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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 9

**CREATOR:** Hoover, Lyman, 1901-

**TITLE:** Lyman Hoover papers

**DATES:** 1900-1977

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 22 linear feet (56 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection relates to the personal and professional life of Lyman Hoover. There is documentation of the work of the YMCA in China from 1930 until the Communist takeover in 1950, including observations of Chinese social and political conditions. Lyman Hoover was a missionary in China under the auspices of the YMCA (1930-1949) and a consultant and representative of the Asia Foundation (formerly known as Committee for a Free Asia) in New York and Taiwan.

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## Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Lyman Hoover

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

Lyman Hoover Papers (RG 9), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Processing Information

Place names were modernized in the description, with the name originally used in the collection material or in an older version of the finding aid in parenthesis: e.g. "Beijing (Peking)" or "Benin (Dahomey)".

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## Separated Materials

A number of Chinese language pamphlets about Islam which Hoover collected have been placed in the East Asian Collection of the Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1901 August 5	○ Born in Minerva, Ohio, son of Virginia D. and Rev. Guy I. Hoover.
1922	○ Graduated from Butler University.
1922-1923	○ Traveling secretary for the Student Volunteer Movement.
1923-1928	○ Attended Yale Divinity School.
1924 August 5	○ Ordained at the Downey Avenue Christian Church, Indianapolis.
1924-1928	○ Served as pastor of the Congregational Church in Northford, Connecticut
1925 February 7	○ Married Helen L. Kroenke.
1928-1930	○ Associate regional secretary of Rocky Mountain Field of National Student Division of YMCA's based in Denver.
1930 August	○ Appointed to staff of International Committee of YMCA's for service in China.
1930-1932	○ Studied at the College of Chinese Studies, Beijing (Peiping).
1931-1936	○ University Secretary of Beijing (Peiping) YMCA.
1932 November 19	○ Daughter, Carol Virginia, born.
1933-1936	○ Special lecturer at the College of Chinese Studies, Beijing (Peiping) in the field of Chinese Islam.
1936-1937	○ Furlough; one semester of study at Yale University. Returned to China without family.
1937 June 30	○ Son, Lyman MacNicholl, born (known as "Mac").
1938 February-July	○ Five month, 5,000 mile tour of war-torn China. Assisted in organization of National Student Relief Committee.
1938	○ Appointed Associate Executives Student Division, National Committee, YMCAs of China.

Date	Event
1939 April	○ Returned to China with family, based in Shanghai.
1939-1942	○ Associate Executive Secretary, National Student Relief Committee.
1939-1941	○ Member, Board of Managers, Shanghai American School.
1941 January	○ Returned to U.S. with family; Lyman Hoover returned to China 1941 March.
1941 June	○ YMCA headquarters in China transferred from Shanghai to Chongqing, Sichuan (Chungking, Szechuan) because of war disturbances. Lyman Hoover worked from that base until 1945 October, his work including many long trips among the universities in exile in western China.
1942-1943	○ Administrative Secretary, National Student Relief Committee.
1943 April	○ Furlough in U.S.
1943	○ Elected Associate General Secretary, National Committee, YMCA's of China. Lyman Hoover had been offered the position of Executive Secretary of American Student YMCA but declined the position in order to continue his work in China.
1943 December-1944	○ Returned to China by sailing vessel, visiting YMCA work in South America, Africa, and India. While in China, Lyman Hoover was a member of the Business and Educational Committees of United China Relief, the China Nutritional Aid Council and the Chinese American Institute of Cultural Relations.
1945 October	○ Returned from Chongqing (Chungking) to Shanghai; helped reestablish National YMCA headquarters there. Supervised YMCA work for Japanese and Korean civilian internees and repatriates. Visited various cities and universities in central and northern China, investigating rehabilitation problems. Member, Advisory Council, Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.
1946 July-1948 August	○ Furlough in U.S. First year spent largely in traveling and speaking engagements for YMCA.
1947-1948	○ School year spent in study for M.A. degree at Yale University, including major paper on issues of missionary preparation for overseas work.
1948 August-1947January	○ Returned to Shanghai with family. Forced to return to U.S. because of health problems of Helen K. Hoover and unsettled conditions in China.
1949-1952	○ World Services Director for New York City YMCA.
1951	○ Appointed Trustee of United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia.
1951	○ Consultant to Committee for a Free Asia.
1952 June	○ Appointed New York Representative of Committee for a Free Asia, which changed its name to the Asia Foundation in 1954.
1954, 1958	○ Visited Taiwan as Representative of Asia Foundation.
1964 October	○ Helen K. Hoover died of heart failure.
1965 March	○ "Mac" Hoover died of leukemia.

Date	Event
1965 August-1967 November	○ Representative of Asia Foundation in Republic of China (Taiwan).
1968 March 16	○ Married Jane Hunter.
1969 August 9	○ Son, Giles, born.
1977 June	○ Retired from Asia Foundation, having served as a consultant for his last ten years of association with the Foundation.

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## Scope and Contents

Lyman Hoover lived and worked in China for sixteen years during the period 1930-1949. His service in various administrative positions under the auspices of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations involved extensive travel throughout China and close cooperation with Chinese Christian leaders. The documentation of Hoover's work provided by this collection is of particular interest because of the nature of the YMCA's approach to mission work in China. To a greater extent than the missions enterprise of many denominational agencies, the activities of the YMCA in China were characterized by an awareness of and responsiveness to political events and by involvement of Chinese nationals in leadership roles.

While based in Beijing (Peking), Shanghai or Chongqing (Chungking), Lyman Hoover spent long periods in travel throughout China and he and his YMCA colleagues became well-equipped to provide meaningful analysis of the religious, social, and political conditions that they observed. The YMCA correspondence and reports in this collection include comment on the progression of Communist influence in China, with awareness of Communist activities evident as early as 1931. In 1939, for example, Chinese YMCA staff member Kiang Wen Han reported on a trip to Yen-an where he visited with university students living in caves and talked with Communist leaders Zhou Enlai (Chou En Lai) and Mao Zedong (Mao Tse Tung). Though Hoover was no longer in China at the height of the Communist takeover, he did continue to receive carbon copies of YMCA correspondence from China which related eyewitness accounts of the "liberation".

Various other topics are well documented by the Hoover Papers. Sino-Japanese relations and the extensive relief and rehabilitation operations carried on with YMCA cooperation during the World War II period are described in correspondence and reports. The study of the Islam religion in China was of particular interest to Hoover from the time that he wrote his B.D. thesis on that subject. The printed material gathered by Hoover during his years in China as well as correspondence with Islamic scholars such as Samuel Zwemer, Isaac Mason, and Claude L. Pickens, Jr. are a valuable resource for information regarding Chinese Muslims.

The materials in this collection also document Hoover's activities before and after his work in China. The completeness of the collection allows for careful analysis of the factors contributing to Hoover's decision to serve in China, a decision which he held to despite considerable odds. Hoover prepared for missionary service at the Yale Divinity School and the course notes he kept record the substance of lectures by Yale professors such as Kenneth Scott Latourette and Douglas Clyde Macintosh. After his return from China, Hoover completed nearly twenty-five years of work with the Asia Foundation (known as the Committee for a Free Asia prior to 1954). Serving as a consultant and liaison with Asian visitors and diplomats in New York, Hoover came in contact with notables such as U Thant, Dean Rusk, John D. Rockefeller, 3rd, and various Asian ambassadors.

The first series, Correspondence, dates from 1902 to 1977 and is divided into Family Correspondence and General Correspondence. Hoover was separated from his family for long periods of time due to the traveling nature of his job, his wife's health and/or political disturbances in China. Letters exchanged between Hoover and his first wife clearly document the strains on family relationships which resulted from the demands of his work. Family correspondence, both within the immediate Hoover family and with the parents and siblings of Lyman and Helen is voluminous and provides a detailed picture of their daily routines and concerns. Early letters exchanged by Hoover's mother and father give insight into the environment in which he was brought up.

The General Correspondence section also includes letters related to Hoover's work with the YMCA in China. All YMCA-related correspondence is gathered into one chronologically arranged file which includes letters exchanged with such YMCA notables as Eugene Barnett, Fletcher Brockman, Dalton McClelland, Lennig Sweet, Jay C. Oliver, Paul Moritz, S.C. Leung, Kiang Wen Han, Y.T. Wu and others. In conjunction with the printed material in Series II, these letters provide a valuable record of YMCA involvement in China during the period 1930-1950.

Also of interest in the General Correspondence section are Hoover's communications with Yale professors Kenneth S. Latourette and Clarence P. Shedd, his correspondence with the Islamic scholars mentioned above, and scattered contacts with China scholars and religious leaders such as John King Fairbank, Derk Bodde, Walter Judd, John R. Mott, Robert P. Wilder, and Henry P. VanDusen. Hoover exchanged courtesy correspondence with the various U.S. and Asian diplomats with whom he became acquainted through his work at the Asia Foundation. Throughout his career, Hoover corresponded with many Chinese religious leaders and acquaintances.

The second series, Notes/Subject file, consists of holograph notes as well as printed and typescript material dating from 1900 to 1976. These topically arranged materials relate to Hoover's student days, his professional involvements, speaking engagements, his study of Islam in China, a study of missionary preparation for overseas service, etc. One group of sermon notes dating from 1900-1913 would appear to be those of Hoover's father, Guy Israel Hoover.

The third series, Writings, is the smallest, consisting of twenty-two articles and essays written by Hoover. The writings date from 1918 to 1948 and deal primarily with his personal beliefs and relationship to the missions movement, YMCA student work, and Muslims in China.

The fourth series, Personal items and memorabilia, contains materials dating from 1907 to 1976 and is divided into six sections:

- Biographical material
- Diaries and appointment books
- Financial material
- Medical records
- Memorabilia
- Photographs

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## Arrangement

- I. Correspondence, 1902-1970
- II. Notes/subject File, 1900-1975
- III. Writings, 1918-1948
- IV. Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1907-1976

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1902-1970

This series is arranged as follows:

A. Correspondence of the immediate family (1924-1967, undated)

1. Correspondence of Helen Kroenke Hoover's family: mother, sisters and brother-in-law (1928-1967, undated)

2. Correspondence of Lyman Hoover's family: parents, siblings, in-laws (1928-1967, undated)

B. General Correspondence: arranged alphabetically by author or recipient other than Hoover.

Folders labeled with letters such as "A" or "Ba" are followed by individual folders for more notable or frequent correspondents. A large portion of the General Correspondence section is the YMCA-related correspondence file which is arranged chronologically. Personal correspondence with YMCA staff members is located under their names while business-related correspondence is located in the YMCA file.

Family Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 1-15	Immediate family	1924-1932
b. 2, f. 16-32	Immediate family	1933-1938 May
b. 3, f. 33-51	Immediate family	1938 June-1944 April
b. 4, f. 52-69	Immediate family	1944 May-1954
b. 5, f. 70-77	Immediate family	1955-1967, undated
b. 5, f. 78-83	Family of Helen Kroenke Hoover	1928-1938
b. 6, f. 84-87	Family of Helen Kroenke Hoover	1939-1967, undated
b. 6, f. 88-99	Family of Lyman Hoover	1902-1940
b. 7, f. 100-116	Family of Lyman Hoover	1941-1967, undated
b. 7, f. 117	Family of Lyman Hoover: correspondence related to estate of Guy I. Hoover	1943-1947
General Correspondence		
b. 8, f. 118	A - Al	
b. 8, f. 119	Am - Ar	
b. 8, f. 120	As - Ay	
b. 8, f. 121	Ackley, Ernest	1928-1951
b. 8, f. 122	Aid Refugee Chinese Intellectuals, Inc.	1952-1970
b. 8, f. 123	American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM)	1927-1949
b. 8, f. 124	Ahlers, John	1948



## General Correspondence (continued)

b. 8, f. 125	American Information Committee	1939-1940
b. 8, f. 126	Archer, John Clark	1923-1949
b. 8, f. 127	Asia Foundation (see also: Committee for a Free Asia)	1954-1957
b. 8, f. 128-135	Asia Foundation	1958-1970
b. 8, f. 136	Asia Magazine	1935-1941
b. 8, f. 137	Ba	
b. 8, f. 138	Be	
b. 8, f. 139	Bi - Bl	
b. 8, f. 140	Bo	
b. 8, f. 141	Br	
b. 8, f. 142	Bu	
b. 8, f. 143	Bank of the Manhattan Company	1944-1951
b. 8, f. 144	Barnett, Bertha and Eugene (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1936-1967
b. 8, f. 145	Bendtz, Arne (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1948-1957, undated
b. 9, f. 146	Bennett, E. S.	1937-1945
b. 9, f. 147	Bishop, Merlin (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1966
b. 9, f. 148	Bodde, Derk (see also: Notes/Subject File Missionary Preparation Study)	1943-1944
b. 9, f. 149	Briggs, Ellsworth	1922-1930
b. 9, f. 150	British Government Agencies	1942-1945
b. 9, f. 151	Brunger, Harry (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1949-1962
b. 9, f. 152-154	Butler University	1919-1965
b. 9, f. 155	Ca	
b. 9, f. 156	Cha - Che	
b. 9, f. 157	Chi - Chu	
b. 9, f. 158	Cl - Col	
b. 9, f. 159	Com - Cow	
b. 9, f. 160	Cr - Cy	
b. 9, f. 161	Canadian Government Agencies	1944-1945
b. 9, f. 162	Canadian School of Missions	1947-1948
b. 9, f. 163	Chang, Timothy	1954-1964

## General Correspondence (continued)

b. 9, f. 164	Chen, Francis	1944-1945
b. 9, f. 165	China-Burma-India Veteran's Association	1955-1965
b. 9, f. 166	China Institute in America (see also: Friends of China in Westchester)	1946-1963
b. 9, f. 167	China Nutritional Aid Council	1940
b. 9, f. 168	Chinese Government Agencies	1943
b. 9, f. 168	Chinese People's Army	1948
b. 9, f. 169	The Chinese Recorder	1931-1940
b. 9, f. 170-172	Chinese Students' Christian Association	1939-1951, undated
b. 9, f. 173	Chrysler, Walter and Margaret	1938-1940
b. 9, f. 174	Chu, Rensen T.	1944-1945
b. 9, f. 174A	Chungking Missionary Association (Chongqing)	1944-1946
b. 9, f. 174B	Church Missionary Society	1948
b. 9, f. 174C	Colvin, Harold and Reba (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1930-1966
b. 9, f. 175	Committee for a Free Asia (see also: Asia Foundation)	1951 January- September
b. 9, f. 176	Committee for a Free Asia	1951 October- December
b. 10, f. 177-179	Committee for a Free Asia	1952-1953, undated
b. 10, f. 180	Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students	1948
b. 10, f. 181	Community Church of Shanghai	1940
b. 10, f. 182	Cooley, Frank	1947, 1951
b. 10, f. 183	Cooper, Richard	1948-1966
b. 10, f. 184	Copland, Bruce and Margaret	1931-1964, undated
b. 10, f. 185	Council on Foreign Relations, Inc.	1953-1965
b. 10, f. 186	Cross, Rowland (see also: Foreign Missions Conference of North America)	1960
b. 10, f. 187	Da - De	
b. 10, f. 188	Di - Do	
b. 10, f. 189	Dr - Du	
b. 10, f. 190	DeJong, Garrett	1922-1929
b. 10, f. 191	Dodge, Cleveland E.	1952-1965

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b. 10, f. 192	Ec - Ei	
b. 10, f. 193	EI - Er	
b. 10, f. 194	Edwards, Dwight and Mary (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1932-1965
b. 10, f. 195	Engstrom, H. T.	1944-1945
b. 10, f. 196	Eo-yang, Yu Ching	1927-1933
b. 10, f. 197	Evans, Roger	1965-1977
b. 10, f. 198	Fa	
b. 10, f. 199	Fe - Fi	
b. 10, f. 200	Fl - Fu	
b. 10, f. 201	Fairbank, John K. (see also: Notes/Subject File - Missionary Preparation Study)	1955, undated
b. 10, f. 202	Fitch, George and Geraldine (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1943-1965
b. 10, f. 203	Foreign Missions Conference of North America	1946-1950
b. 10, f. 204	Foreign Policy Association	1950-1951
b. 10, f. 205	Friends' Ambulance Unit, Chongqing (Chungking)	1944-1945, undated
b. 10, f. 206-207	Friends of China in Westchester	1952-1955, undated
b. 10, f. 208	Ga - Gi	
b. 11, f. 209	Gl - Go	
b. 11, f. 210	Gr	
b. 11, f. 211	Garton, Maurice C.	1932-1939
b. 11, f. 212	Glaser, Edna	1931-1947, undated
b. 11, f. 213	Greene, George H. and Agnes (see also: Committee for a Free Asia)	1936-1941
b. 11, f. 214	Guaranty Trust Company of New York	1949-1958
b. 11, f. 215	Ha - Har	
b. 11, f. 216	Has - He	
b. 11, f. 217	Hi - Ho	
b. 11, f. 218	Us - Hw	
b. 11, f. 219	Harris, George K.	1931, 1953
b. 11, f. 220	Harrison, Paul	1924-1931

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b. 11, f. 221	Hayes, John D. and Barbara	1936-1954, undated
b. 11, f. 222	Edward W. Hazen Foundation	1933-1949
b. 11, f. 223	Hines, William (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1951-1975
b. 11, f. 224	Howe, Howard A.	1925-1931, undated
b. 11, f. 225	Howell, Ernest (see also: Asia Foundation)	1956-1965, undated
b. 11, f. 226	Hu, C. S. Richard (see also: Society of Friends of Moslem in China)	1942-1945
b. 11, f. 227	Hughel, Myron M.	1961-1967
b. 11, f. 228	Hughes, E. R. and Katherine	1931-1948
b. 12, f. 229	I	
b. 12, f. 230	Ikenberry, E. L. and Olivia	1931-1932
b. 12, f. 231	Immergluck, Edgar	1947-1954
b. 12, f. 232	International Missionary Council	1931-1956
b. 12, f. 233	International Red Cross, Chongqing (Chungking)	1944-1945
b. 12, f. 234	Ja - Johnson, E.	
b. 12, f. 235	Johnson, F. - Ju	
b. 12, f. 236	Japan International Christian University	1961-1962
b. 12, f. 237	Jeffrey, Arthur	1933
b. 12, f. 238	Johnston, Fannie Fern	1913-1964
b. 12, f. 239	Jones, Gordon N.	1930-1947
b. 12, f. 240	Jorgensen, Charles and Dorothy (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1949
b. 12, f. 241	Judd, Walter and Miriam (see also: Aid Refugee Chinese Intellectuals, Inc.)	1937-1952, undated
b. 12, f. 242	Ka - Ke	
b. 12, f. 243	Kh - Kl	
b. 12, f. 244	Kn - Kw	
b. 12, f. 245	Kailan Mining Administration	1940
b. 12, f. 246	Kiang, Wen Han (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1941-1942
b. 12, f. 247	Kracht, Eva	1909
b. 12, f. 248	La - Le	

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b. 12, f. 249	Li - Lin	
b. 12, f. 250	Lit - Lo	
b. 12, f. 251	Lu - Ly	
b. 12, f. 252	Lacy, Carleton and Harriet	1940-1950
b. 12, f. 253	Latourette, Kenneth Scott	1923-1966, undated
b. 12, f. 254	Leung, S. C. (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1952-1961
b. 12, f. 255	Little, L. E. (see also: Committee for a Free Asia)	1954-1965
b. 12, f. 256	Loh, Homer	1943-1945
b. 12, f. 257	Ludwig, Gilbert and Isabelle	1930-1936
b. 12, f. 258	Ma - Mac	
b. 12, f. 259	Mah - May	
b. 13, f. 260	Me - Mi	
b. 13, f. 261	Mo - Mu	
b. 13, f. 262	McGavran, Donald	1919-1954, undated
b. 13, f. 263	McKenny, Arthur	1924-1931
b. 13, f. 264	MacLeod, Virginia	1929-1936, undated
b. 13, f. 265	Magill, Orrin and Ellen (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1946-1965
b. 13, f. 266	Mason, Isaac	1931
b. 13, f. 267	Mehta, Nari and Nuvart	1965-1967
b. 13, f. 268	Miller, Herbert C. and Mary	1925-1960, undated
b. 13, f. 269	Minard, Herbert (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1946-1966
b. 13, f. 270	Moraes, Basil	1943-1948
b. 13, f. 271	Moritz, Paul and Margaret (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1939-1964, undated
b. 13, f. 272	Morris, Carolyn (Mrs. G. W.)	1940-1941
b. 13, f. 273	Mott, John R.	1931-1947
b. 13, f. 274	Mu, Wen-Fu	1933-1957, undated
b. 13, f. 275	Murray, J. Lovell	1930-1948

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b. 13, f. 276	Na - Ne	
b. 13, f. 277	No - Ny	
b. 13, f. 278	National Christian Council of China	1939-1945
b. 13, f. 279	National City Bank of New York	1939-1948
b. 13, f. 280	National Library of Peiping Student Relief Committee (see: YMCA correspondence)	1939-1940
b. 13, f. 281	Neustadt, Arthur	1947-1949
b. 13, f. 282	O	
b. 13, f. 283	Oliver, Jay C. and Lucile (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1939-1966
b. 13, f. 284	Olmstead, Robert G.	1949-1960
b. 13, f. 285	Orbison, Telford	1922-1966
b. 13, f. 286	Osborn, George and Betty (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1932-1947
b. 13, f. 287	Pa - Pas	
b. 13, f. 288	Pat - Pax	
b. 14, f. 289	Pe - Pf	
b. 14, f. 290	Ph - Pi	
b. 14, f. 291	Pl - Py	
b. 14, f. 292	Page, Kirby	1922-1953
b. 14, f. 293	Paton, David M. (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1942-1965, undated
b. 14, f. 294	Peking Union Church	1934-1954
b. 14, f. 295	Pickens, Claude L., Jr. and Elizabeth	1928-1948
b. 14, f. 296	Pickens, Claude L., Jr. and Elizabeth	1951-1964
b. 14, f. 297	Pope, Liston	1948
b. 14, f. 298	Presbyterian Church in the USA, Board of Foreign Missions	1928-1929
b. 14, f. 299	Price, Frank W.	1939-1940
b. 14, f. 300	Q	
b. 14, f. 301	Ra	
b. 14, f. 302	Re	
b. 14, f. 303	Ri - Ry	
b. 14, f. 304	Remington, Alberta and Bertha	1930-1939

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b. 14, f. 305	Report Letters of Lyman Hoover	1931-1968
b. 14, f. 306	Research and Training Institute for Physical and Health Education in China	1948
b. 14, f. 307	Rockefeller John D., 3rd	1965
b. 14, f. 308	Roy, Andrew and Margaret (see also: YMCA correspondence)	1932-1966
b. 14, f. 309	Rugh, Dwight and Gertrude (see also: United China Relief)	1931-1966
b. 14, f. 310	Rusk, Dean	1960-1965
b. 14, f. 311	Sa - Se	
b. 14, f. 312	Sh	
b. 14, f. 313	Si - Sl	
b. 14, f. 314	Sme - Smith, Dr. Frank R.	
b. 14, f. 315	Smith, Helen - Sp	
b. 14, f. 316	St - Stim	
b. 14, f. 317	Stir - Stu	
b. 14, f. 318	Su - Sw	
b. 14, f. 319	Scarsdale Community Baptist Church	1950-1955
	Schmoker, J. Benjamin (see: <a href="#">Committee on Friendly Relations among Foreign Students</a> )	
b. 15, f. 320	Schwarz, Kurt and Martha; Salser, Richard	1941-1964
b. 15, f. 321	Shanghai American School (see also: Carolyn Morris)	1937-1948 March
b. 15, f. 322	Shanghai American School	1948 April-1949
b. 15, f. 323	Shanghai Tiffin Club	1934-1967
b. 15, f. 324	Sharp, Thomas S. (see also: Student Volunteer Movement for Missions)	1922-1938
b. 15, f. 325	Shaw, Robert M.	1943-1950
b. 15, f. 326	Shedd, Clarence; Sino-Foreign Group of Shanghai (see: YMCA correspondence)	1923-1966
b. 15, f. 327	Snipes, P. D.	1926-1932
b. 15, f. 328	Society of Friends of Moslems in China (see also: Hu, C.S. Richard; Pickens, Claude)	1945
b. 15, f. 329	Stauffer, Milton	1923-1928, undated
b. 15, f. 330	Steinberg, David	1957-1965
b. 15, f. 331	Strickler, Wyatt	1921-1966, undated

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b. 15, f. 332	Student Volunteer Movement (see also Sharp, Thomas; Stauffer, Milton; Wilder, Robert)	1921-1934
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