, 青海, 寧夏未註明日期的報告和信件.

H. H. Kung's Chronological Records of Events, 孔祥熙大事記

Scope and Contents

Prepared by the Ministry of Finance.

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Microfilm Reel 5, 1939	box 2	reel 5
Microfilm Reel 6, 1940	box 2	reel 6
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Microfilm Reel 8, 1942	box 2	reel 8
Microfilm Reel 9, 1943	box 2	reel 9
Microfilm Reel 10, 1943	box 2	reel 10