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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Li, Zongren, 1891-1969
<b>Creator:</b>	Gan, Jiehou, 1897-1984
<b>Title:</b>	Li, Zongren papers
<b>ID:</b>	4079027
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0779
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1944-1951
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.4 Linear Feet 1 box
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English , Chinese .
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Li Zongren papers consist of materials on the life and political career of Li Zongren dating from 1944-1951. The materials were given to the Chinese oral history project during the oral history interview with Li Zongren. The papers primarily documented the period when Li was the Acting President of the Republic of China from 1949 to 1951 in the U.S. urging for assistance to stabilize the internal conflicts in China.

### Preferred Citation

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

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## Biographical / Historical

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Li Zongren (pinyin: Li, Zongren; Wade-Giles: Li, Tsung-jen; Chinese: 李宗仁; courtesy name: Delin 德鄰) was born in Guilin, Guangxi province, 1890. He was a Guangxi warlord and participated in the Northern Expedition, Sino-Japanese War, and the Chinese Civil War. He became the Vice-President in 1948 and later the Acting President of the Republic of China in

1949. He left China and moved to the US in 1950. In 1965, he decided to return to China with his wife Guo Dejie, where he died in 1969.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Gan Jiehou (pinyin: Gan, Jiehou; Wade Giles: Kan, Chieh-Hou; Chinese: 甘介侯) was born in Jiangsu, 1897. He graduated from Harvard University, 1926. He was a politician and a scholar. He came to the U.S. as Li Zongren's private secretariat representative and arranged Li's meetings with American officials during the transition period. He died in New York, 1984.

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## Summary

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The Li Zongren papers consist of correspondence, a codebook, and documents from 1944 to 1951 in English, photographs and portraits. The correspondence from/to Li Zongren and his personal secretary, Gan Jiehou (Kan, Chieh-Hou, 甘介侯) and the related documents focus on the 1949 to 1951 transition period, Li's effort in urging US assistance in the political situation within China, as well as his opposition to Chiang Kai-shek. Correspondents include Dean Acheson, Philip C. Jessup, George C. Marshall, Dean Rusk, and Stuart Symington. Another highlight of the papers is the one-of-a-kind Chinese codebook customized and utilized by the KMT for confidential communication.

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

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### Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

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This collection has no restrictions.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Chinese Oral History Project. Method of acquisition--Transferred by Prof. Martin Wilbur; Date of acquisition--1980. Accession number--M-80.

### Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 07/--/89. Processed in September 2018 by Yingwen Huang. The papers were previously filed with the Wellington Koo papers as box 221 and was digitized.

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## Related Materials

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### 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 files relating to the Li Zongren interviews.

### Related Material

[Reminiscences of Tsung-jen Li, 李宗仁口述回憶錄](#), Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University. (This is the final version of Li Zongren's oral history interview. It was originally cataloged and frequently cited under the Wade-Giles transcription of his name, so the title of the memoir record was not changed.)

### Related Material

Chiu Chung-Wei correspondence, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University. [Finding Aid](#)

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- World politics
- China -- Politics and government -- 20th century
- Taiwan -- Politics and government
- Photographic prints
- Statesmen
- China -- Politics and government
- Taiwan -- History -- 1945-
- China -- Foreign relations -- United States
- Correspondence

- Letters (correspondence)
- Photographs
- Portraits
- Memorandums
- Contracts
- Chiang, Kai-shek, 1887-1975
- Acheson, Dean, 1893-1971
- Jessup, Philip C (Philip Caryl), 1897-1986
- Marshall, George C (George Catlett), 1880-1959
- Rusk, Dean, 1909-1994
- Symington, Stuart, 1901-1988
- Zhongguo guo min dang

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## Collection Inventory

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### Li Zongren papers, 1944-1951

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence		
List of letters to and from Li Zongren and Gan Jiehou, undated	box 1	folder 1
Memoranda of Conversation between Li Zongren and Colonel L. T. Ride, Dec. 4, 1944	box 1	folder 2
Cataloged incoming correspondence: Acheson, Dean; Jessup, Philip C.; Marshall, George C.; Rusk, Dean; Symington, Stuart, 1949-1950	box 1	folder 3
1949	box 1	folder 4
1950	box 1	folder 5
1951	box 1	folder 6
Outgoing letters copybook, in Chinese, circa 1949	box 1	folder 12
Incoming envelopes to Gan Jiehou, 1949-1950	box 1	folder 13
Letters from U.S. personalities, 1949-1955	box 1	folder 15
Incoming letters, in Chinese, circa 1949	box 1	folder 16
Incoming and outgoing letters, in Chinese, circa 1940s	box 1	folder 17
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Letters mostly on Chinese Civil War, Li Zongren's health, and the Sino-Japanese War		
Memoranda, correspondence, and documents, 1949-1950	box 1	folder 7

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Chinese Telegraphic Codebook, circa 1949	box 1	folder 8
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
<p>The codebook was used to decipher confidential intelligence communication within the KMT. The Chinese characters and terms within the codebook were customized to the needs of communication between the users. Location numbers that identify the characters and the terms can easily be switched by adjusting the numbers in the vertical and horizontal headers.</p>		
Office of President's letterhead, 1949	box 1	folder 9
Portrait of Li Zongren (1), and Li Zongren with Mme. Li-Guo Dejie (1), circa 1949	box 1	folder 10
Residence lease contract, 1950-1951	box 1	folder 11
News clippings, in English, 1949-1950	box 1	folder 14

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