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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

James Lawrence Fly was the General Counsel of the Tennessee Valley Authority, 1934-1939; Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.), 1939-1944; and later in private practice as an attorney before the F.C.C., a member of the board of the American Civil Liberties Union, and a frequent lecturer about radio, television, and freedom of speech.

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Summary

James Lawrence Fly papers consist of correspondence, manuscripts, drafts, notes, reports, legal briefs and other documents, books, clippings, and other printed materials dealing with

Fly's professional activities and relationships in all three phases of his career. Correspondents include Roger N. Baldwin, Felix Frankfurter, Cordell Hull, Elmer Rice, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Harry Truman.

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Arrangement

Collection arranged in 7 series. Selected materials cataloged remainder listed.

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Processing Information

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Accruals

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Controlled Access Headings

- Freedom of speech
- Radio broadcasting policy
- Radio -- Censorship
- Television -- Censorship
- Television broadcasting policy
- Civil rights
- Lawyers
- Correspondence
- Clippings (Information Artifacts)
- Reports
- Briefs (legal documents)
- Drafts (documents)
- Manuscripts (documents)
- Baldwin, Roger N (Roger Nash), 1884-1981
- Frankfurter, Felix, 1882-1965
- Hull, Cordell, 1871-1955
- Rice, Elmer, 1892-1967
- Roosevelt, Franklin D (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945
- Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972

- United States. Federal Communications Commission
- Tennessee Valley Authority
- American Civil Liberties Union

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Angell, James Rowland	box 1
Armstrong, Edwin Howard	box 1
Baldvin, Roger Nash	box 1
Barkley, Alben William	box 1
Baruch, Bernard Mannes	box 1
Battle, George Gordon	box 1
Benton, William	box 1
Black, Hugo La Fayette	box 1
Bliven,, Bruce	box 1
Buck, Gene	box 1
Butler, Nicholas Nuri-ay	box 1
Copeland, Royal Samuel	box 1
Corwin, Norman	box 1
Cummings, Homer Stillé	box 1
Davies, Joseph Edward	box 1
De Forest, Lee	box 1
Dulles, John Foster	box 1
Eaton, Cyrus Stephen	box 1

Ernst, Morris Leopold	box 1
Farley, James A.	box 1
Frankfurter Felix	box 1
Fox, Dixon Ryan	box 1
Hand, Learned	box 1
Handier, Milton	box 1
Holmes, John Haynes	box 1
Hoover, John Edgar	box 1
Howe, Louis McHenry	box 1
Hull, Cordell	box 1
Ickes, Harold Le Clair	box 1
Kellogg, Paul Underwood	box 1
La Guardia, Fiorello Henry	box 1
Lodge, Henry Cabot, Jr.	box 1
Luce, Henry Robinson	box 1
MacLeish, Archibald	box 1
McWilliams, Carey	box 1
Meyer, Eugene	box 1
Morgenthau, Henry, Jr.	box 1
Murrow, Edward R.	box 1
Nevins, Allan	box 1
Paley, William S.	box 1
Parsons, Geoffrey	box 1
Randolph, Asa Phiiip	box 1
Rayburn, Sam	box 1
Reed, Stanley Forman	box 1
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Rice, Elmer	box 1
Roosevelt, Eleanor	box 1
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Sarnoff, David	box 1
Schlesinger, Arthur Meier, Jr.	box 1

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Series II: Department of Justice, 1933, 1938

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Letters recommending J.L.F. as in 1933 and clippings	box 15

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Series III: Tennessee Valley Authority, 1934-1939

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J.L.F. was General Solicitor and General Counsel.

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Appointment & set-up of legal department	box 3
Barr, James A.	box 3
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General correspondence	box 3
Hoffman, Charles E.	box 3
Miscellaneous opinions	box 3

O'Brien, John Lord	box 3
Opinion-Circuit Court Appeals: Letters of congratulations	box 3
Personal correspondence	box 3
Phosphate	box 3
Photographs (of J.L.F.)	box 3
Relationship between Authority Comptroller General	box 3
Towsley, Frank Hathaway	box 3
Travel expenses	box 3
Digest of eases (5 Loose-leaf notebooks)	box 4
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Books, periodicals, articles by J.L.F.	box 5
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Series IV: Federal Communications Commission, 1939-1944

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J.L.F. was Chairman of the F.C.C.

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Baruch, Bernard M.	box 15

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Congratulations F.C.C. appointment, 1939 September 01	box 15
Congratulations on reappointment to F.C.C., 1942 July 01	box 15
Dodd & Watson vs. the U.S.	box 15
Ethridge, Mark	box 15
Friedrich. C. J.	box 15
General correspondence	box 15
Kudos to J.L.F.	box 15
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Olds, Irving	box 16
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Sulzberger, Arthur Hays	box 17
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White House (including xerox copies of correspondence made by the Roosevelt Library, Hyde Park, NY)	box 17
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Title/Description	Instances
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Policy on filming (courtroom proceedings)	box 40
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Book by J. L. F. on radio - Chicago University Press	box 42
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