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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Bill of Rights Fund
<b>Title:</b>	Bill of Rights Fund records
<b>ID:</b>	4078389
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0120
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1954-1966
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6.5 linear feet 15 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection contains financial documents pertaining to grants awarded and refused by the Bill of Rights Fund in addition to correspondence, minutes, reports and printed matter.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known);Bill of Rights Fund records; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical sketch

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The Bill of Rights Fund was founded in New York in 1954 to provide financial aid in civil liberties court cases that raised important constitutional issues. The officers were: Corliss Lamont, President; Eleanor Jackson Piel, Secretary; Palmer Weber, treasurer; and Philip Wittenberg, Counsel. During its more than 11 years of existence, the Bill of Rights Fund made grants in excess of \$160,000 to more than 165 individuals and organizations. The Fund suspended operations in 1966 because contributions to it had steadily decreased and it was never able to obtain tax exemption for gifts.

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## Scope and Content

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Correspondence, minutes, reports, financial documents, clippings, and pamphlets of the Bill of Rights Fund.

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## Arrangement

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Grants arranged alphabetically by recipient; remainder arranged by topic.

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Records: Source of acquisition--Lamont, Corliss. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1981.

### **Ownership and Custodial History**

Gift of Corliss Lamont, 1981.

### **Processing Information**

Records Processed HR 10/--/81.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Civil rights
- minutes (administrative records)
- Philanthropists
- Lamont, Corliss, 1902-1995
- Wittenberg, Philip, 1895-1987
- Piel, Eleanor Jackson

- Weber, Palmer

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## Collection Inventory

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